

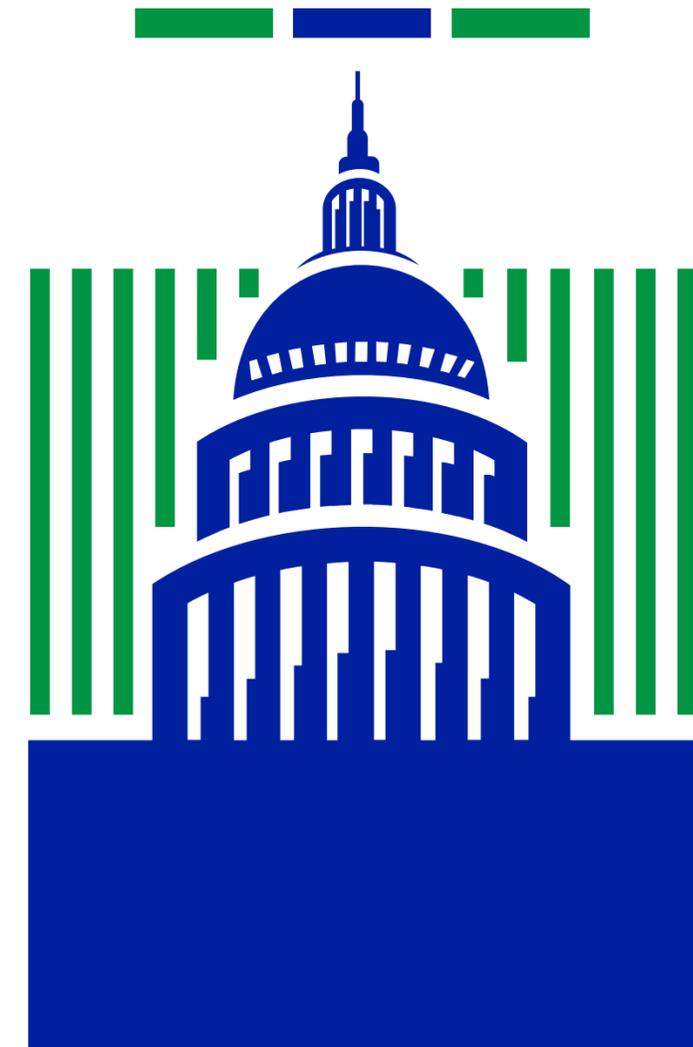


# PARTICIPATION COMPONENT

Support to inclusive political participation  
and representation in Lesotho

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## INCLUSIVE LESOTHO - ELECTIONS



# About International IDEA

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) is an intergovernmental organisation with a sole mandate to advance democracy worldwide.

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# Overview



International IDEA, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Lesotho, has commenced implementation of a four-year European Union-funded Action (2025–2029).

The Project is designed to enhance participation and inclusion within Lesotho's political system and to strengthen the administration of elections.

Its strategic approaches focus on expanding citizens' participation—particularly for women, youth, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ communities, and other vulnerable groups—and on improving awareness of transparency in political financing.

**The following are the expected results of the action:**

**Overall Objective:**

To enhance participation and inclusion in the political system in Lesotho and strengthen the administration of elections.

**Strategic Objective/Outcome**

To strengthen citizens' participation and inclusion (especially women, persons with disabilities, youths and other vulnerable groups ) in democratic and election process, and their awareness on political financing



**OP 1.1**

Increased political participation and inclusion of youths, women, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+, ethnic minorities and diaspora, and other vulnerable groups in democratic and electoral processes

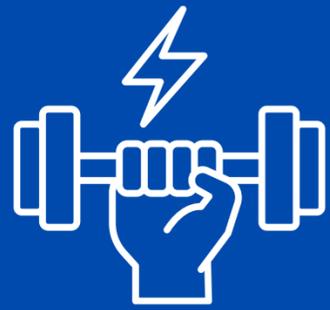
**OP 1.2**

Enhanced transparency of elections through CSOs and media monitoring and, reporting of elections

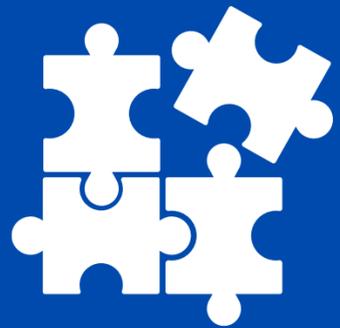
**OP 1.3**

Enhanced awareness of internal democracy, inclusiveness and gender equality within political parties and transparency in their financing.

# Objectives of the call



To strengthen the capacity and participation of CSOs in actions that increase inclusion of marginalized groups in electoral processes



To enhance collaboration between strategic partners such as the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and CSOs involved in civic and voter education initiatives in Lesotho



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# Result Area for this call

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**Output: 1.1** Increased participation and inclusion of youth, women, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ and other vulnerable groups in democratic and election processes.

## **Activity 1.1.2.2: Provide technical support in the development of a long-term civic and voter education plan;**

1. Development of civic and voter education materials for various demographics and communities, especially the marginalised and vulnerable groups.
2. Training community volunteers on the dissemination of civic and voter education materials
3. In collaboration with the IEC and other identified institutions and stakeholders, disseminate the developed civic and voter education materials to the districts

# Activity brief and financial proposal

**Output 1:** - Increased participation and inclusion of youth, women, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ + and other vulnerable groups in democratic and election processes

## Activity Brief:

The activity seeks to support the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) of Lesotho in its initiatives to educate the citizens and foster a culture of participation. This includes promoting continuous civic and voter education that actively engages women, youth, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ individuals, ethnic minorities and diaspora communities and other vulnerable groups with the aim of creating an environment that promotes inclusion, active participation in electoral processes and competent citizens with information.

## Output 1: – Financial Proposal

Budget

**LSL 600,000**



Direct costs of the Financial Proposal must be divided into four main headings

- Human Resource Costs
- Administrative/ Office Costs
- Meetings/Activities/Events Costs
- Indirect Cost

# Timeframe and Submission

**Tentative Timeframe:** It is anticipated that the grants will commence on 1 May 2026, and will have to be completed by 31 December 2028

**Deadline for Submissions:** Proposals must be submitted on or before **23:59 (SAST), 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

**Address for Submissions:** [tendersubmissions@idea.int](mailto:tendersubmissions@idea.int)

**Format for Submissions:** Proposals must be submitted by email. Technical and Financial proposals must be submitted in separate files **using the templates provided on this call.**

**Email address for Clarifications:** [tender@idea.int](mailto:tender@idea.int)

**Information Session:** 19 February 2026 on Microsoft Teams

**Further clarifications:** may be requested via e-mail no later than **27<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at the above email address.

# Evaluation and Selection of proposals

1. Opening and Administrative Check-verification of the eligibility of applicants (pre-Selection)
2. Evaluation of the full application and notification of the outcome from the pre-selection stage.
3. A detailed capacity assessment

| Criteria  | Maximum Points | Weighted Score in % |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Technical</b>  |                |                     |
| Relevance of proposal   | 15             | 15%                 |
| Quality of result/ Sustainability   | 10             | 10%                 |
| Rationale of the proposed action  | 15             | 15%                 |
| Commitment to inclusion and participation   | 10             | 10%                 |
| Methodology and dissemination plan for CVE  | 10             | 10%                 |
| Relevant experience   | 10             | 10%                 |
| Project monitoring, impact, and evaluation/ timeframe and measurability of objectives | 5              | 5%                  |
| Risk Mitigation Plan  | 5              | 5%                  |
| <b>Financial</b>  |                |                     |
| Budget and Finance/Value for money  | 20             | 20%                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>100</b>     | <b>100%</b>         |



# Thank You

QUESTIONS?

