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Gerard (Jerry) Lavery is the Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening's Elections and Political Transitions (EPT) technical director for the Global EPT Leader award. Lavery has more than 15 years of work experience in the democracy, human rights and governance (DRG) field.

He was a democracy fellow in the Office of Policy at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he provided a DRG perspective on policy priorities, led assessments to USAID Missions, convened internal working groups, and engaged with external stakeholders. In this role, he also served as primary point of contact for implementation of the USAID'S Closed Spaces Guidance. In addition, he co-led an internal DRG Trends 2025 working group, which tracks key trends anticipated to affect the DRG sector in the next decade. Finally, senior USAID leadership relied on him to lead exercises that fed into redesign efforts.

Prior to joining USAID, Lavery worked at the National Democratic Institute and Chemonics, where he designed, managed, and implemented of a diverse portfolio of DRG programming in the African region. He has a Ph.D. in comparative politics from Michigan State University.