

UNDP AFGHANISTAN UNESP

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THE ISSUE

ELECTIONS

are an essential element of democratic governance, but:

- 1 Lack of trust in Afghan electoral management bodies
- 2 Low level of female participation in electoral processes
- 3 Delayed parliamentary and district council elections

UNDP IN ACTION

Representative democracy and equitable elections

We assist and advise the Independent Election Commission and the Electoral Complaints Commission on:



Electoral management

Plan, prepare and conduct credible elections

Formulate legal and institutional frameworks for electoral operations



Participatory democracy

Enable Afghan voters to choose their leaders

Encourage women to participate in elections



Voter awareness

Design and deliver public outreach campaigns

Increase transparency of electoral processes



Good governance

Improve legitimate governance by means of effective, inclusive and transparent elections

Improve electoral case management system

UNDP experience in Afghanistan

UNESP builds on 15 years of experience in supporting Afghan elections:

Voter Turnout

More than 7.1 million valid ballots cast in 2014 elections

2,713 Provincial Council candidates contested seats

15,000 observers monitored the elections

Women in Elections

Up to 37% of total ballots cast by women

21% of Provincial Council seats won by women

32% of electoral observers were women

Electoral Capacity

IEC capable of independently planning and conducting national and local elections

ECC capable of adjudicating electoral complaints

The difference we make



Credible elections conducted in 2014 and 2018 throughout the country, with high voter turnout

Institutional capacity of the IEC and the ECC strengthened

Legal and institutional cooperation frameworks for the IEC and ECC in place and functional

Trusted electoral complaints adjudication system institutionalized

Women and other marginalized groups participate in elections as voters, candidates and observers

Popular perception of credible and transparent electoral processes and institutions improved