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Joint Training on
Effective Electoral Assistance

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Intro to Electoral Cycle 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)
electoral calendar

period in-between elections

3, 4 or 5 years

pre-election period

sustainable electoral support

post-election period

inter-election period

election period
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”

- provision of electoral support
- building of local capacity

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

elections | elections
Overview of Recipients & Stakeholders

Electoral Management Bodies
Domestic Observers
Executive
International Observers
Parties & Candidates
Legislature
Civil Society
Judiciary
Media
Security Forces
Vendors
International Donors
Reg. Organizations
Citizens