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ASSISTIVE DEVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY IN ELECTIONS

Assistive devices and systems provided by INEC in elections conducted in 2023:

S/N	DISABILITY CLUSTER	ASSISTIVE DEVICE REQUIRED	HOW IT WORKS
1.	Albinism	Magnifying glass- to make the symbols/ alphabets (ballot paper) bold	Hold handle, place ballot paper underneath to enable the enable the person with Albinism or low vision cast an informed vote
2.	Hearing impairment	In the absence of a sign Language interpreter, poster EC30PWD 'the written instruction' should be pasted in all Polling Units. It has pictures to enable voters with hearing impairment follow the polling procedures	Once the Presiding Officer notices a person with hearing impairment; he/ she should be allowed to come to the front of the queue to be attended to
3.	Physical impairment	Ramps and rails make mobility easier	This device is placed across slightly elevated surfaces to allow Persons with disabilities access Polling Units
4.	Visual impairment	Braille is used for persons with visual impairment	Voters with Visual impairment that can read Braille should be given the Braille Ballot Guide to cast his/her vote. If the person cannot read braille, he/she should be allowed to be assisted by a person he/she brought from home.
5.	Spinal cord injury	Persons with spinal cord injury can perform all activities but due to their condition, they cannot stand or sit for long hours.	Such persons should be quickly attended to if identified.
6.	Form EC40H	This form is used to capture disaggregated data of Persons with Disabilities at the polling unit on election day.	Presiding Officers should ensure that the disaggregated data of persons with disability who voted are captured. (INEC)

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