**RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Questionnaire: an evaluation of the media and national security in Nigeria**

1. Please indicate your age range:

18-24 [ ] 25-34 [ ] 35-44 [ ] 45-54 [ ] 55 and above [ ]

**Section 1: Media and Public Perceptions**

2. How often do you consume news through the following media platforms? Please rate on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being "Never" and 5 being "Very Often."

a) Television [ ]

b) Print newspapers/magazines [ ]

c) Online news websites [ ]

d) Social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) [ ]

3. In your opinion, how influential is the media in shaping public perceptions of national security in Nigeria?

Not Influential at All [ ] Highly Influential [ ]

4. How often do you encounter news stories related to national security incidents in Nigeria?

Rarely [ ] Very Often [ ]

5. How do media reports of security incidents in Nigeria impact your trust and confidence in the security agencies?

No Impact [ ] Significant Impact [ ]

6. In your opinion, does media coverage of security incidents in Nigeria accurately reflect the overall security situation in the country? Please choose one:

Yes, it accurately reflects the situation [ ]

No, it exaggerates the situation. [ ]

No, it downplays the situation. [ ]

Not sure/Undecided. [ ]

**Section 2: Media's Role in Counterterrorism Operations**

7. How often do you come across information about counterterrorism operations in Nigeria through the media?

Rarely [ ] Very Often [ ]

8. In your view, how does the media's dissemination of information about counterterrorism operations affect the effectiveness of these operations? Please choose one:

It enhances the effectiveness [ ]

It hinders the effectiveness [ ]

It has no significant impact [ ]

Not sure/Undecided [ ]

9. Do you believe that the media provides sufficient and accurate information about counterterrorism operations in Nigeria? Please choose one:

Yes, the media provides sufficient and accurate information [ ]

No, the media does not provide sufficient and accurate information [ ]

Not sure/Undecided [ ]

**Section 3: Challenges and Opportunities for the Media's Contribution to National Security**

10. In your opinion, what are the major challenges faced by the media in accurately reporting on national security issues in Nigeria?

Political interference [ ] Lack of access to reliable information [ ] Journalistic bias [ ]

Inadequate resources and training [ ]

12. Do you believe that the media can play a positive role in enhancing public understanding of national security issues in Nigeria? Please choose one:

Yes [ ] No [ ] Not sure/Undecided [ ]

Thank you for your participation in this questionnaire. Your responses will remain confidential and will be used solely for research purposes.