

EXT. DAY – STREET

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NARRATOR

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic took Nigerians and the rest of the world by surprise. Economic and social activities have suffered the most. Slowly but surely, we are picking up the pieces and Nigeria is getting back to work.

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OGA-T is walking with a phone to his ear. MR. D calls out to OGA T.

MR. D

OGA T how...

OGA T

Ah ah, Mr. D how now? (into the phone) I am on my way now please.

MR. D

I am fine oh. Where are you hurrying to?

OGA T

My brother, na condition oh. My house is hot so I am going to the club to exercise...you know...shake my body.

MR. D

Hummm! Mr. Enjoyment! I want to be like you when I grow up

OGA T

Ah! What will I do? As this COVID-19 is just spoiling everything, me I plan to keep myself relaxed since I cannot vote in this pandemic

MR. D

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Wait, OGA T... calm down. Who said you cannot vote because of COVID-19?

OGA T

Eh... I hear say... dem say...

MR. D

Oga T... who be dem? Look, INEC has confirmed that the elections will hold as planned.

OGA T

But Corona...

MR. D

INEC has even set up guidelines to make sure elections are safe for voters, INEC officials, political parties, election observers and everyone else.

OGA T

But... Corona...

MR. D

Everyone will be expected to wear a mask and maintain social distance of 2 meters at the polling units. There shall be two queues, one inside and one outside the polling area where voters are called into the voting area in batches. Voters who show signs of COVID 19 such as high temperature, sneezing and coughing will leave the queue to be attended to by designated officials. Also, all shared voting materials will be frequently sanitized during the voting process.

Oga T

Whoa! So this is what INEC has done for us to vote safely. Mr. D I will not only go out and vote but I will tell all my neighbors that "Even

during corona you will vote safely
and your vote will count

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MR. D

Correct man.

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AUNTY RABI is about to enter her car when she is approached by CARO.

CARO

Aunty Rabi...

AUNTY RABI

Caro, did I forget something at the store?

CARO

No ma, you didn' t.

AUNTY RABI

Ok. So I will see you at the polls abi?

CARO

Aunty... I am not sure I will vote oh.
Business is slow...and this politics
sef...

AUNTY RABI

Not again...What about it Caro? What
about politics?

CARO

It is still a man' s game now. Why are we
even bothering to vote if women don' t
play the game?

AUNTY RABI

Caro, how do you expect women to “play
the game” when you don' t vote?

CARO

Me I don' t know oh.

AUNTY RABI

Listen, neither of us is a politician but we are still obligated to participate in the elections ...by voting. It does not matter if we are women, or you are young, or a person with a disability. Your vote is your opportunity to say who represents you.

CARO

I hear you ma. Ok oh, I go comot exercise my franchise. Sha...Aunty Rabi...me I like this your slippers oh...

AUNTY RABI

Thanks Caro.

EXT. DAY – TOWNHALL

MR. D, OGA T, CARO and AUNTY RABI are having a meeting. OGAT is visibly upset and glances at his phone.

OGA T

But even if everything you say is true, how are we sure that the election will even be safe?

MR. D

How do you mean?

OGA T

You know how it goes. At times like this some people like to cause trouble during voting. They snatch ballot box, come with arms or destroy the elections materials.

AUNTY RABI

I agree with OGA T. Insecurity is still a major concern for some of us.

OGA T

You know since I retired from competitive running and joined the club, I doubt I

can... (makes to run)

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MR. D

Relax, Oga T. INEC is working with the Police and security agencies to ensure the safety of everyone involved in the process.

AUNTY RABI

Seeing as young people are the most likely to be recruited by people who want to ruin elections, Caro, it might help if you spoke to some of your friends in the community to come out and vote and not to allow themselves to be used to cause violence.

CARO

Aunty Rabi, and tell them what now? Me I am not a politician.

MR. D

You don' t have to be a politician to share what you know. You can simply encourage them to vote instead of taking up arms.

CARO

Oooh...I see, I will do my best.

AUNTY RABI

And together I believe we can ensure the election process is safe, free and fair.

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MR. D

Remember, safety comes first, so please obey COVID-19 guidelines and observe all the steps in the INEC Voters Code of Conduct for elections during the COVID 19.

OGA T

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Use your face masks. And remember to maintain social distancing. No rushing, no push-push.

AUNTY RABI

Your gender or ability does not disqualify you from voting. Whether you're a woman or man, or a person with a disability, as long as you are a registered voter, you have a right to vote.

CARO

Usually me I mind my business, but now I know that choosing our leaders is my business. So please, let's say no to election violence.

NARRATOR

With the upcoming elections, many Nigerians are still quite concerned about their safety. But we've got great news. The INEC Policy on Conducting Elections in COVID-19 is designed to ensure that elections are hitch-free and safe, even in the face of COVID-19. INEC is playing it's part...the rest...is up to you.

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