

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Ethiopia
Program Title:	Governance Capacity
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	663-015
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,000,000 DA; \$4,460,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$871,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$4,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's program to increase the capacity for good governance includes training and technical assistance to strengthen and support community-based reconciliation efforts, conflict early warning and response mechanisms, free and fair elections, civil society, and local democratic government and decentralization. The development hypothesis underlying this strategic objective (SO) is that improved governance will play a pivotal role in addressing famine vulnerability, hunger, and poverty in Ethiopia.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$1,000,000 ESF; \$871,000 prior year ESF). USAID will support several infrastructural, knowledge transfer, and capacity building interventions in Gambella and the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region (SNNPR). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to selected civil society organizations (CSOs), as well as to regional and local governments, to build capacity to manage conflict and encourage collaboration. As part of establishing trust in the peace process, this intervention will fund the rehabilitation of damaged health facilities and schools, and the purchase of school materials that were looted during the conflict. Principal grantees: Ethiopian Ministry of Federal Affairs, Pact, and others to be determined.

Improve Early Warning and Response Mechanisms (\$500,000 ESF). USAID will support capacity building for early warning and response mechanisms. USAID will provide training and technical assistance to regional and local governments, community leaders, NGOs, and community-based organizations in the conflict-prone Gambella and SNNPR regions. USAID support will build capacities to monitor, report, and manage potential conflicts, and to facilitate collaboration between local leaders. Principal grantees: Pact and others to be determined.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,000,000 DA; \$760,000 ESF). USAID will continue to strengthen the capacity of the public finance management system to manage public financial transactions, improve the capacity of public sector managers to use information about financial transactions, and improve planning of the public sector on the platform of better accounting, financial management, and control systems. USAID will support budget and accounts reform in four regions and two city administrations. Principal grantee: Harvard University.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$750,000 ESF). USAID will provide training and technical assistance in support of the 2005 national and the 2006 regional and local elections. Support to CSOs will ensure increased civic and voter awareness. Support will be provided to the National Elections Board to increase capacity in civic and voter education, information technology, electoral logistics, and media and public affairs through a multi-donor pool under the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Women's participation, both as candidates and as voters, will be a critical component of USAID-supported activities. Principal grantees: Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS) and UNDP.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID-funded training, technical assistance, and sub-grant activities will build the capacity of CSOs for constituent advocacy and conflict mediation and resolution.

USAID will also provide support to CSOs through its activities supporting early warning and response mechanisms, and free and fair elections. Principal grantees: to be determined.

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$450,000 ESF). USAID will support activities that address child labor and servitude, focusing on incentives for school-age children to remain in school. USAID will also provide training and employment skills for women to encourage Ethiopia-based employment, and will expand its Trafficking in Persons activities to focus on women's rights with regard to awareness on the risks of foreign employment and guidance on their basic human rights. Counseling in person and via a newly established 24-hour hotline, as well as public awareness campaigns, will help women make better informed choices about employment or otherwise emigrating abroad. USAID support will also contribute to strengthening the capacity of CSOs to address trafficking. Principal grantees: to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: In addition to the amounts shown below, USAID intends to use \$1 million of Transition Initiatives funds to support the following activities and objectives.

Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide training and technical assistance to regional and local governments, community leaders, and CSOs to monitor, report, and manage conflict. USAID will support increased collaboration between local leaders in order to maintain relative peace and stability in conflict-prone pastoral regions. Same implementers as above.

Improve Early Warning and Response Mechanisms (\$500,000 ESF). USAID, in partnership with regional and local governments, community leaders, and CSOs, will continue to support capacity building to strengthen early warning and response mechanisms. USAID support will build stakeholder capacity to identify, report, and manage conflict, and facilitate collaboration between local leaders in conflict-prone regions. Same implementers as above.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$750,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support activities to strengthen the capacity of the public finance management system to manage public financial transactions, improve the capacity of public sector managers to use information about financial transactions, and improve planning of the public sector on the platform of better accounting, financial management, and control systems. This effort will reinforce other donors' budget support efficacy. Same implementers as above.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,750,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the strengthening of CSOs. USAID-funded training, technical assistance, and sub-grant activities will build CSO capacity for advocacy and interest articulation and conflict mediation and resolution. Civil society strengthening will also be supported under the early warning and response mechanisms and free and fair elections components. Same implementers as above.

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$500,000 ESF). USAID will continue with its Trafficking in Persons (TIPs) activities that focus on encouraging girls to remain in school and on women's rights with regard to awareness on the risks of foreign employment and guidance on their basic human rights. USAID support will also contribute to strengthening the capacity of CSOs and developing their ability to effectively advocate for their constituencies. Principal grantees: to be determined.

Performance and Results: USAID's activities have directly contributed to progress in addressing conflict, electoral accountability, and decentralized governance. Budgeting, budget planning, and accounting in federal, regional and sub-regional governments were also strengthened to facilitate the Ethiopian Government's decentralization process, ultimately enabling local governments to better manage their economic, political and social affairs. Elections support and civil society strengthening will increase voter awareness, improve the skills of Ethiopian election observers, and increase civil society participation. By this SO's end, Ethiopians will have developed the skills and capacities to address, manage, and resolve conflict. Civil society will be strengthened and will be actively engaged in conflict resolution and the political process. Governance will be strengthened and decentralization will contribute to more effective service delivery and identification of local interests.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Ethiopia

663-015 Governance Capacity	CSH	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0	0
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	0	0	2,000
Expenditures	0	0	0
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	0	0	2,000
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0	2,000
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	871
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	0	1,000	4,460
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	1,000	5,331
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	4,500
Future Obligations	1,000	15,500	9,158
Est. Total Cost	1,000	16,500	20,989