

and policies. The Group of **Civil Society Organisations for Elections (GOSCE)** is an umbrella organisation linking over 20 local civil society groups; it was created in 2012 following the coup d'état, with the objective to contribute to re-establishing the democratic order, supporting the transitional Government and the new electoral process. It includes organisations with different missions and covering various groups, including women and youth.

**The ANP, which is constitutionally mandated to hold government to account, initiate legislation, and represent citizen interests vis-à-vis government.**

Important ANP stakeholders include:

- **CSOs**, including actors such as the media and press freedom organisations, women's organizations, organizations of people living with disabilities academic institutions and research centres;
- **The citizens** as the ultimate beneficiaries of this programme;
- Other relevant **state and public institutions**;
- The United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) and resident **EU Member States** (PT, FR, ES);
- Regional organisations, such as the **African Union and ECOWAS**, can also play an active political role.

**The National Elections Commission (CNE) and the Technical Office to Support Electoral Processes (GTAPE)**, under tutelage of the **Ministry of Territorial Administration**.

#### **Secondary stakeholders relevant to all three components (Duty bearers)**

**Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration:** this ministry is generally responsible for economic planning, coordinating development policies, and managing financial resources. It will be involved in formulating and implementing development policies, and coordinating partner interventions at regional level with a focus on CSO implication.

**Ministry of Territorial Administration and Local Powers:** this Ministry oversees decentralization, can facilitate coordination between central and local levels, and support the implementation of development policies at the local level. Despite the mandate, decentralization has not advanced and human and institutional resources to support the decentralization process and local governance are currently insufficient. The ministry also implements voter registration through its GTAPE department.

**Technical and Financial Development Partners as UNDP and UNFPA and EU Member State agencies:** these partners provide technical and financial support for implementing CSO development programs. They can contribute to project funding, provide technical expertise, and support the implementation of development policies. Development partners have technical and financial capabilities to support development interventions, as well as significant international networks and experiences.

Other institutions, such as **the Supreme Court**, are involved in the elections in terms of vetting and certifying the candidates and handling the judicial appeals. The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** conducts out-of-country voter registration and polling, and it defines electoral assistance priorities for the UNDP basket fund, of which the EU is one of the main contributors.