

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Kyrgyzstan
Program Title:	Democratic Culture and Institutions
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	116-0211
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$4,200,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$966,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$5,456,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's democracy programs build stronger and more sustainable civic organizations; increase the availability of information on public policy issues; enhance opportunities for citizen participation in governance; and develop more effective, responsive, and accountable local government.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$800,000 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance to the state broadcasting agency to help develop the organization's understanding of how to operate as a public broadcaster, as well as legal support to print and broadcast media to comply with local media regulations. In addition, USAID will provide production grants to local television stations to increase the availability of news and other analytical programming. Principal contractor/grantee: Internews (prime).

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$700,000 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance to the Government to develop a strategic reform plan for the police. This plan will serve as the overall framework within which short-term initiatives will be identified to demonstrate to the public that the police are becoming less corrupt and more responsive to citizens' needs. USAID will fund a series of information activities to expand public knowledge of the reform process, and the role of the police in a democracy. Principal contractors/grantees: to be determined (TBD) (prime).

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$350,000 FSA, \$235,674 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 shelter to meet the needs of those trafficked for labor. USAID will also provide training to health workers on the treatment of victims, and to non-governmental organizations working on counter-trafficking to increase their financial and institutional sustainability. Principal contractor/grantee: International Organization for Migration (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,250,000 FSA, \$245,015 FSA carryover). USAID will provide funding for civic advocacy campaigns at the national level on democracy-related themes, including human rights, with a focus on campaigns that put forward the views of nationally representative or broad-based coalitions of organizations. To build upon prior civil society strengthening programs, USAID will provide technical assistance and training to existing networks or associations of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to increase their sustainability. In addition, USAID will provide training to the growing number of youth organizations on organizational development, strategic planning, and NGO management. Principal contractors/grantees: Freedom House (prime), National Democratic Institute (prime), and others TBD.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$485,000 FSA carryover). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to political parties to increase their constituency relations skills and their ability to develop programmatic platforms. USAID will also provide technical advice to the Central Elections Commission and other governmental organizations to improve the legal framework for elections administration and political party operation. Principal contractors/grantees: International Republican Institute (prime) and International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) (prime).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,100,000 FSA). USAID will expand its technical assistance and training to local governments to cover a greater number of districts and to provide more in-depth expertise on participatory budgeting, citizen relations, and financial management. Principal contractors/grantees: TBD (prime).

FY 2007 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$1,410,000 FSA). USAID will provide legal advice to independent media and financing for the production of news and informational programming. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$575,927 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance for implementation of the Government of Kyrgyzstan's police reform plan. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$169,933 FSA). USAID will provide financing to local non-governmental organizations for the provision of services to trafficking victims as well as technical assistance to these same organizations to increase their sustainability. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,000,140 FSA). USAID will provide financing to NGOs to conduct national advocacy campaigns on democracy issues, with a focus on anti-corruption and human rights. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$200,000 FSA). USAID will provide training to political parties on organizational issues and institutional development. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$1,000,000 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance to the court system to improve the efficiency with which commercial and anti-corruption cases are handled. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,100,000 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to local governments on the use of participatory budgeting, asset management, and service delivery. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Performance and Results: USAID-supported programs related to three electoral processes in 2005: the parliamentary elections in February 2005, the run-off elections in March 2005, and the presidential elections in July 2005. There was a notable improvement in elections administration by the third electoral process, with the presidential elections in July 2005 considered to be the most free and fair elections to have been conducted in the region. By the end of the year, independent media were able to operate more freely and there was less evidence of self-censorship. 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

Kyrgyzstan

116-0211 Democratic Culture and Institutions	ESF	FSA
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	201	18,961
Expenditures	200	12,251
Unliquidated	1	6,710
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	5,400
Expenditures	1	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	201	24,361
Expenditures	201	12,251
Unliquidated	0	12,110
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	966
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	4,200
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	0	5,166
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	0	5,456
Future Obligations	0	5,800
Est. Total Cost	201	40,783