

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Egypt
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	263-021
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$48,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$3,500,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$45,390,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID programs under this objective assist the Government of Egypt (GOE) and civil society in strengthening the administration of justice; improving access to justice for women and disadvantaged groups; promoting fiscal, political, and administrative decentralized governance; promoting more competitive and transparent electoral processes and representative political parties; strengthening the organizational and advocacy capabilities of civil society organizations; making the media more professional through training and structural reform; identifying and combating public sector corruption; and fighting human rights abuses and violence against women and children nationwide. This constitutes notification of FY 2006 funding.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$6,000,000 ESF). USAID is helping the Egyptian media sector become more professional, economically viable, and independent through capacity building of Egyptian institutions that train journalists, improving the management of media, and development of local media. USAID is also helping the GOE implement a media reform program. Principal Implementers: To Be Determined (TBD).

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$4,600,000 ESF). USAID is assisting the GOE and empowering civil society to assist in the reform of transparency laws; establish independent entities within the judicial and legislative branches to investigate corruption; and develop a national plan to raise awareness about, and combat, public sector corruption. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$5,700,000 ESF). USAID is assisting the GOE and empowering civil society to make elections more accountable, competitive, and transparent. Assistance includes public information campaigns to educate voters, train domestic monitors, support international observation teams, dialogue on electoral reform, and develop an independent political think-tank. Principal Implementers: National Democratic Institute (NDI) and International Republican Institute (IRI).

Protect Human Rights (\$4,600,000 ESF). USAID is increasing the ability of civil society and government to address human rights violations and respond to violence against women and children. Assistance is increasing public awareness, promoting advocacy, providing legal assistance, improving investigation capacity, and developing human rights curricula. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$6,600,000 ESF). USAID is strengthening Egyptian civil society organizations (CSOs) and enhancing their participation in the political process and their ability to promote and monitor human rights through a grants program. Concurrently, a training and technical assistance contract is strengthening the management and reporting capacity of Egyptian grantees. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$2,000,000 ESF). USAID is strengthening the capacity of political party leaders to wage effective campaigns, develop more democratic and representative internal structures and clearer platforms, monitor the integrity of the electoral process, and develop dialogue with civic leaders to build momentum for political reform. USAID works only with parties committed to

democratic principles and non-violence. Principal Implementers: NDI and IRI.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$12,100,000 ESF; \$3,500,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID is assisting with reform of the justice sector by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of civil courts, integrating women into the judiciary, and promoting judicial independence. USAID is streamlining administrative procedures, automating and training judicial and court personnel at two major courts, planning for nationwide replication of the program, and improving access to justice for families. Principal Implementers: America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Management Sciences for Development Inc., and others TBD.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$6,400,000 ESF). USAID is building the capacity of local governments to respond to citizen priorities by increasing revenue, establishing participatory mechanisms to manage resources, and strengthening management. Support focuses on governorates where USAID has already invested in education, health, environment, and microenterprise. Policy dialogue at the national level is helping to decentralize key authorities and responsibilities to the local level. Principal Implementer: TBD.

FY 2007 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$3,740,000 ESF). USAID will continue to train journalists and media managers to work in the restructured media sector. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Promote And Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will support civil society and GOE efforts to identify and combat public corruption. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$4,000,000 ESF). In addition to continuing to work with civil society and the GOE to support political and electoral reforms, including the cleaning of voter lists, USAID will strengthen political parties to respond to constituent concerns, expand membership, and participate effectively in elections. Principal Implementers: NDI, IRI, and others TBD.

Protect Human Rights (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will increase the ability of civil society and government to address human rights violations and respond to violence against women and children.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$13,950,000 ESF). USAID will fund more CSO initiatives in the areas of human rights, democratic reform, and governance through a grants program. Also, a training and technical assistance contract will strengthen the management and reporting capacity of Egyptian grantees. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$12,700,000 ESF). USAID will continue to train judges and mediators, develop human rights curricula, and automate the civil courts and the Office of the Prosecutor General. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$5,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide policy and technical assistance to give local governments the authority and capacity to levy and retain local taxes and make transparent decisions in response to citizen priorities. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Performance and Results: The goal of this objective is to strengthen the administration of justice, promote decentralization, improve the transparency of electoral processes, and strengthen civil society organizations. In FY 2005, USAID trained 377 judges and 501 judiciary staff, of which 47% were women. USAID developed the information technology system for the civil courts nationwide and procured over \$2 million worth of hardware and software for two major national courts and Ministry of Justice offices. \$5.5 million in grants were issued to American and Egyptian non-governmental organizations to field international election observers; train and field local monitors throughout Egypt; raise political awareness of civil society; and train journalists to report professionally on election issues.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Egypt

263-021 Democracy and Governance	ESF
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	109,390
Expenditures	85,844
Unliquidated	23,546
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	20,360
Expenditures	13,394
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	129,750
Expenditures	99,238
Unliquidated	30,512
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	3,500
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	48,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	51,500
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	45,390
Future Obligations	75,130
Est. Total Cost	301,770