Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Mozambique
Program Title: Municipal Governance
Pillar: Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective: 656-010
Status: Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation: $1,907,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated: $0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation: $2,430,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation: 2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation: 2009

Summary: USAID's program to create models of democratic governance in five targeted municipalities includes technical assistance and training to: (1) increase participation by citizens and civil society; (2) improve the performance of municipal governments by strengthening accountability, responsiveness, and transparency; and (3) reduce the opportunities for corruption in municipal government and public service delivery institutions.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:
FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Civil Society ($470,000 DA). Weak civic organizations and poor understanding of civic rights have constrained citizen participation in local governance and allowed petty corruption to flourish. In order to increase participation, strengthen civil society, and reduce opportunities for corruption, USAID is providing civic education to improve citizen understanding of their rights and responsibilities as well as their awareness of municipal government authorities. USAID is providing training and technical assistance to enable community groups to identify issues, articulate needs and priorities in terms of service delivery, and mobilize community resources. Principal contractors and grantees: Ética Mozambique--a local nongovernmental organization (NGO) (prime), and others to be determined.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization ($570,000 DA). Limited opportunities for participation or even formal expression of interest, along with generally poor administration, have contributed to low public confidence in government. USAID is helping targeted local governments to strengthen accountability, responsiveness, transparency, and the provision of services. To accomplish this, USAID is providing technical assistance and training on development planning, financial and human resources management, budget formulation, ethical and transparent public administration, and public relations. In conjunction with local officials and communities, USAID is designing and implementing a system of incentives and infrastructure improvements to bring about positive changes in service delivery. Some commodity support for specific community infrastructure projects also will be provided. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms ($867,000 DA). As part of the Africa Bureau's Anti-Corruption Initiative, USAID is continuing its effective partnership with Ética Mozambique, the leading Mozambican anti-corruption NGO. USAID training and technical assistance is leading to the establishment and operation of corruption reporting centers in eight of the country's main cities. Training for key staff and technical assistance for the centers enables them to provide citizens with legal advice, ombudsman services, and a mechanism for confidentially reporting corruption-related crimes to the Attorney General's office. Technical assistance and training is linked to municipal government activities to foster reduced corruption in service delivery, especially in hospitals, schools, and business licensing centers. Principal contractors and grantees: Ética Mozambique (prime) and others to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Strengthen Civil Society ($880,000 DA). USAID will continue training and technical assistance to citizens and community groups to enhance their capacity to participate in community and municipal decision making. Principal contractors and grantees: Ética Mozambique (prime) and others to be determined.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization ($1,000,000 DA). USAID will continue training, technical assistance, and the delivery of commodities for infrastructure improvements to develop more capable municipal governments. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms ($550,000 DA). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance and training to Ética Mozambique to strengthen its anti-corruption efforts and to reduce corruption in service delivery in selected municipalities under the Africa Bureau's Anti-Corruption Initiative. Principal contractors and grantees: Ética Mozambique (prime) and others to be determined.

Performance and Results: USAID has achieved significant results in strengthening anti-corruption institutions and promoting transparent and peaceful elections. Improvements in the judicial process are still needed, however, to ensure that corrupt officials are properly investigated and sanctioned. The training of key staff in the Attorney General's Anti-Corruption Unit and financing for the expansion of the unit to two main provincial capitals resulted in significant progress in the fight against corruption. The number of reported corruption cases increased by 33%, from 116 cases in FY 2003 to 155 in FY 2004, and the number of indictments increased from 11 in FY 2003 to 24 in FY 2004. The provincial offices accounted for 25 reported cases and eight indictments. Through continued support to the GRM's Legal Training Center, 20 law-school graduates received nine months of new-entry magistrate training, which is an important contribution to a judicial system plagued by a severe lack of trained judges, huge case backlogs, and corruption. In partnership with Mozambican civic organizations and the Carter Center, USAID financed the training of more than 300 party monitors and 450 civil society observers, as well as a parallel vote tabulation exercise for municipal elections in 33 cities. As a result of the parallel vote count, Mozambique's National Election Commission corrected the outcome of one particular mayoral race. In a second major city, the presence of USAID-supported observers contributed to the peaceful resolution of a dispute between the two main political parties after an attempt at electoral fraud was uncovered.

By the end of the strategy, USAID will have assisted Mozambicans to become more aware of their rights and responsibilities and to actively participate in community and municipal decision-making processes; municipal governments will operate more efficiently; corruption will be reduced through an increase in its reporting and prosecution; and the legal framework for fighting corruption will be strengthened.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

656-010 Municipal Governance	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	1,755	500
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	1,755	500
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	2,171	400
Expenditures	18	105
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	3,926	900
Expenditures	18	105
Unliquidated	3,908	795
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	1,907	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	1,907	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,430	0
Future Obligations	5,737	0
Est. Total Cost	14,000	900