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Project 2011 Swift Count Confirms Official Gubernatorial Results for Four States

Project 2011 Swift Count, a nonpartisan effort by four groups representing the rich diversity of Nigerian society, reported today that it conducted swift counts for six gubernatorial elections – Plateau, Borno, Kano, Imo, Delta, and Oyo - and was able to confirm the results announced by INEC for four of the six states.

According to the statement released today, “Project 2011 Swift Count can confidently confirm that the official results for Plateau, Borno, Kano, and Oyo as announced by INEC are consistent with the Swift Count estimates,” but the Project “is unable to verify the results for Imo at this moment because INEC is yet to conclude elections in the Ngor Okpala LGA and in some wards in three other LGAs.” In Delta state, the Project stated observer intimidation and harassment, combined with the forceful ban of observers in some LGAs in Delta state, prevented observers in 14% of the sampled polling units from observing, and as a result, Swift Count “is not in a position to confidently verify the credibility of the total results for Delta state.”

Project 2011 Swift Count is jointly carried out by the Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN), Justice Development and Peace/Caritas (JDPC), the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) and Transition Monitoring Group (TMG).

Swift Count is an advanced election observation methodology. It employs information and communication technology (ICT) and statistical principles to enable observers to provide more representative and accurate information about the electoral process in real time to voters, political contestants and INEC. It also permits verification of the official results as announced by INEC. For the six state elections, Project 2011 Swift Count deployed observers to a representative random sample of approximately 400 polling units located in every LGA of the six states. Using text messages, these observers transmitted results from sample polling units to a data centre in Abuja.

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Below is a chart that compares the Swift Count estimates with official results announced by INEC for Plateau, Borno, Kano and Oyo:

Plateau: Comparison of Swift Count Estimates with Official Results			
Political Party	Swift Count Range		Official INEC Result
PDP	56.50%	60.30%	58.80%
LP	32.90%	36.70%	35.40%
ANPP	1.70%	2.80%	2.10%
ACN	3.00%	3.60%	3.10%
Borno: Comparison of Swift Count Estimates with Official Results			
Political Party	Swift Count Range		Official INEC Result
ANPP	49.04%	51.20%	50.50%
CPC	4.70%	5.30%	4.90%
PDP	41.70%	43.70%	42.80%
Kano: Comparison of Swift Count Estimates with Official Results			
Political Party	Swift Count Range		Official INEC Result
PDP	45.30%	46.70%	46.00%
ANPP	42%	43.60%	43.50%
CPC	7.10%	7.90%	7.30%
ACN	2.00%	2.40%	2.20%
Oyo: Comparison of Swift Count Estimates with Official Results			
Political Party	Swift Count Range		Official INEC Result
ACN	37.00%	38.60%	37.40%
PDP	32.80%	35.00%	34.40%
A	23.50%	24.90%	24.50%
CPC	1.30%	1.50%	1.40%

Note: Swift Count variance based on a 95% confidence level

The Steering Committee statement said, "It is critically important to understand that these projections are based on capturing the results as announced at the polling unit level, prior to collation. Therefore, Nigerians can rest assured that their votes were counted and that no accidental or intentional manipulation through collation has changed the impact of their vote" and urged "all political leaders should immediately and clearly make statements denouncing all acts of post-election violence regardless of perpetrators."


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