

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	East Timor
Program Title:	Good Governance Strengthened
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	472-005
Status:	New in FY 2005
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$6,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,655,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$4,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID will improve the foundations of good governance by strengthening the rule of law and expanding more effective democratic governance. Activities will focus on the forthcoming national elections, increasing women's participation in governance, improving management and service provision in the justice sector, and increasing government transparency and accountability. This CBJ constitutes notification of FY 2006 funds.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Program Support (\$1,000,000 ESF). Congressional authority has allowed USAID to use up to \$1 million for USAID administrative and management expenses.

Promote and Support Credible Election Process (\$1,500,000 ESF; \$1,155,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID is providing technical assistance and operational support to the electoral management body in planning and executing the first Timorese-managed national elections for parliament and president scheduled for 2007. The program is providing an advisor, funding, and an orientation training course to the newly appointed independent electoral commission, as well as technical assistance and information technology training to government staff in managing the voter registration process and database. In addition, USAID is providing technical assistance to democratic political parties, and is both conducting a training course and developing manuals for party poll watchers. Training and funds are being provided to local NGOs involved in election monitoring, promotion of women candidates, and voter education campaigns. USAID is also funding training for independent media on balanced election reporting, and provides technical assistance for media outlets in expanding electoral information coverage to the rural areas. Principal Implementers: International Republican Institute (IRI), the National Democratic Institute (NDI), the International Foundation for Election Systems, and others To Be Determined (TBD).

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$1,200,000 ESF). USAID is providing support to the Government of East Timor (GoET) through the Consolidation Support Program (CSP), a multi-donor program managed by the World Bank that provides capacity building and balance of payment support to the GoET. USAID is providing an advisor for the Office of the Inspector General for investigations and audits, and is funding public awareness campaigns on corruption and transparency in government. Principal Implementers: Management Sciences for Development (MSD), Development Alternatives Inc., and the United Nations Development Program.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$1,750,000 ESF). USAID is providing technical assistance and advisors, and is conducting a 14-month training course for the administrative and finance staff of the Ministry of Justice, courts, public defenders, and prosecutor's offices. USAID is providing legal aid services, mediation, and counseling support services for women and children who are victims of domestic and/or gender-based violence. USAID is training legal aid and government staff in mediation skills, ethics, business management, and specialized legal issues such as land tenure, children's rights and commerce. USAID will provide advisors and training in strategic planning, case management, auditing, and anti-corruption investigations to the newly recruited ombudsman staff. USAID is funding organizations

monitoring the courts and human rights violations, and is supporting public awareness campaigns on East Timor's new laws and citizens' rights and responsibilities. USAID is providing a legislative drafting advisor to the parliament, and is providing technical assistance to the legislative support staff. Principal Implementer: The Asia Foundation (TAF), International Development Law Organization, and MSD.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$550,000 ESF; \$500,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID is providing technical assistance to the government in developing a training module for over 4,400 newly elected village council members on their roles, how to organize public meetings, recordkeeping, administration, and numeracy skills. USAID is also providing training and funding to local non-governmental organizations to deliver the training courses at the village level, with particular focus on involving women and youth. Principal Implementers: NDI, IRI, and TAF.

FY 2007 Program:

Program Support: (\$1,000,000 ESF) Congressional authority has allowed USAID to use up to \$1 million for USAID administrative and management expenses.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will provide support to the GoET in the final year of CSP, a multi-donor program managed by the World Bank that monitors government performance. USAID will continue funding an advisor for the Inspector General's office and funding for public awareness campaigns on corruption and transparency in government. After the elections in 2007, USAID plans to provide technical assistance as needed to the government in reviewing lessons learned from the national elections, and in improving voter registration and election management skills and systems. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$1,250,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide advisors, technical assistance, and training to the justice sector institutions as newly trained Timorese judicial personnel replace the international advisors currently serving in the courts, and offices of the public defender and prosecutor general. USAID will fund local organizations providing legal services and counseling to victims of gender-based violence, and fund groups working on conflict prevention, mediation processes, legal education, and raising public awareness of laws. USAID will provide advisors and technical assistance to the ombudsman's office as it completes its first year of operation, and expands its services to the rural areas. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$750,000 ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance and training for government and local community councils as decentralization moves forward. USAID will provide technical assistance to local volunteer councils on planning, communication, and oversight of government services. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Performance and Results: By assisting in the establishment of the ombudsman's office, USAID helped East Timor take a major step forward in increasing transparency and accountability. This office will open its doors to the public to receive complaints in March of 2006, and will serve as an independent oversight institution of government. USAID provided an advisor and operational support for the first Timorese independent electoral commission. Lessons learned through the village election process lay the groundwork for planning the national elections in 2007. USAID's legal aid and formal mediation services filled critical gaps in the public defense process. This will lead to reduced caseloads on the courts, greater access to justice, and the prevention of conflict by resolving cases quickly and using the local language of those involved. The USAID program will continue to help women break new ground in governance roles. A cross-cutting effort for this program has been the public dissemination of information on laws, regulations, immunization campaigns, prevention of dengue fever, and critical environmental messages to prevent land erosion and protect biodiversity. The training of Ministry of Agriculture and Health staff in information dissemination will be critical for avian flu information campaigns or responses to natural disasters. Results under the Good Governance Strengthened objective improve the foundations of governance and support Mission-wide objectives in economic growth and health. They do so by helping the government improve management and delivery of services, preventing corruption, developing independent oversight institutions, and reducing the risk of conflict.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

East Timor

472-005 Good Governance Strengthened	ESF
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	5,257
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	5,257
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	5,257
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	1,655
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	6,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	7,655
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	4,000
Future Obligations	4,500
Est. Total Cost	21,412