

USAID BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SUPPORT TO ELECTORAL INTEGRITY

ELECTION TECHNOLOGY PILOT: BALLOT SCANNERS & DIRECT RESULTS TRANSMISSION

USAID is partnering with the Central Election Committee (CEC) on a technology pilot that will test optical scanners with direct transmission of election results in select municipalities in the 2024 local elections. The aim of this pilot is to prepare BiH for full-scale application of this technology during the 2026 general elections.

TECHNOLOGY & AUXILIARY SERVICES

- ❖ All required hardware and software
- ❖ Technical experts to provide on-site technology support and training
- ❖ Transportation and warehousing of scanners
- ❖ Provision of special ballots to be used with scanners
- ❖ Voter outreach support including simulations and mock elections at the Municipal Election Commission (MEC) level.



TARGET LOCATIONS

145 POLLING STATIONS
ACROSS **6** MUNICIPALITIES:

Vogošća, Tuzla, Visoko,
Stolac, Novi Grad, and
Prijedor

SELECTION CRITERIA

USAID and the CEC identified a statistically relevant sample of municipalities and polling stations that are demographically and politically representative of BiH, using the following criteria:

Size of municipality, available infrastructure, demographic composition, urban and rural balance, and rates of invalid ballots or reports of irregularities in past elections.

MEASURING SUCCESS

- ❖ USAID will support the CEC to monitor the following metrics to measure success and incorporate lessons learned for the 2026 general elections:
 - Increased voter turnout at the polling station level
 - Fewer invalid ballots
 - Reduced time required for results collation and transmission
 - Minimal discrepancies between electronic and manual count
- ❖ Electronic votes will also be manually counted on election day. A full audit will be conducted to compare and reconcile manual and electronic results.