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# AN INTRODUCTION TO ELMO: DATA COLLECTION FOR ELECTION OBSERVATION AND BEYOND



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## WHAT IS ELMO?

- ELMO is The Carter Center's open-source ELection MOnitoring data collection and reporting system, built specifically with election monitoring in mind.
- As an open source tool, ELMO is also freely available for CSOs and other organizations to use for election observation



# WHAT IS ELMO?



THE  
CARTER CENTER



- Cherokee Nation
- Libya
- Egypt
- Kenya
- Nepal
- Madagascar
- Mozambique
- Tunisia
- DRC

# OPEN SOURCE BENEFICIARIES



Coalition on Election Monitoring and  
Observation in Tanzania



# DATA TRANSMISSION



# BEYOND ELECTION OBSERVATION

- Human rights monitoring
  - Burundi
  - Syria
  - DRC
- Public surveys
  - Ebola awareness in Liberia
- Monitoring and evaluation
  - Carter Center Trachoma Program

# ! Polling

Tunisia Parliamentary 2014



User/Team

Observation Time

1. Record your GPS location:

*If using a tablet, press the button which says "Record Location" and wait for the GPS coordinates to be recorded.*

2. \* Geographic Area Designation:

North  South  East  West  Central

3. \* Constituency:

Ariana  Ben Arous  Beja  Bizerte  El Kef  
 Gabes  Gafsa  Jendouba  Kairouan  
 Kasserine  Kebili  Mahdia  Manouba  
 Medenine  Monastir  Nabeul  Sfax  
 Sidi Bouzid  Siliana  Sousse  Tataouine  
 Tozeur  Tunis  Zaghouan

4. \* Center ID:

5. \* Is the center in an urban or rural area?

Urban  Rural

6. \* Number of stations at the center:

*If the center and the station are the same, please answer "1."*

7. \* Were there obstacles or barriers on the way to the center that could have inhibited general public access?

Yes  No

ANSWER ONLY IF Question #7 is equal to "Yes"

8. If 'yes', describe:

*Describe the barriers to public access and to what extent it affected voter franchise. Examples of barriers might include distance from villages or a dysfunctional bridge.*



# Report: 2A1. Polling Summary

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Mission Tunisia Parliamentary 2014  
 Form Polling  
 Total Submissions 344  
 Non-reporting Observers STAFF MEMBER 1, STAFF MEMBER 2

		North	South	East	West	Central
#2	Geographic Area Designation:	29.1% (100)	29.9% (103)	5.8% (20)	10.2% (35)	25.0% (86)
		<b>Provinces</b>				
#3	Constituency:	Ariana: 2.9% (10) , Ben Arous: 4.1% (14) , Beja: 3.2% (11) , Bizerte: 4.1% (14) , El Kef: 3.5% (12) , Gabes: 2.6% (9) , Gafsa: 2.9% (10) , Jendouba: 3.5% (12) , Kairouan: 3.2% (11) , Kasserine: 3.5% (12) , Kebili: 3.8% (13) , Mahdia: 2.9% (10) , Manouba: 2.9% (10) , Medenine: 3.2% (11) , Monastir: 3.8% (13) , Nabeul: 5.5% (19) , Sfax: 9.3% (32) , Sidi Bouzid: 2.6% (9) , Siliana: 3.5% (12) , Sousse: 3.2% (11) , Tataouine: 4.4% (15) , Tozeur: 3.5% (12) , Tunis: 14.8% (51) , Zaghuan: 3.2% (11)				
		Urban	Rural			
#5	Is the center in an urban or rural area?	61.9% (213)	38.1% (131)			
		Average	Minimum	Maximum		
#6	Number of stations at the center: <i>See dependent questions #10, #11</i>	4.0	1.0	9.0		
		Yes	No			
#7	Were there obstacles or barriers on the way to the center that could have inhibited general public access? <i>See dependent question #8</i>	0.3% (1)	99.7% (343)			

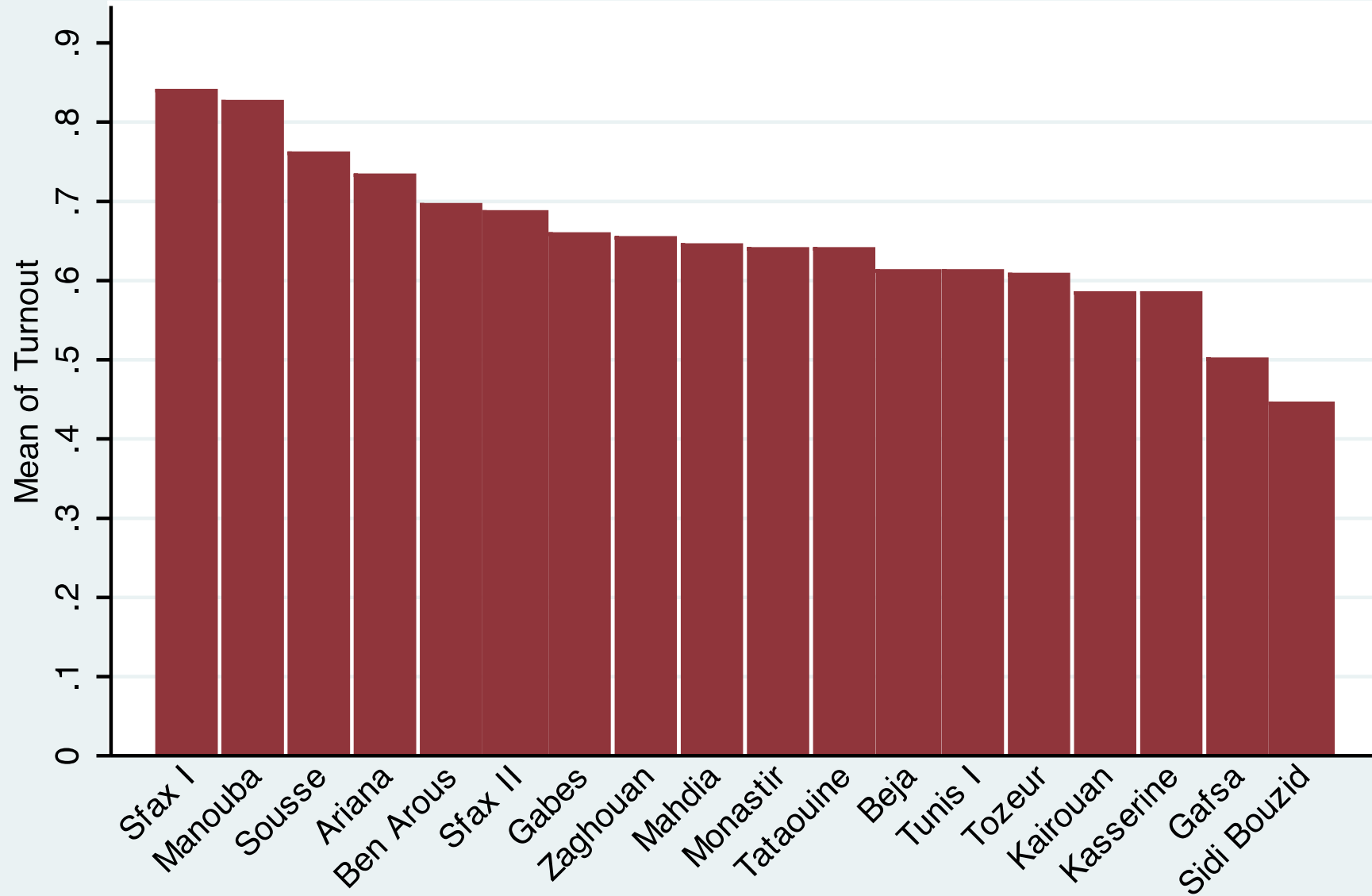
		<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
#22	Number of registered voters:	556.8	372.0	600.0
#23	Approximate number of voters who have voted by time of arrival:	404.4	208.0	519.0
#24	Number of ballots received:	592.0	277.0	704.0
#25	Number of unused ballots:	188.3	24.0	310.0
#26	Number of ballots in box:	404.0	208.0	519.0
#27	Number of invalid ballots:	12.5	0.0	57.0
#28	Number of blank ballots:	7.1	0.0	28.0
#29	Number of valid ballots:	387.7	202.0	517.0
#30	Number of spoiled ballots:	1.7	0.0	7.0
#31	Number of challenged ballots:	0.1	0.0	2.0

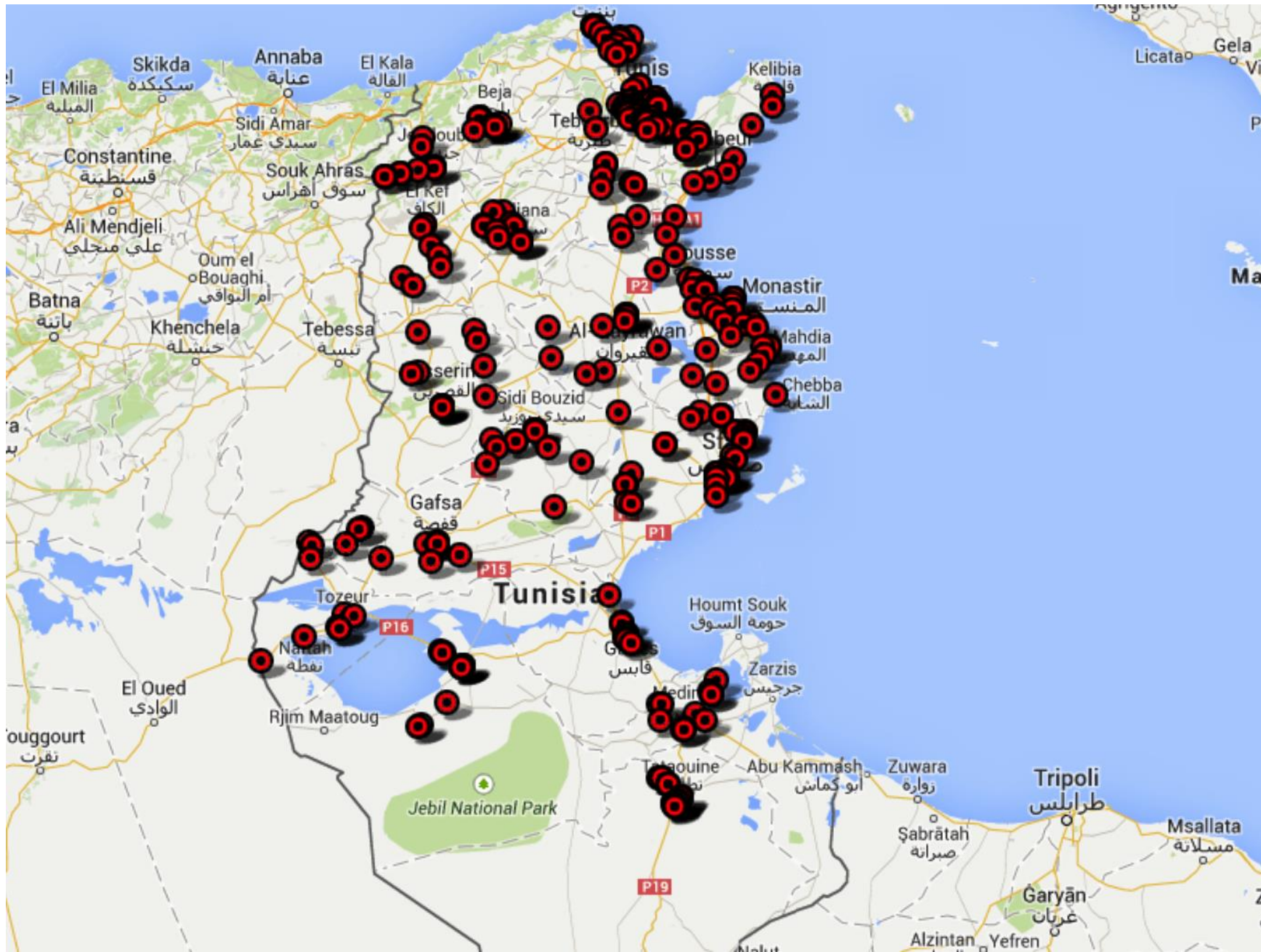
## Polling Procedures

*How closely did procedures adhere to regulations?*

	<b>Fully</b>	<b>Adequately</b>	<b>Inadequately</b>	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Not observed</b>
<b>Checking for Ink</b>	75.6% (260)	18.9% (65)	1.2% (4)	2.0% (7)	2.3% (8)
<b>Voter ID</b>	87.2% (300)	10.8% (37)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.0% (7)
<b>Checking under veils</b>	7.0% (24)	2.0% (7)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	91.0% (313)
<b>Signing the voter list</b>	90.1% (310)	6.7% (23)	0.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.6% (9)
<b>Inking fingers</b>	83.1% (286)	13.7% (47)	1.2% (4)	0.0% (0)	2.0% (7)
<b>Ballot Stamping</b>	93.6% (322)	4.4% (15)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.0% (7)
<b>Voter Instruction</b>	45.6% (157)	35.5% (122)	9.9% (34)	4.9% (17)	4.1% (14)
<b>Ballot Casting</b>	82.3% (283)	14.0% (48)	1.2% (4)	0.3% (1)	2.3% (8)
<b>Assisted Voting</b>	16.3% (56)	6.1% (21)	1.2% (4)	0.6% (2)	75.9% (261)
<b>Spoiled Ballot Procedures</b>	9.9% (34)	2.0% (7)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	88.1% (303)

Turnout by Governorate 1800





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# ELMO for Election Readiness

- Do voters have ID cards?
- What was the turnout for polling station X/district Y?
- Does polling station X have the necessary materials?
- To what degree has intimidation affected district X?
- How many invalid ballots have been counted at polling station X?



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# ELMO for Election Readiness

- EMBs are interested in a lot of the same information that interests observers.
- Anticipation and readiness are key to good election risk management.
- Having good information on a variety of variables is key to election readiness.
- There is a great need for information to be delivered quickly, which grows as an election day draws closer.

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