

ABOUT US

We make politics, governments, and societies work for people around the world.

Since 2003, we have supported active citizens, responsive governments, and engaged civil society and political organizations to achieve a more peaceful, democratic world. By developing and using new knowledge, tools, and approaches, we change people's lives and improve development assistance. To do this, Democracy International works in four core practice areas: Politics, Governance, Peace & Resilience, and Learning.



Politics

DI supports political systems around the world to be responsive, inclusive, and competitive. We support election administration and reform; domestic and international election observation; political party and legislative strengthening; civic and voter education; political empowerment of marginalized groups; civil society strengthening and advocacy support; media freedom and oversight strengthening; and the protection of fundamental political rights, especially in societies with closing political space.



Governance

DI works to support accountable government systems and institutions that are responsive, effective, and transparent. We promote the rule of law; institutional strengthening and reform; public financial management; local governance and decentralization; transparency and accountability; anticorruption efforts; legislative strengthening; citizen advocacy and engagement for improved service delivery; and media strengthening.



Peace & Resilience

DI promotes peaceful, democratic transitions and political settlements to resolve conflict so that societies are at peace and can repair their own divisions. DI works to build peace and resilience, the foundations of accountable politics and governance. We promote conflict management and mitigation; countering violent extremism and citizen security; transition initiatives, stabilization, peacebuilding, and reconciliation; and transitional justice and atrocity prevention.



Learning

DI uses innovation and learning to improve international development outcomes, assistance, and policy. DI prioritizes an evidence-driven approach to improve development outcomes, primarily related to the programming areas of governance, democracy, politics, and peace and resilience. We provide analytical services, including assessments, evaluations, special studies, knowledge management, performance monitoring, strategy design, and institutional support and training to development funders and civil society organizations.

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We Help Democracy Grow

We solve the world's toughest challenges with evidence-based programs, rigorous analysis, and innovative development solutions.

Democracy International works with a range of clients to solve democratic and other international development challenges. We hold numerous contract and cooperative agreement mechanisms that USAID and other funders can use to access our diverse services and global expertise. We are driven by our commitment to evidence, analysis, and innovation and our work is informed by our experience in more than 70 countries. Below is an overview of current projects:

SPOTLIGHT: ELECTION AND DEMOCRACY ACTIVITY IN LIBERIA



In partnership with USAID/Liberia, we are currently implementing the Election and Democracy Activity (EDA). EDA aims to enhance civic knowledge and sense of duty among citizens, provide technical support to the National Elections Commission and election observation groups, and increase leadership of marginalized groups in political processes—with a particular emphasis on women and youth. Collaboration through this five-year project will include national and international partners as well as local civil society organizations and groups serving local communities.



Bangladesh

We are building relationships between parties and constituents, supporting justice sector reform, and preventing political violence and violent extremism.



Ethiopia

We are supporting the most viable new political parties to participate in meaningful dialogue and engage in legitimate political processes.



El Salvador

We are providing analytical support to USAID's local governance project, which aims to strengthen decentralization and increase security.



Jamaica

We are strengthening communities using evidenced-based violence prevention resources and supporting local initiatives with cutting-edge social and behavioral science approaches.



South Sudan

We are promoting an inclusive peace process, accountability, and national cohesion by protecting and strengthening civil society.



Trinidad & Tobago

We are introducing behavioral science-based solutions to gender-based violence toward Venezuelan migrant women through the JuntoEsMejor Challenge.