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Project 2011 Swift Count Calls Upon Nigerians Not to be Discouraged by Postponements of Elections

Project 2011 Swift Count (comprising FOMWAN, JDPC, NBA and TMG) understands the need to shift the dates of the general elections after the Independent National Election Commission (INEC) held meaningful consultations with relevant stakeholders – political parties and civic organizations.

Dr. Aisha Akanbi, a National Steering Committee (NSC) member, stated “It is a positive step that INEC consulted with relevant stakeholders to arrive at consensus on how best to ensure all Nigerians have a meaningful opportunity to exercise their right to vote”

However, the partner organisations remain concerned about logistical arrangements and the security of sensitive election materials. Logistics have plagued the current commission throughout the process and these problems must be addressed immediately. We hope that the new sequence of elections will allow INEC to finally overcome its logistical challenges.

“We call on all Nigerians not to be discouraged and to go out to vote on Saturday for the National Assembly Election and ensure that their votes count” said Rev. Father. Zacharia Samjumi, an NSC member.

Project 2011 Swift Count is a joint initiative of the Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN); Justice, Development and Peace/Caritas Nigeria (JDPC), Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), and Transition Monitoring Group (TMG). Reflecting the diversity of Nigeria, the project brings together civic organizations and religious groups (Christian and Muslim) to promote free, fair, peaceful, credible and legitimate elections through non-partisan, independent citizen observation.

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