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LAMECON LED 2023 GENERAL ELECTION OPINION POLL SURVEY IN NASARAWA STATE, NIGERIA

Learning Adolescent Issues for Better Mentorship Expectation Consults (**LAMECON Empowerment Foundation**) conducted an opinion poll among indigenes of Nasarawa State, across all the 13 Local Government Areas (LGAs) between October 2022 and December 2022, with the objectives of understanding the level of interest of citizen in the 2023 gubernatorial and federal elections.

Their opinions were sampled reflecting the choice of candidacy, and the intentions behind their choices. Other sociological discussions were sampled ranging from same-religion ticketing, regional candidacy, etc. Opinion poll sampled 1,027 indigenes of the states; where samples size was derived from a proportionate sampling of each LGA, using the National Population Commission (NPC) data. 24 data collectors were distributed across LGAs (56% Muslim, and 44% Christians), age disaggregation, etc. were also considered.

The Poll measured from sociodemographic, voter's knowledge, approval rating of the current government, their choice of candidacy, etc. with the inclusion criteria of 18 years and above.

The poll responses had a distribution of 64% male, and 36% female, 58% Muslim, and 42% Christians: only about 4% of total respondent had never heard of PVC. 89% of people aware about PVC have their PVC, and about 38% of individuals with PVC are undecided about voting.

When asked about the performance of the current Government at both Federal and State Level, 38% of respondents ascribed that the State Government under the arm of Egnr. A.A Sule did well during the first tenure, and almost 60% of the respondents were not satisfied with the current Government at the federal level.

In responding to the choice of candidacy for the 2023 election in the state, 38.3% of respondents were willing to vote for APC, while 39.4% of respondents said they will vote for PDP, and 18.6% are undecided about who to vote for. In the choice of candidacy at the federal level, 438 (42.6% of respondents) were willing to vote for the Labour Party (LP), 28.5% were willing to vote for People's Democratic Party (PDP), 18.1% voted for the All Progressive congress (APC), and about 10.3% voted for the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP).

However, voters were largely divided along religious line, APC was the most accepted among the Muslim votes, followed by PDP, and NNPP. Labour Party (LP) was the most accepted among the Christian votes, followed by PDP, and APC, with the support by age distribution not so significant.

Therefore, since the significant number of undecided voters (35%) might affect the outcome of the elections, **LAMECON** is envisaging that there might be a rerun for both State and Federal elections, with the candidate of Labour Party having a slim chance to win across Nasarawa State, and PDP at the State level.

LAMECON will like to appreciate the Government of Nasarawa State, and every personnel involved in the survey. We hope the best of elections, as we nurture Africa's future.

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