

# DFID Support for Elections: Meeting the Challenge

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### **DFID Support for Elections**

The limitations of a technical fix

Thinking politically about elections

Meeting the challenge



Opening ballot boxes in Sudan

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## The limitations of the technical fix

- The ultimate test of accountability
- The wake up call
- Why were we surprised?



Voter registration in Sierra Leone: every voter counts

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### Thinking politically about elections

What Ministers want to know
Questions about the role of elections
Questions about the role of donors



Voting in Zimbabwe: A political act of courage

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## **Meeting the Challenge**

- A think-piece on the role of elections and donors
- A review of electoral support (lessons, best practice)
- 10 in-depth country case studies
- A framework for electoral risk analysis and mitigation option development
- A range of post-election options
- A briefing note on taking a political economy approach to electoral support
- Technical excellence