

# IFES Elections and Violence Programming

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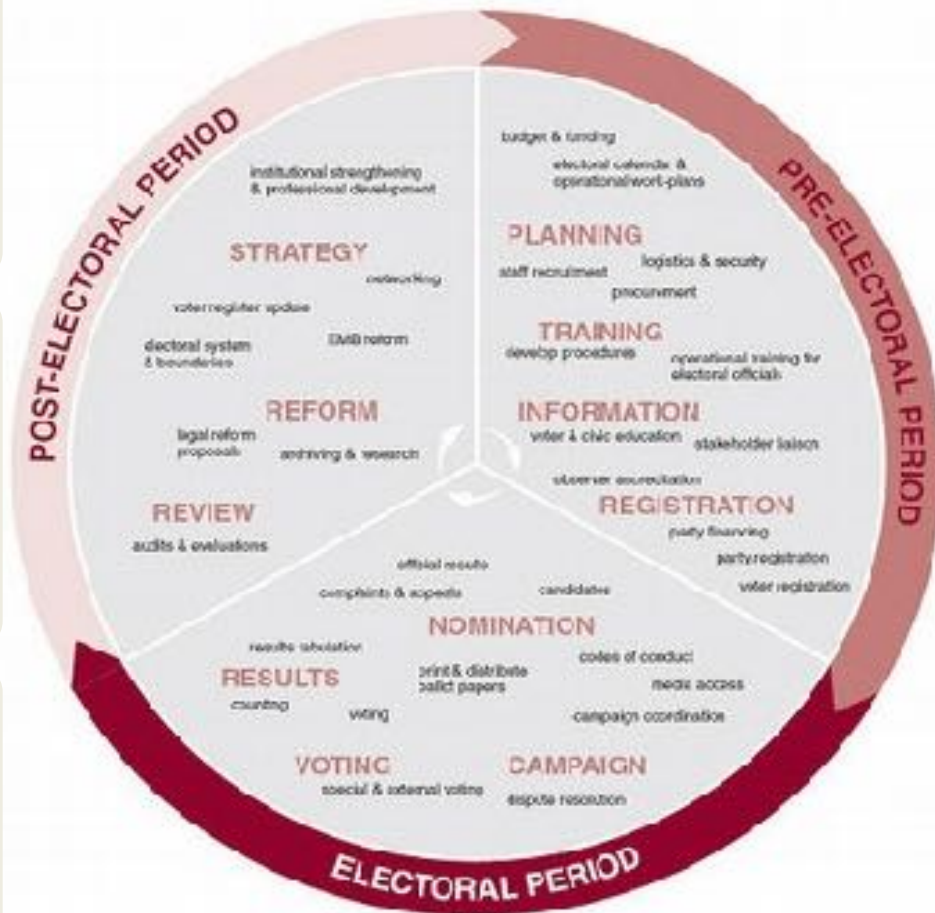
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Conflict  
Analysis

Conflict  
Resolution

Conflict  
Prevention

Conflict  
Mitigation  
and  
Management



# Two Unique Tools



## Election Violence Education and Resolution (EVER)

- Community-based conflict monitoring and reporting

## Election Violence Risk Assessment (EVRA)

- Risk assessment & tracking for EMB's security planning

# EVER methodology



Monitors  
Send Reports

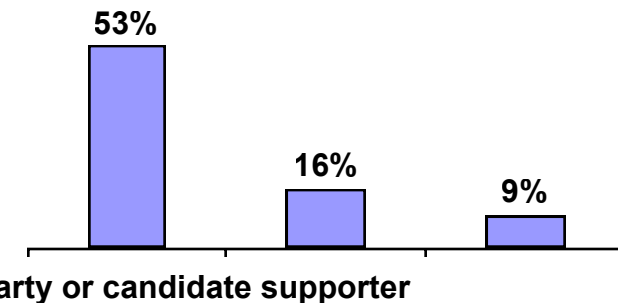


Analysis of  
Data

Victims of Violence,  
% of all Victims

Stakeholders  
take Actions  
to Reduce  
Violence

Public Report  
makes  
Recommendations



Ghana EVER (Oct 04 - Jan 05)





## Monitor Sent Text

Report NC03  
12012011 in Jos  
victim's home,  
unidentified thugs  
did physical harm to  
election official.  
Result was 1  
wounded

## Ushahidi sent Confirmation

ID 200 report  
received. Please  
write ID number on  
your paper form.  
Your PO may  
contact you with  
questions.

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An undisclosed number of the Direct Data Capture machines ordered by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) have been stolen from the cargo..... [More](#)

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Categories: Property damage Verbal harassment

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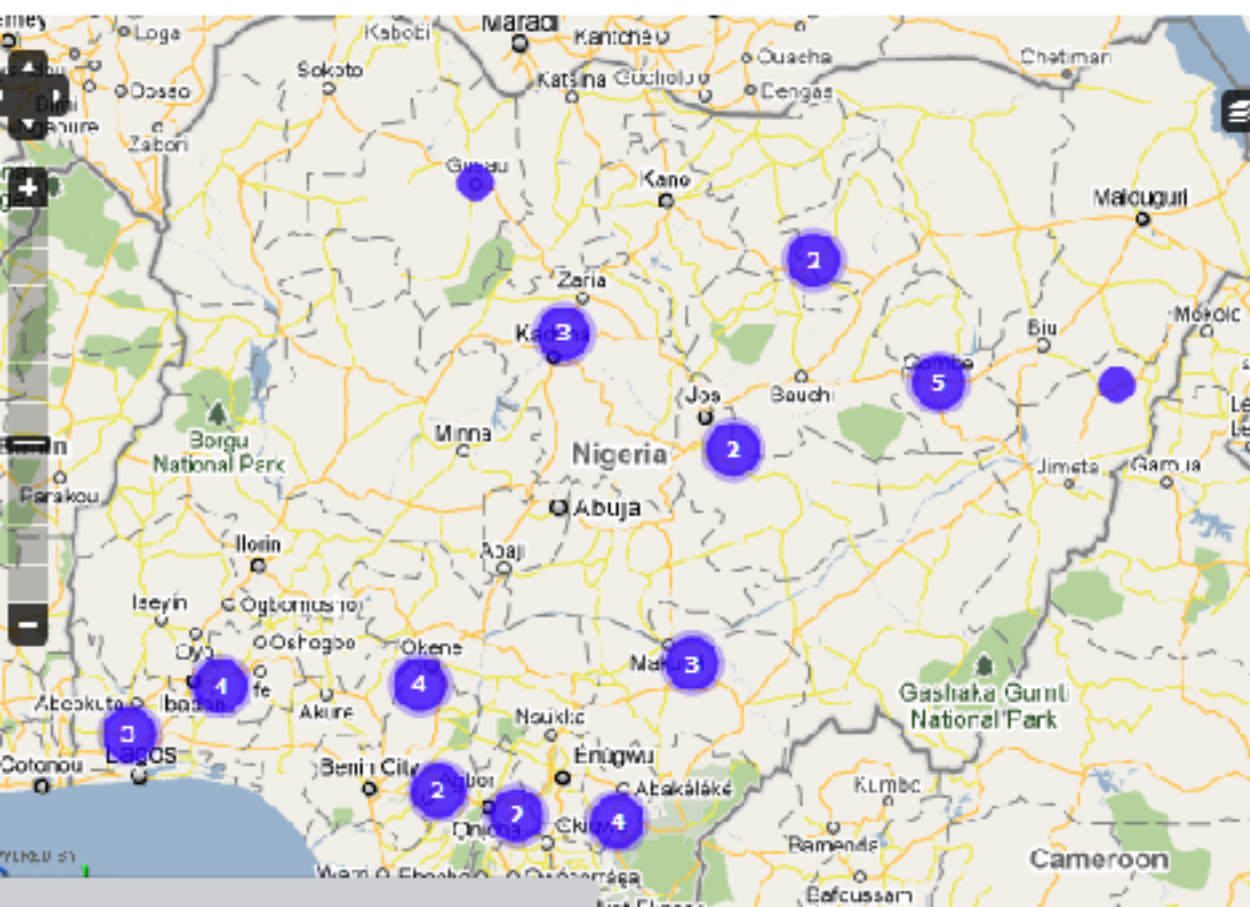
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☐ Impact of Violence☐ Complaint filed with INEC☐ Civic education event☐ Disrupted☐ Campaign event disrupted☐ Political Party action☐ Government or State action☐ Party agent☐ Election observer or☐ monitor**News source link****Video link**

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- ☐ TYPES OF VIOLENCE
  - ☐ MURDER
  - ☐ PHYSICAL HARM
  - ☒ GROUP CLASH
  - ☐ INTIMIDATION
  - ☐ KIDNAPPING / DETENTION
  - ☐ PROPERTY DAMAGE



# Lebanon EVRA Methodology

- Identify variables
- Measure variables
- Assign risk level
- Update continuously

Key	Region						Region						
L Low Risk													
M Medium Risk													
H High Risk													
Risk of Political Conflict	M	M	H	H	H	H	L	M	H	H	H	H	H
No dominant political party													
Intense political competition													
Recent episodes of tension/conflict													
Specific 'flashpoints'													
Risk of Confessional Conflict	H	L	H	L	L	L	L	M	L	M	M	M	M
Presence of influenced seats													
Unrepresentative candidates													
No confessional representation													
History of confessional tension													
Risk of Electoral Disputes	L	L	M	H	H	H	L	H	H	H	H	H	M
Likelihood of close results/challenges													
Likelihood of arms, pressure or bribery													



# Learning and Impact...



**Risk assessment**  
provides baseline for security planning and  
response

**Conflict monitoring and reporting**  
can DETER violence or highlight areas of need

**Better information =  
better security planning, better conflict  
responses**



# Practical Ideas for EMBs

## Conflict reporting

- Identify and resolve disputes sooner

## CSO collaboration

- Partners for peace and conflict prevention

## Public engagement

- Increases credibility

## Risk mapping

- Build relations with security actors