

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Afghanistan
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	306-006
Status:	New in FY 2005
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$25,000,000 DA; \$21,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$8,100,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$25,000,000 DA; \$29,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's program will strengthen the institutions of the formal justice system; educate citizens about their rights; increase access to justice through the construction and rehabilitation of courthouses; support elections and political processes by building the capacity of Afghan electoral institutions to carry out elections more autonomously; foster democratic political parties that are responsive to their constituents; provide critical support for the new Parliament, both its members and professional staff; enact effective legislation and exercise oversight of the executive branch; increase the responsiveness and effectiveness of sub-national governments; and increase the capacity of Afghan civil society and media organizations to serve their communities and advocate on behalf of citizens.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$3,000,000 ESF; \$1,100,000 ESF Prior Year Supplemental). USAID is assisting newly established independent radio stations to improve their financial sustainability and the quality of their production and journalism. Principal Implementer: Internews and others To Be Determined (TBD).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$5,000,000 ESF; \$2,300,000 ESF Prior Year Supplemental). USAID is continuing to support training and provide small grants to non-governmental organizations (NGO) to increase their ability to serve their communities and advocate for the interests of Afghan citizens. At least 50% of the small grants program is reserved for NGOs addressing women's issues. Principal Implementer: Counterpart International.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$3,000,000 ESF; \$1,550,000 ESF Prior Year Supplemental). USAID is continuing to provide support to strengthen political parties. USAID will assist Members of Parliament in developing constituent communication and services, and aid the National Assembly and Independent Election Commission in voter education. Principal Implementer: International Republican Institute (IRI) and National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$7,500,000 DA; \$3,150,000 ESF Prior Year Supplemental). USAID is completing the construction and rehabilitation of three additional courthouses; supporting judicial education, court administration, and public education to acquaint citizens with the legal system and their rights; and continuing efforts to support drafting, legal translation, harmonization, indexing, and codification of laws. Principal Implementers: Management Systems International (MSI) and Checchi.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$10,000,000 DA). USAID is funding orientation and training programs for Members of Parliament and the Parliament's professional staff; assisting the establishment of administrative procedures and a committee system; supporting the development of legislative oversight functions; and initiating strategies to effectively manage executive-legislative relations. Assistance is being provided to establish efficient relationships between the Parliament and the newly established Ministry of State for Parliamentary Affairs representing the President. Principal Implementers: The State University of New York (SUNY), NDI, and IRI.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$7,500,000 DA; \$10,000,000 ESF). USAID is providing assistance to provincial councils and other sub-national governments to define their roles and authorities vis-à-vis the national government; teach the basic skills needed to carry out these responsibilities (budgeting, planning, etc.); and improve service delivery of the sub-national governments. Principal Implementers: Associates in Rural Development Inc. (ARD) and International City Managers Association (ICMA).

FY 2007 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom Of Information (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to emphasize financial sustainability through the production of marketing plans, the use of customer surveys, and increased fees for services. The aim is to consolidate the gains made to date as the number of viable radio markets shrink with the increase in radio stations. Television production will be examined, but given the low percentage of homes with televisions and the uncertainty of electricity supply, assistance to television production currently is undecided. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$5,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support training and small grants to civil society organizations to increase their ability to advocate for the interests of Afghan citizens. Building the capacity of NGOs to efficiently manage themselves both in administration and finance will continue to be a priority. The small grant program will continue with at least 50% of such grants reserved for NGOs addressing women's issues. Principal Implementer: Counterpart International.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$7,000,000 DA; \$3,000,000 ESF). USAID support will address topics such as party management, voter outreach programs, coalition building, democratic self-management, and financial campaigns. Support will be aimed at Members of Parliament and Members of the Provincial Councils. This activity will liaise closely with the Legislative/Legal Framework and Local Government/Decentralization activities. Principal Implementer: IRI and NDI.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$12,000,000 DA). USAID will continue to support justice sector infrastructure improvements, judicial education, court administration, and civic education. Specialized training on the rights of women and children will be offered to more advanced judges to form a cadre within the judiciary equipped to deal with such issues. Principal Implementers: MSI and Checchi.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$1,000,000 DA; \$4,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the development of the Parliament and training programs for Members of Parliament. USAID's focus will be on improving the structures and functions of committees and sub-committees and promoting understanding and mastery of the budgetary process. Principal Implementer: SUNY.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$5,000,000 DA; \$14,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support sub-national governments to improve their effectiveness and service delivery. The provision of provincial level services will become a target of intervention, with health, education, and urban waste and waste-water management as the principal foci. Principal Implementers: ARD and ICMA.

Performance and Results: Although new, this strategic objective incorporates activities initiated under a previous strategic plan. Accomplishments under the old strategic objective include providing \$40 million to support Parliamentary elections, one of the most complex elections ever managed by the international community. By the end of FY 2007, the Government of Afghanistan's independent electoral management commission will be able to independently and effectively manage national and sub-national elections; political parties will be able to effectively represent the interests of their constituents in the Parliament; the Parliament will be able to produce effective legislation necessary for the economic and social well-being of the country and to exercise oversight of the executive branch; civil society organizations, including NGOs and independent radio stations, will be able to advocate more effectively for the Afghan citizens they represent; and the justice system will provide greater access to justice through increased respect for due process and human rights.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Afghanistan

306-006 Democracy and Governance	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	65,100
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	0	65,100
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	65,100
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	8,100
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	25,000	21,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	25,000	29,100
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	25,000	29,000
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	50,000	123,200