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Subject: Submission of Election physical report

It is to be recalled that Ethiopian Human Right Commission has been conducted monitoring of the fifth general election in context of human right based on the approved Election support Project as being one of the responsible party. Therefore, please find, attached herewith a compiled narrative report that substantiated the performance of same project.

With regards,


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Ethiopian Human Rights Commission

Reporting period: - Ethiopian Fiscal Year 2007

Project Title: The 5th general Election Support Project

Description of the Project: - This project is aimed to support the implementation of the fifth general election in Ethiopia. The strategic orientation of the project is to enable Ethiopian human right commission to conduct monitoring of the general election of the country in context of human rights provisions.

Expected Project Outputs:

- the Ethiopian human rights commission considers the monitoring of the 2015 general election,
- Preparation and publication of election monitoring report,
- Conduct of workshops with relevant parties on the basis of general report.

Implementing Partner: MoFED

Responsible Parties: EHRC and NEBE

Reporting Party: EHRC

Total Budget: Birr 3,076,500

EHRC Budget: Birr 265,245.33



Introductory Background

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is a national human rights institution established in accordance with the Constitution of FDRE Article 55(14) through Proclamation No 210/2000. The establishing law bestows the Commission with an extensive mandate for the promotion and protection of human rights. The objective of the Commission, as stipulated in Article 5 of the establishing law, is to educate the public to be aware of human rights, see to it that human rights are protected and fully enforced as well as to have the necessary measures taken where they are found to have been violated.

To this effect, the establishing proclamation gives broad powers and responsibilities to the Commission. These are, but not limited to, educating the public on human rights; ensure rights guaranteed by constitution are respected, protected and fulfilled; ensure laws, regulations, directives and government decisions do not contravene rights under the constitution; make recommendation for the revision of existing laws and policies; undertake investigation in respect of human rights violations; give consultation on human rights matters; translating international human rights instruments into local vernaculars; and forward its opinion on human rights reports to be submitted to international organs. Hence, the commission conducted monitoring the 5th general election of the country. The following are achievements of the Commission under this project covering the period up to August 30.

Achievements

Primary preparation for monitoring the elections

Preparation had been made since March 2015. The ordinary monitoring of the election was conducted establishing a monitoring coordinating teams, which are the logistic and finance team and the steering committee. Afterward, the steering committee has mandated with preparation of monitoring of election in context of human right plan and endorsing of the plan by counsel of commissionaires. Concurrent to the plan development, the committee developed election monitoring checklists, guidelines, rules and code of conduct for monitoring



experts. The logistic and finance committee also authorized in facilitating the all necessary material including vehicle rent, duplication of material, which including the amended electoral law of Ethiopian No 532/2007, the revised political parties registration proclamation No 573/2008 and the electoral code of conduct for political parties proclamation No 662/2009 of cars, monitoring checklist, guidelines, rules and code of conduct of monitoring experts. Besides, T-shirt, cap and identification budge were purchased so as to simplify the monitoring the process.

Election monitoring team training

Objective: to create awareness to experts and officials of the commission on role and technical procedures in monitoring of the 5th general election in context of human rights and specific responsibility of monitoring team during Pre-election, Election and Post-Election Phases.

Acitivites

The Commission has conducted a human rights awareness raising training specifically in regard to monitoring of election in context of human right. The trainings were provided to experts and official of the commission. In total of 200 trainees took various human rights awareness raising trainings, specifically dealt on legal regimes regulating the elections upwelling from the constitution, which including the amended electoral law of Ethiopian Proclamation No 532/2007, the revised political parties registration proclamation No 573/2008 and the electoral code of conduct for political parties proclamation No 662/2009.

Media Coverage of Events:-

The commission announced its official participation in monitor the fifth general election in context of human rights. Hence, the message have been covered through print and electronic media. TV and Radio programs have been



broadcasted to emphasize the message and thereby publicized the involvement of the commission in election.

The selection of polling stations:-

The commission use both random and purposive sampling techniques to select polling stations and all constituencies. The purposive sampling techniques had been used for those which historically had been politically contested, those which had accommodated repeated complaints and allegations in the past.

The engagement of the commission in election

The election monitoring team of the commission had encompassed all the regional states of the country and two city administrations, of Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa city Administration.

The commission deployed more than 200 experts and officials recruited from both head office and eight branch offices to conduct monitoring during in Pre-Election, Election and Post-Election Phases. To monitor the sample selected polling stations the commission paid a DSA to deployed monitoring experts, besides; the commission's own car and rented vehicles and fuel being used for monitoring purpose.

During pre-election, the commission engaged at the last moment of the phase, and able to conduct monitoring of election in context of human right during pre-election with regard voters registration, registration of candidates, political parties' campaign, which includes the debate on TV and radio, on new paper, civic and voter education and the like. At this phase, the commission used 4 different kinds of questionnaire to collect the data on the political parties, voters, public observers, election officials of NEBE.

During Election phase, the commission has monitored the opening of the polling stations, orientation given to voters on how they could identify their favorite candidates, the availability of ballot papers, the arrival of secret ballots, hoisted



national flag, voting process, the setting around the polling stations, other election logistics, closing of the polling stations and monitoring of human right situation during election. During this phase, the deployed experts of commission arrived at the polling stations early as 5:00 A.M before vote-casing started. Hence, two kinds of questionnaire being used to collect a data on indispensable issues of casing date.

The Post-election phase; the vote-counting process and announcement of results. The deployed staffs of the commission were able to monitor the vote-counting process thereafter one hour later the official vote-casing closed. Through this phase, the commission monitored the briefing on vote-counting process, whether the ballot paper locked, the presence of public observers, representatives of candidates, the official display of election results or announcement, human right situation during post-election and the complaints handling process. Hence, the deployed staffs of the commission were attentively monitoring the situation hitherto vote-counting results was officially displayed on the appropriated notice boards.

Press conference Release

The commission has conducted a press conference release with regard to the involvement of the commission in the fifth general election. The press release was dealt on preliminary views of the commission on monitoring of the 5th general election in context of human right. Accordingly, press release was held in presence of more than 7 media representatives and officials of the commission.

Points of concern:-

- The release of funds under this project had taken so long time, which contributed to the delay in the implementation of planned activities.
- The shortage of fund to accomplish the rest of the planned activities; due to the return of fund.

