EXERCISE E:

HOW EFFECTIVE WAS THE ADVOCACY STRATEGY?

As part of your broader open election data activities, consider any advocacy your group may have planned to do or embarked on throughout your project to make electoral data more open.

1) Which data was the easiest or quickest to advocate for? Why?

2) What data took more time than anticipated to acquire? Why? What could change in your approach to advocating for this data in the future to get this data faster?

3) Was there any data that your group did not anticipate needing to advocate for but ultimately did?

4) Is there any other data that would be helpful to have in the future for the next steps in your project or for future projects?

5) Which stakeholders, if any, changed in their commitments to open election data?

6) Which stakeholders required or will require more specific or targeted advocacy efforts to achieve your goals? Are there any additional stakeholders your group did not anticipate to engage that should be engaged?

7) What obstacles may influence the availability of open election data in your context?

HOW IMPACTFUL WAS DATA ANALYSIS?

1) Did your group experience any unexpected obstacles in retrieving, cleaning, or analyzing data? Are there any skills, resources, or other information your group was missing to successfully collect and analyze data?

2) Did your group notice anything in the data you retrieved that may impact its feasibility, viability, or compliance with open data principles that your group can advocate with stakeholders on?

3) Which findings received the most reaction from civil society or other stakeholders?

4) Which methods of visualizing data or otherwise presenting your findings were most responded to by your audience/s?

5) Which stakeholders committed to or addressed recommendations made by your group based on your findings?

6) To what extent did your open election data analysis compliment your other election-related activities?

7) Are there other ways your findings or data gathered can be used to improve transparency around elections, raise awareness of certain issues, or advocate for specific changes?

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY TO USE OPEN DATA

1) Were your resources and internal capacities enough to conduct your activities as planned?

2) Do you see any improvements in internal expertise or capacities?

3) What additional skills, staffing, or other organizational capacities are needed to continue progress towards your goals?

4) How did your group react and adapt to unforeseen challenges or circumstances when advocating for data, finding data, or conducting your analysis? What else is needed to respond more effectively to unforeseen challenges?