



# The Support of the Federal Republic of Germany to Electoral Processes in Africa via the **European Centre for Electoral Support**

Cases of Burkina Faso, Senegal, Nigeria and Ethiopia

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## Executive Summary

The **European Centre for Electoral Support (ECES)** is a not for profit private foundation headquartered in Brussels with a global remit. ECES promotes sustainable democratic development through the provision of advisory services, operational support and management of large projects in the electoral and democracy assistance field. ECES works with **all electoral stakeholders**, including "*electoral management bodies, civil society organizations involved in voter education and election observation, political parties, parliaments, media, security forces, religious groups and legal institutions confronted with electoral disputes resolution*".



During its 10 years of work delivering electoral and democracy support, ECES has implemented activities in more than 50 countries mainly, but not exclusively, in Africa and the Middle East. In this framework, **the Federal Republic of Germany** has funded integrally or partially four ECES projects in Africa:

### 1. European Response to Electoral Cycle Support in Ethiopia (EURECS Ethiopia)

EURECS, funded for 16.550.000,00 EUR of which Germany is contributing 10.000.000 EUR – through the the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), seeks to strengthen the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) through the provision of trainings, operational and logistical support, and the organisation of consultations with electoral stakeholders, recognising the high expectations on the 2020 elections. The implementation of activities started in October 2019 and is scheduled to end in September 2022.

### 2. Prevention Election Violence & Education for Inclusion (PEV-EDI)

Funded in full for a total 337.830 EUR by Germany and implemented from January-June 2019, the project provided sensitizations, capacity enhancing, peer exchange and stakeholder engagement activities for women, youths and PWDs to support the inclusion of traditionally marginalized citizens while encouraging prevention of all forms of electoral violence during and after the 2019 general elections.

### 3. Project in Support to the Democratisation Process in the Republic of Senegal (PAPE Senegal)

This project, fully funded by Germany for an amount of 2.229.622,00 EUR, works to raise awareness of electoral processes, contribute to inclusivity by engaging with all electoral stakeholders, and support meaningful cross-party political dialogue and reform. Since the start of the project in January 2017, ECES contributed to the development and implementation of effective voter awareness and education campaigns, strengthened the institutional communication capacities of the Electoral Commission, and supported the organisation of multi-stakeholder meetings.

### 4. Support of the Credibility and Transparency of Elections in Burkina-Faso (PACTE-BF)

A project of 7.280.000,00 EUR, of which 500,000 EUR was funded by Germany. In addition to this KfW. The project, implemented from February 2015 to August 2016, worked to strengthen the capacity of the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) and successfully supported the organisation Presidential and Legislative elections of 2015 and municipal elections in 2016 through supporting the procurement of election materials, trainings, media monitoring and civil society.

In recognition of the important contribution received from Germany, the objective of this brochure is to **provide a brief overview of all the aforementioned projects and the results achieved** so far in the implementation of activities to support peaceful, democratic, inclusive and fair elections.

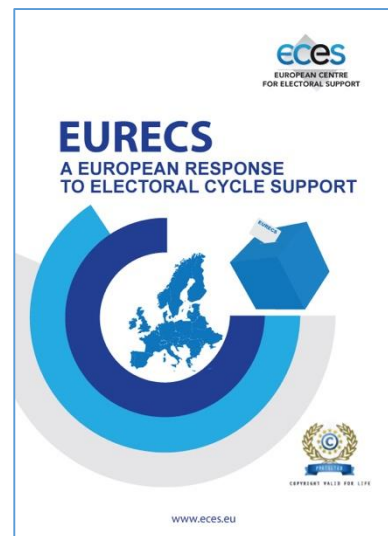


## Background to ECES and Methodology of Implementation

ECES carries out identification, formulation and implementation of its projects taking on board the direct experience of over 70 contracts signed since February 2012. In addition to that, the founders and personnel of ECES have acquired extensive field experience and, taken together, ECES can count on a specialised knowledge bank from its well-established network around the world in roughly 100 countries. Building upon donors' evaluations of the electoral support programs of the last 10 years and lessons learnt, ECES focuses on the promotion of sustainable long-term capacity development throughout the electoral cycle, without detracting from the crucial activity of supporting electoral events and operations.

ECES has crafted and copyrighted its strategy called "**A European Response to Electoral Cycle Support - EURECS**". This is an innovative and alternative delivery mechanism to implement electoral and democracy assistance activities that are consistent with European values and EU policies and targets the implementations of the recommendations of EU election observation missions and it is built to help prevent, mitigate and manage electoral related conflicts. EURECS is implemented via specific methodologies and tools developed and also copyrighted by ECES, including:

- Standard Operation Procedures
- the Communication & Visibility Guidelines
- the Electoral Political Economy Analyses
- the project approach to contribute Preventing Electoral Conflicts
- The Electoral Security Threat Assessment
- the cascade training curriculum called "Leadership and Conflict Management Skills for Electoral Stakeholders, LEAD"
- The trainings "Leadership and Quality Management Skills for Electoral Stakeholders" (LEAD-Q).



ECES implements its activities and projects focusing on **sustainable strategies** taking into account the complex political circumstances and the consequences of any electoral support. All activities consider lessons learned by ECES since its establishment 10 years ago in its support to electoral and democratisation processes.

Considering the current and future impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the various project activities, ECES has adapted its methodology and elaborated several alternative strategies to be able to conduct most of the planned activities even in situations of "lock-down". Through the developed INNOV-ELECTIONS approach, ECES is able to offer all its trainings programmed in addition to new actions. INNOV-ELECTIONS offers a hybrid approach to training delivery via the comparative experience of its experts and partners in the field, further enhancing the contextualisation of the training programmes to the local realities.

## The European Response to Electoral Cycle Support in Ethiopia (EURECS Ethiopia)

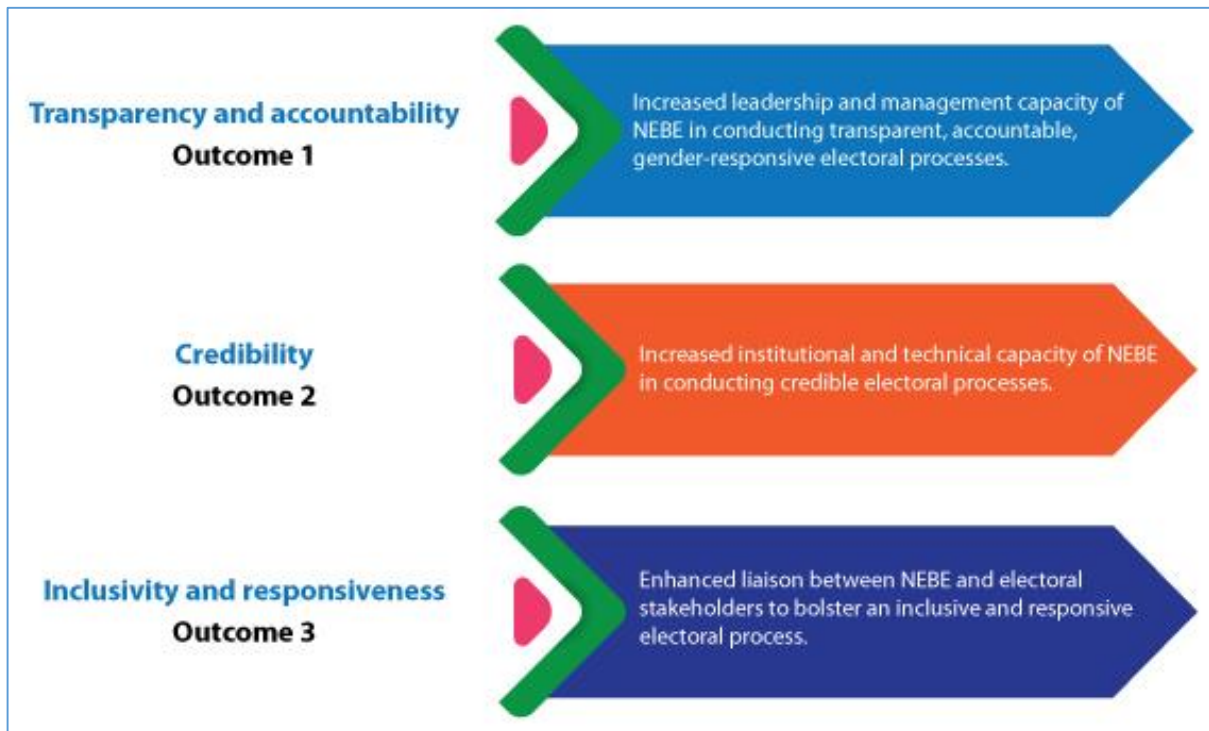


Key Facts and Figures – EURECS Ethiopia	
Period of Implementation:	1 October 2019 – 30 September 2022
Budget:	16.550.000 EUR
Funding Provided by Federal Republic of Germany:	10.000.000 EUR
Key Beneficiary(ies):	National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE)
Key Services Provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainings, including Leadership and Conflict Management Skills for Electoral Stakeholders (LEAD) and Master in Electoral Political Administration (MEPA)</li> <li>• Conferences, Peer exchanges activities and support to dialogue platform</li> <li>• Procurement of equipment and electoral material</li> <li>• Media monitoring for NEBE</li> <li>• Geolocalization Information System (GIS)</li> <li>• Electoral Dispute Resolution mechanisms</li> <li>• Elections Monitoring System (EMS) design and implementation</li> <li>• Design and implementation of a registration system for electoral observers</li> </ul>

**EURECS – Ethiopia** is project implemented by ECES and funded by the European Commission and the Federal Republic of Germany, for a total amount of 16.500.000,000 EUR. The project covers the period from October 2019 to September 2022 and seeks to strengthen

the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) to raise the profile of an independent, credible and effective institution that will deliver inclusive and democratic electoral processes in Ethiopia. More specifically, the action seeks to contribute to enhance the transparency, credibility and public confidence in the NEBE, as well as in the electoral process, recognising the high expectations for the 2020 elections as the starting point for a paradigm shift in the conduct of elections in the country.

EURECS-Ethiopia is built around three interconnected result areas;



#### **Example of activities;**

- **Hybrid LEAD-MEPA modules for NEBE Management Board;** The ECES-designed and copyrighted innovative training on LEAD aims to develop capacities at the cross-roads between leadership and conflict management. It looks into ways in which electoral stakeholders can improve their leadership skills and take on board means for preventing and/or mitigating the escalation of electoral violence and conflict throughout the electoral cycle.
- **Operational and logistical support for the improvement of voter registration and polling stations mapping using GIS:** ECES will implement a training program for relevant NEBE HQ staff and officers, on Geographic Information System (GIS) and database management. Through the use of GIS, the database will be updated to include all the existing polling stations countrywide (PS, over 50 000). The objective is to identify the need for PS creation and reconfiguration, including the creation of PS for internally displaced persons (IDPs), with the aim of increasing voters' accessibility.
- **Assistance for the set-up of consultation with political parties, CSO and media;** This activity includes the development of an updated NEBE engagement plan with

stakeholders. Formal and informal stakeholders play a crucial role in the electoral process (CSOs, media, political parties, members of parliament, judiciary, security agencies etc.). The level of stakeholders' engagement should be regular but heightened when specific issues need to be addressed, or the period from one stage to another in the electoral cycle. This will ensure that communication, coordination and interactions are deepened. Regular meetings will also be organized following NEBE's electoral calendar, and the specific development in the unfolding of the elections. This activity will also reinforce the relationship between CECOE and NEBE to establish coalition under the PEV project.

*More information on <http://democracy-support.eu/eurecs/>*



## Project of Preventing Election Violence & Education for Inclusion (PEV-EDI Nigeria)



Key Facts and Figures – PEV EDI	
Period of Implementation:	01 January 2019 – 30 June 2019
Budget:	337.830,000 EUR
Funding Provided by Federal Republic of Germany:	337.830,000 EUR
Key Beneficiary(ies):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women</li> <li>• Youth</li> <li>• People with Disabilities (PWD)</li> </ul>
Key Services Provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round Table Dialogue for ECONEC Women and PWD</li> <li>• Leadership and Conflict Management Skills for Electoral Stakeholders (LEAD) Training for Women, Youth and PWD</li> <li>• One National 3.000 People March Rally organized with the support of INEC, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and NGOs.</li> <li>• Establishment of the Inclusion Development Resources Centre to serve as a platform, where CSOs can conduct civil, educational and cultural events.</li> <li>• 3 Peace and Election Voter Education and Sensitization Events in Adamawa, Yobe and Borno</li> </ul>

**PEV-EDI Nigeria** was implemented from January 2019 to June 2019 thanks to the support of 337.830,000 EUR of the Federal Republic of Germany. The goal of the project was to

contribute to the successful conduct of the 2019 general election through, intensive voter education for violence prevention and mitigation, popular and inclusive participation in the electoral process. The project also played a role in preventing potential related crises.

More especially, the goal of PEV-EDI was to increase **the inclusion of Women, Youth, PWDs and IDPs in the electoral process** thereby contributing to the successful conduct of the 2019 election through violent prevention and mitigation, voter education and inclusive participation in the electoral process.

### Specific objectives

- ✓ Strengthening the capacity of relevant stakeholders to advocate for the passage of appropriate legislation that will ensure inclusivity of the electoral process;
- ✓ Strengthening the capacity of the relevant stakeholders to engage the Independent National Electoral Commission, political parties and other stakeholders to formulate and implement relevant measures that will facilitate the participation of women, youth, PWDs and IDPs;
- ✓ Support relevant CSOs and stakeholders to carry out sensitization of women, youth, PWDs and IDPs for effective participation in the electoral process in order to reduce the spate of apathy among the marginalized groups;
- ✓ Provide a platform for regional experience sharing on inclusivity of participation of women, youth, PWDs and IDPs in the electoral process particularly within the West Africa sub region and;
- ✓ Promote stakeholders understanding of inclusivity of the 2019 general elections

### Output 1: Mainstream and Promote the inclusion of Women in electoral processes in Nigeria

The participation of women in elections in Nigeria has been severely strained by incidents of violence and a heavy presence of the military in some states, making them feel vulnerable as voters and candidates. The excessive financial investment required to run for political office was also frequently cited by women as a disincentive to participation. In addition, some female aspirants complained that even though they won the party primary, they were denied tickets to represent the party<sup>1</sup> on the grounds “they are not electable”.

In order to address these factors, in Nigeria and regionally, ECES organized a dialogue discussion on protocols for inclusion of Women and PWD as part of an International Symposium on the Promotion of Inclusivity in Electoral Process for the ECOWAS Network of Electoral Commissions (ECONEC).

Activity	City	Beneficiaries
ECONEC round table dialogue on protocols for inclusion in election and governance from the ECOWAS Region.	Abuja	35-50

### Output 2: Capacity of Women, Youth and PWDs occupying political offices in Nigeria strengthened

One recurring challenge of Nigeria's electoral process is limited participation of women, young people and PWDs in the electoral process.

<sup>1</sup> <https://punchng.com/party-primaries-and-nigerian-womens-cry-for-justice/>

Women constitute about 47% of the voting population. Young people also constitute a significant portion; students alone are 24% of the voter register. The National Population Commission of Nigeria estimates there are at least 19 million people living with disabilities.



The project implemented a number of activities to strengthen the capacities of Women, Youth and PWDs:

Activity	City	Beneficiaries
Lead training in Governance and election for women, youths and PWD candidates (Elected or not)	Lagos	29
Support one national Rally- March for fully, positively, peacefully and massive turn out participation to the general elections with collaboration of INEC, CSOs and NGO's	Abuja / Nasarawa	+ 2.500
Lessons learned of 2019 Election about women, youths, PWDs and IDP participation in the electoral process (Audiovisual documentary produced and broadcast on inclusion)	Abuja, Lagos, Adamawa, Rivers, Kaduna,	NA
Equipment and implementation of Pilot "Inclusion Electoral Resources Centre "	Uke, Nasarawa State	NA
Strategic meeting on moving forward: Women participation in governance Gender and politics (Gender Bills)	Abuja	40

### Output 3: Support to IDPs Inclusion in Electoral Processes

The inclusion of internally displaced persons in the electoral process has become pertinent in view of the spate of violent conflicts in Nigeria over the years that have displaced a reasonable percentage of the population and of course, eligible voters. ECES supported INEC in organizing outreach activities for this unique sets of voters aimed at enlightening them on the electoral conduct. These events took place in the 3 North- East States (Adamawa, Yobe, Borno) considered to be the worst hit from the insurgency.

In addition,

Activity	City	Beneficiaries
Peace and election voter education and sensitization IDP camp	Adamawa/ Yola	1.000
Peace and election voter education and sensitization IDP camps	Borno / Maidiguri	1.000
Peace and election voter education and sensitization IDP camp	Yobe or Nasarawa	1.000
Sensitization on preventing electoral violence / Follow up on the election of 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2019	Rivers, Kaduna, Lagos, Abuja	NA



More information on <https://pev-edi.site/>



## Project in Support to the Electoral Process in the Republic of Senegal (PAPE Senegal)



Key Facts and Figures – PAPE Senegal	
Period of Implementation:	15 January 2017 – 31 December 2020
Budget:	2.229.622,00 EUR.
Funding Provided by Federal Republic of Germany:	2.229.622,00 EUR.
Key Beneficiary(ies):	General Direction of Elections (DGE)
Key Services Provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DGE Institutional Communication Support</li> <li>Outreach, Awareness and Education Campaigns</li> <li>Political Dialogue as an instrument for conflict prevention</li> </ul>

**PAPE Senegal** funded by the Federal Republic of Germany, is built on the request that the General Direction of Elections (DGE) addressed to ECES in June 2016 to provide support to the implementation of electoral reforms adopted through the referendum of March 2016. The project is designed to align to the different needs expressed by the DGE and to support this institution in the implementation of its missions and in the organisation of the different elections covering the entire electoral cycle starting with the 2017 legislative elections, the 2019 presidential election and the upcoming local elections for a budget of 2.229.622,00 EUR.

The project aims to **contribute to the inclusivity of the electoral process** by supporting the responsible and proactive participation of all electoral stakeholders and by supporting implementation of constitutional reforms adopted through the latest constitutional referendum.

## Implementation strategy

ECES' suggestive approach to strengthen democracy in Senegal revolves around supporting key stakeholders and build bridges amongst them, capitalizing on efforts and progress already made. Democracy strengthening are essentially multi-stakeholder endeavors based on the logic that interwoven and coordinated efforts are more impactful and resilient than the sum of separate efforts.

In order to weld together a coordinated and mutually reinforcing response, three main components are identified as the actions core pillars:

- 1) Institutional Communication and media monitoring
- 2) Voter awareness and education campaigns
- 3) Political Dialogue as an Instrument for Conflict Prevention

## Example of activities implemented and achievements;

### *Enhancing DGE's institutional communication*

The DGE expressed the need to reinforce its institutional communication in order to develop relevant and adapted awareness raising campaigns about the electoral process with a specific attention on the overhaul of the electoral list, the merger of the identity card and the voter and other reforms the electoral law. Indeed, to confirm the transparency and the credibility of the Senegalese electoral administration and of the overall electoral process vis à vis of external actors, it deems relevant to set up a communication plan that aims to inform electoral stakeholders about the new electoral provisions. This action contributes to improve the transparency of the electoral process and the accountability of election authorities.

The institutional communication channels used so far have been:

- Advertising space;
- Providing support to the DGE in the organisation of meetings with DGE's partners to present new institutional approaches and strategies; events related to key steps of the electoral process such as the distribution of voter/ID cards etc.)
- Media (newspapers, radio, newsletters, websites
- Social networks and DGE website.

## Under this cluster

- A total of 20 newsletters have been produced since the first edition of March 2017.
- The DGE website is regularly updated through an interface accessible by the personnel of IT department of the DGE.
- To enhance DGE external communication and the dissemination of messages to internet users, PAPES advised the electoral administration to create a dedicated Facebook page.
- Since the beginning of the project, PAPES supported DGE in the production of a daily press digest for an internal use covering a representative sample of the media landscape.
- PAPES project supported DGE in digitalizing relevant material related to elections, such as legal documents, election results, guidelines and various other documents.

## DGE en action

### L'ARRÊTÉ 09736 DU 9 JUIN 2017

Sont déclarées recevables pour les élections législatives (scrutin proportionnel national, scrutin majoritaire départemental) du 30 juillet 2017, les listes de candidats annexées au présent arrêté et présentées par les partis politiques, coalitions de partis politiques et entités regroupant des personnes indépendantes suivants :

1. Parti de la Vérité pour le Développement (P.V.D)
2. Coalition MANKO TAKAWU SENEGAL
3. Entité indépendante DEFAR SENEGAL
4. Rassemblement Démocratique Sénégalais (R.D.S)
5. Union pour la Fédération et la Démocratie (U.F.D)
6. Entité indépendante MOUVEMENT POUR LA RENAISSANCE LA LIBERTÉ ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT (MRLO)
7. Coalition MANKO YESAL SENEGAL
8. Mouvement pour la Renaissance République (MOR)
9. Rassemblement pour l'Éthique et les Valeurs Émergentes (R.E.V.E)
10. Citoyens pour l'Éthique et la Transparence / Jannet Sama Reew (C.E.T.U.S.R)
11. Coalition MANKO WATTU SENEGAL
12. Parti de l'Unité et du Développement (P.U.R)
13. Coalition SOPRALI
14. Union Citoyenne / Bunt Bi (U.C / BUNT BI)
15. Fédération Démocratique des Écologistes du Sénégal (FEDÉS)
16. Convergence Patriotique pour la Justice et l'Équité / Nany Leer (C.P.J.E.NAAY LEER)
17. Initiatives pour une Politique de Développement (I.P.D)
18. Parti pour l'Action Citoyenne (P.A.C)
19. Convergence Libérale Patriotique (C.L.P)
20. Suru Nassanga Reew / Rassemblement pour la Dignité et la Prospérité (S.N.R.R.D.P)
21. Coalition LIBERAL
22. Coalition SENEGAL CAKANAM
23. Convention Citoyenne Neman (C.C.N)
24. Coalition AND BUKALI SENEGAL
25. Front Patriotique République (F.P.R)
26. Sénégal - Notre Environnement (SENE)
27. Coalition LA 3e VOIE POLITIQUE / EUTTOU ASKAN WI
28. Front National / Baatu Askan Wi (F.N / B.A.W)
29. Coalition JOHYANTI
30. Suru Parti pour la Solidarité et le Développement du Sénégal (Suru P.S.D.S)
31. Coalition FAL ASKAN WI
32. Convergence d'Initiatives pour le Sénégal (C.I.S)
33. Visions Alternatives pour le Sénégal (VISA)
34. Dental Sénégal / Autisme Patriotique (D.S / A.P)
35. Alliance pour la Raison et le Développement (A.R.D / AAR SENEGAL)
36. Coalition ASSEMBLEE BI RU BEGO
37. Coalition AND SAKAL LIGDEEY
38. Coalition MBOLLO WADE
39. Coalition OSEZ L'AVENIR
40. COALITION GAGNANTE / WATTU SENEGAL
41. COALITION POLE ALTERNATIF 3e VOIE / SENEGAL DEY DEM
42. Coalition BENNO BOKK YAKAAR
43. Parti de la Paix / Jannet (P.D.P / JANNET)
44. Coalition NGARU ASKAN WI / ALTERNATIVE DU PEUPLE
45. And Datar Sénégal / Groupe d'Appui et de Renouveau de l'Action Populaire (A.D.S / Q.A.R.A.P)
46. Coalition CONVERGENCE PATRIOTIQUE / KADOU ASKAN WI
47. Cadre de Rafexion pour un Développement Intégral (C.R.E.D.O)

**Les dossiers de déclaration de candidatures ont été reçus à la DGE du 26 au 30.**



**Après avoir reçu les dossiers de candidature et procédé à l'examen de la recevabilité juridique, la DGE a procédé à la saisie des listes.**



**Arbitrage des couleurs et conception des maquettes des bulletins.**





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**ELECTION PRÉSIDENTIELLE DU 24 FÉVRIER 2019 - CARTE ÉLECTORALE** (Liste des bureaux de vote pour le territoire national et pour l'extérieur du pays) sur le site de la DGE <http://www.dge.sn/>  
.../de.../files/2019-01/CARTE\_ELECTORALE01.pdf  
#DGEsenegal #Senegalvote

**4,061** People Reached

**145** Reactions, Comments & Shares

102 Like	7 On Post	95 On Shares
2 Love	0 On Post	2 On Shares
11 Comments	1 On Post	10 On Shares
30 Shares	30 On Post	0 On Shares

**181** Post Clicks

0 Photo Views	80 Link Clicks	101 Other Clicks
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- The support included organized digital library with catalogues, folders, subfolders and chapters as well the creation of an online access for consultation through a dedicated Dropbox account professional version.

**The “Green Line”;** the Project supports the operation of the Call Centre, put in place during the 2017 legislative process and consolidated for the 2019 presidential election and the upcoming local elections.

The DGE call centre receives calls and provide citizens with information regarding their voter card and including where to retrieve it.

Month	Number of calls
January	10900
February	13942
March	6458
April	7258
May	7627
June	8015
July	10287
August	7653
September	8255
October	9195
November	9234
December	8157
<b>Total: 106 981</b>	

The DGE call centre has the primary task of providing assistance to voters with regard to voters' cards withdraw and it plays a crucial role during:

- the pre-electoral phase by providing information on the voter card distribution such as localisation of distribution centres
- E-day by providing information on the localisation polling stations
- the post-electoral phase providing information on the localisation of distribution centres

DGE call centre facilitates citizens withdrawn of voters' cards by providing accurate information, so to prevent frustrations deriving from repeated or unnecessary trips.



## OUTREACH, AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

### *Production of audio-visual, communication, awareness raising and mobilization tools tailored to different target audiences*

Production of songs, commercials, radio programs, involving artists, theatre and sports groups that target different audiences such as young people, elderly, urban and rural populations, women, illiterates, marginalised and disadvantaged groups etc.

Audio-visual messages have been developed for broadcast in the form of radio spots (by working in partnership with the Union of Associative and Communitarian Radios of Senegal (URAC), as well as SMS for the mobilization of the population.

Since the beginning of project 3 rounds of radio broadcasting have been organized in prevision of 3 main electoral events:

- Legislative elections 2017: Some 500 hundred radio broadcast passed through across 14 regions
- Presidential Elections 2019: 679 radio spots to raise awareness about the sponsorship system in October 2018 and 690 spots in December 2018 on the removal of the electoral map.
- Local Elections: as the local elections have been postponed, a campaign has been organised on the importance of the ID card as a necessary document to get the voter card. In the run to the local elections it is foreseen to produce spots to raise voter awareness on the voting procedures.

### Organisation of Voter awareness Campaigns



as well as about the modalities for requesting corrections and, where necessary, for submitting a complaint to the relevant authority.

Prior to each deployment, the project organized a workshop with the supervisors of all 14 teams, the DGE and the project staff aiming at preparing the upcoming awareness raising campaigns that would support the distribution of voters' cards and the call for massive participation to the elections. In this sense, the project also reinforced the capacity and knowledge of supervisors and their respective teams

In the framework of the PAPES Project teams were deployed across the country to ensure the dissemination of important information regarding the possibility for individuals to verify their voter registration information,

In the framework of the PAPES project, 3 rounds of caravans have been carried out around the country to disseminate information in prevision of the 3 elections:

- Legislative Elections 2017
- Presidential Elections 2019
- Local Elections 2020: campaign on ID cards and upcoming campaign around voting procedures

The 14 regional teams visited urban and rural areas with the specific mission to encourage voters registered to check the correctness of the data on the provisional voters list available at the level of municipalities and to encourage new voter to register to the voter list

**Presidential  
elections 2019**  
The turnout (66.23%)  
increased compared  
to 51.58% in 2012

**Legislative  
elections 2017**  
had an officially  
announced turnout of  
nearly 54%,  
compared to the  
2012 presidential  
election (51,58%)

**Stickers, T-shirts, caps, banners and gadgets are printed for the caravans.**



## **POLITICAL DIALOGUE AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION**

In order to establish and maintain a consensus between electoral stakeholders, the PAPES project supported activities in accordance with the DGE' s wish to enhance political dialogue.

With regards to Senegalese politics, the approach of political dialogue is part of the democratic tradition of the country. Despite being sometimes marked by dysfunctions and disagreements; the democratic process is characterized by peaceful political transitions. This specific approach has become a constant feature of political life, especially during electoral periods.

Three actions considered as conflict prevention tools were planned by the project in support of political dialogue. They included:

- 1) Carrying out an external audit of the voters list;

- 2) Supporting the committee in charge of the follow-up of the recommendations of the audit and monitoring of electoral operations
- 3) supporting the revision of the electoral code.

- At the conclusion of the Audit: 39 recommendations were formulated;
- The PAPES project supported the follow-up committee set up by ministerial decree,
- The PAPES project provided support to the revision of the electoral code by bearing the costs related to meetings.

After re-election, the President of the Republic called for a national dialogue, focusing on all fields of society, as a necessary step to rebuild confidence between the different parties. At present a Commission has been established to review political areas, with its major focus on the evaluation of the electoral process. The opposition parties, except the party of the former president Wade, the PDS, have accepted to participate in this political dialogue. Since April 2019, Terms of References and a Code of Conduct have been elaborated.

## Project in Support of the of the Credibility and Transparency of Elections in Burkina-Faso (PACTE-BF)



Key Facts and Figures – PACTE BF	
Period of Implementation:	04 February 2015 – 04 August 2016
Budget:	7.280.000 EUR
Funding Provided by Federal Republic of Germany:	500.000 EUR
Key Beneficiary(ies):	Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI)
Key Services Provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenders and award of public contracts for procurement of electoral material</li> <li>• Communication and Media monitoring activities</li> <li>• Trainings for electoral stakeholders (customization of LEAD's curriculum, training tools development, LEAD Training of Trainers, LEAD Cascade trainings in 13 regions of the country)</li> <li>• Electoral results management support</li> <li>• Support the organisation of local elections (municipal elections)</li> <li>• Legal support to the CENI</li> </ul>

**PACTE-BF** was implemented between February 2015 and August 2016, thanks to the support of the European Commission, but also Germany, France, Luxembourg, Austria, Denmark and Canada.





#### KEY FIGURES

##### Polling Station Material:

28 000 ballot boxes  
28 000 ballot box lids  
154 560 hard cover paper folders for the presidential election  
77 280 hard cover paper folders for the legislative elections  
30 912 cardboard boxes (for transport) for the presidential election  
15 456 cardboard boxes (for transport) for the legislative elections  
26 600 lamps with batteries  
20 420 electoral vests (produced in Burkina Faso)

##### Material for Communal Centre for Results Compilation (CCCR):

383 generators  
383 laser printers  
383 scanners  
383 voltage stabilisers  
383 inverters  
4 FTP servers  
50 8-port switches  
383 electrical current and overload protection devices  
1 487 toners

##### Sensitive Material :

480 000 seals

The project of **7.280.000,00 EUR**, implemented by ECES, was designed to align to the different needs expressed by the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) and to support the CENI in the implementation of its mission and in the organization of Presidential and Legislative elections of 2015 and municipal elections in 2016. Thus, in a context of elections marking the end of a transitional period, with past elections characterized by low turnouts, ECES, through the PACTE-BF project, paid particular attention to activities aimed at enhancing the transparency of the electoral process, increasing participation and avoiding potential election-related conflict.

During the course of the project, activities were geared towards **strengthening the capacities of the CENI**. Indeed, the project especially provided technical and operational support to the CENI and its local branches in the planning, organizing and conducting of credible, transparent and peaceful elections.

## Example of activities implemented and Achievements

- Tenders and award of public contracts for procurement of electoral material**

One of the main activities of this project was the procurement of electoral material. Indeed, the effective organization of tenders by ECES with the adoption of broader technical specifications, allowed for a large competition space resulting in the submission of competitive offers that produced significant savings (35% of the initial budget, or an equivalent sum of 957.901 EUR) especially concerning the supply of ballot boxes, security seals, secured envelopes, boxes for the transport, ling cardboards, lamps, etc. The savings allowed to broaden the financial support to additional activities of CENI in agreement with PACTE-BF donors.

- Communication and Media Monitoring**

The Project also provided the CENI with original and innovative expertise in institutional communication. Indeed, in order to better respond to voters' interests and needs, the CENI's institutional communication was guided by the findings of the Media Monitoring Unit (MMU) that analysed media coverage of the CENI and the electoral process as a whole, identifying flawed perception regarding CENI's work. From this, different initiatives were undertaken including the creation of the CENI's Facebook page and Twitter account in order to reach out the population. Thanks to this, internet users were able to follow the CENI's work, through photographs, summaries or events and filmed interviews. This approach enabled the CENI to address topical issues in an informal and accessible way.





- **LEAD training**

The training programme in Leadership and Conflict Management Skills for Electoral Stakeholders (LEAD) is part of ECES' strategy to strengthen the credibility of electoral processes through the professionalization of key actors. This strategy is based on the assumption that trained electoral stakeholders will put LEAD principles into practice, thus contributing to prevent electoral conflicts. This training programme equips participants with the necessary tools to better understand and manage the challenges, uncertainties, complexities and ambiguities that are inherent to electoral processes. Better understanding invariably facilitates decision-making, thereby contributing to develop rapid and appropriate responses.

**LEAD IN BURKINA FASO:  
SOME FIGURES**

15 trainings and 1 training of  
trainers in 13 regions  
460 persons trained  
33 Certified LEAD Facilitators

3 Certifying LEAD Facilitators

Sustainable impact is one of the LEAD training programme's objectives. The programme promotes local appropriate through the implementation of a three-tier training and certification process. Ultimately, the full LEAD training programme aims to foster a national pool of facilitators, strengthening the beneficiary's ownership of the programme. Every step in the certification process is supervised by Certifying LEAD Facilitators in order to ensure the quality of trainings while enhancing the ownership of contents by new LEAD facilitators.

- After attending a Training of Trainers session, the participant becomes semi-accredited which means that he's entitled to contribute to the implementation of LEAD trainings under the supervision of a senior LEAD trainer who ensures the quality of the course.



- The semi-accredited trainer becomes fully accredited after having contributed to the implementation of a LEAD training under the supervision of an accredited/accrediting trainer.

- The accredited trainer becomes accrediting (able to accredit new participants and to supervise semi-accredited trainers) after having contributed to the implementation of 3 LEAD trainings and one LEAD Training of Trainers session.

- **ECES, enhancing transparency together with INEC and civil society**

A certain level of antagonism might appear between Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) and civil society organisations engaging in citizen electoral observation, often the result of a lack of understanding of each other's specific roles. However, both key stakeholders contribute, in their own manner, to the credibility of elections. ECES has always been committed to support those who contribute to the transparency of electoral processes. For ECES, civil society organisations engaged in national electoral observation are crucial stakeholders within the electoral cycle. In this context, capacity building activities for the benefit of national electoral observation platforms is an integral part of ECES' electoral support strategy. In Burkina Faso, CODEL (Convention of Civil Society Organisations for Domestic Observation of the Elections) decided to carry out a Parallel Vote Tabulation – PVT to provide independent verification of official election results. PVTs are extremely sensitive technical exercises, which if done inaccurately, can undermine the electoral process. The CENI requested that ECES provides CODEL with specific expertise to strengthen the credibility of this instrument of citizen election observation. This initiative marked the starting point of a fruitful collaboration between the CENI and Burkinabe civil society. By providing critical technical and operational support for the implementation of the PVT and the Electoral Situation Room (ESR), an information sharing platform for civil society groups working in election observation, ECES demonstrated its support to civil society efforts aimed at facilitating the acceptance of election results and contributing to a peaceful political landscape.



This technical and operational support materialised into different activities, as follows:

- 1) ECES supported CODEL providing a PVT expert. In partnership with OneWorld, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Diakonia, the ECES PVT expert assisted CODEL in the development of an effective and credible system.
- 2) ECES organised and supported an exchange visit to Dakar by a delegation of CODEL members, the CENI Vice-President, the CENI Director of Communications and representatives of Diakonia, CODEL's technical partners. This mission provided the occasion to hold a roundtable between representatives of Senegalese and Burkinabe civil



societies together with high-ranking members of the Senegalese and Burkinabe EMBs in order to share insights from the Senegalese experience. The roundtable took place at the offices of OSIWA, a partner of ECES.



- 3) In this manner, ECES contributed to building bridges between CODEL and the INEC to strengthen the collaboration between these crucial actors of the electoral process.
- 4) ECES experts provided regular and crucial support to CODEL in the development of their communication strategy and their electoral observation methodology.
- 5) With the aim of further promoting experience-sharing and strengthening CODEL's capacity to implement the Electoral Situation Room in Burkina, ECES supported the deployment from Dakar of two OSIWA partners. These two experts followed CODEL's work during the immediate pre-election phase. They provided valuable advice and support to CODEL's decision-makers as well as in the development of an election day and post-election day communication strategies.

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