

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Sudan
Program Title:	Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	650-005
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$9,849,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's program to support more responsive and participatory governance includes training, technical assistance, and sub-grants to local organizations in southern Sudan and the formerly opposition-held transition areas of Abyei, Southern Blue Nile and Nuba Mountains. Core activities are designed to build transparent and accountable institutional structures of the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS); promote participatory and inclusive political processes, including support to civilian political parties and the constitution and electoral systems; develop decentralized local government structures; increase the capacity of civil society organizations, with targeted support for women's organizations and their initiatives; and enhance availability and access to independent public information.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Democratic Governance Institutions (\$2,128,000 DA). USAID is providing three long-term advisors to the proposed GOSS Ministries of Finance, Public Service and Justice to assist in the establishment, organization and institutionalization of these ministries. In addition, a long term training coordinator is developing a comprehensive training plan for GOSS personnel on issues such as public administration, anti-corruption, and leadership. Procurement includes vehicles and office equipment to each of the three ministries to assist in their institutional development. Principal contractors and grantees include: BearingPoint.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$1,078,000 DA). Participatory and inclusive political processes in southern Sudan are supported through political party training on how to develop issue-based platforms, grassroots structures, communication strategies, internal democracy and political pluralism. Principal contractors and grantees: International Republican Institute (IRI).

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$1,400,000 DA). Support is provided to the development of the constitution as the central instrument which will define the political system of southern Sudan. Support is also provided for the GOSS and its citizens to work together in an all-inclusive constitutional process that reflects the wishes of the people. Principal contractors and grantees include: the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$2,100,000 DA). Assistance is provided for a population census in southern Sudan, which will establish a baseline for the voters' roll that will lay the foundation for a democratic electoral system. Principal contractors, grantees and agencies include: the U.S. Census Bureau.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$3,143,000 DA). In order to support the establishment of civil society USAID is building the organizational capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) by: strengthening their institutional development; developing a mechanism for interaction between the GOSS and CSOs to engage in constructive dialogue; and strengthening women's organizations and their initiatives. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined through a competitive process.

FY 2006 Program: In FY 2006, USAID intends to use \$9,849,000 in Transition Initiative funds for the following activities.

Strengthen Democratic Governance Institutions. USAID will continue to support the establishment, organization and institutionalization of the targeted three ministries. More GOSS civil servants will be trained to ensure awareness and knowledge of internal rules and regulations. The success of the program will depend on proper sequencing of the establishment of the Ministries and the ability of Ministry staff to carry out their jobs in a professional manner. Principal contractors and grantees: BearingPoint.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties. Political party training will continue. Institutional support to the establishment of the GOSS legislature and for the parties represented in that legislature will also be included. Principal contractors and grantees: International Republican Institute.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework. Focus groups discussions will be conducted on a semi-annual basis as a way to gauge citizen's views on issues of national importance and serve as a feedback mechanism for constitution-making and for policy-making in the GOSS. Principal contractors and grantees include: National Democratic Institute.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections. Assistance will focus on the census in Southern Sudan. Principal contractors, grantees and agencies include: the U.S. Census Bureau.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization. USAID will support the provision of policy advice to the three transitional zones of Abyei, Nuba Mountains and Southern Blue Nile, improve management and coordination of public service delivery by local government institutions, and support the harmonization of customary law and enhancement of the linkages between customary and civil laws. Principal contractors, grantees and agencies: U.S. Department of Agriculture and others to be determined through a competitive process.

Strengthen Civil Society. USAID will continue to support institutional capacity building of indigenous civil society organizations as a way to promote the development of civil society at large. Special emphasis for organizations that deal with women's issues will continue to be provided. Principal contractors and grantees include: To be determined through a competitive process.

Performance and Results: USAID provides capacity-building support to local government structures and civil society organizations. Additional programming provided increased access to quality, independent information. Achievements include: 26 laws developed and cleared by Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) chairman; 10 local authorities trained in civil administration; Sudan Radio Service broadcasted in nine languages; and 30 civil society organizations received organizational capacity-building training.

By program completion, there will be more transparent and accountable GOSS structures with adequate capacity to manage core public administration and legal functions; participatory and inclusive electoral and governance frameworks, including a ratified constitution and civilian political party structures; improved management and delivery of public services at the local level; customary laws that are reflective of democratic values and the equality of women; an emergence of a vibrant civil society in southern Sudan; and more informed citizens with access to independent information through various channels such as radio, newspapers, and other media outlets.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Sudan

650-005 Governance	DA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	14,503
Expenditures	789
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	14,503
Expenditures	789
Unliquidated	13,714
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	9,849
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	9,849
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	0
Future Obligations	3,400
Est. Total Cost	27,752