

Country: Afghanistan

Theme: Voter Education for Informed and Ethical Voting

Title of The Best Practice / Case Study: This report reviews voter education best practices of Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission in informed and ethical voting and information and communication technology and feedback.

Area of Coverage:

Period of implementation: APRIL 2014

Background: Unfortunately, the 2014 Presidential and Provincial Council Afghan Elections left much to be desired. However, the outcome should not be mistaken with the efforts to educate and inform voters.

Brief Description of Best Practice:

Challenges : Informed and ethical voting was a success in the sense there was an increase in voter participation and reduction in documented fraud. However, fraud did still occur and complete ownership over the electoral process was not taken.

Outcome: In 2004, the final voter turnout was 7,364,000; in 2009 the final voter turnout was 4,059,069; in 2014 the final voter turnout was 6,443,155 in the 1st round and 7,972,727 in the 2nd round.