

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Kyrgyzstan
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	116-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,545,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$547,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$1,990,000 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 (\$1,545,000 FSA, \$458,557 FSA carryover, \$88,272 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, the participant training program will continue to capitalize on opportunities in Kyrgyzstan that arise as a result of the political events that transpired during FY 2005. 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 Kyrgyzstan during FY 2006. Principal contractor/grantee: Academy for Educational Development (prime).

Community Connections: In FY 2006, USAID will begin implementation of the Community Connections Program, a public diplomacy initiative previously funded by the State Department. Through the program, approximately 50 Kyrgyz citizens per year will participate in exchanges to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Kyrgyzstan through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. The Community Connections Program will help achieve U.S. Government priorities in Kyrgyzstan by targeting individual entrepreneurs and professional groups 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 International 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 expand its Ferghana Valley Initiative through its newly-established local office by providing targeted grants to increase dialogue and cross-border linkages in this conflict-prone region. Additionally, grants will focus on strengthening independent media, improving local universities, and expanding eco-tourism opportunities. 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 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 (\$1,990,000 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 Kyrgyz 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 Kyrgyzstan 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 5,800 Kyrgyz citizens (approximately 45% women) through the Participant Training Program. Program emphasis was placed on strengthening civil society through training programs aimed at NGOs, press entities, and institutions that deal with trade and investment, microfinance, and business education. In Kyrgyzstan, the Participant Training Program proved to be a pivotal mechanism for USAID in addressing urgent and unforeseen needs brought on by tumultuous parliamentary elections and political events following the overthrow of the government on March 24. In particular, training and non-training interventions supported exit polling, voter education, election monitoring, and constitutional reform. Training programs in the economic sector focused on trade and investment, bank and fiscal reform, microfinance institutions, local governance, and business education. In the health sector, trainings continued efforts to introduce evidence-based medicine and improve the quality of health care. Other training programs strengthened the country's National Hydromet Center's operational capacities and addressed critical energy issues.

Eurasia Foundation provided technical assistance valued at approximately \$1,470,000 to approximately 40 local institutions in Kyrgyzstan in FY 2005. During the fiscal year, the Eurasia Foundation succeeded in augmenting USAID funding by raising and leveraging more than \$250,000 from more than 12 non-U.S. Government donors. 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 Kyrgyzstan after core USAID funding ends.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Kyrgyzstan

116-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	ESF	FSA
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	120	42,660
Expenditures	120	25,785
Unliquidated	0	16,875
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	1,540
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	120	44,200
Expenditures	120	25,785
Unliquidated	0	18,415
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	547
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	1,545
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	0	2,092
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	0	1,990
Future Obligations	0	2,850
Est. Total Cost	120	51,132