

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	East Timor
Program Title:	Good Governance Strengthened
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	472-005
Status:	New in FY 2005
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$8,912,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$4,424,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$5,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID will improve the foundations of governance by strengthening the rule of law and expanding more effective democratic governance at the national and district levels. Activities will focus on increasing transparency, accountability, and participation in government.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$2,000,000 ESF, \$2,600,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will assist the formal justice sector to strengthen its independence and professional capacity to deliver services and inspire confidence in the rule of law. Technical assistance, advisors, and training assistance will be provided to the Ministry of Justice, courts, and prosecutor services to improve financial management and administration of the different institutions and to facilitate access to justice for women and other disadvantaged groups. USAID will expand public information channels and legal education programs for communities to increase their awareness of the law and citizen's rights and responsibilities and to build and improve the capacity to monitor and advocate for legal reforms and practices in order to better protect human rights and civil liberties. USAID activities will enhance the capacities of legal professionals to harmonize existing laws and practices through promoting the adoption of new laws and procedural codes and increasing parliamentary capacity to draft and pass legal reforms and regulations through meaningful consultation and participation with stakeholders. Implementing partners include The Asia Foundation and the International Development Law Organization. Additional partners will be determined through a competitive process.

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$956,000 ESF). USAID will transfer ESF resources to the U.S Department of State to support police training programs.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$3,956,000 ESF, \$1,074,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will focus on the development of local governance and increasing oversight and transparency in government. Activities will include the development of an ombudsman's office to provide citizens with an effective means of addressing complaints of corruption or violation of civic rights and assistance to the Inspector General's office to conduct information campaigns and promote efficiency and integrity in the civil service. Technical assistance and operational support will be provided to the public broadcast service and the government information office to improve public access to educational programs. Public education programs and promotion of transparency in governance will actively complement USAID's economic growth and health programs. Implementing partners include the National Democratic Institute (NDI), Hironde Foundation, International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES), Internews and others to be determined through competitive processes. USAID intends to provide up to \$4 million to the central government through the World Bank administered Transition Support Program (TSP) helping the government meet critical budgetary shortfalls to finance key developmental programs and build the capacity of government employees in the planning, management, and financial budgeting of critical government service program. The TSP will follow performance benchmarks jointly agreed to by donors and the Government of East Timor.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$1,000,000 ESF, \$750,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will help lay the foundations for democratic elections as the first Timorese-managed national elections for parliament and president are anticipated in 2006. USAID assistance will promote a participatory process in developing the policy and legal framework for national elections and to develop

the capacity of the independent electoral commission and government electoral department to manage the process. Implementing partners include the International Republican Institute, NDI, and IFES.

Operating Expenses (\$1,000,000 ESF). Congressional authority has allowed USAID to use up to \$1,000,000 to support USAID administrative and management expenses.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$2,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance and training to the Ministry of Justice, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other key institutions to strengthen the rule of law, advance reforms and expand capacity in the judicial sector, broaden public awareness, and expand legal aid and public defenders services to district communities and disadvantaged groups.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to fund core governance activities and programs initiated in FY 2005 supporting oversight and transparency in government and the development of local governance. USAID will fund capacity building for government staff, NGOs and local government groups in pilot program areas emphasizing improved service delivery to communities and broad participation in local governance. USAID programs will maintain a special focus on women's participation and support to marginalized areas. In the critical years of budget shortfall prior to East Timor receiving significant gas and oil revenues, it is envisioned that USAID will continue to contribute to the TSP.

Performance and Results: The new Good Governance program builds on previous USAID activities that increased citizen participation in governance, improved citizens' access to justice, and built the capacity of legislative and executive bodies. USAID provided leadership training to over 500 women to increase their confidence and ability to engage in public life. Political parties were trained on message development, communication, and outreach to district members. Community groups increased their capacity to care for victims of torture through counseling, referral to mental health services, and direct services. Another program trained 18 NGOs in financial management, planning, and development of advocacy strategies to resolve community problems. USAID assisted courts through reference resources, translation, and monitoring of court procedures and statistics. NGOs and legal aid groups provided special assistance for women to have improved access to legal services. USAID supported the prosecutors' office to conduct in-house training programs for 16 serving prosecutors and provided critical supplies and equipment to three district courts of Oecusse, Baucau, and Dili. USAID supported the Ministry of Justice's public information campaign to inform citizens about the judicial system and laws reaching over 7,400 participants in all 13 districts. Eleven interactive television and radio programs on current legal issues complemented the public meetings and broadened public awareness on governance. Two media law working groups formed, one on press laws and the second on broadcast regulations. Twenty civil-society organizations participated in a legislative drafting training program. In a pilot program, over 40 discussion groups were held involving over 562 people to better understand community security issues. USAID funded two public opinion polls over the year, which gave highly favorable ratings for public institutions and political leaders and supported members of parliament to improve outreach and communication with their constituents. USAID assisted the parliamentary committee responsible for National Security to access resource materials on security issues and conduct site visits and provided technical assistance to the Public Broadcast Service to improve programming and sustainable operations. The community education department piloted new programs in local languages on issues that supported other programs such as in health education and environmental issues. USAID assistance supported the national voter registration process, electoral database and assisted local NGOs to conduct voter education campaigns.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

East Timor

472-005 Good Governance Strengthened	ESF
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	4,424
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	8,912
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	13,336
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	5,000
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	18,336