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GOVERNANCE MARKERS IN THE AFTERMATH OF #BayelsaImoKogiDecide

Every electoral season is an opportunity to put the performance of the incumbent administration under critical lenses to identify the gaps and concerns related to the delivery of good governance.

With the announcement of the controversial results of the November 11th guber elections, the winners have daunting tasks ahead of them with their respective states grappling with the challenges of government failure.

CRITICAL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION

	Flooding	Insecurity	IGR	Poverty Rate (NBS, 2022)	Unemployment Rate (AS OF 2020)
BAYELSA — Duoye Diri, Re-elected	**Over 71%** of the people in Yenagoa experienced flooding in 2022.	Pipeline vandalism, cultism, illicit oil refining, and kidnapping are among the criminal activities that take place in Bayelsa State. Some suspected cultists use the Oloibiri oil field as a shelter.	Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) contributed a meager **8% to the state revenue** between 2020 to Q3 2022.	**89%**	**37%** an indictment for a state with the potential to create jobs for its citizens.
IMO — Hope Uzodinma, Re-elected	Flood and erosion impacted **33 communities** In Ohaji-Egbema LGA in 2022.	Rising crime rates, with **Okigwe, Oguta,** and **Orlu** local governments as epicenters of kidnappings.	IGR contributed a meager **15% of the state's revenue** between 2019 to Q3 2022.	**41%**	**57%**
KOGI — Ahmed Usman Ododo, Newly Elected	In 2022, **12 out of 21** local governments in the state were flooded.	Rising security concerns such as armed banditry, kidnapping, and conflicts between farmers and herders **most especially in Dekina LGA.**	IGR contributed a meager **23% of the state's revenue** between 2015 to 2022.	**16%**	**39%**

! It is important that beyond the ballot box, citizens protect their votes and hold elected representatives accountable to good governance by every necessary and legal means.