

Scope of Work for Côte d'Ivoire NED Cumulative Assessments

Background

This cumulative assessment must examine the impact of NDI's NED-funding programming over more than six years across diverse objectives and themes.

Based on a review of the programs' timeline and program objectives, NDI identified five programming themes for the assessment:

- Preventing or mitigating election-related conflict;
- Enhancing political participation of women and youth
- Fostering social and political reconciliation
- Strengthening electoral processes
- Strengthening civil society

The overarching goal linking these themes can be summarized as follows:

NDI's NED-funded programs in Cote d'Ivoire over the assessment period sought to advance the development of credible and sustainable democratic processes and institutions capable of returning the country to constitutional rule and avoiding a return to conflict.

A timeline of the key political and program developments is attached as Annex A.

Assessment Objective

To determine how NDI's presence, actions, and relationships with partners and institutions since 2010 has reinforced the democratic process in Côte d'Ivoire.

Key Assessment/Evaluation Questions

Program strategy and context,

- How did NDI's emphasis on maintaining a ground presence in Côte d'Ivoire affect partner relationships and its ability to achieve its goals?

Program outcomes and NDI's contribution

To what extent has NDI's presence, actions, and relationships with partners and institutions since 2010:

- Contributed to the prevention or mitigation of election-related conflict in Côte d'Ivoire?
- Contributed to the social or political dialogue or reconciliation in Côte d'Ivoire?

- Improved the political participation of women or youth in Côte d'Ivoire?
- Contributed to the improvement of Ivoirian electoral processes?
- Contributed to the professionalization or modernization of Ivoirian civil society?

Strategy or Methods

The lead evaluator, Grant Godfrey, will travel to Abidjan to conduct key informant interviews, focus group discussions, evaluative exercises with staff involved in the program, and site visits, as further described in the agenda in Annex B.

All participants in these discussions will first be informed of the process and rationale for the assessment. They will be asked to provide verbal confirmation that they understand the process and agree to have their remarks recorded and attributed. However, participants in one-on-one discussions will be permitted to request that information not be attributed to them. Data will be stored electronically on password-protected machines and accounts.

Key Activities and Deliverables, Timeline

1. Desk review (approximately 1 month – **May 1-June 17**)
 - a. The lead evaluator reviews documents related to the programs
 - b. *Deliverables:*
 - i. Better informed evaluator
 - ii. Interview guides for each planned discussion
2. In-country assessment (2 weeks – **June 20-July 1**)
 - a. See Annex B for details of the in-country activities.
 - b. *Deliverables:*
 - i. Discussion notes from all meetings
3. Report writing (approximately 1 month, **all of July**)
 - a. Beginning while in country, the lead evaluator reviews all meeting notes, desk research, and other materials and draws conclusions for each evaluation question
 - b. *Deliverables*
 - i. Draft report

Team and Contact Information

Provide the roles and responsibilities of each person on the assessment team and contact information.

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