What is NEEWS 2015?

NEEWS 2015 or Nigerian Electoral Early Warning System 2015 is a mechanism set up by Search for Common Ground to monitor early warning signs and incidents of electoral violence in the run-up to the 2015 elections.

Why is it important?

The goal of NEEWS 2015 is to produce timely analysis to facilitate an early response from stakeholders such as government, civil society or other actors to prevent an escalation of violence.

What can you do?

The NEEWS 2015 system collects information from a number of sources including trained election observers, media sources and citizen observers like you. As stakeholders in the peace process, it is our collective responsibility to work together to promote peaceful elections. You too can contribute by reporting early warning signs or incidents of election-related violence.

How does it work?

NEEWS 2015:

- **Collects Information from Multiple Sources**
  - Standardized reports from trained election observers*
  - Credible media reports
  - SMS and Twitter reports from citizen observers like you

- **Analyzes Trends and Hotspots**

- **Shares Findings with Early Responders**
  - Security agencies
  - Election officials
  - Civil society

*Trained observers are part of Transition Monitoring Group’s (TMG) Quick Count 2015 election observation efforts
What should you report?

You should report any warning signs – such as threats, rumours, inflammatory language, or tensions – or incidents of violence related to the election such as:

- Attacks or threats of violence against election officials, election observers or voters including voter intimidation;
- Attacks or threats of violence committed by or against political party agents, candidates, their supporters, or their property;
- Increased tensions between or attacks on groups and communities related to communal conflict that may be influenced by or influence the elections; or
- The use of inflammatory language or hate speech, especially directed at candidates or their supporters based on their gender, age, disability, where they are from or their religion.

How do you report?

Send an SMS to one of the following numbers:

- MTN – 09035419841
- GLO – 08155529646
- Airtel – 07083648546
- Etisalat – 09098385657

or

Tweet about it using the hashtag

#NEEWS2015report

How do you find out more?

Find out more about NEEWS 2015 and read our analysis of the election environment by:

- Visiting our website — www.neews2015.org
- Liking us on Facebook — SFCG Nigeria
- Following us on Twitter — @NEEWS2015

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We are an international non-governmental organization that works in 35 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States to transform the way the world deals with conflict, away from adversarial approaches and towards collaborative solutions. We have worked in Nigeria since 2004 and currently have offices in Abuja, Jos, Maiduguri and Port Harcourt. Find out more about us at www.sfcg.org and www.sfcg.org/nigeria.