Efforts made to include civil society, media and observers in Nepal’s electoral process

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Mixed Electoral System (FPTP and PR)

Last election (CA) held on 19 Nov 2013

12.14 million Electorates
10,013 Polling locations
130 Registered parties

79.82 % Voters turnout
240 constituencies

Nepal
Total Voters: 12.12 million (F: 50.77% M: 49.02%)
Voters turnout: 79.82 % (F: 52.08 % M: 47.91 %)

26.6 m
Population

125
Caste Ethnic Groups

123
Languages

% of Women Representation (1990 - 2013)

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ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

- Extensive consultation with CSOs at national, regional and district level through out pre-during-post electoral phases in election planning and implementation
- Engagement with CSOs on electoral reforms processes (voter registration, election security, gender, electoral law)
- Utilization of CSOs to disseminate voter education message
ROLE OF MEDIA

- Extensive use of PSA, TV, Radio/FMs, print media in multi-languages (28)
- Establishment of in-house Media Center
- Regular interaction and briefings with media
- Training and capacity building of media personnel on elections reporting, media and gender BRIDGE specific module
- Independent media monitoring
ROLE OF ELECTORAL OBSERVERS

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<th>Total observers deployed</th>
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<td>46 Domestic groups</td>
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- Policy, guidelines, code of conduct for domestic and international observers
- Simplified accreditation process
- Pre-election briefings and orientation for observers
- Establishment of well equipped Observer Resource Centre
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