Data Sheet

USAID Mission:

Program Title:

Good Governance

Pillar: Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance

Strategic Objective: 121-0224

Status: Continuing

Planned FY 2006 Obligation:\$7,080,000 FSAPrior Year Unobligated:\$7,283,000 FSAProposed FY 2007 Obligation:\$12,273,000 FSA

Year of Initial Obligation: 2003 Estimated Year of Final Obligation: 2007

Summary: USAID's program promotes assistance aimed at supporting autonomous and responsive local self-governance; a more effective, independent, and representative legislature; and adherence to the rule of law.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Program Support (\$880,000 FSA, \$5,000 FSA carryover). USAID will provide funds for administrative support, evaluations and assessments, and Washington Information Technology support.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$500,000 FSA, \$6,278,146 FSA carryover supplemental). USAID will continue its support to legal clinics and expand its network of advocacy non-governmental organizations (NGOs). USAID will support the professional development of clinical legal educators and build the capacity of clinical law school programs, and will train lawyers working at partner advocacy centers. To reduce corruption, USAID plans to establish a model public complaint office in cooperation with the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine, as well as to develop the public outreach capacity of the newly created complaint center to conduct comprehensive educational and information campaigns, provide staff training, develop a hotline and in-person interviewing system and a processing center for complaints to be reviewed, analyzed, and referred to appropriate authorities. Supplemental funding will be used to address the interlinked challenges of anti-corruption and rule of law. To promote a coordinated Government of Ukraine (GOU) strategy, a new anti-corruption and rule of law program will focus on policy and legislative assistance; implementation and enforcement of new laws and regulations; training on law and procedures governing the judiciary. Possible other areas of engagement include assistance in reforming procedures for selecting, appointing, and promoting judges; improving budget processes; and increasing transparency and accessibility of court management and procedures through the budget process. Implementers: American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$1,225,000 FSA). USAID will contribute to: 1) more effective and democratic internal management systems in the Rada; 2) improved legislative-executive relations; 3) increased citizens' access and feedback to the legislative process; and 4) expansion of Rada's role, as mandated under the amended Constitution. USAID will provide assistance to support drafting efforts directed at Ukraine's accession to Euro-Atlantic institutions, combating corruption, and judicial and local government reform. The Parliamentary Development Program (PDP) will prepare comprehensive manuals on citizen access to Parliament, rules of procedure, common approaches to the legislative drafting, and gender equity in the legislative process. USAID will support the Rada in organizing orientation sessions for MPs first elected to the Parliament in the parliamentary election of March 2006. USAID will promote gender equity approaches among MPs, their aides, staff, and interns in the legislative process. Implementer: Indiana University (prime).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$4,475,000 FSA, \$1,000,000 FSA no-year recoveries). USAID will support the Association of Ukrainian Cities (AUC) in improving member services and expanding membership. USAID will increase the scope and content of the AUC professional training to municipal officials and the capacity to advocate for legislative change to strengthen local government

fiscal and political autonomy. The Local Economic Development project will add a component to support attraction of Direct Foreign Investment to Ukraine. A national promotion agency, supported by regional and local potential investments identified earlier, will be created. A national database of potential projects will be established, and 120 individuals will be trained and certified as direct investment professionals. USAID will continue its assistance to strengthen vital water, waste water, and district heating systems. Over the next two years, 40 communal service enterprises will receive technical assistance in strategic planning, accounting, rate setting, and citizen participation. A new Municipal Budget Reform project will provide intensive technical assistance to 140 cities in developing and implementing performance-based program annual budgets. Participating cities will receive training on multi-year financial planning and capital budgeting, learn to apply critical analysis in budget preparation, and to involve institutionalized citizen participation. USAID will continue to support five Regional Training Centers that serve the educational needs of local government officials. Implementers: AUC, Chemonics International, Municipal Development Institute (a Ukrainian NGO), Research Triangle Institute, and U.S.-Ukraine Foundation (all prime).

FY 2007 Program:

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$6,330,000 FSA). USAID will contribute to more effective and democratic internal management systems in the Rada, improved legislative-executive relations, and increased citizens' access and feedback to the legislative process. USAID will put a greater emphasis on training new Deputies and their staff, and improving the institutional capacity of the Verkhovna Rada. USAID will transfer specific functions of the PDP to the Ukrainian Parliament, such as management of the Parliamentary Internship Program. Preparation and execution of policy analysis training will go to the Verkhovna Rada's Main Organizational Department. Implementers: same as above.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$5,943,000 FSA). USAID will continue its technical assistance in two subject areas: municipal association building to unite cities into a powerful national political force that contributes to legislative advocacy, and broad-based city management skills improvement that incorporates citizen participation in transparent municipal decision making. USAID will compete its community partnership program via a Global Development Alliance mechanism establishing public/private partnerships. Implementers: AUC, Research Triangle Institute, and U.S.-Ukraine Foundation (all prime).

Performance and Results: USAID brought state of the art budget/finance systems to 140 Ukrainian cities through training and technical assistance in Performance Based Budgeting. More city water and heating enterprises have full autonomy over management of their systems, tariff increases and collection, and implementation of capital investment improvements. USAID supported creation of a professional NGO to service 40 new utilities in the next years. AUC remains financially self-sufficient, and has dramatically improved its capacity to render training and advocacy services to its members.

Support to the Rada achieved the following: 1) increased efficiency and transparency of the legislative process through improved institutionalization of committee hearings and greater access to such hearings (66 public hearings were held during FY 2005); 2) Parliamentary approval of a Strategic Information Plan; 3) increased transparency of Parliament through approval of regulations that enabled greater public access to the institution; 4) development of common approaches to legislative drafting; and 5) passage of key pieces of legislation, reflecting a strengthened and more effective legislative branch.

With the enactment of the Administrative Procedure (Adjudication) Code (APC), Ukrainian society has achieved a significant milestone. It will support enforcement of the new Civil Procedure Code. The two Codes together will move Ukrainian legal thinking closer to European Union standards and requirements. The APC will be called upon to regulate most, if not all, legal relations and court jurisdiction related to suffrage, which will be of major importance for next year's Parliamentary election.

In FY 2005, legal representation of disadvantaged citizens in court cases increased by 142%. The network of public legal centers across Ukraine expanded from 16 to 29 centers, and evidence gathered by this network was used in the Yushchenko vs Central Election Committee case.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Ukraine

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FSA
12,678
5,768
6,910
21,452
9,933
34,130
15,701
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