

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Nepal
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	367-007
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$4,024,000 DA; \$1,200,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$4,400,000 DA; \$1,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: USAID's program to strengthen governance includes training and technical assistance to: improve management and technical capacity of natural resources management groups; improve the advocacy capacity of selected civil society groups and their federations; increase women's participation; and improve performance of selected public and civil institutions.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$1,140,000 DA). USAID will expand natural resources governance in 18 districts for 1,800 community forest, buffer zone, and water user groups, and communities impacted by hydropower projects. A program exit strategy will be developed. Principal partner: CARE/Nepal.

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$800,000 DA). USAID will strengthen border institutions to intercept and prosecute traffickers. Two hundred individuals in four border districts will receive anti-trafficking training to protect 1,000 potential victims. USAID will work with Ministry of Labor and Transportation on anti-trafficking and safe migration alternatives for migrants. Advocacy training for 10,000 persons from civil society will assist them to combat trafficking. Principal partners: Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (executed by the United Nations Development Fund for Women), and The Asia Foundation.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$270,000 DA). USAID will improve the justice sector by providing training to justice sector leaders to create an adequate legal framework for justice sector reform. Principal partner: Associates in Rural Development, Inc. (ARD).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$400,000 DA). USAID will assist the Ministry of Finance to develop a strategic plan to manage donor funding and draw increased levels of support. USAID will also provide assistance to increase women's participation in the civil service through technical assistance and training. Principal partners: ARD (contractor) and the United Nations Development Programme (grantee).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$60,000 DA). USAID will support local government to develop and adopt a nationwide system to report and disseminate information on local government budget results to civil society. Principal partner: Association of District Development Committees of Nepal.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$800,000 ESF). USAID will assist the Election Commission to design strategic plans for institution building and conducting elections under difficult conditions. USAID will also design and execute voter awareness campaigns. Principal partner: Consortium for Election and Political Process Strengthening/International Foundation for Election Strengthening.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$270,000 DA; \$400,000 ESF). USAID will build the capacity of major political parties for internal reform and increase disadvantaged groups' participation in political parties. USAID will assist parties and civil society build consensus for reinstating parliamentary

democracy. Principal partner: National Democratic Institute.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$544,000 DA). USAID will assist key civil society groups in advocacy, good governance, gender sensitization, and awareness-raising activities. Principal partners: CARE, The Asia Foundation, Pro-Public, Law Schools, Forum for Women, Law and Development, Research and Media Against Corruption, and Transparency International.

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$270,000 DA). USAID will provide assistance to investigate, prosecute, and report corruption and support the GON's anticorruption strategic plans. Principal partner: ARD.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$270,000 DA). USAID will work towards protecting victims of trafficking by enhancing administration of justice in courts, assisting prosecutor and public defense organizations, and increasing access to justice for the disenfranchised. Principal partner: ARD.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$1,590,000 DA). USAID will continue activities to strengthen natural resource governance at district and national levels. Advocacy and curriculum development will continue. Same partner.

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$800,000 DA). USAID intends to build on successes from FY 2005. It may implement a program responding to the rise in people displaced and migrating due to the insurgency. Same partners.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$250,000 DA). USAID intends to support efforts for improving the justice sector and legal framework. Same partners.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$250,000 DA). USAID expects to continue to provide technical assistance and targeted training to women aspiring to join the civil service; implement a new legislative strengthening program; and support parliamentary committees in financial accountability and ethics if the Parliament is reconstituted. Same partners.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$60,000 DA). USAID will support initiatives to improve the transparency and accountability of local government. Same partners.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$700,000 ESF). USAID plans to continue electoral reform with the Election Commission and civil society. Same partners.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$350,000 DA; \$300,000 ESF). USAID will work to build the capacity of parliamentary political parties for internal reform and increase women's and disadvantaged groups' participation in political parties. Same partner.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$500,000 DA). USAID may expand its civil society strengthening program to accompany rule of law and political process reforms. Same partner.

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$300,000 DA). USAID expects to continue government anticorruption reform efforts and enhance the GON's capacity to investigate and prosecute corruption cases. Same partner.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$300,000 DA). USAID will work to protect the rights of victims of trafficking and increase access to justice for the poor and disenfranchised. Same partners.

Performance and Results: USAID's activities improved the advocacy capacity of selected civil society groups. This success led to an increase in membership of federations of community forestry from 9,000 to 9,164 and federations of water user associations from 1,500 to 2,139. Approximately 8,000 women gained knowledge and leadership skills, increasing their participation in key leadership positions by 23%.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nepal

	DA	ESF
367-007 Democracy and Governance		
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	10,608	702
Expenditures	2,245	0
Unliquidated	8,363	702
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	4,592	1,000
Expenditures	3,170	686
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	15,200	1,702
Expenditures	5,415	686
Unliquidated	9,785	1,016
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	4,024	1,200
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	4,024	1,200
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	4,400	1,000
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	23,624	3,902