

SUMMARY OF ELECTION FRAUD METHODS AND REMEDIES

TYPE OF ELECTORAL FRAUD	PHASE OF ELECTION	INDICATORS	REMEDY
Unfair use of state resources	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excessive media coverage of one party over another 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Media monitoring/Media Commission guidelines ▪ Complaints & Penalty mechanism
Use of state resources as inducement/to win support	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handing out benefits to less affluent e.g. food aid, money, employment; or infrastructure projects funded close to an election 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation and monitoring by civil society ▪ Complaints mechanism with robust enforcement
Tampering with or influencing voter registry	Voter registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Audit of VL indicates deceased/fictitious individuals ▪ Large numbers not registered in certain areas ▪ Requiring ID documentation that excludes part/whole constituencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Display and challenge period ▪ Complaints & Appeals mechanism ▪ Data analysis and audit mechanisms
Voter Intimidation and Coercion	Pre-election day, election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of false or misleading information through flyers, phone calls, door-to door activities ▪ Direct or indirect coercion to vote for a different candidate/party ▪ Public funds to buy votes ▪ Transportation of groups to vote for one candidate/party ▪ Vote buying/selling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation and monitoring by civil society ▪ Ensuring vote is secret ▪ Preventing cameras/phones in polling booth (so voter can not take photo of vote and claim money) ▪ Complaints mechanism with robust enforcement
Candidate Intimidation	Candidate nomination; pre-election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Direct or indirect coercion to withdraw candidacy ▪ Controlling access to funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Complaints mechanism with robust enforcement
Ballot Stuffing	Election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ballot box inspection indicates large numbers of pre-folded ballots ▪ Number of ballots does not correlate with return forms ▪ Turnout figures elevated ▪ Turnout figures at certain times of day unusually high 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Transparent ballot boxes ▪ Robust procedures and training of count staff ▪ Ballot stamps – ensuring each ballot is stamped on reverse (ballot stamped when handed to voter) ▪ Strict accounting of ballot box seal and ballot serial numbers
Ballot booth “capturing”	Election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Armed or intimidating groups “capture” a polling station/booth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ “Independent” and trusted Security
Access to balloting	Election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preventing voters from voting by running out of ballots ▪ Closing polling stations early 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Spare ballots available ▪ Complaints mechanism ▪ POD campaigns targets all communities ▪ VR and Polling locations

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Ballot boxes stolen or destroyed	Election day and count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ballot boxes from individual polling stations or entire constituencies disappear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Robust accounting procedures and protection of election materials
Impersonating a voter	Election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complaints logged in polling station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requiring a photo ID to vote in addition to VR card ▪ Deterrent electoral offences with robust enforcement mechanism ▪ Observation
Voting in multiple constituencies Multiple voting	Election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elevated voting patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ink ▪ Hand stamps visible under fluorescent light ▪ Accurate voter list
Bribery, corruption and threatening election officials	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procedures not followed by election officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Random poll worker selection ▪ Observation ▪ Robust complaints process ▪ Whistle blowing procedures
Deliberately spoiling ballots or destroying ballots marked in favour of one candidate/party over another	Tabulation and Counting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large Nos. of spoiled ballots ▪ Suspicious under voting ▪ Suspicious vote tallies number of ballots versus turnout figures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Public display of results available for every polling station ▪ Robust complaints process ▪ Statistical review and trend analysis ▪ Cross checking with ballot stubs and ballot accounting
Administrative Errors	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enforcing/applying rules unevenly or subverting them altogether that result in disenfranchisement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Robust appeals procedures ▪ Training of electoral staff on uniform electoral procedures
Unreasonable deadlines	Election day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timelines for election activities prevent individuals from being able to exercise their right to vote, register etc... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observation ▪ Robust complaints & appeals mechanism ▪ Extending hours of opening
General anti-fraud measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintenance of accurate voter list ▪ Observation of all processes and uniform training of electoral staff on procedures ▪ Allow challenges to election results, reasonable time for challenges ▪ Ballot security – water marks, security printing, special ballot paper used for printing, data marks on ballot, serial numbers on ballots, use of colour ▪ During the count allow observer groups and party agents to audit sample ballot boxes from previous trouble spots 		
Summary of Complaints from 2005 elections	January 2005 Presidential	October 2005 Constitutional referendum	December 2005 legislative election
Voter turnout	8,286,156	9,852,291	11,888,911
Complaints filed	430	158	1,985