

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Tajikistan
<b>Program Title:</b>	Democratic Culture and Institutions
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	119-0211
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$4,210,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$862,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:</b>	\$3,915,000 FSA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2001
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	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 (\$693,284 FSA). USAID will provide legal advice to independent print and broadcast media on compliance with local registration and licensing requirements and protection of their rights. At the same time, USAID will increase the availability of objective information through the use of satellite broadcasting and other innovative means. Principal contractor/grantee: Internews (prime).

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$510,000 FSA, \$236,926 FSA carryover). USAID will provide funding for a shelter for women and children in a major city, to consolidate a network of 17 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working on counter-trafficking issues, and for information campaigns on trafficking for commercial sex exploitation and labor. Principal contractor/grantee: International Organization for Migration (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,021,100 FSA, \$325,049 FSA carryover). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to a core group of civil society organizations to increase their institutional capacity and promote financial sustainability. Principal contractors/grantees: IREX (prime) and to be determined (TBD) (prime).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$350,000 FSA). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to political parties to strengthen their constituency outreach and platform development skills. Principal contractors/grantees: National Democratic Institute (prime).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,635,616 FSA, \$49,635 FSA carryover, \$250,000 FSA prior year recoveries). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to local governments to develop their management capacity, as a complement to equipment and financing for infrastructure provided by the World Bank. USAID will also provide expert technical assistance as the Government considers decentralization policy reforms, including the direct elections of local officials. Principal contractors/grantees: Urban Institute (prime) and TBD (prime).

#### FY 2007 Program:

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

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$27,728 FSA). USAID will provide funding to local NGOs to meet the needs of trafficking victims as well as technical assistance to these NGOs to increase their institutional sustainability. Principal contractor/grantee: International Organization for Migration (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,194,950 FSA). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to leading civil society organizations to strengthen their management and outreach skills. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,692,322 FSA). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to local governments on asset management, participatory budgeting, infrastructure maintenance, and service delivery. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

**Performance and Results:** While programs met expectations overall, the environment for strengthening democratic culture and institutions worsened over the last year, with flawed parliamentary elections in February 2005 and increasing governmental crack-down on independent media and opposition political parties. At the local level, local government capacity development programs were successful in increasing their ability to meet citizens' demands and to effectively manage resources. As a result, these programs were expanded to cover an additional five cities during the year. More than 2,000 local government staff and officials in 12 municipalities received training on conducting public hearings. 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

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119-0211 Democratic Culture and Institutions	ESF	FSA
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	146	14,067
Expenditures	146	7,706
Unliquidated	0	6,361
<b>Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	0	4,756
Expenditures	0	5,732
<b>Through September 30, 2005</b>		
Obligations	146	18,823
Expenditures	146	13,438
Unliquidated	0	5,385
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	862
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	4,210
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006</b>		
Obligations	0	5,072
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	3,915
Future Obligations	0	5,520
Est. Total Cost	146	33,330