

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Zambia
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	611-008
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,520,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$700,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,112,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: The USAID democracy and governance program in Zambia supports law, policy and institutional reforms to enable more accountable government. Core activities focus on increasing civil society demand for transparency, greater public sector accountability, and helping to strengthen oversight institutions.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$500,000 prior year ESF). Activities under this component include corruption prevention, such as reforms of anti-corruption laws, policies, procedures, and tools. USAID supports efforts to prevent future corruption and abuse of public office primarily through an agreement with the U.S. Treasury Department to fund a resident adviser and other technical assistance, training and advice. Funds are also used to conduct, workshops, training, assist local law-drafting experts and researchers, and for development of tools and systems to monitor financial activities. Target reform themes include constitutional reform to rebalance powers, development of financial and banking laws; improvement of bank supervision; creation of an asset forfeiture law; development of conflict of interest guidelines for public servants; and creation of whistleblower protection legislation, evidence laws, and money laundering legislation. Related support for electoral law reforms helps to level the playing field, clarify political party financing, and facilitate fair election management. Principal contractors, grantees or agencies: PACT/Zambia and the U.S. Treasury (both prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$570,000 DA). USAID supports civil society organizations by initiating policy dialogue on accountability and the impact of corruption on areas such as executive fiscal performance, access to basic health, education and other government services, and rights of individuals living with HIV/AIDS. USAID assists civil society organizations to advocate for reforms and to encourage government action on these issues. Principal grantee: PACT/Zambia (prime).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$950,000 DA). USAID assists Parliament with more effective oversight through capacity building activities, including reform of fiscal oversight committees; improved outreach to constituencies and civil society organizations; and by providing better access to modern information technology. USAID also supports capacity building for public oversight agencies such as the Auditor General's Office, the Electoral Commission, and the media. Principal grantee: PACT Zambia (prime).

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$200,000 prior year ESF). In close coordination with the Government of Zambia and other donor governments, ESF will be used to implement a progressive electoral reform agenda, with activities such as support for continuous voter registration, training and equipment for the electoral commission, assistance for preparation of campaign finance rules for political parties, and the development of campaign codes of conduct and dispute resolution procedures.

Reduce transmission and impact of HIV/AIDS. See the State Department Congressional Budget Justification, Global HIV/AIDS Initiative section, for a discussion of this program.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$700,000 DA). The accountability program

will continue to strengthen democratic national governance institutions and strengthen civil society. USAID anti-corruption activities will help to develop prosecutors' expertise in handling corruption investigations and prosecutions, and will advise the Government of Zambia on statutory reforms needed to buttress the criminal justice system. USAID plans to continue to fund a resident adviser from the U.S. Treasury Department to support anti-corruption activities of the government. Funds may also be used for workshops, training, and assisting local law drafting experts and researchers, as well as the development of tools and systems in support of a more democratic and less corrupt Zambia. Principal contractors, grantees or agencies: PACT/Zambia and the U.S. Treasury (both prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$562,000 DA). USAID will continue to assist civil society organizations to advocate for reforms and encourage government action on issues including executive fiscal performance; access to basic health, education and other government services; and rights of individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Principal grantee: PACT/Zambia (prime).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$850,000 DA). USAID will continue to work with Parliament to build capacity. Activities will include reform of fiscal oversight committees and improved outreach to constituencies. Principal grantee: PACT Zambia (prime).

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS. See the State Department Congressional Budget Justification, Global HIV/AIDS Initiative section, for a discussion of this program.

Performance and Results: The democracy and governance program targets permanent structural reforms to reduce public sector abuse of office and corruption. The first stage of Parliamentary reforms (2002-2003) laid plans which they are now being implemented, with the goal of building a Parliament that is representative, effective, accountable, and linked to constituents. The pilot constituency offices were evaluated, found to be extremely effective, and are being implemented on a larger scale, with an increase from nine to 24 new offices that provide services to citizens throughout Zambia. A number of legal instruments for greater independence of the National Assembly have been drafted and are expected to pass the House in late 2005. Five donors (including USAID) have committed over \$4 million for a three-year stage two project managed by PACT. The grants program, also managed by PACT, has issued over 40 grants to nongovernmental organizations. These organizations have achieved a wide variety of results, including influencing government policies on constitutional reform, corruption, HIV, media law reforms and electoral reform. By program completion, elections will be perceived to be free and fair, citizens will acknowledge their country to be less corrupt, executive powers will be more balanced with Parliament, and the Government will be more transparent and accountable. There will be fewer opportunities and greater risks for those public officials tempted by large-scale corruption, abuse of office and crony capitalism, due to reformed codes, systems and procedures to prevent corruption and enforce the law.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Zambia

611-008 Democracy and Governance	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	1,788	400
Expenditures	2	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	1,788	400
Expenditures	2	0
Unliquidated	1,786	400
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	700
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	1,520	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	1,520	700
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,112	0
Future Obligations	4,268	0
Est. Total Cost	9,688	1,100