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Find attached, fortnightly Pulse of the Nation Report for the period 1st – 15th November, 2022 from the following States of the Federation.

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| 2. Akwa Ibom | 16. Kano | 30. Taraba |
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| 7. Borno | 21. Nasarawa | |
| 8. Ebonyi | 22. Niger | |
| 9. Edo | 23. Ogun | |
| 10. Ekiti | 24. Ondo | |
| 11. Enugu | 25. Osun | |
| 12. Gombe | 26. Oyo | |
| 13. Imo | 27. Plateau | |
| 14. Jigawa | 28. Rivers | |

Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem at all times.

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PULSE OF THE NATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST – 15TH NOVEMBER, 2022

A. INTRODUCTION

Pulse of the Nation Report features the Agency's feedback mechanism, based on government policies, programmes and activities at all levels, covering people's reactions to Governance in areas of Economy, Security, Education, Transport, Health and Infrastructure. The report is obtained through the process of sieving relevant information from submissions across the 36 States and the FCT. The Community Orientation and Mobilization Officers (COMOs) heading the 774 LGAs in the country and FCT gather this information by: one-on-one interaction with people including farmers, religious leaders, community leaders, market men/women, youth groups, artisans, unions, associations, etc. based on government policies, programmes and activities. The COMOs also monitor town hall meetings and school programmes to enrich their submissions, which are forwarded to their respective State Directorates for onward submission to the National Headquarters, Abuja for final collation, compilation, analysis and transmission to government for information and necessary action in the areas that require attention.

This particular edition covers submissions from the following States: Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue and Borno. Covered also are: Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti and Enugu. Other States covered are: Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kogi and Kwara. Others include: Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo. The rest are: Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara and FCT.

GOVERNANCE

- Mixed reactions trailed the disclosure by the Honourable Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola of the plan by the Federal Government in collaboration with State Governments to embark on mass release of prisoners in Correctional Facilities across the country. 68% of the respondents in FCT and Lagos State NOA interfaced with applauded the move saying that most of the centres are congested with little allocation for feeding, while 32% of the respondents were apprehensive that those who will be released may be recruited as political thugs to sabotage the forthcoming General Elections. They urged government to release those inmates who are being remanded on account of petty crimes, but have awaited trial for long.

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- 94% of the Civil Servants in Lagos State NOA interviewed applauded the Federal Government for reaffirming its commitment to harmonizing salaries of workers in the public sector. They opined that the measure would bridge the disparities in the salaries of public workers in different MDAs in the country. They therefore urged the government to put machinery in place to implement the plan as soon as possible.
 - 98% of Ogun State indigenes NOA interacted with condemned the burning of the INEC office in the State by hoodlums. They expressed sadness at the development saying this would be a setback to the electoral process. They called on the relevant authorities to fish out all those responsible for this act and prosecute them.

In a similar vein, respondents across Osun State condemned the setting ablaze of the INEC Office in Ede South Local Government Area, Oke-Iresi, Ede on Thursday, 10th November, 2022. They also called on the relevant authorities to checkmate this ugly trend.

- 90% of the flood victims across Bayelsa State NOA interacted with called on government to assist them as they were left with nothing to fall back to.
- 94% of the respondents across Taraba State NOA interfaced with commended the North East Development Commission (NEDC) for the prompt intervention to flood victims in order to cushion the adverse effects of 2022 flooding which had caused serious damages to houses, led to loss of lives and destruction of farm produce in some LGAs in the State. They urged the State Government to ensure that the materials reach the actual communities affected by the flood disaster.
- 86% of the FCT residents NOA interviewed commended the Anti-graft Agency for the raids on Operators of the Bureau de Change in trading hubs, Abuja as part of efforts to stop the free fall of the Naira against the dollar.
- 80% of Nigerians across Ogun State NOA interviewed responded positively to the limit set by the Central Bank of Nigeria on individual cash deposit for new bank accounts at N5m and N50m for old accounts within a month. They opined that it would help the anti-corruption drive of the Federal Government by identifying and investigating fraudulent and corrupt financial activities.

ECONOMY

- 72% of the FCT residents NOA interacted with, especially the women folk applauded the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the First City Monument Bank (FCMB) for signing an agreement of \$50 million with credit to support access to finance for women owned Small and Medium Scale Enterprises. They were optimistic that the funding will help in the enhancement of financial literacy, Business Management and Entrepreneurial Skills for businesses.
- 90% of the respondents in Nasarawa State urged the Central Bank of Nigeria to collaborate with NOA in the area of awareness campaigns for redesigning of the New Naira Notes policy to ensure that the message gets to the grassroots.

MARKET SURVEY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

The table below shows the Market Survey carried out by our Community Orientation and Mobilization Officers (COMOs) in various markets across the country for the period under review.

S/N	STATE	ITEM	OLD PRICE	CURRENT PRICE	DIFFERENCE IN PRICE	%
1	NORTH-CENTRAL					
	NASARAWA	1 mudu of Rice	750	750	0	0.00%
		1 mudu of Beans	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
		1 mudu of Maize	450	500	50	11.11%
		1 mudu of Garri	350	400	50	14.29%
		1 mudu of Cassava flour	200	200	0	0.00%
		1 mudu of Sugar	1,000	1,200	200	20.00%
		1 mudu of Guinea Corn	450	500	50	11.11%
		1 bottle of Palm Oil	800	900	100	12.50%
		A pack of Maggi (star)	650	650	0	0.00%
		1 mudu of Millet	450	550	100	22.22%
2	NORTH-EAST					
	TARABA	1 mudu of Rice (local)	1,100	1,300	200	18.18%
		1 mudu of Garri	350	450	100	28.57%
		1 mudu of White Beans	800	1,000	200	25.00%
		100kg of Maize	17,000	19,000	2,000	11.76%
		100kg of Guinea Corn	20,000	22,000	2,000	10.00%

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		50kg of Foreign Rice	43,000	45,000	2,000	4.65%
		1 mudu of Sugar	1,500	1,700	200	13.33%
		Bottle of Groundnut Oil	800	1,000	200	25.00%
3	NORTH-WEST					
	JIGAWA	3kg of Foreign Rice	2,200	2,250	50	2.27%
		3kg of Local Rice	1,250	1,400	150	12.00%
		3kg of Millet	500	650	150	30.00%
		3kg of Maize	450	650	200	44.44%
		3kg of White Beans	850	1,100	250	29.41%
		Palm Oil (Bottle)	700	900	200	28.57%
		Vegetable Oil (Bottle)	850	900	50	5.88%
		Groundnut oil (Bottle)	900	1,000	100	11.11%
		Flour (1 mudu)	900	1,300	400	44.44%
		Sesame(1 mudu)	1,900	1,900	0	0.00%
		Petrol (1litre)	230	245	15	6.52%
4	SOUTH-EAST					
	EBONYI	50kg of Rice	29,000	29,000	0	0.00%
		50kg of Guinea Corn	21,000	25,000	4,000	19.05%
		50kg of Millet	20,000	25,000	5,000	25.00%
		50kg of Maize	22,000	20,000	-2,000	-9.09%
		50kg of Acha	18,000	18,000	0	0.00%
		50kg of Beans	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%
		50kg of Groundnut	38,000	40,000	2,000	5.26%
		25kg of Garri	13,500	6,000	-7,500	-55.56%
		10 ltrs of Palm Oil	9,000	12,500	3,500	38.89%
		20 ltrs of Groundnut Oil	23,000	19,500	-3,500	-15.22%
		20 ltrs of vegetable Oil	20,000	22,000	2,000	10.00%
5	SOUTH-SOUTH					
	AKWA-IBOM	50kg of Rice	35,000	48,000	13,000	37.14%
		50kg of Guinea Corn	29,000	29,000	0	0.00%
		100kg of Millet	52,000	53,000	1,000	1.92%
		100kg of Maize	32,000	32,000	0	0.00%
		50kg of Acha	72,000	72,000	0	0.00%
		100kg of Beans	56,000	50,000	-6,000	-10.71%
		1kg of Beef	1,300	1,500	200	15.38%
		1kg of Titus	5,600	5,600	0	0.00%
		1 Basket of Sweet Potatoes	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
		25litr of Vegetable Oil	24,000	24,000	0	0.00%

		25 litres of Palm Oil	27,000	29,000	2,000	7.41%
6	SOUTH-WEST					
	EKITI	50kg of Rice	31,000	45,000	14,000	45.16%
		100kg of Beans	44,000	45,000	1,000	2.27%
		1 mudu of Millet	450	500	50	11.11%
		1 mudu of Maize	200	500	300	150.00%
		1 mudu of Groundnut	1,000	700	-300	-30.00%
		1 mudu of Garri	250	350	100	40.00%
		1 mudu of Yam Flour	500	800	300	60.00%
		1 mudu of Cassava Flour	500	700	200	40.00%
		5 Pcs of Yam (Big)	3,000	5,000	2,000	66.67%
		1 litre of Petrol	165	190	25	15.15%
		1 litre of Kerosine	380	900	520	136.84%

SECURITY

- 92% of the residents of FCT NOA interviewed after a **Security Awareness Programme** were elated over the recent decision by the FCTA to ensure installation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in all public premises within the city and the entire territory to enhance security. They expressed optimism that the use of CCTV would help the Security Agencies tremendously in fighting crime and criminality in the Territory.
- 90% of the residents of Kwali Area Council in FCT NOA interfaced with continued to lament over the abduction of two Secondary School Teachers, Mr. Bowman Bulus Balami and Mr Ibrahim Adamu Dodo from the staff quarters since the 30th October 2022. They expressed concerns about the incidences of kidnappings in the Area Council and appealed to the FCTA and the Security Agencies to synergize their intelligence to safeguard lives and property.
- 90% of the Bauchi and Gombe States residents NOA interviewed commended the Federal and State Governments for the peaceful coexistence across the two States. They stressed that there is remarkable improvement in terms of security and people go about their activities without fear, tension, threat from tribal or political conflicts.

In a similar development, 86% of the residents across Kogi State NOA interfaced with commended the Federal and State Governments for the relative peace they experienced within the period. They noted that there has not been any major case of security breach

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either within the state capital or the Local Government Areas. They hoped that the present situation would be sustained.

- 75% of the people in Imo State NOA interacted with and condemned the flag-off of Gov. Hope Uzodinma's special Army Operation (**EX GOLDEN DAWN II**) to fight against IPOB and others in the State. They stated that the Ebubeagu that was formed has been killing and maiming many innocent youths in the State. They therefore advised that the Governor should dialogue with the IPOB and ESN.
- 92% of the residents in Osun State NOA contacted observed that ritual killings are becoming rampant in the State especially the recent discovery of ritual spot at Oke Ana Community Ijebu-Jesa, Oriade LG on Thursday, 3rd November, 2022. They enjoined the security operatives to intensify efforts through surveillance so as to minimize ritual activities in the State as the 2023 general election draws near.
- 96% of the residents across Katsina State NOA interacted with at an **Awareness Campaign on Security Consciousness** applauded the Federal Government over the improvement in the fight against banditry, cattle rustling, kidnapping and highway robbery compared to a month back. They complained that the only area that is still experiencing serious security challenge is Danmusa Local Government area where terrorists attack both day and night. They appealed to the present Government to curtail the security challenges before the expiration of its tenure.
- 78% of the respondents in Rivers State NOA interfaced with at a **Security Meeting** commended the Government at all levels as normalcy is gradually returning to Ahoada-West LGA. They urged the Government to increase security personnel patrols in most LGAs.
- 75% of the residents in Kano State NOA interviewed applauded the Federal and State Governments for the formation of joint task force patrol teams to operate within Kano-Katsina border.
- 76% of the residents of Kajola, Oluyole, and Ibadan South West and Akinyele LGAs of Oyo State NOA conversed with decried the increase in cases of kidnapping in these areas. They stressed that an unsuccessful attempt to kidnap a white man on his farm at Oja Ibadan, Oluyole Local Government Area led to death of a policeman. They urged the security

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agencies to beef up security to combat the rise in criminal activities as the nation prepares for the general elections in 2023.

- 80% of the residents across Adamawa State NOA interfaced with recommended to the Federal Government to prioritize Security watch for rural/farming communities, as Fulani herders have begun night and day grazing on farms as harvesting has begun. They also urged the Government to checkmate the influx of strangers and movements within Yola North Local Government Area to avoid increase in security threat.
- 75% of the indigenes of Egborime Community along Ibillo and Lampese expressway in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area of Edo State wondered how ten (10) dead bodies found their way on both sides of the road in the early hours of Tuesday, November 1, 2022. They called on the Police and the State Government to investigate the matter to unravel circumstances surrounding their deaths.
- 95% of the people of Sankera comprising of Logo, Ukum and Katsina-Ala Local Government Areas of Benue State NOA interacted with condemned the series of attacks on the people in the areas, they noted that many were displaced from their homes. They appealed to the State and Federal Governments to strengthen security in the areas to safeguard their lives and property.
- 87% of the people in Enugu State NOA interfaced with wanted the State Government to ensure that security personnel are adequately mobilized across the State, especially to comb all the bushes in the hinterlands to curtail the activities of kidnappers and other criminal elements holding sections of the State hostage.
- 97% of the residents of Kaduna State NOA conversed with called on the State House of Assembly to enact laws that would allow Kaduna State Vigilante Security license to carry Specific Ammunitions in the light of the present security challenges ravaging the State with the view to complementing the efforts of the Nation's Security Agencies.
- 87% of the residents of Ise/ Orun/Emure and Ikere Local Government Areas of Ekiti State NOA interacted with appealed to both Federal and State Governments to finance the Joint Security Committee of the Local Government Areas which has been providing maximum security for the people in the communities. They recalled that the Committee was established

- 87% of the respondents in Sokoto State NOA interacted with lamented the persisting scarcity of petroleum products across the State especially the PMS, which was sold between N450 and N500 per litre at black market and N300 to 280 at filling stations. They called on the Government to make the product readily available in the State.
- 85% of the general public in Adamawa State NOA interacted with applauded President Muhammadu Buhari for the procurement of new mega electricity transformers. They opined that this can boost the Economy in areas of manufacturing, hospitality and production of goods and services as well as reduce the rate of unemployment. They pleaded with the Federal Government to hastily install the new transformers in order to improve electricity across the nation.
- 97% of the people of Enugu State NOA interfaced with expressed their displeasure over the poor quality of roads rehabilitation in the State. They urged the Governor to critically look at the sordid state of most the roads across the state.
- At an Open Defecation Sustainability Programme in Ringim LGA of Jigawa State, shortage of water was reported in some communities with 97% of the inhabitants NOA interfaced with appealing to the authorities concerned to come to their aid by providing them with potable water.

EDUCATION

- 83% of the Parents and Guardians in Tumtum Community under Unguwan Doma, in Ubandoma Ward of Kontagora LGA in Niger State NOA contacted called on the State Government to look into the Dilapidated condition of their Community Primary School structure which has been abandoned for over 8 years.
- 90% of the Parents/Guardians in Ebonyi State NOA interacted with lamented that despite all these innovation, the sight of education facilities in various communities in the State is quite disheartening, particularly in this day and age. They pointed to the cracks at classroom walls, open roofs, damaged chalk boards, uncemented classroom floors and lack of sufficient chairs and tables in classrooms.

HEALTH

- 74% of the Lagos State respondents NOA interacted with lauded the Federal Government over its plan to improve the condition of service for medical personnel in the country. They opined

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that when implemented, the gesture would halt incidences of strike by medical personnel in public health institutions and their emigration to some foreign countries.

- 85% of the respondents in Magumeri Local Government Area of Borno State NOA interfaced with lamented that most of the school children do not like to attend schools, some of them prefer going to farm with their parents, while others roam the streets. They therefore called for government's urgent intervention to curtail the situation.

In a similar vein, despite the effort of LEA Based Quality Assurance Officers who monitor the activities of schools across Borno State, reports indicated that some teachers do not go to class to teach as expected.

- 90% of the people of Akwa Ibom State NOA engaged with on **Flood Preventive Measures** expressed worry over the flood disaster that ravaged some communities in Ibiono Ibom Local Government Area. They expressed worry that the flooding of about five communities started in September 2022 in the affected communities and has damaged property and destroyed many homes. They therefore called on National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to come to their rescue.

TRANSPORTATION

- 65% of the respondents across FCT NOA interviewed commended government's plan to progressively expand the rail network by completing the projects that would ease pressure on the roads transportation, to facilitate movement of goods and persons, increase inter-state commerce, but complained that huge amount of the nation's resources which could have been channeled to infrastructural developments are spent on debt servicing.
- 76% of respondents in Ogun State NOA interfaced with berated the level of accidents caused by some indisciplined motorists and motorcyclists who drive against traffic whenever there is little traffic build up along Lagos-Ibadan expressway. They noted that, this barbaric attitude has led to many avoidable road traffic accidents and called on the police and all government agencies in charge of traffic management to rise up to their duty and arrest this lawlessness.
- 86% of the commuters in Okunmo in Okitipupa Local Government Area of Ondo State NOA interviewed commended the Federal Road Safety Corps for the recent 'Ember Month

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Sensitization Awareness Campaign' in the area. They urged the Corps to embark on more sensitization on how to ensure safe driving culture among the people to avoid crashes.