



Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO)

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CODEO condemns attempts by political parties to announce results and calls for calm ahead of EC Declaration of results

The Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO) has condemned attempts by political parties to declare results prior to the official announcement by the EC and appealed to Ghanaians to remain calm and wait for the Electoral Commission (EC) to officially declare the results for the ongoing Parliamentary and Presidential elections. The appeal was made at a press conference held at the CODEO National Information Center in Accra by the Coalition to share its preliminary findings on the December 7 polls.

According to Justice Crabbe, Co-chair of CODEO urged all political parties and citizens to be law abiding and to allow the EC to complete its work. He added that CODEO “can confidently confirm that the arrangements put in place by the EC for setup and opening of polls were adequate for most polling stations, and that the polling and counting processes were generally credible”. He stressed that CODEO will continue to observe the process, especially the Jaman North constituency, the 275 constituency collation centers, as well as at the National Results Collation Center (NRCC) in Accra, and all other polling stations that voting and counting of the polls will be occurring today. (Attached is the full statement with the statistics).

On her part, Prof. Miranda Greenstreet, Co-chair of CODEO stated that CODEO has completed its Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT) and has its estimates for the presidential election results. However in keeping with their protocols, “CODEO will release its PVT estimates for the presidential election results following the official announcement by the EC in order to provide independent verification of their accuracy”. CODEO’s PVT serves as a powerful deterrent to help ensure that the results announced by the EC reflect the ballots cast at polling stations.

CODEO, a coalition dedicated to promoting free, fair, transparent and credible elections through non-partisan election observation, is made up of 42 circular and faith-based civil society organisations and has been independently observing elections in Ghana since 2000. CODEO acknowledges the generous support of the American People through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for making it possible for CODEO to deploy approximately 8000 of its observers on Election Day.

Signed jointly by:

Professor Miranda Greenstreet
(Co-Chair)

Justice VCRAC Crabbe
(Co-Chair)

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