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CODEO'S STATEMENT ON THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Introduction

On Friday, December 6, 2024, the Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO) announced its plan to use the Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT) methodology to observe the 2024 presidential election, as it has done in all previous elections since 2008.

The PVT methodology is a powerful tool for verifying that the presidential election results announced by Ghana's Electoral Commission (EC) truly reflect the ballots cast at polling stations.

By midnight on December 7, 2024, CODEO had received vote count data from all its 1,500 PVT observers across all regions and constituencies in Ghana. At this point, CODEO can confidently verify the presidential election results announced by the EC.

The PVT methodology

The PVT is an advanced and scientific election observation technique that combines well-established statistical principles and Information Communication Technology (ICT) to observe national elections on election day. The PVT involves deploying trained, accredited stationary observers to a nationally representative sample of polling stations. Throughout the day, they observe the processes and rapidly report on the conduct of the polls and the official vote count to a central election observation point using text messaging. This allows CODEO to evaluate the quality of election day processes as well as project the results of the presidential election within a small margin of error in order to verify the official results announced by the EC.

The 2024 PVT estimates of the presidential election

The findings presented in this statement are based on data from PVT observers stationed in all 1,500 nationally representative polling stations across the **276** constituencies in the country's 16 regions. The data has been thoroughly checked for accuracy and internal consistency.

Table 1 below shows the PVT estimates from **all 276 constituencies**. **The candidate's official results announced so far (for the 267 constituencies) are consistent with the PVT estimates. CODEO will further verify the consistency of the complete results for all 276 constituencies once it becomes available by the EC.** Also, the PVT ranking of the presidential candidates based on their share of the valid votes received is similar to what was put out by the EC.

Table 1: CODEO PVT Estimates | by candidate | 2024 Presidential Election

Candidate	Party	CODEO PVT Estimates	
		Estimate	Margin of Error
John Dramani Mahama	NDC	56.9%	±1.2%
Mahamudu Bawumia	NPP	41.3%	±1.2%
Nana Kwame Bediako	INDEPENDENT	0.8%	±0.0%
Alan John Kwadwo Kyeremateng	INDEPENDENT	0.3%	±0.0%
Nana Akosua Frimpomaa Kumankuma	CPP	0.2%	±0.0%
Hassan Ayariga	APC	0.1%	±0.0%
Daniel Augustus Lartey	GCPP	0.1%	±0.0%
Christian Kwabena Andrews	GUM	0.2%	±0.0%
Kofi Akpaloo	LPG	0.0%	±0.0%
Mohammed Frimpong	NDP	0.0%	±0.0%
Kofi Koranteng	INDEPENDENT	0.0%	±0.0%
George Twum-Barima-Adu	INDEPENDENT	0.0%	±0.0%

Note: The PVT estimate margin of error is based on a 95% confidence level.

In addition to the PVT estimates of each candidate's vote share received, which **match the EC's official results**, the PVT estimated voter turnout rate **for all 276 constituencies** is **63.9%** with a margin of error of **±0.5%**. The official turnout rate of **60.9%** as announced by the EC for 267 constituencies (that excludes 9 constituencies where collation did not conclude) does not fall within the PVT's margins. To compare with the figure released by the EC, CODEO estimated the turnout figure after excluding the same 9 constituencies from its PVT sample both from the total votes cast and the total registered voters. CODEO estimates the turnout figure for the **267 constituencies** at **64.1%** with a margin of error of **±0.6%**. CODEO wishes to draw the EC's attention to this difference.

Furthermore, the PVT estimated rejected ballots of **2.1%**, with a margin of error of **±0.1%**, is also consistent with the EC's figure of **2.09%**.

Main Findings

CODEO can confidently confirm that its PVT estimates are consistent with the official presidential results released so far, given that each candidate's official result falls within their respective PVT estimated confidence ranges.

The CODEO observers reported the following:

- The two main parties, NDC and NPP, had party agents at 99% of polling stations.
- Both NDC and NPP party agents appended their signatures to copies of the official declaration of polls (Pink Sheets).
- Voting and counting were done in accordance with relevant electoral laws and the Constitution, and there were no significant incidents related to the voting process (refer to CODEO's Preliminary Statement).

Thus, CODEO can confidently confirm that the final results of the 2024 presidential polls declared by the Electoral Commission accurately reflect how Ghanaians voted in the December 7 polls.

Concluding remarks

On behalf of the Advisory Board of CODEO and all its member organizations, we would like to thank the thousands of Ghanaians across the country who volunteered to serve as non-partisan election observers and worked tirelessly to protect the integrity of the December 7, 2024, polls. CODEO also commends the security agencies for their professionalism in maintaining peace during voting, counting, and collating results.

While the election-day process was largely peaceful, CODEO Collation Center observers and the media have reported a number of incidents of violence, intimidation, and harassment since the close of the polls, including the burning of the EC constituency collation center in Damongo (in the Savannah Region) as well as the destruction of electoral materials, including pink results sheets. In some cases, these incidents have disrupted the collation process for both presidential and parliamentary results. CODEO condemns all incidents of violence and disruption of Collation Center processes, as well as the unlawful and violent takeover of government offices and property by party supporters.

CODEO urges all political parties to take a firm stand against violence and continue prioritizing peaceful engagement. CODEO implores the NDC leadership in particular, and indeed all candidates in the elections, to call their supporters to order. Our political leaders must ensure that their members and supporters uphold democratic principles and resolve disputes through lawful and peaceful means. CODEO further calls on the police to enforce the law.

Moving forward, CODEO urges the Electoral Commission, political parties, and all election and democratic governance stakeholders to reflect on the lessons learned from the 2024 polls and how they may be applied to enhance the quality of future electoral processes.

CODEO recommends continuous improvement in voter education and election administration logistics, as well as the implementation of proactive measures to prevent violence in all stages of the electoral process.

GOD BLESS OUR HOMELAND GHANA!

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(For and on behalf of CODEO)

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About CODEO

CODEO is an independent and non-partisan network of civil society groups, faith-based organizations and professional bodies which observe Ghanaian elections. It was established in 2000 under the auspices of the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) to mobilize citizens of Ghana to participate in the electoral process actively and to complement the efforts of Ghana's Electoral Commission in ensuring transparent, free, fair and peaceful elections. The Coalition of 42-member organizations has grown to become the largest and most credible domestic election observer body in Ghana which mobilizes citizens and groups to participate in Ghana's electoral processes.