



# Global Programme for Electoral Cycle Support (GPECS) 2009-2015

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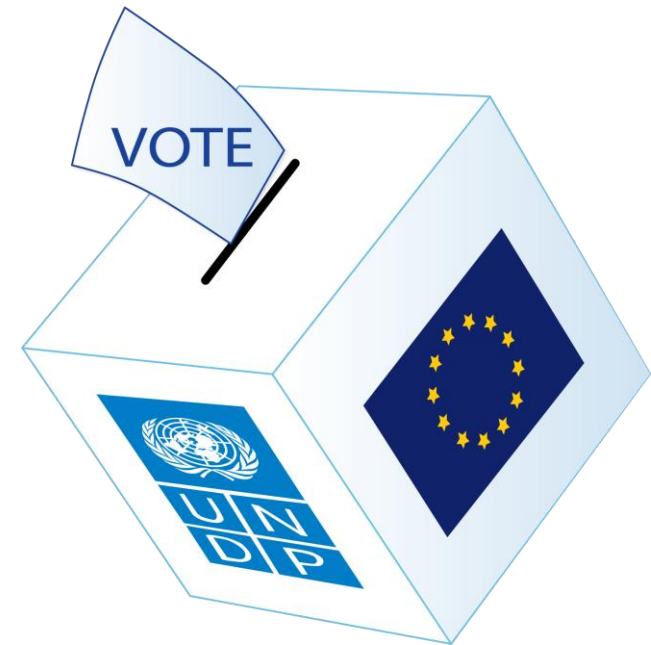


**G P E C S**

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# UNDP electoral assistance within the UN system

UNDP provides **electoral assistance** under the political lead of the **UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs**, in his capacity as **UN electoral assistance Focal Point**.



The overall focus of **UNDP electoral assistance** is to assist national authorities to implement credible electoral processes

**STRENGTHEN** CAPACITIES OF ELECTORAL STAKEHOLDERS

**SUPPORT** VOTER AND CIVIC EDUCATION

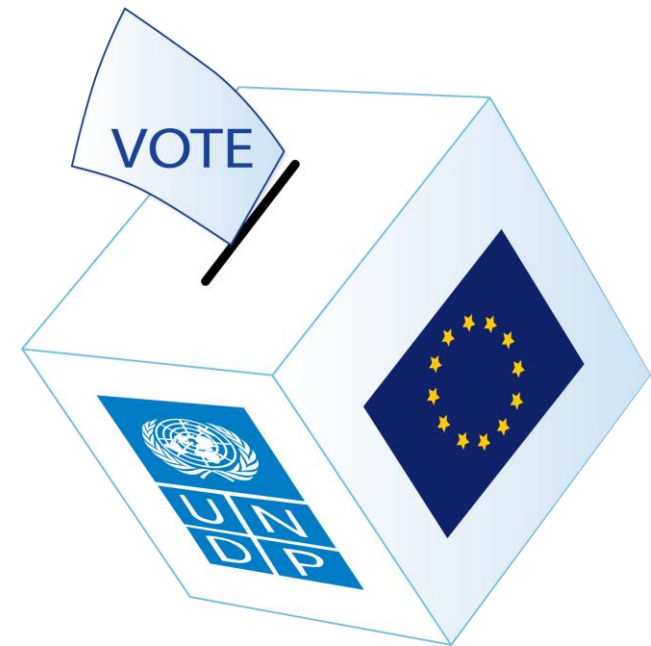
**PREVENT** CONFLICT AND SUPPORT PEACEFUL TRANSITIONS

**PROMOTE** ELECTORAL REFORM

**ENHANCE** WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION

**ENCOURAGE** INCLUSION

**FACILITATE** SOUTH- SOUTH COOPERATION



# Focus of UNDP electoral assistance

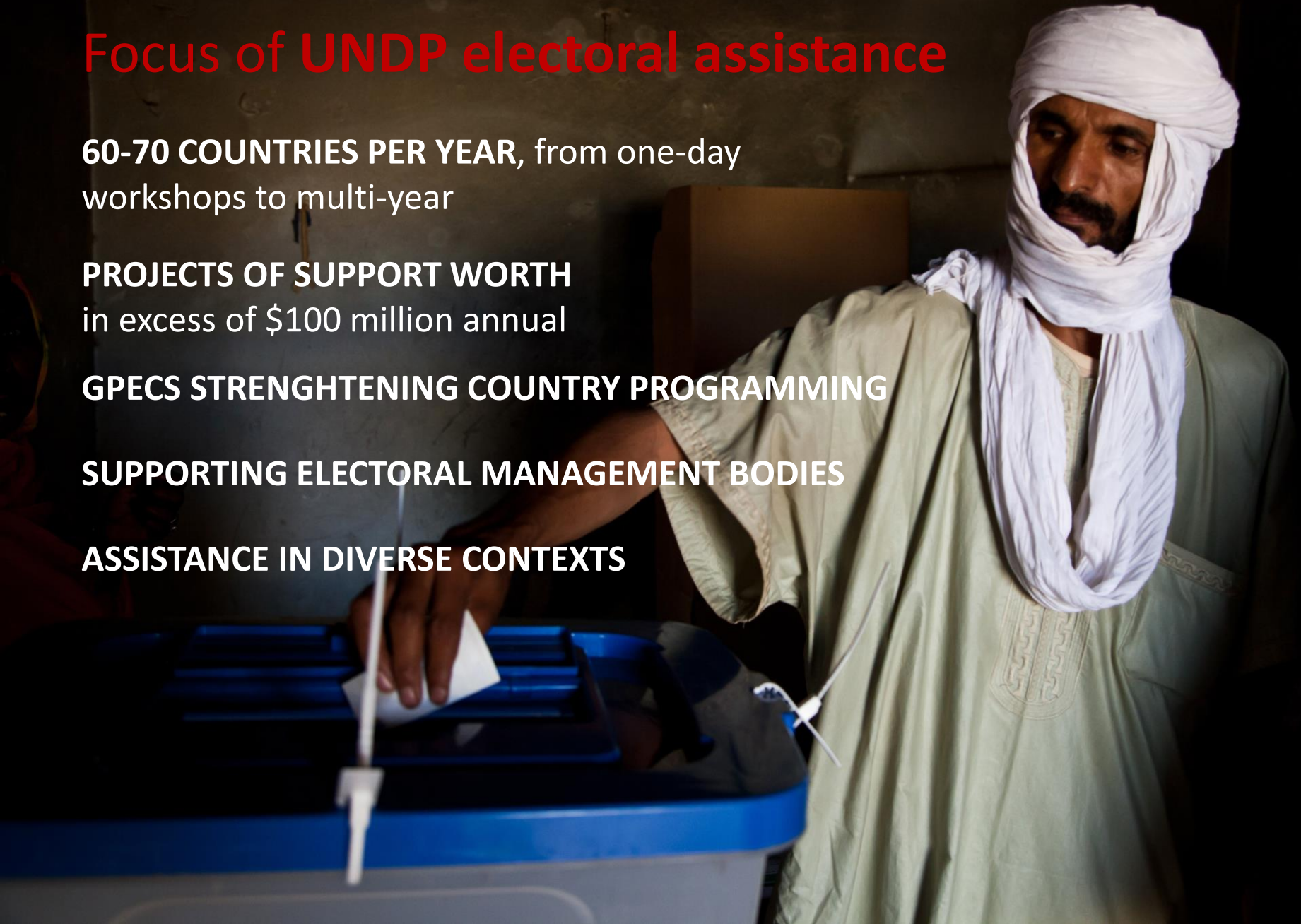
**60-70 COUNTRIES PER YEAR**, from one-day workshops to multi-year

**PROJECTS OF SUPPORT WORTH**  
in excess of \$100 million annual

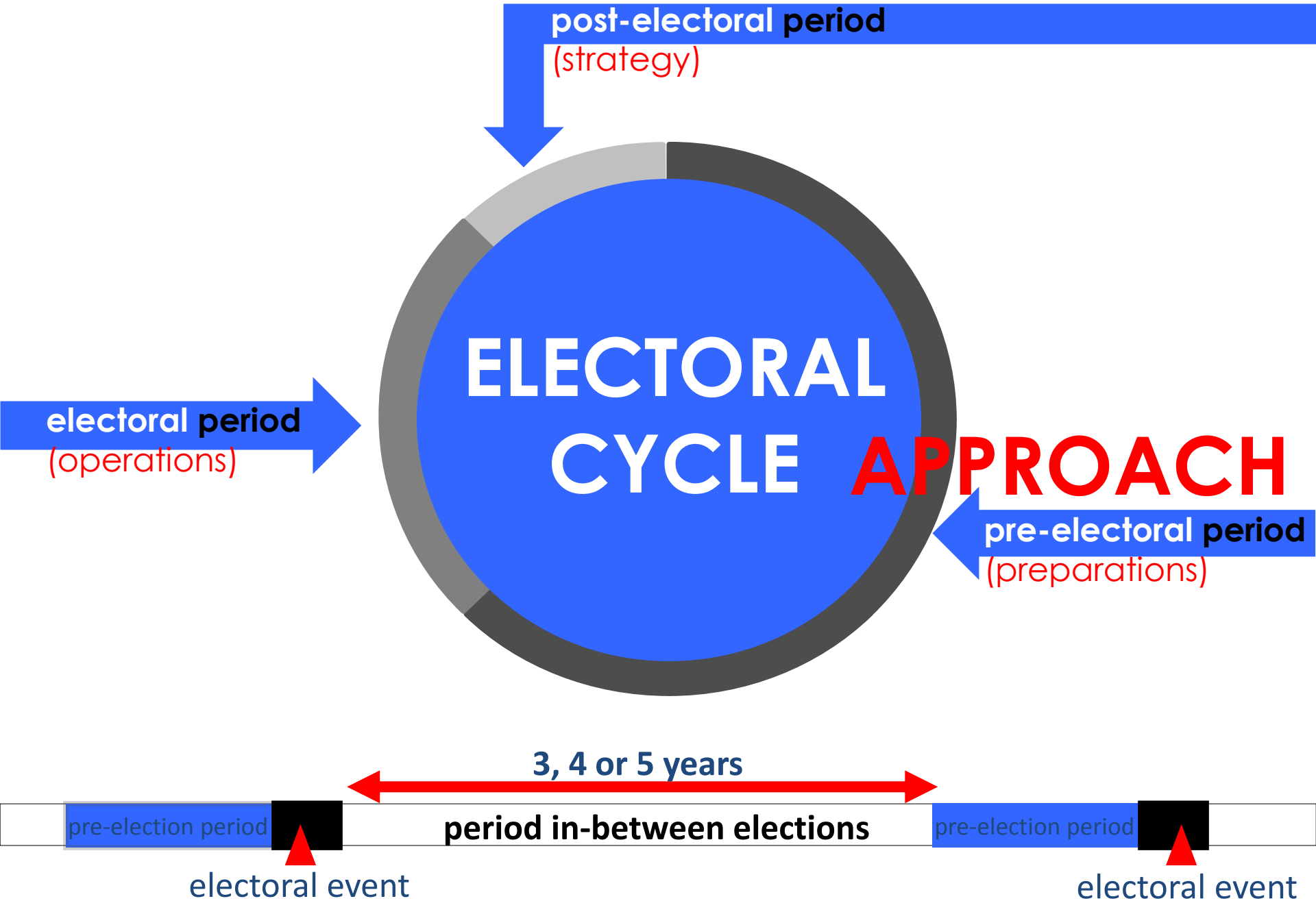
**GPECS STRENGTHENING COUNTRY PROGRAMMING**

**SUPPORTING ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODIES**

**ASSISTANCE IN DIVERSE CONTEXTS**



GPECS supported UNDP's **shift towards “electoral cycle approach”** instead of **the previous ‘event-driven’ assistance.**  
2/3 of all electoral assistance projects now apply the cycle approach.







# OBJECTIVES

**PROMOTE** the **electoral cycle approach** within the global community of practice

**DEVELOP** new tools and share knowledge

**BREAK** new ground in **policy development**

**STRENGTHEN** electoral practice architecture

**BRING** different **initiatives** under one umbrella



# GLOBAL RESULTS

Set up regional and global structure of support and quality assurance for projects in the field. Approx. 930 electoral **advisory services** to EMBs and UNDP offices in more than 60 countries

Advanced **GLOBAL ELECTORAL THINKING** through global platforms and networks, the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network and BRIDGE

Development of several **GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE products and tools** using diverse methods in order to reach diverse target groups. Produced 28 **knowledge products** in various areas of electoral assistance.

Engaged with the interagency mechanism to development of 9 **UN system wide policies** on key aspects of electoral assistance

# MORE GLOBAL RESULTS

**COMMUNITY of practice** established and maintained, through in online platforms such as the ACE Practitioners' Network and face to face Global and Regional Meetings (GEO Conferences; EC-UNDP Annual Conferences)

**Capacity-building** of approx. **4,000 electoral stakeholders**, significant part of that through the BRIDGE methodology

Support to the EC-UNDP JTF and establishment of **52 UNDP electoral assistance projects** with EU contributions (**260 million USD**).



# OBJECTIVES

Enhance **capacity of electoral management bodies** to mainstream gender in its work, through training tools, partnership promotion, etc.

Develop **publications and tools to enhance knowledge** on women's electoral/political participation, incl. capacity development tools.

Support **policy development** on *gender sensitive electoral procedures*

Administration of a **Quick Intervention Fund** for women in post-conflicts settings

WOMEN empowerment  
throughout the electoral cycle

# GENDER RESULTS

GPECS is UNDP's **flagship programme** in gender mainstreaming

GPECS **provided technical advice** to electoral management bodies and UNDP electoral projects on how to mainstream gender

More than 2/3 of UNDP electoral projects have now **gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment** as a main objective

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# MORE GENDER RESULTS

8 Countries in Asia were assisted in developing national action plans for women's political participation

Capacity **building tools and knowledge tools** were developed, including a Gender and Elections BRIDGE Module and Guides on gender mainstreaming in political parties and electoral administration

**Community of Practice** meeting on gender and elections in Africa





# OBJECTIVES

Capacity, Exchange, Knowledge

**Respond** to region-specific **needs**

**Learn** and codify regional lessons

**Reinforce** regional capacity

**Cooperation** with regional institutions

**Support** South-South cooperation

Conflict **prevention** mechanisms

# AFRICA: Capacity, Exchange, Knowledge

**PRIORITIES** – Capacity building of EMBs and  
Regional Institutions

Established **partnerships with leading regional organizations such as the AU, ECOWAS, IGAD and SADC** and built capacity of observers from these bodies to conduct electoral observation

**Capacity building** on election operations for EMBs in Central and West Africa, as well as preventative work on elections and violence, media and elections, women in elections, electoral budgeting and procurement

**Knowledge product** on EMB and election observer relations and on UNDPs role in supporting democratic elections in Africa

# ARAB STATES: Capacity, Exchange, Knowledge

**PRIORITIES** – Electoral reform and electoral administration in newly democratic states

**Policy and programming development** support to countries in the region, especially to transitional countries such as Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Yemen

**Partnership** with League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Conference

Several **Community of Practice Meetings** for Arab States, including EMBs, UNDP, and other electoral stakeholders

Establishment of the **Organization of Arab EMBs**

**Knowledge products:** Electoral Administration and the Arab World, Social Networks and Elections in the Arab World, tri-lingual Lexicon on Electoral Terminology and Translation of electoral knowledge tools into Arabic

## **ASIA & PACIFIC:** Capacity, Exchange, Knowledge

**Knowledge products** developed on: Understanding Electoral Violence in Asia, Promoting Local Electoral Management as Part of an Electoral Cycle Approach, Gender-Equality in Elected Office in AP, Status Report on Women in Local Governance

Assisted countries in the development of **National Action Plans** for Women's Political Participation

**Capacity building** to enhance women's political participation  
Workshop on Women's Political Participation (Bangladesh 2011, Mongolia 2012); Regional Meeting (Philippines 2011)

## Europe & CIS:

### Capacity, Exchange, Knowledge

**Regional exchange** and best practice among regional electoral stakeholders, South-South cooperation.

**Capacity Development** of EMBs and COs - Gender advocacy activities with EMBs & political parties, Regional Meetings, BRIDGE workshops in the English and Russian languages, Translation of key publications into Russian.

**Gender mainstreaming** into electoral administration.



## Latin America & Caribbean: Capacity, Exchange, Knowledge

**Knowledge products and capacity development** activities targeting indigenous groups, especially women and youth.

**Regional Capacity Development Activities** (BRIDGE gender and elections workshops; Regional meeting on Media and Elections (Ecuador, 2011); Youth Electoral & Political Participation (2013).

Inaugurated the **Regional School of Political Leadership** for Indigenous Youth and Women (Ecuador, 2012)

**Regional study** on political participation of indigenous people and video documentaries on five countries.

Develop **advocacy materials** regarding the participation of indigenous youth and women

# Support at the Country Level



**Priorities** – improve electoral systems and processes

GPECS provided **direct financial support** to 18 country level projects:

Complements close to **930** country level advisory services by GPECS team

**Total allocation:** over **14 Million USD**

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These allocations targeted interventions such as Tunisia and Libya where GPECS allow to have immediate expertise on the ground soon after the political transition and support the creation of the EMBs, voter education and outreach, and promote women's participation.

# Financial Support at the Country Level

**11** countries in Africa

**6** countries in Arab States

**1** country in Asia

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| <b>BENIN</b>         | US\$1,400,00  |
| <b>CAPE VERDE</b>    | US\$700,000   |
| <b>DRC</b>           | US\$726,754   |
| <b>GUINEA-BISSAU</b> | US\$272,108   |
| <b>GUINEA</b>        | US\$680,272   |
| <b>JORDAN</b>        | US\$500,000   |
| <b>LEBANON</b>       | US\$1,000,00  |
| <b>LIBERIA</b>       | US\$750,000   |
| <b>LIBYA</b>         | US\$1,000,000 |

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| <b>MAURITANIA</b>              | US\$1,150,000 |
| <b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>              | US\$ 750,000  |
| <b>NIGER</b>                   | US\$1,000,000 |
| <b>OPT</b>                     | US\$ 900,000  |
| <b>SAO TOME &amp; PRINCIPE</b> | US\$ 300,000  |
| <b>SENEGAL</b>                 | US\$ 400,000  |
| <b>SUDAN</b>                   | US\$1,000,000 |
| <b>TIMOR LESTE</b>             | US\$ 500,000  |
| <b>TUNISIA</b>                 | US\$1,000,000 |





# Thank you!



Global Project  
for Electoral Cycle Support II