

# electoral cycle

three main segments

post-election period (strategy)

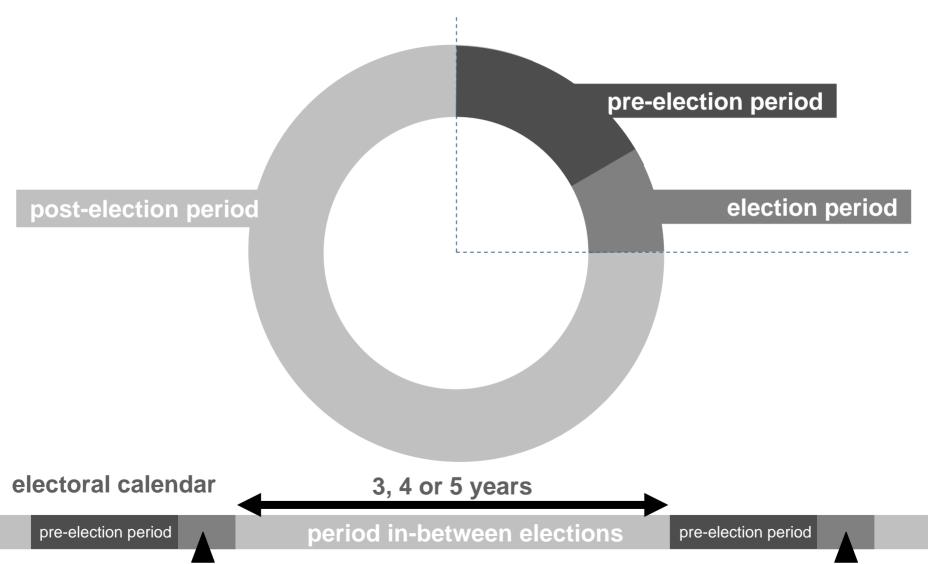
sustainable electo POST LEGAL **FRAMEWORK ELECTION VERIFICATION PLANNING &** OF RESULTS **IMPLEMENTATION** THE **ELECTORAL CYCLE VOTING OPERATIONS & TRAINING & ELECTION DAY EDUCATION ELECTORAL REGISTRATION** CAMPAIGN & NOMINATIONS

pre-election period (preparations)

election period (operations)

#### post-election period

sustainable electoral support

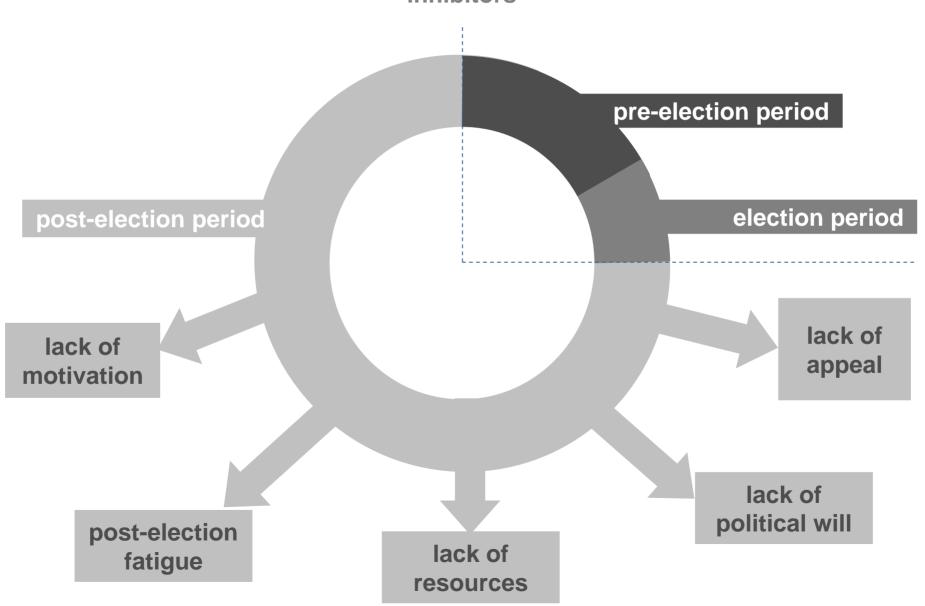


electoral event

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# post-election period

inhibitors



### post-election period

sustainable electoral support

define long term sustainable support programmes

discuss reforms, structural changes, how to undertake institutional strengthening and long-term capacity development

evaluate lessons learned and recommendations, consolidate and capitalise from gains of previous phases

adopt and apply
lessons and
recommendations,
and implement
programmes

pre-

election period

real beginning of a new cycle

there is no immediate operational and political pressure

an opportunity for review, strategic thinking, planning and action

# an easy choice...



the electoral cycle

need to move away from the notion of ad-hoc assistance need to ensure continuity of assistance during the interelection period

need to plan support through a process of thinking ahead, rather than reacting to each electoral event as it occurs

provide sustainable support that lasts throughout

need to pay more attention on role and functions of an EMB outside the immediate urgency of a specific electoral event