

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Sri Lanka
<b>Program Title:</b>	Democracy and Governance
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	383-009
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$4,000,000 ESF
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$774,000 DA; \$4,250,000 ESF
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2004
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2007

**Summary:** The ceasefire agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelan (LTTE), and discussions about an interim administration have provided the opportunity for USAID to design a broader, longer-term Democracy and Governance program that will strengthen the foundations for lasting peace, make key political institutions more democratic, and protect and advance the rights of vulnerable groups. The program, which currently supports the peace process with technical assistance to civil society organizations, the media, and political stakeholders, will broaden its scope and reach to address root causes of the conflict related to participation and inclusion. New activities will include targeted support for constitutional commissions, political party strengthening, civic education, local governance, and the rule of law.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Peace Support (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide grants, technical assistance, and training activities which build support for peace and group cooperation on peace issues. This will include supporting the Government of Sri Lanka and non-governmental organizations' peace-building efforts, networks, and dialogues. The program will fund national and regional media training and collaboration efforts, sponsor activities that broaden and deepen representation in Track One and Track Two peace processes, and continue to create opportunities and mechanisms for multi-stakeholder participation and dialogue. The program will use the recently completed, USAID-funded national survey on attitudes on peace as a mechanism for developing the abilities of indigenous organizations to monitor, report on, and analyze public sentiment on peace issues. USAID will implement this survey every six months to obtain current information that can inform the peace process. The Peace Support Program will fund informal civic education programs. The programs will be tailored to address the needs of youth groups in strategic areas where they are vulnerable to exploitation by extremist groups. Targeted areas will be identified through the Knowledge Attitude and Practices Survey implemented in FY 2003. These activities will be implemented by the Academy for Educational Development.

Responsive Political Institutions (\$2,250,000 ESF). Constitutional political reform at the national level will be consolidated through technical assistance, research, surveys, and mechanisms to broadly disseminate facts on key governance issues and to contribute to public debate. USAID will encourage the smooth transition to more decentralized governance by implementing activities that provide more transparent, participatory, and professional resource allocation and public service delivery in selected localities. USAID will also help national and provincial legislatures improve the effectiveness of their administrative functions through multi-party training. The program will provide technical assistance to key constitutional commissions by strengthening their capacity to support reforms that result from the peace process. USAID will fund civic education activities that promote citizen participation in local government. USAID will award a contract/grant to implement these activities in early FY 2004.

Protection and Empowerment for Vulnerable Groups (\$750,000 ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance, training, and resources to develop a legal aid program for vulnerable groups, including

Internally Displaced Persons, ethnic minorities, and disadvantaged women workers. USAID will also provide technical assistance and training in order to develop mediation boards to promote non-violent dispute resolution. USAID will award a contract/grant to implement these activities in early FY 2004.

**FY 2005 Program:**

Peace Support (\$774,000 DA, \$1,250,000 ESF). The program will continue to provide technical assistance to the Track One and Track Two elements of the peace process. The program will link support for civil society peace advocacy initiatives as well as CSO networks. Media training activities at the national and regional level will continue. As part of the civil society initiatives, further national surveys will be implemented to inform the design of activities and to ensure the beneficiaries will be targeted through civic education programs.

Responsive Political Institutions (\$2,000,000 ESF). The FY 2005 program will continue to implement activities that provide more transparent, participatory, and professional resource allocation and public service delivery in selected localities. USAID will also further help national and provincial legislatures improve the effectiveness of their administrative functions through multi-party training. The program will provide technical assistance to key constitutional commissions by strengthening their capacity to support reforms that result from the peace process.

Protection and Empowerment for Vulnerable Groups (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue technical assistance, training, and resources to develop a legal aid program for vulnerable groups, including Internally Displaced Persons, ethnic minorities, and disadvantaged women workers. USAID will also provide additional technical assistance and training in order to develop mediation boards to promote non-violent dispute resolution. The program will begin the design and implementation of activities to strengthen the Judicial Training Institute, the Legal Aid Commission, and the Judicial Services Commission.

**Performance and Results:** This is a new program. Results of activities implemented under the predecessor program are reported under 383-005.

By the end of the program, USAID will have: (1) built a nation-wide network of organizations that are active in coalitions supportive of the peace process; (2) improved the responsiveness of local governments in selected areas to citizen needs; and (3) strengthened the functioning of the network of mediation boards that provide non-violent solutions to disputes, and expanded coverage into underserved areas in the North and East

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Sri Lanka

	DA	ESF
383-009 Democracy and Governance		
<b>Through September 30, 2002</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2003</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	4,000
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	0	4,000
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	774	4,250
Future Obligations	9,100	7,800
Est. Total Cost	9,874	16,050