

SAMPLE COUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

Staff of organizations considering the use of the Men, Power and Politics Toolkit need to be aware of the current political context in which the program will take place. It is important to have this information written down in one place so that it can be easily shared with the local masculinities organization to ensure the workshop content is accurate and beneficial. This should not take place of a more robust gender audit or gendered political economy analysis, which are recommended for

Information might include:

- ▶ Electoral system;
- ▶ Government structures, national and local as appropriate;
- ▶ Political parties;
- ▶ Key civil society actors; and
- ▶ Political calendar.

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POLITICAL CONTEXT QUESTIONNAIRE

LIST RELEVANT POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND SPECIFIC DETAILS REGARDING

Government structures, national and local

Parliament

Government (executive branch)

Electoral management bodies

Independent commission for complaints regarding campaign actions and results

Intermediary/provincial/state government (where relevant)

Local councils (where relevant)

LIST RELEVANT NATIONAL LAWS REGARDING

Elections: who can call an election, when will elections at various levels (presidential, parliamentary, state and local) take place, what is the length of the election period from when the elections are called, to the creation of the candidate list, and to election day? Is the electoral system a parliamentary one? Do candidates run on party lists? How are the winners determined (majority, plurality, etc.)?

Gender equality: are there temporary special measures, such as quotas, that impact women's political participation?

Financing: what do the laws stipulate regarding the campaign and candidate funding? How are campaigns funded? Who can give and how much?

Violence: are there specific prohibitions against campaign violence towards candidates and voters? Is gender-based violence in politics addressed?

Civil society: what are the major civil society organizations that focus on relevant issues?