

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Kazakhstan
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	115-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,750,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$587,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$1,334,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: The cross-cutting programs support all of USAID's strategic objectives, and include four main components: training to support USAID's technical assistance programs; grant-making assistance provided by the Eurasia Foundation to indigenous non-governmental organizations (NGOs); exchanges under the Community Connections Program to enhance public diplomacy; and program development support for cross-cutting evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and incorporation of perspectives from religious leaders into programming.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Program Support (\$1,750,000 FSA, \$583,753 FSA carryover, \$3,106 FSA prior year recoveries).

Participant Training Program: USAID will continue participant training to complement ongoing technical assistance in the following areas: improved environment for growth of small and medium enterprises, enhanced trade through cross-border opportunities, strengthened democratic culture, improved management of critical natural resources, increased utilization of quality primary health care, sources of conflict mitigated in target communities, and quality of education improved. Of particular note, in spring 2006, a conference will be organized with training resources to bring together religious leaders from across the region to discuss religious extremism. More than 2,000 participants will be trained through participant training activities in Kazakhstan during FY 2006. USAID support will include implementation of activities under a pilot Human and Institutional Capacity Development activity with the Accounts Committee of Kazakhstan. Through this activity, USAID will implement solutions to improve the organizational performance of this important audit institution. Principal contractor/grantee: Academy for Educational Development (prime).

Community Connections: USAID will begin implementation of the Community Connections Program, a public diplomacy initiative previously funded by the State Department. Through the program, approximately 50 Kazakh citizens per year will participate in exchanges to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Kazakhstan through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. This program will help achieve U.S. Government priorities in Kazakhstan by targeting professional groups and individual entrepreneurs that are central to economic and democratic reform. Exchange programs will last from 3-5 weeks and will be tailored to the individual needs of participants. Principal contractors/grantees: World Learning (prime) and American Councils for Int'l Education (sub).

Eurasia Foundation: The Eurasia Foundation will target approximately 20 NGOs that contribute to private sector development and civil society strengthening through small grants. The NGOs will also benefit from institutional strengthening through intensive planning, reporting, and financial management training. In particular, in FY 2006, Eurasia Foundation will continue to support ecotourism and will begin a new program aimed at improving the quality of crafts and marketing skills of Kazakh artisans. In support of the latter, Eurasia Foundation will help to establish a National Crafts Council to coordinate and promote Kazakh artists both nationally and internationally. Principal contractor/grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support: A wide range of program support will continue to be funded, including evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and staff costs. As required, funding will enable USAID to take advantage of unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID strategic objectives. Furthermore, USAID/CAR will expand outreach efforts to engage traditional religious leaders in the region. The goal of this initiative is to better inform religious leaders about USAID programs and to bridge the gap with traditional community leaders whose views, in the past, have not generally been incorporated into USAID programmatic decision making. In accomplishing this goal, USAID will conduct tours of its programs for religious leaders and the media, hold regular representational events with religious leaders, and work with technical assistance providers to incorporate religious leaders into development activities. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

FY 2007 Program:

Program Support (\$1,334,000 FSA).

Community Connections: USAID will continue the Community Connections Program, providing both professionals and businessmen with the opportunity to learn about U.S. society while enhancing their knowledge in areas of expertise. Approximately 50 Kazakh citizens will participate in the program during FY 2007. Principal contractors/grantees: World Learning (prime) and American Councils for International Education (sub).

Eurasia Foundation: The Eurasia Foundation will continue to provide grants and institutional strengthening on an open-door basis to approximately 20 NGOs in Kazakhstan that work in the sectors of private enterprise development, civil society strengthening, and public administration. Principal contractor/grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support: A wide range of program and personnel support activities will continue. As required, funding will enable USAID to support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives. Additionally, religious outreach efforts will continue and be expanded, through tours for and representational events with religious leaders. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

Performance and Results: In FY 2005, USAID trained over 1,900 Kazakh citizens (approximately 60% women) through its Participant Training Program. Programs in the democracy sector focused on the development of an active civil society through training related to NGO development and civic education. In the economic reform sector, training focused on the creation of a favorable environment for SMEs. In the field of natural resources, training programs addressed land reform and assisted farmers in understanding the new land code. Programs in the health sector centered around health care finance (i.e., implementation of the single payer system) and tuberculosis prevention and control in the prison system.

In addition, in FY 2005, USAID began implementing a pilot Human and Institutional Capacity Development program with the Accounts Committee of Kazakhstan, the supreme auditing institution in the country. Through the program, performance gaps within the Accounts Committee are being addressed through a variety of interventions, with the ultimate goal of assisting the organization to become more responsible to its constituents through more effective audits. By conducting more effective audits, government expenditures will be accounted for more accurately, thereby helping to eliminate corruption.

Eurasia Foundation provided approximately \$800,000 in USAID-funded technical assistance to approximately 28 local institutions in FY 2005. During the fiscal year, the Eurasia Foundation succeeded in augmenting USAID funding with more than \$990,000 in leveraged funds from 15 non-USG donors in Kazakhstan. The Eurasia Foundation also moved closer to establishing the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia, an independent, local foundation that will be launched in February 2006, as a means of continuing Eurasia Foundation activities in Kazakhstan after core USAID funding ends.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Kazakhstan

115-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	ESF	FSA
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	279	30,785
Expenditures	279	28,429
Unliquidated	0	2,356
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	3,091
Expenditures	0	3,949
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	279	33,876
Expenditures	279	32,378
Unliquidated	0	1,498
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	587
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	1,750
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	0	2,337
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	0	1,334
Future Obligations	0	1,750
Est. Total Cost	279	39,297