



Election Observation Mission Statement

Summary of 3 Partner-Organizations

Charity-Oriented Myanmar

Founded in 2005, Charity-Oriented Myanmar (COM) is a national youth-led civil society organization motivated by aspiration to pursue initiatives towards *“Peaceful and Justice Society”* by promoting socio-economic development and democratic culture in a diverse Myanmar society.

Peace & Justice Myanmar

Founded in 2014, Peace & Justice Myanmar (PJM) is a neutral and non-profit civil society organization motivated and focused on actions *“Towards Peaceful and Prosperous Society”* that help to engage Myanmar citizens as Democratic citizens, Reform for pro-people policies, Electoral process, and Peace process.

Hornbill Organization

Founded in 2010, Hornbill Organization (HBO) is a neutral and non-profit civil society organization who motivates via its diverse activities towards *“Promoting and practicing democratic principles for strong democratic culture and respect for dignity of all people”*.

Our Goal

To promote the inclusiveness of the electoral process and the performance of the Election Management Body (EMB) in accordance with the international standards

Our Objectives

- 1) Inclusiveness of the 2017 by-electoral process and the performance of EMB is observed and analyzed*
- 2) Evidence-based findings on the inclusiveness and the performance are made known to key stakeholders, the general public, the media and broader communities*
- 3) Rights-based recommendations based on evidence-based findings are made in order to advocate relevant institutions for legal reforms*

We, the three organizations, jointly and collaboratively are commencing today the Election Observation Mission of the 2017 By-elections with the aim to promote inclusiveness of the electoral process and the performance of the Election Management Body (EMB) in accordance with the international standards. The thematic areas we will focus on are; 1. Inclusive participation of ethnic minorities, women, persons with disabilities and migrants and 2. The performance of EMB in the electoral process. We will observe the 2017 By-Elections by using jointly developed methodologies based on best practices and analyze the legal framework, campaign period, voter list display, voting process and complaint & appeal issues of the electoral cycle. Our target areas are 15 townships in 7 States and Regions for the most contested 8 seats. Our observation will take place in 15 townships,



Htantalan in Chin State, Phruso in Kayah State, Chaung Sone in Mon State, Nyaung Shwe in Shan State, Kyauk Tagar and Nyaung Lay Bin in Bago Region, Monywa in Sagaing Region and Hlaing, Kamaryut, Ahlone, Kyie Myint Dai, Seikkan, Lathar, Lanmadaw and Hlaing Tharyar in Yangon Region. We will cover the contest of all 3 Amyothar Hluttaw Seats, 3 Pyithu Hluttaw Seats out of 9, and 2 State

Hluttaw Seats out of 7. We will select and train 13 and 134 local people to be long-term observers (LTOs) and short-term observers (STOs) respectively. We will deploy 13 LTOs to conduct the mobile observation and 134 STOs to conduct the stationary observation on the Election Day. We will assign 2 STOs to observe at one polling station and thus, our observation covers 67 polling stations.

We, as a main result of our election observation mission, will publicly issue two reports, the Preliminary Statement and the Final Report. On the next day after the by-elections, we jointly hold a press conference to release the Preliminary Statement which will mainly be based on the E-day findings on the next day after the by-elections. And, within 2 months, we jointly have another press conference to issue the Final Report with evidence-based findings throughout the electoral process and recommendations based on democratic principles and international electoral standards. We will use this Final Report to advocate relevant electoral stakeholders and government institutions for the electoral reform which will improve and consolidate democratic reform for 2020 General Election.

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