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Elections and Conflict Project

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Election-related violence is:

- devastating for human rights
- devastating for economy
- devastating for democracy
Enhance global capacities for prevention and mitigation of election-related violence

**TOOL OBJECTIVES**

- Global public good
- Action oriented (early-warning capacity, helps making informed decisions)
- Sustainable (does not depend on donor or expert support)

**TOOL DESIGN**

- Customisable (can fit into any social context)
- Components: knowledge resources, analytical tools, preventive action options
- Evolves with use (stores data, allows cross-election analysis)
IDEA experiences

Literature review

Desk research

Study visits

Global consultations (Johannesburg)

Expert meeting (Stockholm)

Training, workshops, conferences

Existing Approaches

Factors

Data sources

Data Analysis

Actions

IDEA theoretical/analytical concept

IDEA tool design

work done: 2008-2009
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WIDER SOCIAL CONTEXT
- existing violence and structural factors -

State building
- buffer -

ELECTIONS
- REJECTION OF RESULTS
- CONTESTED LEGISLATION
- MISMANAGEMENT OF APPEALS
- LACK OF TRUST IN EMBs
- PROBLEMATIC VOTING
- INADEQUATE FUNDS
- HEATED PARTY CAMPAIGN
- INADEQUATE PLANNING
- TROUBLED VOTER REGISTRATION
- INADEQUATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Theoretical framework
Internal Factors

Legislation
- Unfit Electoral system
- Contested electoral law
- Lack of adequate ground rules

Planning and implementation
- Inadequate system for dispute resolution
- Lack of trust in electoral management bodies
- Inadequate operational planning and financing
- Inadequate security arrangements

Training and education
- Poor training for electoral officials
- No/poor training programmes for PPs, CSOs media
- Poor or no civic education

Voter and candidate registration
- Problematic voter registration
- Problematic registration of political party/candidates
- Problematic accreditation of observers

Electoral campaign
- Limited media access
- Provocative media campaigning
- Provocative political party rallying
- Provocative and violent actions by political parties

Voting operations
- Deficit, destruction and loss of election materials
- Lack of transparency re-special and external voting
- Problematic voting day
- Problematic ballot counting and result tallying
- Lost/destroyed tabulation forms
- Fraud suspected

Verification of results
- Mishandling a final round of complaints and appeals
- Delay in publication of official results
- Rejection of results

External Factors

Existing violence
- Intimidation/harassment
- Kidnapping/extortion
- Assassination/homicide
- Gender based violence
- Violence against property

Potential risk factors

Security context
- Politicized security sector actors
- Regional weak state presence and control
- Neighbouring violence has potential to spill over borders
- Presence of non-state armed actors
- Access to small arms and light weapons
- Forced displacement
- Arbitrary arrests and lack of due processes
- Violation of human rights

Economic context
- Poverty and socio economic conditions
- Concentration of resources
- Increased unemployment
- Natural hazards causing human distress

Social context
- Heightened ethnic, cultural, religious tensions
- Changes in power dynamics among actors
- Sensitive processes involving fears and expectations
- Impunity

Political context
- Political system
- Spoiler political parties
- Manipulative media
- Lack of democratic culture
- Lack of accountability

Factor description:
1. context
2. empirical cases
3. interrelated factors
4. observable indicators
5. data collection and analysis
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Analytical instruments

Trend analysis

Risk Mapping
Improved Electoral Management

Improved Electoral Security

Improved Peace Architecture
Consultations with potential end users and partners
Tool piloting (Africa, LA, AP)
Final phase of development
Tool launch
Thank You!