

Check list of key considerations and challenges for support observation

Considerations for Support to Observation

- The DPA Guidance Note on support to international observation should be followed. http://toolkit-elections.unteamworks.org/?q=webfm_send/169
- If support to international electoral observation is identified as a priority, a separate project should be developed with the support of DPA/EAD. This project should be clearly distinct and separately managed from any UNDP technical assistance project.
- If support to a European Union Electoral Observation Mission (EUEOM) is requested and approved by the focal point for electoral assistance activities, advice and assistance should be sought from the UN/UNDP Brussels Office. That office has experience in discreetly supporting such missions without obstructing UNDP's overall role in electoral assistance. The office also maintains relations with the units of the EC tasked with planning and implementing such missions. http://toolkit-elections.unteamworks.org/?q=webfm_send/13
- Support to domestic or international observation should be included among the elements to be considered in the needs assessment phase.

Challenges to Support to Observation

- Requests for international observation often arrive late and separate from requests for technical assistance.
- Security for international observers where UNDP is providing logistical or other support must be done in conjunction with DSS and its standards.
- Support to domestic monitoring efforts should be done as fairly and transparently as possible to guard against UNDP being associated too closely with the findings and recommendations of the observer groups.
- Mutual distrust and competition for donor funding among domestic observation groups/coalitions could make coordination efforts extremely difficult.