



**Election Working Group (EWG)  
Supplement to the Code of Ethics for  
Organizational Members**

**13 September 2012**

1. **Exclusivity Agreement.** All member organizations of EWG agree to implement a collective strategy exclusively with EWG for observation of all aspects of elections in 2012-2014, including the national elections.
  - a. **Rule:** No member of EWG will observe the elections independently or with any other group or coalition. Any member of EWG that observes elections independently or with any other group or coalition will cease to be a member of EWG. Any grants from The Asia Foundation (TAF) for election observation activities will be cancelled immediately, and all unspent funds will be returned to TAF.
  - b. **Exception:** EWG member organizations are permitted to participate independently or with other national or international partners in other kinds of election programming unrelated to EWG's collective election observation strategy. To avoid any conflict of interest, the member organization must seek authorization in writing from both TAF and the EWG Steering Committee before signing any grant or other agreement.
  
2. **Public Statements.** All member organizations of EWG agree to speak with one collective voice to the public, the media, the Bangladesh Election Commission (BEC), international donors, political parties, and all other election stakeholders with regard to all aspects of observation of elections in 2012-2014, including the national elections.
  - a. **Rule:** No member of EWG will speak or write to any of these election stakeholders, including the media, about any aspect of election observation independently or with any other group or coalition. Any member of EWG that speaks or writes to any election stakeholder about any aspect of election observation independently or with any other group or coalition will cease to be a member of EWG. Any grants from TAF for election observation activities will be cancelled immediately, and all unspent funds will be returned to TAF.
  - b. **Exception:** EWG member organizations are permitted to speak and write independently or with other national or international partners about other kinds of election programming unrelated to EWG's collective strategy for election observation. To avoid any conflict of interest, the

member organization must seek authorization in writing from both TAF and the EWG Steering Committee before signing any grant or other agreement that will involve speaking or writing about elections.

3. **Performance.** All EWG member organizations agree to perform their part of the collective strategy for observation of elections in 2012-2014 to the highest standards of quality.
  - a. **First Violation:** Any EWG member that does not perform to an adequate standard in the judgment of either TAF or the EWG Steering Committee or both during any portion of the election processes in 2012-2014 will receive a written warning. TAF will review each EWG member's performance during the 2008-2009 election process and issue written warnings immediately to any member with poor performance.
  - b. **Second Violation:** After any second instance of poor performance during 2012-2014, the organization will cease to be a member of EWG. Any grants from TAF for election observation activities will be cancelled immediately, and all unspent funds will be returned to TAF.
  
4. **Financial Integrity.** All EWG member organizations agree to maintain the highest standards of financial integrity and finance reporting to TAF.
  - a. **First Violation:** Any EWG member that does not maintain financial integrity and financial reporting to an adequate standard in the judgment of TAF during any portion of the election processes in 2012-2014 will receive a written warning. TAF will review each EWG member's financial integrity and financial reporting during the 2008-2009 election process and issue written warnings immediately to any member with demonstration of poor financial integrity or reporting.
  - b. **Second Violation:** After any second instance of poor financial integrity or financial reporting during 2012-2014, the organization will cease to be a member of EWG. Any grants from TAF for election observation activities will be cancelled immediately, and all unspent funds will be returned to TAF.

**Signed on behalf of EWG Member Organization** \_\_\_\_\_ :

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