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	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line: 14.020120 Total estimated cost: EUR 4 579 720 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 1 000 000 Other estimated contributions (UNDP): EUR 3 579 720			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Indirect management			
14. Type of measure	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation facility <input type="checkbox"/> Measures in favour of Civil Society			

1.2 Summary of the Action

The Action aims at supporting the Government of Guinea-Bissau to hold credible, legitimate and transparent legislative and presidential elections respectively in 2023 and 2025, as foreseen by the country's Constitution, with a view to consolidate democratic governance. It stems from Guinea-Bissau Government request to the technical and financial partners to provide support in the preparation of the elections, via a basket fund managed by the United Nations (UN). Promoting democratic participation will help tackle social exclusion, one of the aspect of inequalities.

The Action is designed as a follow-up to the EU electoral missions (EU Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) 2014 and Electoral Expert Mission (EEM) 2019).

The Action follows the implementation of PACE (Electoral Cycle Support Project) 2018-2019, which was jointly formulated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). It is based on the conclusions of the UN Electoral Needs Assessment Mission (NAM), of June-July 2022², which highlighted the limited capacity of the electoral bodies, the National Elections Commission (CNE) and the Technical Office to Support Electoral Processes (GTAPE). It is also based on the conclusions of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) event on Preventing Electoral Violence in Guinea-Bissau (2022)³ on the lack of adequate knowledge around citizenship and exercise of civic rights.

The intervention, which strengthens the electoral cycle approach adopted by UNDP during the previous elections, will focus on the institutional and technical capacity building of CNE and GTAPE, to strengthen political participation of citizens (including the most vulnerable: women, youth, elders, people living with disability, rural and marginalised populations) and increase transparency of elections results through digitalisation and innovation. The Action will also focus on awareness raising on the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democratic society and on political participation, as well as on the prevention of elections related conflicts. This will be made through civic education campaigns, the development and implementation of a Political and Media Conduct codes, training and social communication events, with the active involvement of civil society.

² Report of the Electoral Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) led by the Electoral Assistance Division (EAD) of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), dispatched from 29 June to 8 July 2022 to Bissau, Guinea Bissau.

³ Report "A Voz da Sociedade Civil da Guiné-Bissau no Processo Eleitoral de 2019", coordinated by the Electoral Monitoring Cell (EMC), and supported by the WANEP Regional Project "Monitorização, Análise e Mitigação da Violência Eleitoral".