

- ▶ When does it happen?
- ▶ Where is it happening?
- ▶ Why is it happening?

Figure 5: Quality of information



Source: <https://promolex.md>

Including these questions in the internal reporting forms ensures that observers cover most key aspects of the events.

Long-term observation forms

Depending on the country specifics, the scope, the structure, the human and financial resources of the election observation mission, the long-term election observation may be based on two data collection methods that complement each other: long-term election observation forms (LTO forms) and data gathering at the centre by Core Team members.

LTO forms are the main source of information about the conduct of the electoral process in the regions. Domestic observers develop the following LTO forms.

- ▶ *LTO standard reporting forms* gather quantitative and qualitative information on all aspects of the election campaign conduct. LTO forms could also more specifically focus on different topics (campaign financing, media monitoring, etc.), thus ensuring a strong focus on the respective issue and qualitative gathering of information. Often these reporting forms copy the structure of the pre-election interim reports as well as post-election statement and/or the final reports.
- ▶ *LTO incident forms* provide immediate and detailed information of incidents in the LTO area of observation. These forms may be complemented by *LTO rally report forms* that could be used in the case of particularly important events (an observed rally, for example).