

The Youth Voice

Updates from the Youth-led Electoral Reform Project

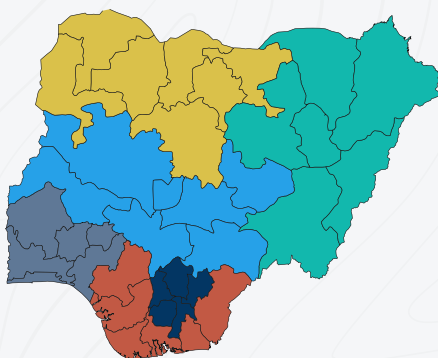


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Introducing the Youth-led Electoral Reform Project (YERP-Naija)

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Youth-led Electoral Reform Project (YERP-Naija)! The project brings together dynamic youth-focused Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and activists from Nigeria's 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory. The goal is to empower young Nigerians to engage actively in the electoral and political processes. Through dedicated advocacy, comprehensive education, and strategic collaborations, we strive to amplify youth voices and ensure their interests are integral to electoral reforms.

Members of the Youth-led Electoral Reform Consortium



- North-West: JESZ Development Foundation
- South-South: Whilz Trust Foundation (WTF)
- National Partner & North-Central: Kimpart Development Initiative (KDI)
- South-East: Catch Them Young Initiative (CATYCOI)
- North-East: Child Protection and Peer Learning Initiative (CPPLI)
- South-West: The New Generation Girls and Women Development Initiative (NIGAWD)

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National Survey on Electoral Reform

The consortium recently conducted a nationwide survey with over 4,324 young participants. The results were compelling: 57 percent of respondents were dissatisfied with the electoral process, and 94 percent demanded urgent constitutional and legal reforms. This feedback is crucial for shaping our advocacy efforts.

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The future of Nigeria lies in the hands of its youth. It is time for young people to take charge and demand the electoral reforms necessary to secure their future.

Dr. Oby Ezekwesili



Who Responded?



Total Number of Responders

4,324

Responses were collected from all 36 states and the F.C.T

How satisfied are you with the 2023 general elections in Nigeria?



57%

of respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the 2023 general elections in Nigeria

13%

of respondents stated they are undecided about the 2023 general elections in Nigeria.

30%

of respondents expressed satisfaction with the 2023 general elections in Nigeria

Are there areas you believe need to be strengthened in Nigeria's electoral process?



94%

of respondents firmly believe that improvements are needed in Nigeria's electoral process

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National Multi-stakeholders Forum on Youth-led Electoral Reforms.

In April 2024, Kimpact Development Initiative (KDI) and consortium partners hosted the National Multi-Stakeholders Forum on Youth-led Electoral Reform. This forum brought together youth leaders, government officials, CSOs, professional bodies, labour unions and international partners to strategize on improving Nigeria's electoral process through active youth involvement. The forum concluded with a strong commitment from all stakeholders to support and advocate for the proposed reforms and youth priorities.

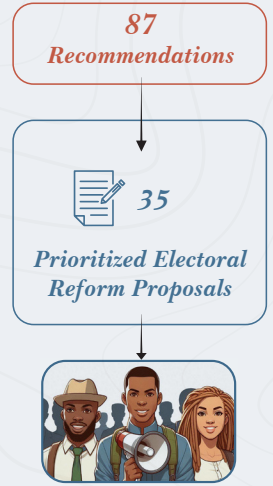
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Advocacy Engagements With Decision Makers

The Youth-led Electoral Reform Consortium has so far submitted a memorandum to the House of Representatives Committee on Constitutional Review and provided a platform for youth from the six south-west states to present their priority electoral reform recommendations to members of the Joint National Assembly Committee on Electoral Matters. The Consortium has also begun mobilising youth across the 36 states and FCT to hold meetings with members of the National Assembly and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

We held harmonisation meetings with regional partners, consolidating 87 recommendations into a refined list of 35 prioritised electoral reform proposals. These proposals are now the focus of our advocacy.



Resources and further reading:

Download the National Youth Electoral Reform Priorities

[National Youth Electoral Reform Priorities](#)

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National Youth Electoral Reform Priorities

Access our comprehensive National Youth Electoral Reform Priorities [here](#).

These priorities were derived from extensive consultations and surveys conducted by the Youth-led Electoral Reform Advocacy Consortium. It also emphasised the top priorities of young people, these include:

- Conclude all post-election petitions before inauguration.
- Delete section 146 (2) of the Electoral Act 2022 and establish Electoral Offences Commission.
- Provide interpretation to section 10 (1) for the word “continuous registration of persons” in section 153.

National Youth Electoral Reform Priorities

April 2024



Get Involved

Join Our Advocacy Campaigns

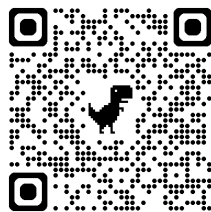
Your voice matters! Participate in our advocacy campaigns to push for the implementation of Youth-led electoral reforms.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for passionate individuals to join our team. Check out our volunteer opportunities and contribute to the movement for a fairer electoral system.

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