Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Uzbekistan **Program Title: Democratic Culture and Institutions** Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance Pillar: Strategic Objective: 122-0211 Status: Continuing Planned FY 2006 Obligation: \$3,300,000 FSA **Prior Year Unobligated:** \$1,830,000 FSA Proposed FY 2007 Obligation: \$3,103,000 FSA

Year of Initial Obligation: 2001 Estimated Year of Final Obligation: 2007

Summary: USAID's democracy programs create stronger and more sustainable civic organizations; increased availability of information on public policy issues; and greater opportunities for citizen participation in governance.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$657,222 FSA, \$45,000 FSA carryover). USAID will provide training, technical assistance, and production support to independent journalists to expand the availability of objective programming. Principal contractor/grantee: Internews (prime).

Protect Human Rights (\$500,000 FSA, \$850,000 FSA carryover). USAID will provide financial support to a network of human rights defenders, and to encourage dialogue among the human rights community, the media, and governmental actors working on these issues. Principal contractors/grantees: Freedom House (prime), American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) (sub), and Eastern Kentucky University (prime).

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$600,312 FSA, \$262,801 FSA carryover). USAID will provide financial support for information campaigns on trafficking, for the provision of services to trafficking victims through a network of shelters, and for the opening of a crisis center for victims of labor exploitation and a new shelter for women in a major city. USAID will also provide training to health workers on the treatment of victims, and to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working on counter-trafficking to increase their financial and institutional sustainability. Principal contractor/grantee: International Organization for Migration.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,542,466 FSA, \$230,000 FSA carryover). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to law students to prepare them to teach classes on civic rights and responsibilities in a democracy to secondary school students. USAID will also provide financial support to leading NGOs. Principal contractors/grantees: ABA/CEELI (prime) and to be determined (TBD) (prime).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$442,242 FSA carryover). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to political parties to develop their organizational structures and strategic planning capacities, with a focus on citizen outreach and communications. Principal contractor/grantee: National Democratic Institute (prime).

FY 2007 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$498,790 FSA). USAID will work with local media organizations to increase access to information and protect the rights of journalists. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Protect Human Rights (\$1,001,900 FSA). USAID will provide training and financial assistance to a network of human rights defenders, and support dialogue between the government and other actors on

the human rights situation. Principal contractors/grantees: Freedom House (prime), American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) (sub), and Eastern Kentucky University (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,602,310 FSA). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to NGOs, with a focus on youth organizations, to strengthen their institutional capacity. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Performance and Results: Programs over the past year fell short of expectations due to a difficult political environment. USAID decided to close its justice reform program earlier than expected due to lack of government interest and cooperation. Media and civil society development programs also were unable to achieve expected results because of increasing investigations by the Government of Uzbekistan into these activities. By program's end, there will be stronger and more sustainable civil society organizations; increased availability of information on public policy issues; greater opportunities for citizen participation in governance; and more effective, responsive and accountable local governance.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Uzbekistan

ESF	FSA
550	18,512
418	11,214
132	7,298
80	6,809
0	6,125
630	25,321
418	17,339
212	7,982
0	1,830
0	3,300
0	5,130
0	3,103
0	6,000
630	39,554
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