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Electoral assistance and wider democratic governance support

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EC democracy support

Democracy / democratic process

"...a process developing from within, involving all sections of society and a range of institutions that should ensure participation, representation, responsiveness and accountability"

Common Principles

- Locally driven process;**
- Long term intervention**
- Reform at different levels, with different actors and different sectors**



EC democracy support

Financial and technical cooperation programmes:

Top down approach

Democratic institution building eg, capacity building for electoral commissions and parliaments, support to elections, electoral observation, reform and training of the judiciary, local government support, anti-corruption measures

Bottom-up approach

Civil society programmes eg, projects supporting CS to advocate, inform and educate on HR and democracy issues, to bring pressure to secure political change or to monitor the action of public institutions



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Uganda - Democratic Governance and Accountability Programme

3 years, 12 M€, implementation procedures

Democratic accountability: Reinforcement of democratic institutions and processes

- Electoral Commission
- Domestic observation
- Parliament and Local Councils

Social accountability - Strengthening the “demand side” for accountability from the civil society perspective

- civic awareness and participation,
- enhancing the capacity to engage in policy processes, and to monitor democratic governance.



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PALOP + TL - Support to electoral cycles

3 years, 6,1 M€, implementation UNDP

~~Generate/ Share /Apply specific electoral knowledge~~ (in portuguese)

- **Support to EMB (strategic and operational plans, budgeting; procurement)**
- **Voter/ civil registration and transmission of results;**
- **Voter and civic education;**
- **Parliaments;**
- **Media;**
- **Electoral Dispute resolution**
- **Lusophone network of Electoral Management Bodies;**



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Rwanda – Voice and accountability

3 years, 5,3 M€, implementation - EC procedures + NEC

Strengthen the accountability of institutions

National Elections Commission

Parliament

and the voice of citizens

Access to justice

Monitoring of justice

Promotion of Human Rights

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Effective electoral assistance

- cover the whole electoral cycle in such way that will permit to a) engage in long term reforms and implement activities in a cost-effective manner; b) respond to specific needs with short ad-hoc interventions
- ensure synergies with other activities in the area of democratic governance
- focus on long term institutional strengthening and capacity development of EMB and civil society in a sustainable manner rather than focusing solely on training needs for procedures related to a given electoral event,