

ACTIVITY REPORT TEMPLATE

Title of Activity	Voters' Mobilization & Registration
Date of Activity	6-13 th March, 2026
Date of reporting	22 nd March, 2026
Person reporting	Edem Bright Bassey
Activity Convener	Dr. Mina Ogbanga
Venue/Location	River State University
Persons/Organisations/Groups in Attendance	The Center for Development Support Initiatives
Activity Background	<p>The Centre for Development and Social Initiatives (CEDSI), with support from the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF) and in partnership with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), implemented a six-day voter mobilization and registration intervention at Rivers State University, Port Harcourt. The initiative was designed to address barriers to voter registration among young people by bringing registration services directly to them within the university environment. By decentralizing access and creating a convenient registration point, the project aimed to strengthen youth participation in the electoral process and promote inclusive democratic engagement.</p> <p>Over the course of six days, the intervention recorded a total of 1,100 registered individuals, comprising 460 males and 640 females, reflecting a strong level of participation and notable inclusion of young women. The exercise experienced high turnout from students across different academic levels and also attracted parents, friends, and other community members who were not part of the university but were mobilized through the awareness created. This demonstrates the strong demand for accessible voter registration services and highlights the ripple effect of the intervention beyond its immediate target group.</p> <p>The success of the activity was driven by effective collaboration between CEDSI, INEC, and Rivers State University. INEC provided the technical infrastructure, personnel, and oversight required for the registration process, while the university created an enabling environment that allowed for smooth implementation and broad participation. Despite challenges such as limited registration equipment at the initial stage, high turnout, and the timing of the exercise during an academic examination period, the project was able to achieve its objectives through coordinated efforts and adaptive implementation.</p> <p>Overall, the intervention demonstrates that proximity, accessibility, and youth-centered mobilization are critical factors in increasing voter registration and participation. The high number of registrations within a short timeframe, alongside the inclusion of non-student participants and significant female turnout, underscores the effectiveness of this approach. The project provides a scalable model for expanding voter</p>

	<p>registration efforts across other tertiary institutions and communities, contributing to the broader goal of strengthening youth agency and democratic participation in Nigeria.</p>
Overall Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase voter registration among eligible young people. • Improve access to registration services within a tertiary institution. • Promote inclusive participation, particularly among young women. • Expand voter registration beyond the immediate student population through community reach.
Methodology	Open Access Approach
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully conducted a 6-day on-site voter registration exercise at Rivers State University. • Achieved 1,100 total registrations, demonstrating high turnout within a short period. • Recorded strong female participation with 640 females compared to 460 males. • Expanded reach beyond students to include parents and community members, increasing overall impact. • Strengthened collaboration with INEC, ensuring credible and efficient registration processes. • Improved access to voter registration services by bringing the process directly to young people. • Demonstrated the effectiveness of decentralized, campus-based registration models. • Generated increased interest and engagement in the electoral process among young people.
Results /Achievements /Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,100 individuals successfully registered for Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs) within 6 days. • Gender distribution achieved: 460 males and 640 females, indicating strong female inclusion. • Increased access to voter registration services through on-site deployment at Rivers State University. • High turnout recorded within a short timeframe, demonstrating effective mobilization. • Extended participation beyond target group, with parents and community members also registering. • Strengthened collaboration with INEC, ensuring efficient and credible registration processes. • Enhanced voter registration uptake among young people, particularly first-time voters. • Established a replicable model for campus-based voter registration interventions.

Number and categories of persons involved/participated/trained in the activity	<i>Women (aged 18 and above)</i>	<i>Men (aged 18 and above)</i>	<i>Total (aged 18 and above)</i>	<i>Girls (aged below 18)</i>	<i>Boys (aged <18)</i>	<i>Total (aged below <18)</i>	<i>Total number of persons</i>
	460	640	1100				1100
Number and types of organizations involved/participated/trained in the activity	<i>Types of organizations</i>						<i>Number</i>
	INEC						5
	CEDSI						10
Emerging Issues/Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High demand and limited capacity • Need for expanded and sustained access • Follow-up and strategic planning required 						
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