
Pre-Election Phase - Programming for Electoral Conflict Prevention
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General Approach to Electoral Conflict Prevention Programming

- Holistic view
- Common terminological framework and definitions
- Limitations in the early detection
- Identify potential partnership/joint projects
- Develop capacity building/training modules
- Increase on-going cooperation and information sharing
- Identify existing policies and practice regarding election-related violence (IDEA)
Notional Strategic Objectives

- De-Conflictive Implementation of the Electoral Legal Architecture
- Establishing Precedents of Mediation and Peaceful Resolution among Electoral Stakeholders
- Developing EMB Electoral Security Administration Capacity
- Police Rules of Engagement Inhibiting and Managing Conflict
Programming by Stakeholder

- **State Stakeholders**
  - Regulatory
  - Security
  - Judicial

- **Non-State Stakeholders**
  - Political Parties
  - Civil Society Organizations
  - Media Organizations
  - Traditional Leaders
EMB Electoral Security Administration
  - Election Security Department

EMB Electoral Security Leadership

Organizational Issues
  - Electoral Security Coordination Mechanisms
  - Electoral Security Decentralization

De-Conflicitive Electoral Programming

Building Electoral Integrity
Regulatory and Security Stakeholders

- **Coordination**
  - Election security administration integrates military, police, and civilian authorities
  - On-going management structures for coordination, control, and communication

- **Decentralization**
  - Nature and intensity of the threat will vary from locale to locale
  - “Community” relationships with electoral contestants and other stakeholders
  - Incorporated into or parallel to the election administration structure, from the headquarters to the polling station
De-Conflicutive Electoral Assistance

- Objective is to improve a process or procedure that has provoked electoral conflict in recent elections
  - Guyana (1994) – metal ballot boxes
  - Bangladesh (2008) – voter registration

Building Electoral Integrity

- EMB Appointment Process
- Gender Dimension
- Transparency and Accountability in EMB Decision-Making
- Professional Development
- Structural Independence and Behavioral Independence
Police Electoral Training Programs

- Human rights issues in relation to security forces’ rules of engagement in the election
- Gender and enforcement
- Security objectives and strategy in relation to the election
- Standards of profession, impartial, neutral, and non-intimidating conduct to be upheld by security forces
- Contact mechanisms and liaison details between the EMB and security forces
- An overview of election process and methods and security forces’ roles in protecting these
- Details of offences again electoral laws (ACE)
Preparations to Adjudicate

- Constitutional Courts
  - Candidate Eligibility Disputes
  - Electoral Law Challenges

- EMB, Lower Courts
  - Electoral Violence
  - Candidate Eligibility Disputes
  - Voter Registration Disputes
  - Campaign Practice Violations
  - Media Violations
Political Parties

❑ Political Party Councils
  • Sierra Leone (2007) – Political Parties Registration Commission, Code Monitoring Commission, District Code Monitoring Committees
  • Liberia (2005) – Inter-Party Consultative Committee

❑ Political Party Codes of Conduct
  • Ghana (2008) – Institute of Economic Affairs – Ghana Political Parties Program
  • South Africa – Code is Enforced by Independent Electoral Commission

❑ Political Party Resources
  • Mozambique (1994) – $19 million (USD) Political Party Trust Fund
Other Non-State Stakeholders

- **Civil Society Organizations**
  - Monitoring Electoral Violence
    - Center for Monitoring Electoral Violence (Sri Lanka)
    - Mision Observacion Electoral (Colombia)

- **Media Organizations**
  - Journalist Codes of Conduct on Reporting
  - Journalist Training
  - Dis-and Mis-Information Control and Correction

- **Traditional Leaders**
  - Traditional Leaders Forums
  - Training in electoral mediation and conflict prevention
    - Zimbabwe Election Support Network – Zimbabwe Peace Project
Thank you…

Questions?