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Electoral Cycle Approach and Overview of Stakeholders

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electoral cycle
three main segments

post-electoral period (strategy)

sustainable electoral support

pre-electoral period (preparations)

election period (operations)
inter-election period
sustainable electoral support

pre-election period
post-election period
election period

electoral calendar

period in-between elections

3, 4 or 5 years

electoral event
event-driven electoral support

what could the consequences be if no follow-up assistance is provided during the post-election period?

PERIOD “IN BETWEEN ELECTIONS”

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- loss of capacity and know-how
- loss of institutional memory
- lack of incentives, demotivation
- duplications and gaps
- building of local capacity
- provision of electoral support

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process-driven electoral support

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elections

provision of electoral support

building of local capacity
The Electoral Cycle

- **Voting Operations and Election Day**
- **Verification of Results**
- **Electoral Campaign**
- **Voter Registration**
- **Training and Education**
- **Legal Framework**
- **Planning & Implementation**
- **Audits & Evaluations**
- **Constitution**
- **Electoral System**
- **Electoral Bodies**
- **Budgeting**
- **Calendar/Timeline**
- **Funding & Financing**
- **Resource Planning & Implementation**
- **Security**
- **Election Officials**
- **Civic and Voter Education**
- **Parties & Candidates**
- **Observers**
- **Voters**
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- **Electoral Reform**
- **Electoral Development**
- **Tabulation of Results**
- **Complaints and Appeals**
- **Official Results**
- **Voting**
- **Vote Counting**
- **Pre-Voting and Out-of-Country Voting**
- **Party Liaison**
- **Financing**
- **Media**
- **Complaints**
Overview of Recipients & Stakeholders