INEC SECURITY ALERTS AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (INEC-SANS)

BACKGROUND

Independent National Electoral Commission Security Alerts and Notification System (INEC-SANS) is a solution developed by the Commission to notify INEC staff and Security Agencies and the Inter-Agency Consultative Committee on Election Security (ICCES) on possible dangers to INEC Personnel, Facilities, and Election Materials during Pre-Election, Election and Post-Election Day Activities.

Its operates on WEB and Mobile Applications. The Mobile App component was designed to operate on Android and iOS Operating System for Android and iOS Phone users respectively across all INEC Offices at the HQ, the 36 States and FCT during Election and Off-Election Period.

Developed in March, 2021 and was piloted in the Anambra 2021 Governorship Election, where many staff including Ad-hoc staff were rescued through the APP. Since then INEC-SANS has been a veritable tool for the safety of Elections Personnel during Elections.

INEC-SANS as a solution was integrated as a component of the EMSC after the EMSC optimization workshop in Keffi in August 2021.

INEC-SANS primary feature is an easy-to-use mobile application with a simple user interface. This application allows the Commission to securely send alerts from anywhere via push notification, text messages, emails, or voice calls to communicate in real-time.
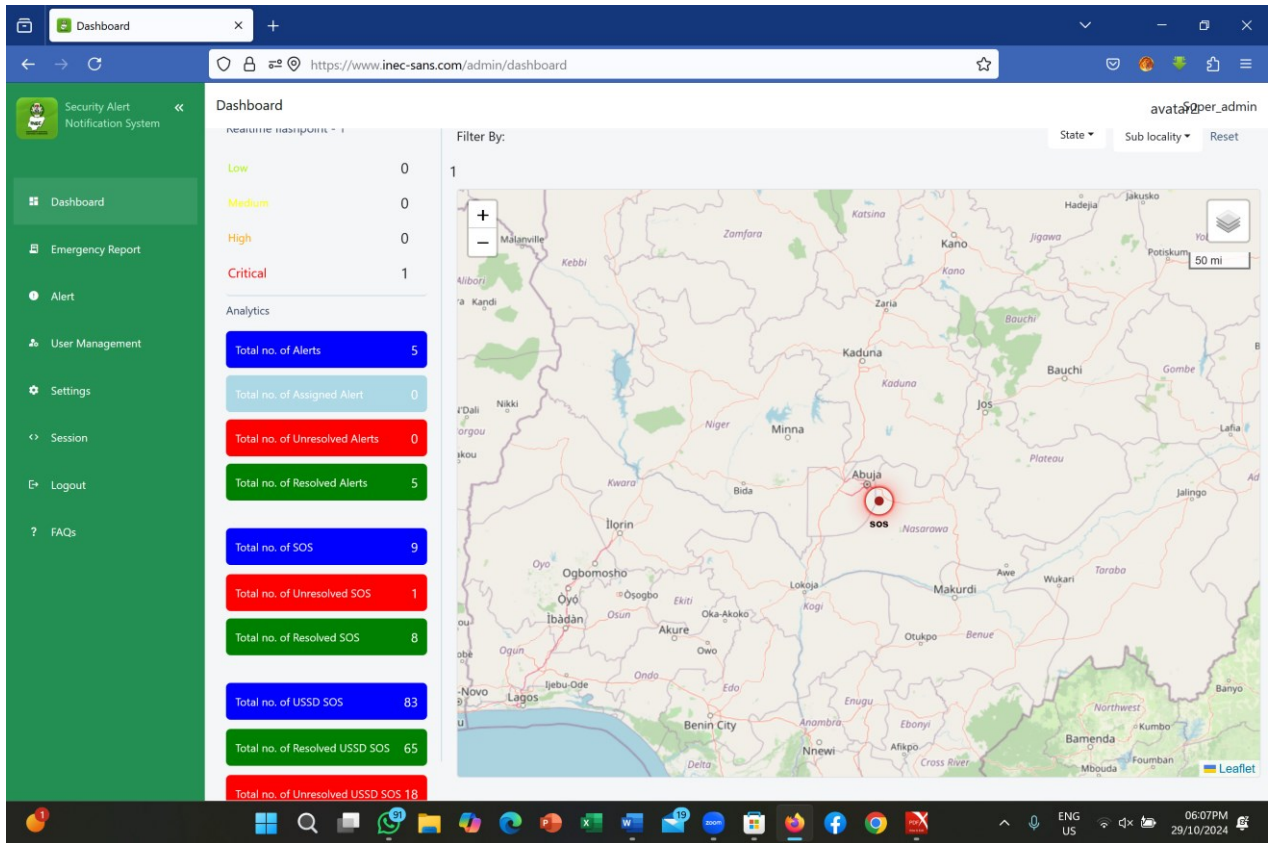
Objectives

1. To provide timely security threat notifications and alerts to the appropriate Responders.
2. To provide real-time information needed by the Responders to mitigate or eliminate adverse incidents.
3. To provide detailed incident reports and Analysis.
4. Mobilize a coordinated response to security threat(s) between Field Assets and the Response Team (RT) i. e. Internal and External RT (INEC and ICCES).
5. To generate incident report for Commission's decision on security during an election.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. On the 4th of November, two RATechs who were on their way to Dunukofia, Anambra state, the LGA of their posting were attacked at Ufor junction by unknown men. These RATechs ran to the bush to seek refuge from where they used the SOS alert to notify the Commission. Upon receipt of the SOS alert, the RATechs were located and rescued.

2. INEC-SANS was first deployed during 2021 Anambra Governorship election. On the Election day, the App was able to rescue four ICT technical Staff who were waylaid and kidnapped on their way to Ihiala LGA on the 9th of November, 2021, through an SOS alert that was received in the situation room by the Critical Responders led by former Hon. National Commissioner AVM Muazu rtd.

3. An SOS alert was received from the Presiding Officer in respect of a Corp member who fainted on the field in Dunukofia LGA, Anambra state. This report was given a rapid response and the Corp member got the needed help.

4. Through an SOS alert received on the INEC-SANS platform, the REC, Yobe and other staff of the Commission deployed to monitor Jos North Federal Constituency Bye-Election on 26th February, 2022 were linked up to be rescued by the Joint Task Force (JTF) operative during an rowdy Collation process that was intended to lynch them.

5. In Ifelodun LGA, RA 11 PU 005, Osun State; Political thugs attempted to snatched the Ballots Box, were brought under control by the DPO through complaint received on the INEC-SANS platform

INEC-SANS previous States of Deployments and Election types

1. Anambra State 2021Governorship Election
2. Ekiti State 2022 Governorship Election
3. Osun State 2022 Governorship Election
4. Jos North Federal Constituency Bye-Election 2022
5. Bayelsa, Imo and Kogi 2023 Governorship Elections
6. Edo State 2024 Governorship Election.

INEC-SANS WEB INTERACTIVE MAP

EMERGENCY REPORT WEB ANALYSIS