

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Uganda
<b>Program Title:</b>	Governance and Conflict
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	617-009
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$800,000 CSH; \$4,946,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$1,903,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2002
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2007

**Summary:** USAID works to strengthen democracy, improve governance, and reduce conflict in Uganda. Core activities strengthen the Parliament in legislative and oversight functions and reinforce separation of powers; support decentralization and local governments' service delivery; improve electoral processes and build political pluralism. USAID also promotes dialogue and reconciliation as part of a strategy to achieve a permanent end to the conflict in northern Uganda; reduces the potential for future conflict; and reintegrates children and victims of torture and trafficking into their communities.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$551,000 DA). USAID will build capacity among Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff in budget analysis, oversight of public accounts, health and social services analysis, reform of election laws, anti-corruption initiatives, and peace and reconciliation activities. USAID will continue to train civil society organizations (CSOs) to strengthen advocacy skills and to engage with Parliament on bills being reviewed by Committees, focusing on budget priorities, transparency, economic growth, HIV/AIDS, and peace issues. USAID will also work with Parliament in conducting Parliamentary public education media campaigns on corruption, HIV/AIDS and reconciliation. Principal contractor: Development Associates (prime).

Promote Free and Fair Elections (\$200,000 DA). Training and technical assistance will help the Electoral Commission improve electoral administration and procedures, voter registration and education. USAID will provide funding for capacity building for political parties and politically active CSOs to promote issues-oriented debate and platform-building, and to promote participation of women and key groups in Uganda's transition from a 'no-party' to a multi-party system, and prepare for national elections in 2006. USAID will also make special efforts to support voter registration and education for citizens in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps. Principal contractors: International Foundation for Electoral Systems; International Republican Institute; and National Democratic Institute (all prime)

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$2,570,000 DA). USAID's program will continue to build capacity of local governments (LGs) to assure more effective, accountable performance and improved service delivery. Work will be expanded from eight to 26 target districts, assisting LGs to plan for a new system of central funds transfers, formulate well articulated district development budgets and plans that integrate social sectors and maximize participation of marginalized groups. USAID will also focus this program in support of the conflict-affected districts in northern Uganda to facilitate their effectively planning for and managing resources to address critical needs of those most impacted by the conflict, and to assist rebuilding of lower local governments. Principal contractor: Associates in Rural Development (prime).

Support Peace Processes (\$900,000 DA). USAID will develop the Government of Uganda's (GOU) capacity to engage effectively in talks with the Lord's Resistance Army; prepare for first meetings to build confidence; provide coaching in negotiation skills; and assist the GOU in information management and a media strategy. If and when the conflict ends, further steps in partnership with the GOU, traditional and religious leaders, and civil society will promote long-term national reconciliation. Activities in northern Uganda will complement activities in southern Sudan to promote cross-border peace and economic ties

on both sides of the border. Principal contractor: Planning and Development Collaborative International (PADCO) (prime).

Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$800,000 CSH;\$725,000 DA). USAID will support counseling services, treatment, rehabilitation, income-generating activities, and vocational training for the victims of conflict and torture, and reach affected communities. Continued efforts to prevent conflict and promote reconciliation among communities will work through participatory dialogue, peace fairs, media, and community-level ceremonial and solidarity events. Principal grantee: International Rescue Committee (prime) and Save the Children in Uganda, Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale, CARE and Catholic Relief Services (subs).

**FY 2006 Program:** Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$837,000 DA). Training for Members of Parliament (MPs) and staff in Parliament will continue as Uganda prepares for national elections in 2006 and transition into a multi-party form of Government. MPs will be assisted to operate in a multi-party system and promote reconciliation in northern Uganda. Key activities will also reinforce Parliamentary oversight to combat corruption. Same implementers as above.

Promote Free and Fair Elections. USAID will continue to provide the Electoral Commission technical support and training to meet its constitutional mandate to assure free and fair elections in 2006, and to build capacity among major political parties and politically active CSOs as Uganda moves toward a more participatory form of governance. Same implementers as above.

Support Democratic Local Governance and Decentralization (\$1,066,000 DA). Continued support for capacity building will enable LGs to effectively implement the new Fiscal Decentralization Strategy and revise regulations for improved management of central funds transfers and procurement integrity. Continued training of LGs will improve delivery of public services. Same implementers as above.

Support Peace Processes. Even if peace is attained, it is expected that national reconciliation will continue as a long-term process to achieve lasting peace and stability. USAID will support the peace process by encouraging partnerships with the GOU, traditional and religious leaders, and civil society to promote long-term reconciliation and relief to recovery efforts. Implementers to be determined.

**Performance and Results:** Greater separation of powers has been reinforced by Parliament development of a core MP group with skills to engage on policy issues and refine draft laws originating in the Executive Branch. Support for MPs investigating the war in the North led to passage of an unprecedented unanimous vote for a Parliamentary Resolution declaring the North a disaster area. Decentralization activities exceeded targets to enable LGs to deliver improved services, with six of eight partner LGs among those collecting above 50% of local revenue targets-excellent performance given the abolition of the Graduated Tax, accounting for up to 90% of local revenues. USAID activities have mitigated the impact of conflict on communities in the North and promoted peace building and community dialogue in conflict and post-conflict regions. Uganda's Amnesty Commission has greater capacity, and 417 former Ugandan rebels from Kenya and Sudan have been repatriated and reintegrated. USAID provided screening and rehabilitation for 2,846 formerly abducted children and adult returnees; reunified 2,223 children and adults with their families; equipped 1,796 children with education/vocational skills; and provided 3,541 loans and grants to trainees. By the end of the program, Parliament will influence national policy, draft and amend legislation, and through a functioning committee system, will help to reinforce the separation of powers. Assisted LGs will plan and spend centrally allocated funds, and Uganda will have been supported in developing a more pluralistic and competitive political system. Human suffering in northern Uganda will be reduced, and a concerted effort to secure a solution to the conflict will be made.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Uganda

617-009 Governance and Conflict	CSH	DA	ESF
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>			
Obligations	2,400	5,047	500
Expenditures	3	489	0
Unliquidated	2,397	4,558	500
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>			
Obligations	800	2,670	1,000
Expenditures	1,439	2,837	216
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>			
Obligations	3,200	7,717	1,500
Expenditures	1,442	3,326	216
Unliquidated	1,758	4,391	1,284
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>			
Obligations	0	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>			
Obligations	800	4,946	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>			
Obligations	800	4,946	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>			
Obligations	0	1,903	0
Future Obligations	0	821	0
Est. Total Cost	4,000	15,387	1,500