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Post-Election Phase – Issues

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Post-Election Security Issues

- Managing Boycotts**
- Elections Following Reforms**
- Expectations and Closeness of Contests**
- Election Results Announcement Management**



Managing Boycotts

Electoral Boycotts and Conflict

- Thailand (2006) – Low Turnout, Protests, Coup

“Open Door” for 11th Hour Inclusion

- Inkatha Freedom Party – South Africa

Addressing Grievances for Boycotts

- Iraq (2005)

Intimidation into Boycotting

- Kosovo (2000)



Elections Following Reforms

- Relationship of Electoral Conflict and Electoral Reforms**

- Disappointment Over Reforms**
 - Solomon Islands (2006)

- Confusion over Perception of Reforms**
 - Mongolia (2008)



Expectations and Closeness of Contests

□ Unfulfilled Electoral Expectations

- Zambia Presidential Election (2006) – release of partial results
 - Losing Candidate Supporters in Street Actions
- Iran Presidential Election (2009) – first round victory
 - Opposition Parties' Supporters in Street Actions

□ Major Contenders Both Anticipate Victory

- Mexico Presidential Election (2006)
 - Both Party Supporters in Street Actions



Election Results Announcement Management

□ Delays in the Announcement of Results

- Cote D'Ivoire (2010)
- Haiti (2010)

□ Reaction to Electoral Certifications

- Georgia (2003)
- Ukraine (2004)
- Kyrgyzstan (2005)



Enforcement Instruments

- Joint Election Operations Centers**
- Quick Reactions Forces (QRFs)**
- Rules of Engagement**



Joint Election Operations Centers

- ❑ **EMB locus for coordinated electoral security administration**

- ❑ **Participation and Staffing**
 - EMB, Police and Other Security Forces
 - Civil Society and Political Parties

- ❑ **Services**
 - Command and Control
 - Communications
 - Incident Mapping



Quick Reactions Forces (QRFs)

EMBs, Security or Judicial

EMBs

- Administrative Issues at Polls/Counting Centers

Security

- Police Enforcement
- Fire and Ambulance Workers – Advanced Voting
- Hostage Negotiation, Bomb Squads

Judicial

- Electoral Disputes



Rules of Engagement

Heavy-Handed Tactics

- Armenia (2008)
- Mongolia (2008)
- Pakistan (2008)

Hands-Off Tactics

- East Timor (1999)



Electoral Justice

- ❑ **Electoral Dispute Resolution**
- ❑ **Monitoring Dispute Resolution**
 - Georgia Young Lawyers Association
 - Nigeria Legal Defense Center
- ❑ **Domestic Courts**
 - Court of Appeals – Ibadan, Nigeria
- ❑ **Transitional Justice**
 - International Criminal Court
 - Truth Commissions
- ❑ **Legal Aid and Counseling for Victims**
 - Zimbabwe Election Support Network



Special Investigative Instruments

- Kenya (2008) – Independent Review Committee
- UN Special Rapporteur for Extra Judicial Killings
- Uganda (2011) – Parliamentary Committee
- Nigeria (2011) – Lemu Commission
- Zimbabwe (2011) – Human Rights Commission



Mediation Instruments

Civil Society Mediation

Ghana (2004)

- National Peace Council, Regional and District Peace Councils

Guinea-Bissau (2005)

- Citizens' Goodwill Task Force
- Peace Brigades at Polling Stations



Monitoring and Evaluation

Baselines

- Status Prior to Programming

Targets

- Expected Status at End of Program

Indicators

- How Progress is Measured

Performance Management Plan

- Systematic Feedback on Indicators

Post-Election Conflict Assessment



Post-Election Issues

Thank you...

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