

Bangladesh

Gender & Election Assessment

Early Findings

Bangladesh is approaching an important juncture as the country prepares for the National Election in 2018. Over the years, electoral integrity and violence have been affecting democratic consolidation and hampering rule of law. In 2014, political turmoil across the country made the 10th National Parliamentary Election in a one-party led event where the main opposition boycotted the elections. Considering the history of democratic transitions between elections in the country that have mostly

been marked by violence, the stakes of the upcoming 11th Parliamentary Election are quite high.

Election violence in Bangladesh ranges from Violence against Women in Elections (VAW-E), intimidation of voters, street fighting, killing, among the others. Thus, IID in partnership with National Democratic Institute (NDI) has initiated a 4-months long research project to assess the key electoral integrity issues in Bangladesh.

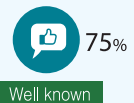
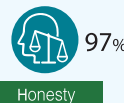
Voter registration

Have the election officials reached every citizen?



Voter Choice

Top 3 leadership traits same among men and women



Voter Awareness

Are you aware of the voting information?



Voter Intimidation

5 out of 6 victims who faced Family pressure were **women**



All 5 women experienced mental pressure
1 in 5 women faced family dispute

Type of intimidation Varies across gender



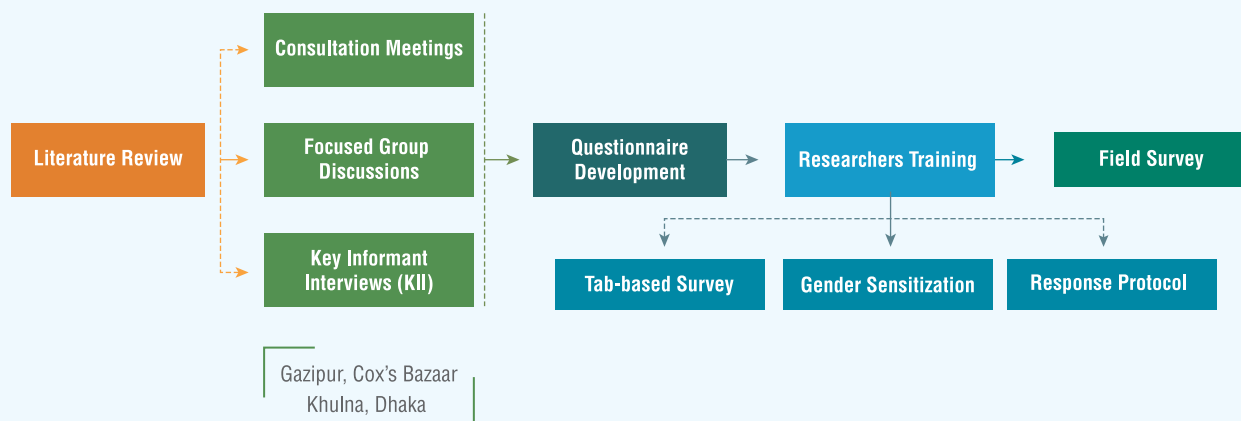
“I am a firm believer of voting rights for women. But my wife stays at home all day. So I help her decide whom to vote. I ensure she made the right decision by asking her whom she voted after returning from the polling centre.”

-A male voter from the voter FGD at Gazipur

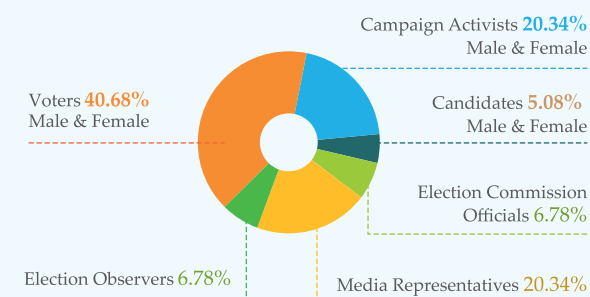
“The ruling party activists wouldn't let anyone work as a polling agent. Since my family is locally well known, the opposition party requested me and my sisters to work as polling agents.”

-A female Youth leader from FGD in Khulna

Study Approach

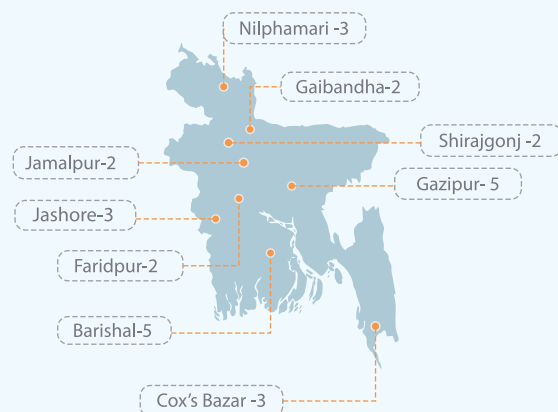


Target Respondents

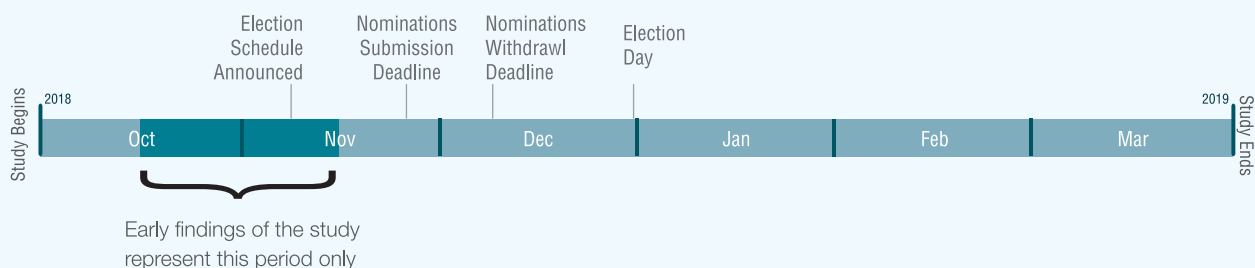


Study Location

9 constituencies



Study Timeline



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