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OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- **General introduction to the UNV Programme**
- **Facts and figures**
- **UNV volunteers – Complementary value added**
- **Recruitment and entitlements**
- **UNV volunteers – Contribution to Electoral Operations**



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VOLUNTEERISM FOR PEACE & DEVELOPMENT



UN Volunteers is administered by the
United Nations Development Programme





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MISSION

Volunteering brings **benefits** to **society** and to the **volunteers**.

Volunteerism serves the causes of peace and development by enhancing opportunities for **participation by all people**.

United Nations Volunteers supports **sustainable human development** through the **advocacy** of volunteerism, **integration** within development programming, and the **mobilization** of volunteers.

UNV is **universal, inclusive** and embraces volunteer action in all its **diversity**.



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ABOUT UNV

- Established in 1970 by the UN General Assembly as a development partner for UN organizations
- Administered by UNDP
- The focal point for volunteerism within the UN
- Volunteerism is a natural part of most societies
- Societies need to create their own solutions. Volunteerism is a key way for people to engage in development





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UNV'S VALUES

legitimacy **solidarity** consultancy **partnership**
integrity effectiveness **action** results-**focused**
inclusiveness experience **universality** advocacy
professionalism capability authenticity **ethics**
diversity flexibility **inspiration** dedication



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GOAL:

UNV contributes to peace and development through volunteerism

FOUR KEY RESULTS:

- Global recognition of volunteerism for peace and development
- Integration of volunteerism into development programmes
- Mobilization of increasing numbers and diversity of volunteers contributing to peace and development
- Strategic guidance, organizational oversight and accountability



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THE UNV VOLUNTEERS – 2008 SNAPSHOT

7,753 UNV Volunteers in 2008

37 years average age, with **5-10** years of work experience

159 nationalities

132 countries of assignment

500 professional categories and specializations:

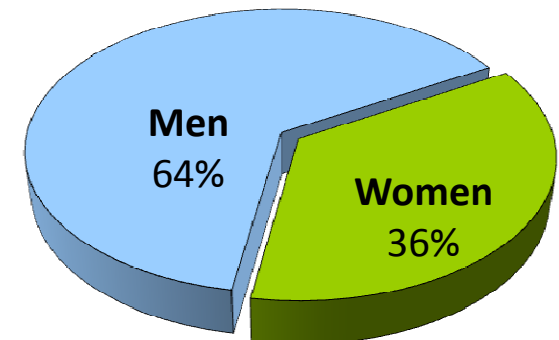
Project managers and administrators

Development specialists

Policy advisors

Engineers & technicians

Doctors and health workers



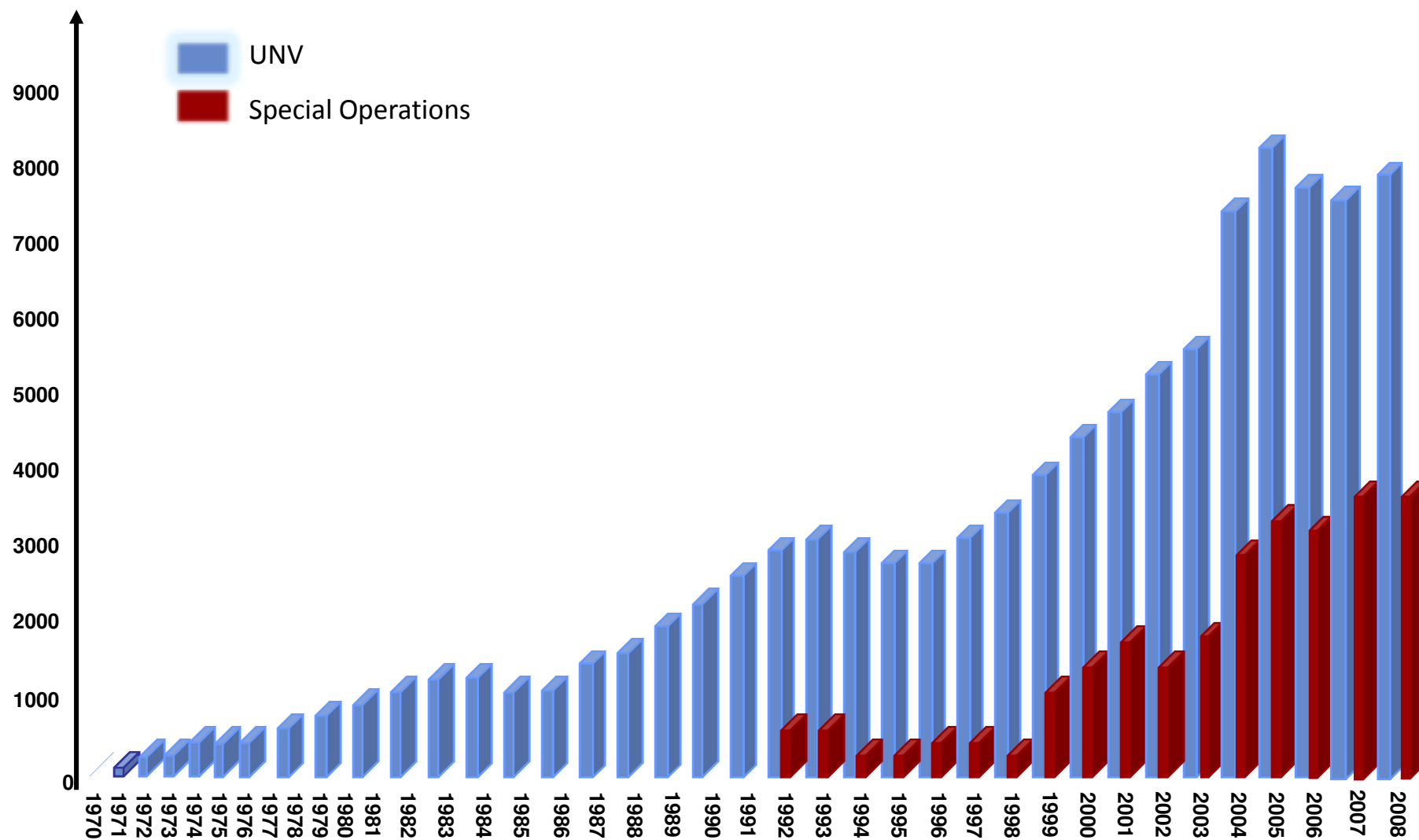


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SUSTAINED GROWTH 1971-2008





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UNV VOLUNTEERS ARE

Focused **dynamic** motivated effective

dedicated advocates **engaged** **universal**

educated **skilled** experienced **flexible** mature

Inclusive capable legitimate ethical **active**

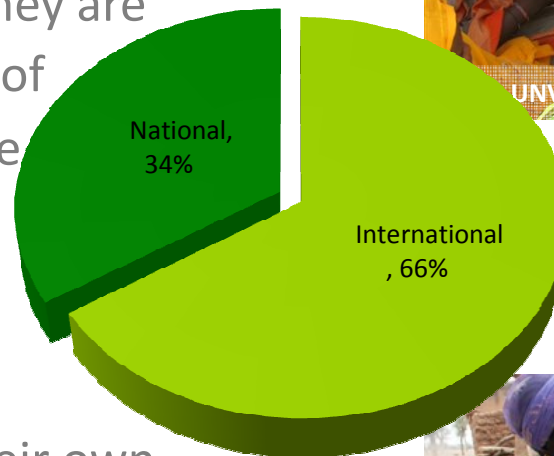
professional diverse **inspiring** partners



WHO ARE THE UNV VOLUNTEERS?

International

Approximately 70 per cent of all UNV volunteers carry out assignments outside their home country; they are professionals with an average of 5-10 years' working experience



National

UNV volunteers working in their own country combine their professional expertise in a wide range of fields with in-depth knowledge of local conditions.





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UNV VOLUNTEERS PROFILES

- With 5 – 10 years of relevant work experience.
- Average age of 39 years.
- Short notice availability for short term assignments
- Universality and south-south cooperation
- Ready to serve under difficult working and living conditions
- 98% of UNV volunteers tell us – “We are proud to serve”.





VOLUNTEER FUNCTIONS

UNV volunteers can be involved in a wide range of areas:

Technical support : flight followers, telephone technicians, water and sanitation engineers, GIS mapping experts, medical doctors, etc.

Administrative/Logistical functions: HR officers, Admin/Finance Officers, Travel Assistant, Facilities Management Assistant, Billing Assistant, etc.

Substantive state or institution-building: civil affairs officers, human rights or protection officers, reintegration officers, radio producers, refugee eligibility officers, etc.

Electoral Support: Voter Registration Officer, Voter Education Officer, Electoral Officer, Electoral Affairs, etc.



Satellite Technician, Nepal



Forensic Scientist, Timor Leste



Voter Education Officer, Liberia



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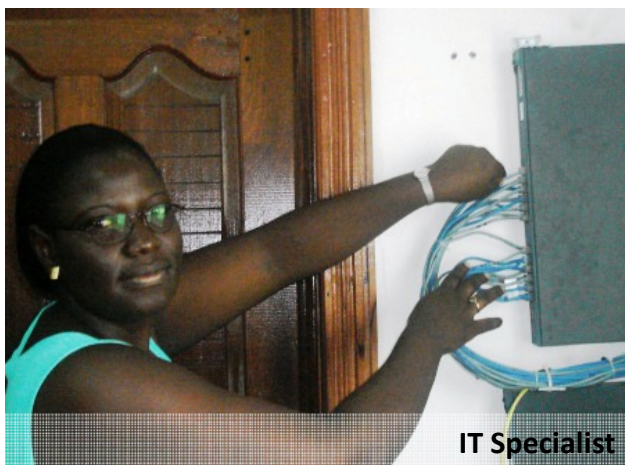
Air Operations Officer



Warehouse Managers



GIS Experts



IT Specialist



Vehicle Mechanic



Water & Sanitation Engineer



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Humanitarian Affairs Officer



Public Information Officer



Medical Doctor



Human Rights Officer



Civil Affairs Officer



Community Service Officer



Deployment of
UNV volunteer

Terms of
Reference

UNV identifies
suitable candidates

Check availability
of candidates

Submission of
candidates for EAD
clearance

Selection by
mission/agency

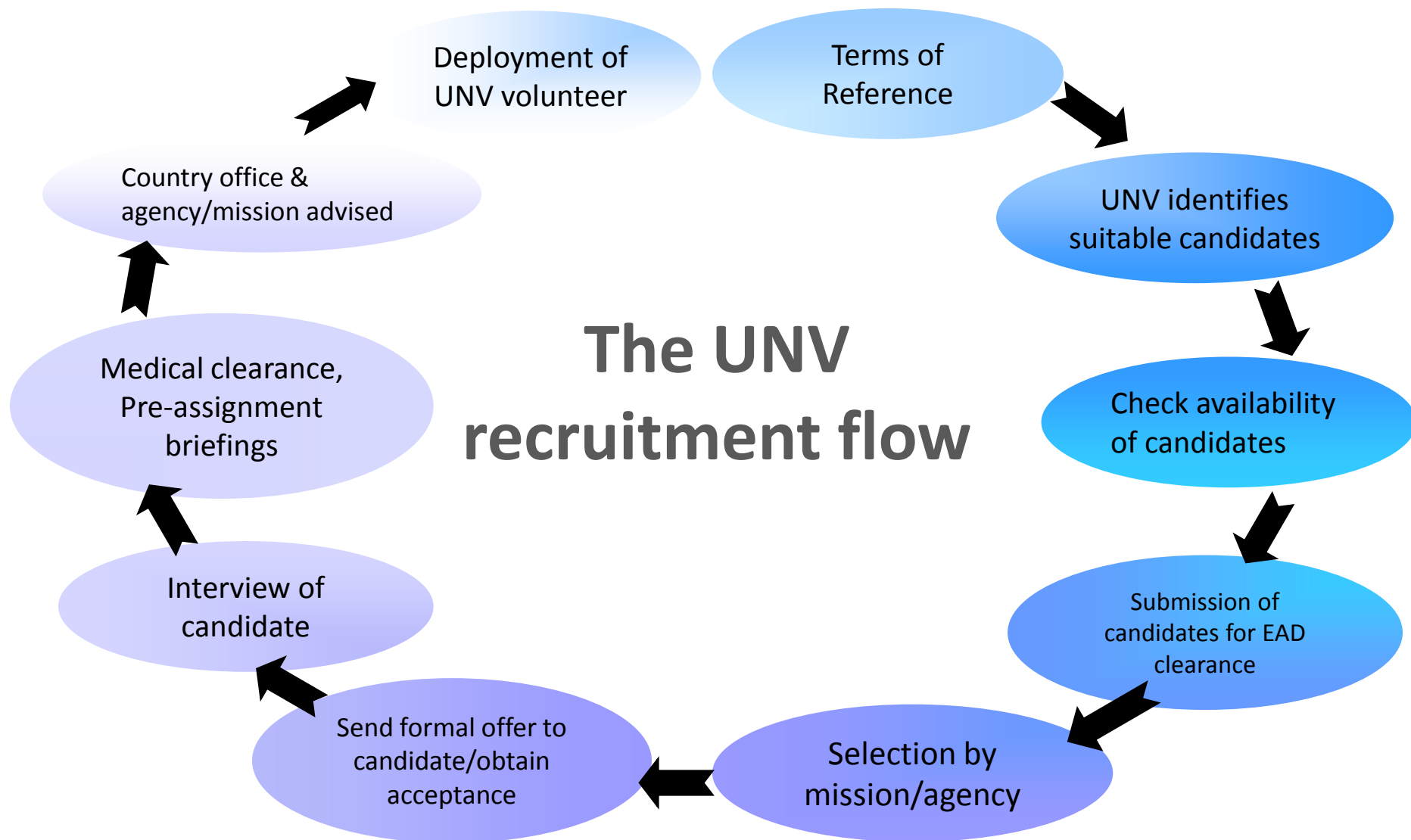
Send formal offer to
candidate/obtain
acceptance

Interview of
candidate

Medical clearance,
Pre-assignment
briefings

Country office &
agency/mission advised

The UNV recruitment flow





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INTERNATIONAL UNV VOLUNTEERS ENTITLEMENTS

- **International Travel** incl. pre-departure allowance and shipment allowance
- **Settling-in Grant**
- **Volunteer Living Allowance**
- **Insurance:** Life/Health and permanent disability
- **Annual Leave** (2.5 days/month / R&R as per mission)
- **Resettlement Allowance** (USD 150/month of satisfactory service)



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Electoral Assistance Division
Department of Political Affairs



World Health Organization



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UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency



United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization



UNDESA

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FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE



United Nations Development Fund for Women



Working for Women's
Empowerment and
Gender Equality



united nations population fund

United Nations Human Rights
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

United Nations
Office for the Coordination
of Humanitarian Affairs



OCHA



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

for a world without hunger

UNITeS



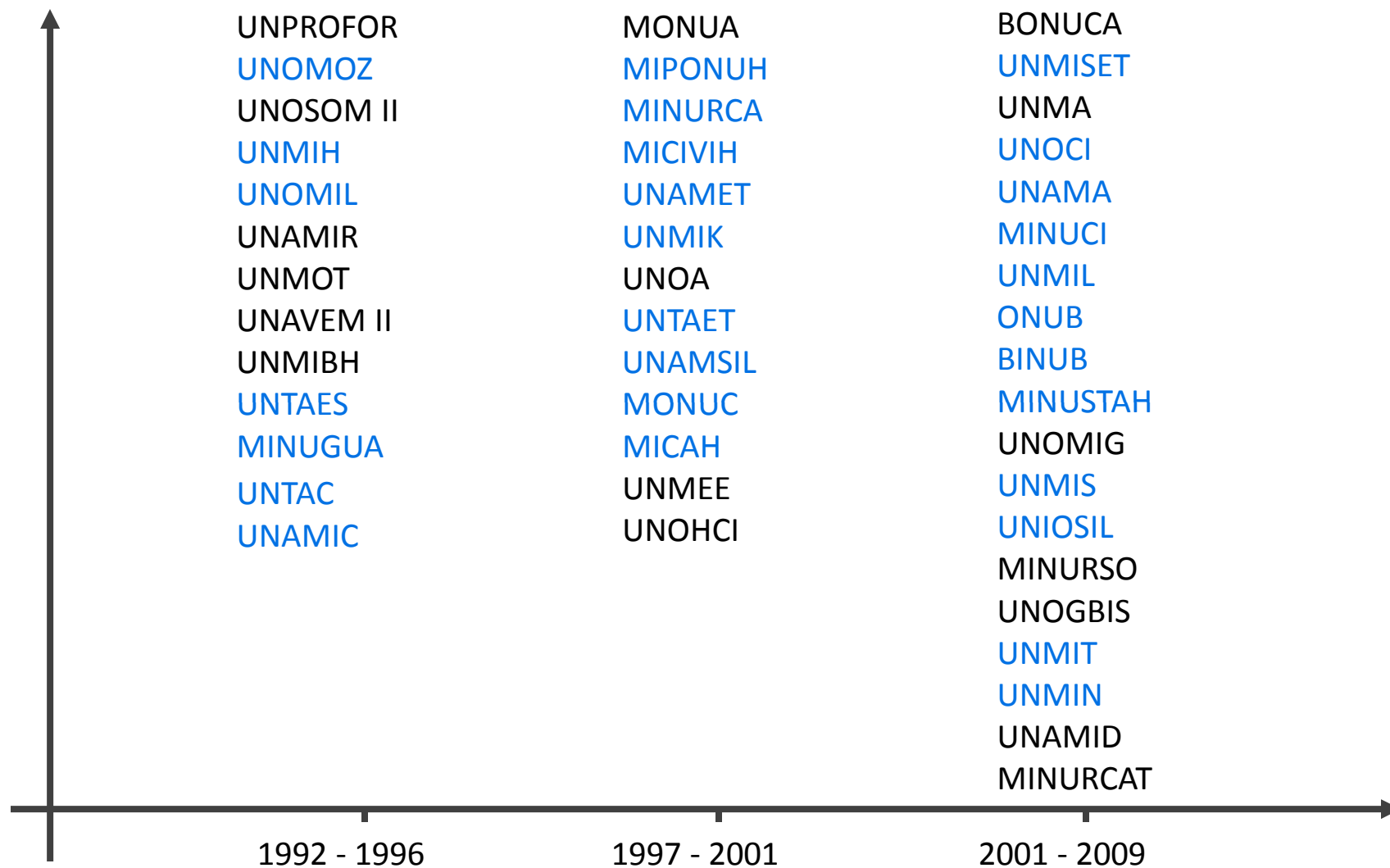
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COLLABORATION - HISTORICAL OVERVIEW



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ELECTORAL OPERATIONS

- In such context, UNV volunteers assist in the implementation of national capacity-building and training programmes, voter and civic education, electoral logistics, and coordination roles.
- Electoral UNV volunteers are often based at the district level and work in teams with other international UNV volunteers, international UN staff, and local counterparts (often from the national elections commission).





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Haiti



Sierra Leone



Timor Leste



Nepal



Liberia

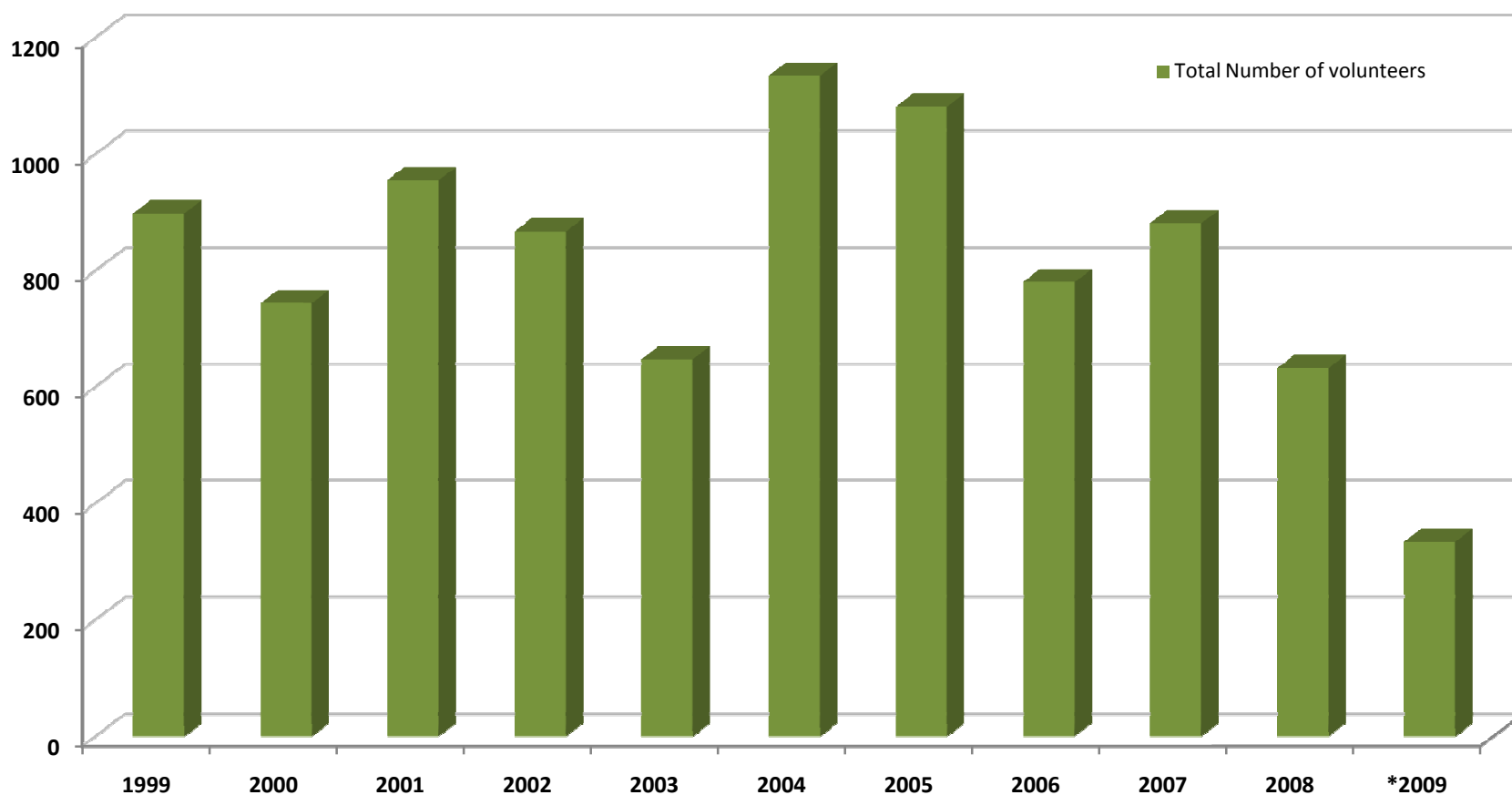


Democratic Republic of Congo



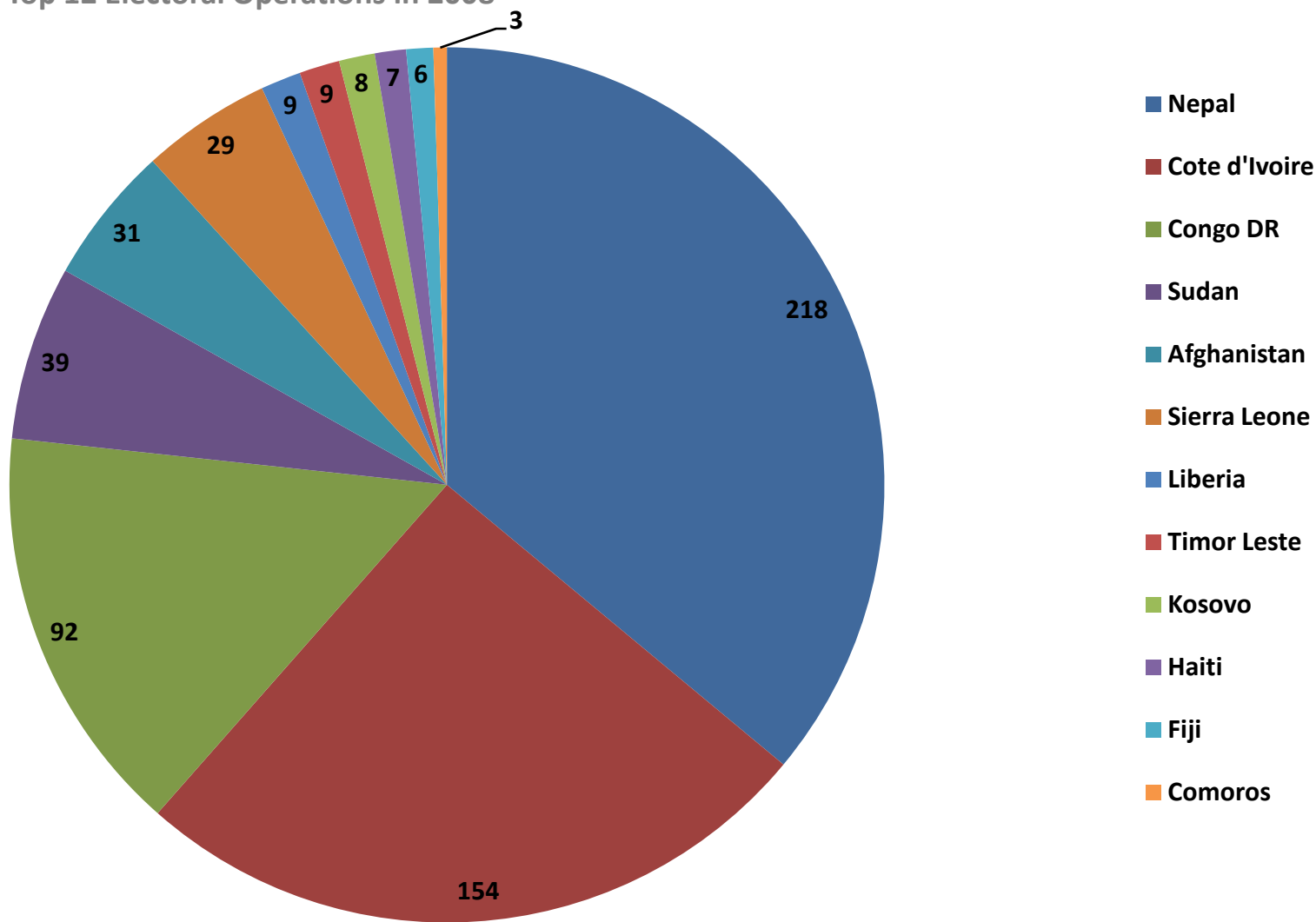
TRENDS IN ELECTORAL OPERATIONS

UNV volunteers on electoral assignments 1999 - *March 2009



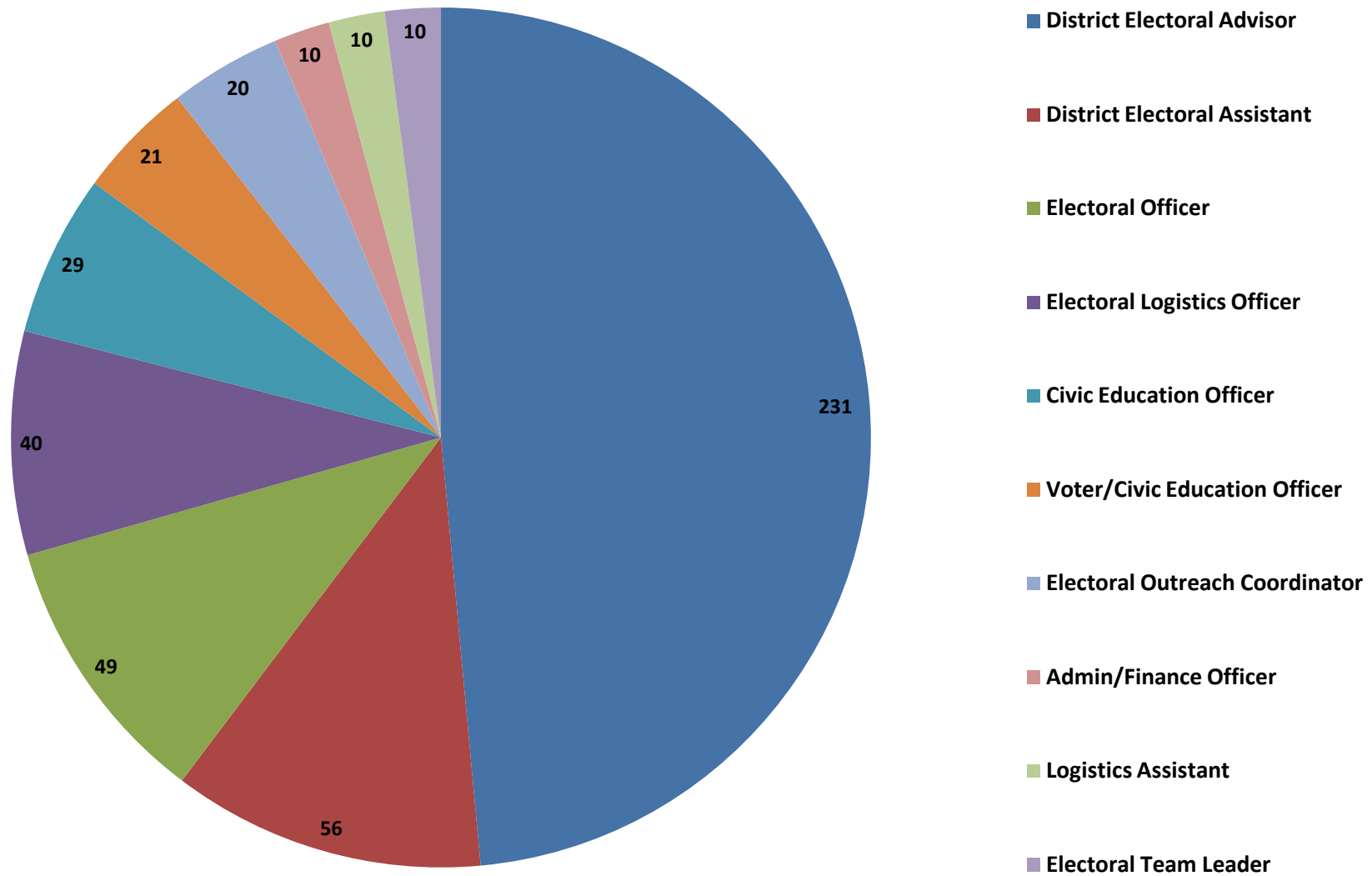


Top 12 Electoral Operations in 2008





Top 10 functional categories, UNV volunteers in Electoral operations, 2008





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UNV volunteers make
distinctive contributions
to **development effectiveness**



UNOCI's Role in Ivorian Elections

UNOCI's Elections Mandate

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- Help to ensure the execution of the identification process of the population and voter registration process
- Offer the Prime Minister and his government, the Independent Electoral Commission and other qualified organizations and institutions, all technical assistance necessary for the organization of free, fair and transparent elections (presidential and legislative);

SECURITY

- Contribute to the overall security before, during and after elections

LOGISTICS

- In close coordination with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), provide required logistical support to the Independent Electoral Commission, particularly for the transportation of electoral material

CERTIFICATION

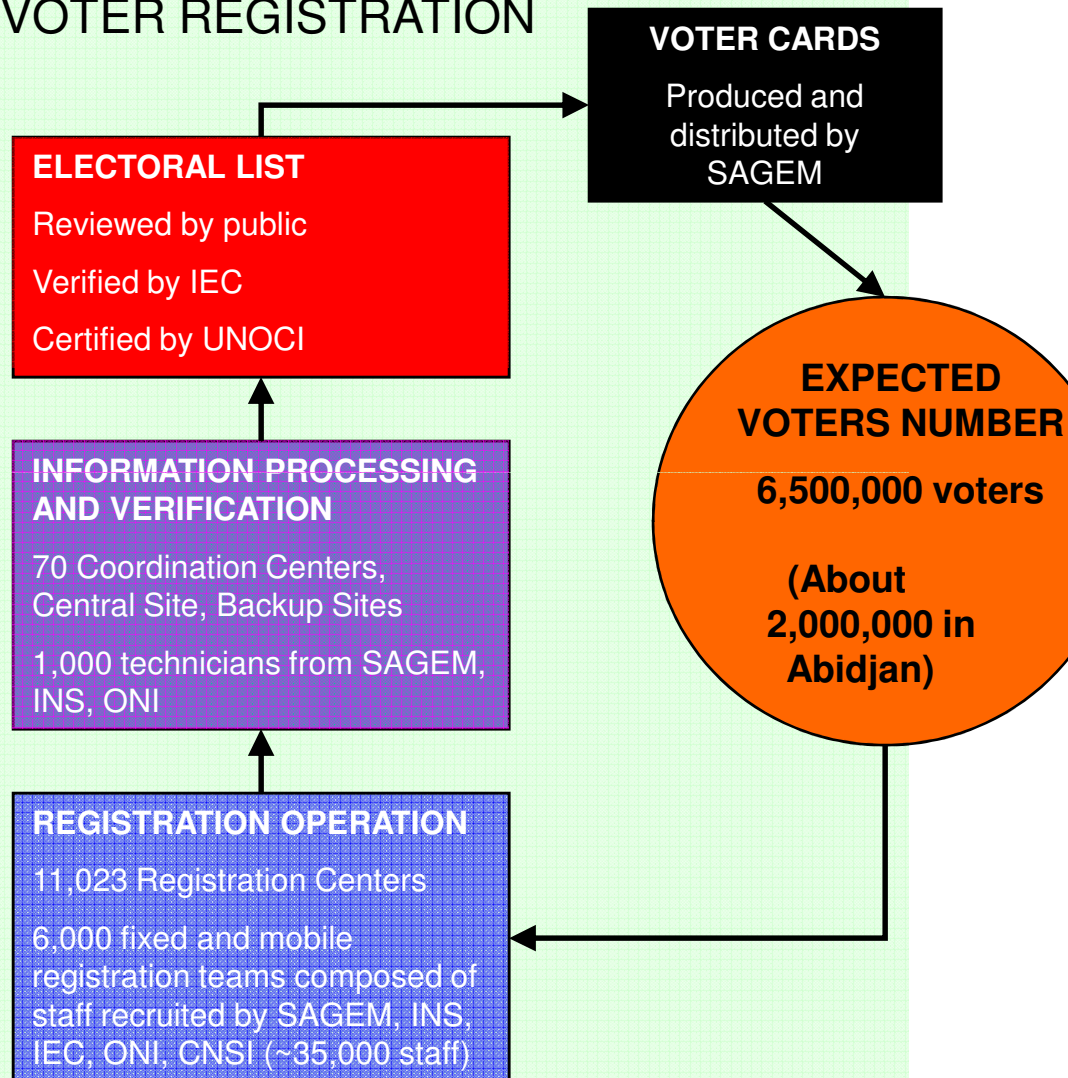
- Resolution 1765 stipulates that "the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cote d'Ivoire shall certify that all stages of the electoral process provide all the necessary guarantees for the holding of **open, free, fair and transparent presidential and legislative elections** in accordance with international standards"

Pre-Identification, Identification, Voter Registration

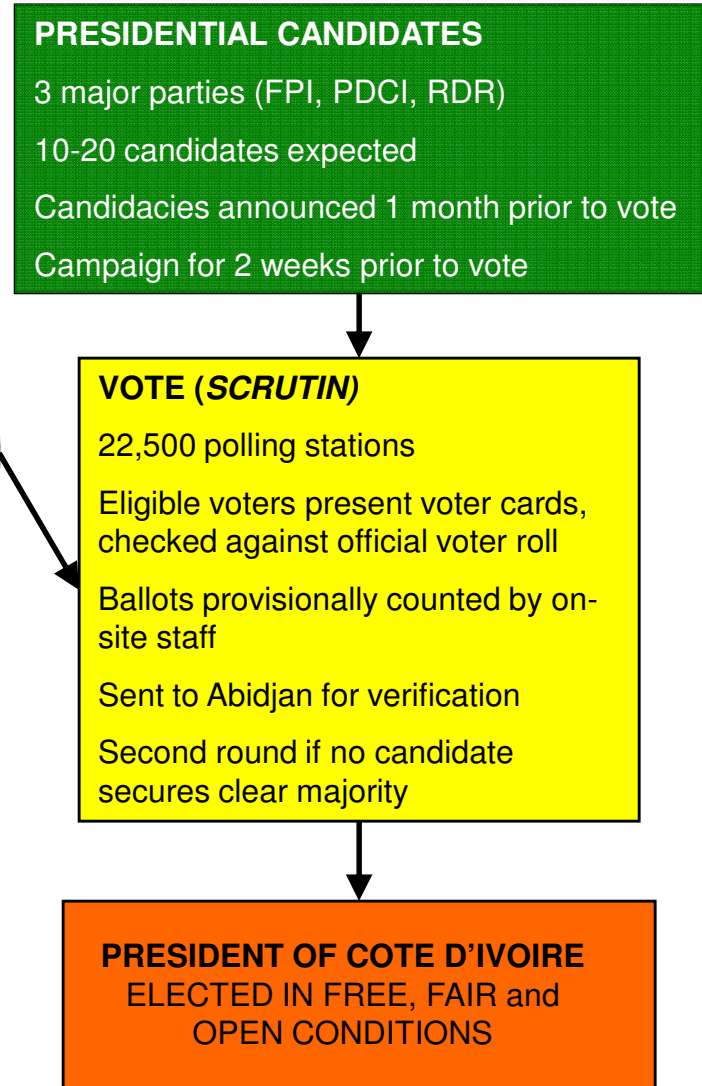
Process	Objective	National Institutions and Operators	UN and International Community Role	Timing
Mobile Courts	Issuing of birth certificates for residents Judgment can be used for Identification / Voter Registration	Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistical, legal, technical advice and support Monitor process 	Completed September 2008
Reconstitution of Civil Registers	Restore municipal records destroyed in crisis	Ministry of Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide legal and technical assistance Funded by EU 	Completed June 2009
Identification of Population and Voter Registration (2 processes conducted jointly in one operation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide standard identification document for the population National census Create unanimously approved voter list for presidential and legislative elections Create and distribute voter identification cards 	Independent Electoral Commission (IEC / CEI): Supervise and coordinate Office of the Prime Minister: Supervise and Coordinate Sagem Sécurité (SAGEM): Joint Technical Operator National Statistics Institute (INS): Joint Technical Operator National Office for Identification (ONI): Monitor identification, distribute ID cards National Commission for Supervision of Identification (CNSI): monitor political fairness; sensitization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical and logistical support to national institutions and stakeholders (operation transport) Administer international donor funds for the operation (primarily with IEC) Monitor process for concordance with international standards Explicit certification of electoral list (SRSG and CERTIFICATION CELL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot operation launched 15 September (7 sites) 11023 centers covered. Voter registration and identification process is supposed to be completed by 30th of June 2009

Voter Registration and Presidential Election Day

VOTER REGISTRATION



PRESIDENTIAL POLLING



What does the Electoral Assistance Division Do?

EAD Structure (130 UNVs)

- Central Office at UNOCI Mission HQ – support and liaison to central national institutions managing elections
- 16 Regional Offices – support at the local level (especially 430 local electoral commissions)

Training and Sensitization

Assist IEC in:

- **Training of commissioners, polling agents**
- **Training and sensitization of political parties, civil society organizations, media, etc.**
- Sensitization and education of the population for identification, voter registration and vote
- **Promotion of gender, human rights concerns in process, working with other sections**

Planning and Logistics

- **Assist IEC, Government in logistical planning for electoral process including identification**
- Assist IEC and UNDP in managing and executing 55 m € electoral budget
- **Distribution of ballot boxes, voting booths, ballots and other electoral materials throughout the country**
- **Transportation of personnel**
- Electoral security planning

Monitoring & Observation

- **Monitor and report process statistics (e.g. persons registered), conditions on the ground, and any irregularities in the process**
- SICODE: EAD database and information management system
- Coordinate international observers for vote

What does the UNOCI Electoral Adviser do ?

- Assist and advise 430 local IEC`s
- Provide and coordinate logistical support to national authorities
- Analysis of political and social situation on regional and departmental level
- Liaise with local administrative authorities, political parties, representatives of civil society and the armed forces
- Observation of mobile court operation and monitoring of identification & voter registration process
- Assist IEC in the training of local commissioners
- GPS location of 11'023 polling sites



in:



Particularities of Ivorian context

- Holding of elections crucial element in peace process/agreement
- Joint identification and voter registration processes
- Difficult electoral budgeting
- Ongoing revision of legal framework
- Newly constituted EMB in 2nd/3rd generation elections (last elections in 2000 - 2002)
- Costly, technically sophisticated identification with three different state institutions and two technical operators directly involved
- UNDP administered basket fund

PERSPECTIVE AND CHALLENGE

- Completion of the registration and identification process in Côte d'Ivoire on 30 June 2009.
- Data processing
- Production of provisional voters list
- Display of the provisional voters list
- Litigation settlement on the electoral roll
- Production and distribution of voter cards
- Registration of candidates for the presidential elections
- Publishing the list of the candidates to presidential election
- Opening of the campaign
- Holding of the first round of the presidential elections on 29 November 2009



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