



Support to Electoral Reforms and Processes in Kenya

What is the Support to Electoral Reforms and Processes in Kenya program?

The Support to Electoral Reforms and Processes in Kenya program is a multi-donor effort to build the capacity of Kenya’s Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, other government entities, to hold free, fair, and peaceful elections in Kenya, a country that has suffered from elections-related violence in recent decades. The program focuses on institutional strengthening of the IEBC, including training for elections officials and developing a legal framework. The program assisted the IEBC to adopt international best practices for operations and processes. It also supported IEBC’s civic engagement efforts.



Trained polling officials confirm a voter’s registration status on elections day

Project Duration and budget

June 2011 – December 2013
\$3,200,000

Who implements the Support to Electoral Reforms and Processes program?

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Where does the Support to Electoral Reforms and Processes program work?

Nationwide

What does the Support to Electoral Reforms and Processes program do?

The program supports the professional development of elections officials through trainings in collaborative leadership, media and communications, and Building Resources for Democracy, Governance and Elections. It also provides technical assistance, such as the installation of LAN/WAN to enhance communication between IEBC regional offices and headquarters.

The program supported the drafting of Election Regulations on voter registration, political parties and elections. It provided training for the staff of the IEBC’s Prosecution and Investigation Department on the electoral offenses.

The multi-donor basket fund supported a national civic and voter education campaign, including a mass media blitz.

How is the Support to Electoral Reforms and Processes program making a difference?

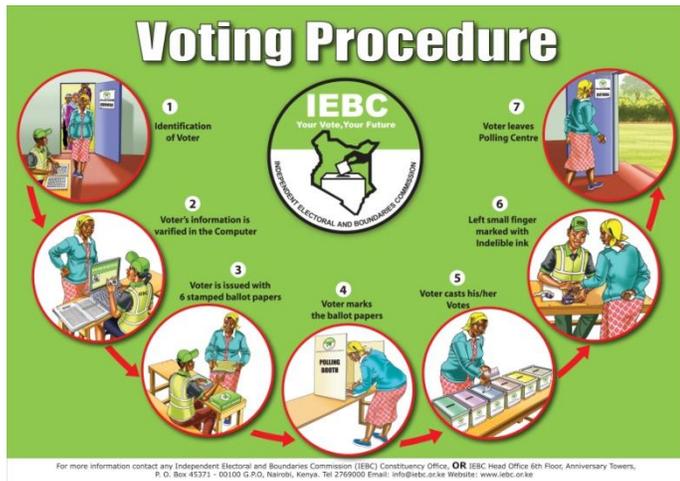
The program supported the IEBC to evaluate and deploy a biometric voter registration system that increased Kenyans’ confidence in the transparency and fairness of the electoral process. The 60,000 well-trained registration clerks received favorable response from the public for their professionalism and competence during the voter registration exercise.

The program supported the development of an effective Electoral Security Plan and training of the 60,000 security officers whose unbiased conduct at the polls was highly appreciated by the public. It also supported the training of over 250,000 polling officials for the March 4th General Elections.

The program supported the IEBC to produce voter education materials, which were disseminated through 2900 grassroots educators. The campaign included voting simulations and voter education activities targeted to women and people with disabilities. The exceptionally high 85% voter turnout and the lower-than-average percentage of improperly marked ballots attests to the effectiveness of the voter education effort.

What are the challenges the Support to Electoral Reforms and Processes in Kenya program faces?

The program worked in the face of aggressive timelines and low public awareness on the electoral process.



IEBC voter education materials

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