



NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)

OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown –Sierra Leone

PRESS STATEMENT ON THE DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR LOCAL COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION HELD IN WARD 229, TONKOLILI DISTRICT ON SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

1. By the powers vested in it under section 33 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991), Section 70(1) of the Public Elections Act 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012) and pursuant to the provisions of section 10 Subsection 1 of the Local Government Act, 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004), a Bye Election was successfully conducted by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) in Ward 229 Tonkolili District, in accordance with the relevant electoral legal framework;
2. The vacancy in Ward 229 was reported in a letter from the Chief Administrator, Tonkolili District Council dated 22nd July 2013, following the death of Councilor Joseph Kawah Kerah of the said Ward on the 29th of May 2013.
3. Three Political Parties: the All Peoples Congress (APC), United Democratic Movement (UDM) and the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) contested the Bye election.
4. The Sierra Leone Police (SLP) provided the relevant security in all the polling centres in the Ward.
5. Political Party Agents, the National Elections Watch (NEW), All Political Parties Youths Association (APPYA) and the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) observed the Bye-election.
6. The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), the National Elections Watch (NEW) and other stakeholders observed the tally process in the NEC Office, Magburaka, Tonkolili District.

7. Analysis of the Results

Ward 229 Tonkolili District Council:

- **8 (eight)** polling station/centres results were entered into the result database, representing **100%** of all polling stations/centres in the Ward where the election was conducted;
- The voter turnout was **2, 613(Two thousand six hundred and thirteen)** out of a register of **5,771 (Five thousand seven hundred and seventy-one)** voters giving a percentage turnout of **45.36%**;
- The total number of valid votes cast was **2,449(Two thousand four hundred and forty-nine)**, representing **93.72%** of total votes cast;
- There were **164(One hundred and sixty-four)** invalid votes cast, representing **6.28%** of total votes cast.

8. RESULTS OF WARD BYE-ELECTION IN WARD 229 TONKOLILI DISTRICT 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

DISTRICT	WARD	TOTAL POLLING STATIONS REPORTED	NAME OF CANDIDATE	POLITICAL PARTY	TOTAL VALID VOTES OBTAINED	%
TONKOLILI	229	8	JALLOH, SAMUEL S.	APC	1,508	61.58
			SANKOH ARUNA A.	UDM	74	3.02
			TURAY ANSUMANA	SLPP	867	35.40

In exercise, therefore, of the powers conferred on me as the National Returning Officer, by Section 94 Subsection (4) of the Public Elections Act 2012, I hereby declare **Jalloh Samuel S.** of the **All Peoples Congress (APC)**, who having polled **1,508**, the highest number of valid votes cast, duly elected Councilor for 229 in the Tonkolili District.

Signed:

Date: 30th September, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thorpe', is written over a solid horizontal line.

Dr. Christiana A.M Thorpe
Chief Electoral Commissioner/Chairperson
National Returning Officer
National Electoral Commission