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Electoral Cycle Approach and Overview of Stakeholders

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Three main segments:

- **Pre-electoral period (preparations)**
- **Election period (operations)**
- **Post-electoral period (strategy)**

THE ELECTORAL CYCLE

- Legal Framework
- Planning & Implementation
- Training & Education
- Verification of Results
- Voting Operations & Election Day
- Electoral Campaign
- Registration & Nominations
- Post Election
inter-election period

sustainable electoral support

pre-election period

election period

post-election period

electoral calendar

period in-between elections

3, 4 or 5 years
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”

- 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

YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5

elections | elections
process-driven electoral support

PERIOD “IN BETWEEN ELECTIONS”

YEAR 1
YEAR 2
YEAR 3
YEAR 4
YEAR 5

elections

provision of electoral support
building of local capacity
The Electoral Cycle

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

What is a ‘stakeholder’?

What examples of electoral stakeholders can you think of?

What types of engagement could you have with them?
Overview of Stakeholders

What is a ‘stakeholder’?

Definition:

-one that has an interest or a share in an enterprise

-one who is involved in or affected by a course of action
Overview of Stakeholders

Examples of stakeholders and types of engagement:

Citizens
Electoral Management Bodies
Executive
Legislature
Judiciary
Parties and Candidates
Civil Society
Media
International Donors
Regional Organizations
Security Forces
Vendors