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EC Indicators on Electoral Assistance

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EC accountability for its external aid operations

EC provides to citizens and representatives:

- **Total amount in commitments and payments;**
- **Qualitative and descriptive information on the actions carried out;**
- **Little systematic and periodic quantified data on the results of interventions at sector, country or regional level.**



Systematic use of standard indicators (pilot phase)

Objective and scope:

- **Develop measuring tools for the assessment of the quantifiable effects of operations;**
- **Quantifiable data collected from different projects and consolidated at sector, country, regional level;**
- **Obtain a quantified general overview of the effects of external aid, appraise trends over time;**
- **Pilot phase – some sectors only covered, indicators can be reviewed**



Aggregate standard indicators

Indicators should be:

- **Relevant and rely on available data sources**
- **Reflect the practices of key donors in the concerned sectors**
- **Allow aggregation**
- **Allow to calculate values with/without project**



Aggregate standard indicators

NB - Limited number of standard indicators

- **They will not cover all the facets of the various projects;**
- **Will reflect only partially the contribution of the EC;**
- **Will not determine the priorities of external aid**
- **Will not replace other indicators developed specifically for the project;**



Practical implementation of the system

Identification

- ***Identification Fiche* must mention the list of indicators to be taken into account;**

Formulation

- **Annex to financing proposal with**
 - **Baseline value before the start of the project;**
 - **Estimated final value with/without project;**

(NB – foresee the necessary budget to obtain at the end of the project, the actual final values)



Standard indicators - Elections

- **401: % of persons reached by voter/ civic education campaigns (with gender disaggregation)**
- **402: % of electoral staff having benefited from capacity building actions;**
- **403: % of errors (omissions or incorrect information) in voter registry**
- **404: % of complaints leading to timely, transparent and motivated decisions.**



EC Standard indicators

- **Need for more (or a better use of) indicators**
- **Area of democratic governance is in particular need for systematic, quantified data**
- **Aim is to come up with “accountability indicators”**
 - Should be representative, quantifiable and able to be consolidated at sector or geographic level
 - Aim is not to capture the entire picture
 - Will not replace the project’s indicators
 - Will not be used as basis to define EC strategy
- **Pilot phase - methodology and results will be reviewed**