Background
The Ialibu-Pangia District is one of the five districts in the Southern Highlands Province (SHP). Geographically, Ialibu-Pangia Electorate is situated in the eastern part of the province. Culturally, the people of Ialibu-Pangia belong to two main cultures, Kewabi and Wiru. The two cultures share common cultural aspects, lifestyles, traditions and customs. The main difference between them is the two distinctive languages spoken: Wiru dialect in Pangia and Kewabi dialect in Ialibu.

Some parts of the electorate suffer from basic services due to geographical landscapes, and lack of infrastructural services. However, basic services are gradually reaching the people. Better road network system is being progressed thus connecting villages and providing accessibility to services. For instance, now the coffee produced in South Wiru LLG is sold in WHP because of road and transportation network.

Observations on Campaign Strategies
1. **Rallies:** Different rival candidates hosted gatherings or rallies entertaining huge crowds. People came in groups performing traditional dances expressing moral and numerical support for the candidate.

2. **Party Politics:** It was observed that a majority of the Ialibu-Pangia people appeared to support the PNC Party. It was also observed that the campaign in the electorate and SHP in general, was dominated by PNC and PANGU, leaving little to no room for other political parties.

3. **Candidates Alliances:** The candidates also aligned themselves with the political parties. The game of Government Vs Opposition was clearly on show in Ialibu-Pangia and the neighbouring Imbonggu Electorate and throughout the province.

4. **Political Party Colours:** All PNC Supporters wore red caps and T-Shirts while PANGU wore green caps and T-Shirts. This was an avenue for people to show their support to the political parties.

5. **Display of Posters and Billboards:** Posters and Billboards were placed at houses and public places.

6. **Money and Food:** During campaigns, a lot of cooked food and live animals were exchanged. Money power was also evident in the campaign.

7. **Campaign Houses:** Candidates organised campaign houses to entertain people. Feasts and social activities were organised as part of the entertainment.

Observations on Polling
- Names of some people that voted in 2012 and 2017 were not on the common roll.
- Double voting was evident.
- There were also instances of duplicate names.
- Monetary incentives were provided to lure votes by certain candidates.
- People voted on behalf of other family members in absentia.
- Extra ballot papers were shared amongst certain candidates to finish all the ballot papers.
- The polling area was highly volatile as supporters of candidates were trying to exert their power to get votes from the voters.

Observations on Counting
- All Counting was done at Momei oval with the five electorates having separate counting stations.
- The gates were controlled and maintained by security forces.
- Generally, counting for Ialibu-Pangia was fair without undue influence.

Recommendations
1. **Update Common Roll:** Regularly update the common roll so that every citizen is registered and accurate population data should be kept.
2. **Appointment of Polling officials:** appointed officials should be based on merit rather than politicised. Proper application and screening is required to improve this area.
3. **Improve logistics:** Improve logistics procurement in order to make one-day polling work effectively and efficiently.