



## **IFES Quarterly Report: April 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005**

### **Global Electoral Standards**

**USAID Cooperative Agreement No. DGC-A-00-01-00004-00**

**Project Period: October 1, 2003 – December 31, 2005**

**Total Budget: \$85,000      Expenses Recorded to Date: \$66,713**

#### **Background**

The Global Electoral Standards project will develop a *Standards Framework* for the following topical areas: political finance, delimitation, internet, election technology, and external and absentee voting. These five *Framework* documents will examine the issues of standards for these topics from the perspective of human rights conventions and will reflect discussions on standards that are included in regional initiatives such as those by the Association of Central and eastern European Election Officials (ACEEEO), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Southern African Development Community, and the Council of Europe. These *Framework* documents will be part of the standards project that is being undertaken by NDI, TCC, and UN-EAD and included with their activities where appropriate.

In order to receive comments from election administration practitioners, the *Frameworks* will be discussed with EMBs through the regional associations of election officials. After comments have been received from EMBs, the Challenge project will develop five assistance packages to support EMBs in their administration of these new responsibilities under the standards frameworks.

#### **Activities**

During this quarter, several of the standards papers were edited by their authors after receipt of comments. A test web-site for the posting of these papers and public submittal of comments has been created and will be made active in the next quarter.

#### **Activities Planned for Next Quarter**

The edited and revised standards papers will be distributed to knowledgeable experts for comment.