Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Office of Democracy and Governance
Program Title:	Governance Program
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	932-004
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	$2,723,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	$2,750,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	1997
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID's work in democratic governance strives to support reform processes at the national and local level, aimed at promoting stronger, more democratic institutions and policy-making processes that are more transparent and accountable to the people they serve. Democratic governance programs aim to strengthen democracies by improving government performance by the executive branch, but also by providing essential checks and balances through work with elected parliaments, local governments, independent government oversight bodies, the media, the private sector, and other non-governmental watchdog organizations.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:
FY 2006 Program: Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms: The Office of Democracy and Governance (DG) has been the focal point for activities aimed at implementing the Agency's Anticorruption Strategy which was issued in 2005. Activities will include the design and procurement of a new Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) to provide global anticorruption services. Technical leadership will include the finalization of a corruption assessment methodology, aimed at developing recommendations for USAID programs that address root causes of corruption and can be applied across development sectors. Implementers are ARD, Inc., Casals and Associates; DPK Consulting; Management Systems International; and Planning and Development Collaborative International (PADCO). ($323,000 DA)

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector: As a new sub-sector, security sector reform (SSR) activities planned for FY 2006 will build on technical leadership, training, and pilot activities which began in FY 2005. The goals of this program are: 1) to increase the Agency's capacity to design and deliver SSR programs; 2) to expand the Agency's experience base in this sub-sector through pilot activities; and 3) to increase inter-agency and donor cooperation through joint programs, including training, exchange of best practices, and field activities. Implementers include consortia led by ARD, Inc. and Development Alternatives, and others to be determined. ($300,000 DA)

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function: DG has designed a new $750 million, five-year IQC to provide assistance to missions seeking to program assistance for executive branch offices, line ministries, and other organizations aimed at promoting transparent, accountable government administration. Technical leadership in this area will focus particularly on the challenges affecting fragile states as well as the civilian responsibilities of stability operations. Implementers are consortia led by ARD, Inc.; Chemonics International; Development Alternatives, Inc.; Millennium IP3; and Management Systems International. ($600,000 DA)

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework: Field support will focus on the active portfolio of parliamentary strengthening activities in all regions, including key programs in Afghanistan and Iraq. Special attention will be paid to the coordination of USAID programs with the work of the House Democracy Assistance Commission (HDAC). HDAC programs will be designed to augment, and be followed up by, USAID's ongoing programs.   FY 2006 assessments are planned for Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and other countries to be determined. Implementers are State University of New York Center for International Development; Development Alternatives, Inc.; Development Associates; Financial Markets International; and Management Systems International. ($1,000,000 DA)

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization: Activities will focus on providing support to the large portfolio of more than three dozen USAID field-based democratic local government and decentralization programs, with particular attention to fragile states. Technical leadership will focus on the revision of the Decentralization and Democratic Local Governance Handbook, originally published in 2000, to include emerging issues. Implementers are ARD, Inc.; Abt Associates; Chemonics International; Development Alternatives, Inc.; International City and County Managers Association; Research Triangle Institute; and Urban Institute. ($500,000 DA)

FY 2007 Program: Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms: The program will focus on technical support to field missions with anticorruption programs. This may take the form of assessment, program design and delivery, training, and evaluation. A new grant mechanism, either through an Annual Program Statement or a Leader with Associate Award will be designed to identify and support new partnerships with anticorruption organizations. ($625,000 DA)

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector: Activities will focus on building USAID practice in SSR through technical leadership, training, and pilot activities. Technical leadership topics to be explored include 1) Non-state security service delivery in remote areas, 2) addressing organized crime and public safety, and 3) building local ownership of the SSR process. Pilot activities will include continuing implementation of defense budget oversight and White Paper national security strategy development programs. ($300,000 DA)

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function: A new program for Emerging Leadership will be initiated. The program will aim to identify developing world leaders now associated with USAID host country partners in the public and private sector. A new cadre of emerging leaders will be expected to return from their training experience with a detailed strategy for implementing their own plan for organizational transformation, while continuing to develop and use their leadership skills. A program for tracking, networking, and supporting graduates of the program is also contemplated. ($1,000,000 DA)

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework: Activities will continue to emphasize field support of USAID's legislative strengthening programs worldwide. Programmatic emphasis will be placed on how support to legislatures can work to support other DG and Agency goals in areas such as anticorruption, security sector reform, and HIV/AIDS. Continued collaboration with the House Democracy Assistance Commission is also envisioned. ($325,000 DA)

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization: Rollout and dissemination of the new Democratic Local Governance and Decentralization Handbook will be the priority for the technical leadership agenda. Events will be planned to present the Handbook and its key new findings to USAID and other U.S. Government staff, USAID implementers and other practitioners, and other donors. Field support will continue to local government programs on a worldwide basis. New material will be folded into training programs for DG staff. We will also look to partner with the Office of Urban Programs on training and technical leadership activities. ($500,000 DA)

Performance and Results: Progress towards achievement of this strategic objective is on course. The Governance Division has put in place a series of long-term technical assistance mechanisms that will assist missions in strengthening national and local institutions. Specifically, USAID now has four new IQCs with worldwide capability to assist parliaments, local governments, ministries, and independent government offices, as well as non-governmental organizations, to improve transparency and accountability. The Agency Anticorruption Strategy was published and now moves into the implementation stage. The effort is led by the Strategy Implementation Task Force which is chaired by an Assistant Administrator, on a rotating basis, and staffed by the Governance Division and other technical officers throughout the Agency. The desired end-state is to carry out the strategy's recommendations and make the Agency better able to understand the anticorruption challenge, to modify its procedures and programs to attack corruption problems more frontally, and to evaluate the results of those efforts.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

932-004 Governance Program	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	32,530	4,684
Expenditures	24,499	1,672
Unliquidated	8,031	3,012
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	2,795	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	35,325	4,684
Expenditures	24,499	1,672
Unliquidated	10,826	3,012
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,723	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	2,723	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	2,750	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	40,798	4,684