

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Iraq
Program Title:	Efficiency and Accountability of Government
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	267-004
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$169,417,000 IRRF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$31,250,000 IRRF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$130,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: USAID's program to support Iraq's transition to a democratic system of governance includes (1) decentralization/local governance strengthening; (2) grassroots democratization through community development; (3) technical assistance and commodity support to the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI); (4) technical assistance to the interim and transitional governments and national assembly; (5) strengthening Iraqi civil society, including an independent and professional media; and (6) technical assistance to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for voter education, election monitoring, and conflict mitigation.

Planned FY 2005 obligations include recovery resources reprogrammed during the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) II program review in Baghdad. Planned FY 2005 obligations shown above include administrative expenses for this program.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Support Democratic Governance and Decentralization (\$111,455,000 IRRF; \$10,000,000 IRRF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will build upon the foundation laid in activities implemented since 2003 to promote government decentralization and build capacity in local administrations. The local and national governance programs will prepare local, provincial, and national government officials and employees to carry out responsibilities defined by the new constitution. Capacity building will strengthen the fiscal and administrative management and leadership skills of government officials and employees at the ministries, governorate, and sub-national levels. Technical assistance will improve the quality and delivery of essential services such as water, health and sanitation. Principal contractors, grantees, and agencies include: Research Triangle Institute, National Democratic Institute, International Republican Institute, IFES (formerly International Foundation for Election Systems).

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$34,175,000 IRRF; \$10,000,000 IRRF Prior Year Unobligated). The Transitional Administrative Law calls for a cycle of electoral events in FY 2005. The first of these, scheduled for January, include elections to the Transitional National Assembly, the Governorate Provincial Councils, and the Kurdistan Regional Assembly. Also anticipated are a Constitutional Referendum and elections to the permanent national council. USAID will focus its efforts on expanding voter and civic education, continuing support to domestic observation groups, establishment of an association to monitor potential areas of election related conflict, and providing technical assistance to the IECI in election management and administration. Principal contractors, grantees, and agencies include: the National Democratic Institute, the International Republican Institute, and IFES.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$23,787,000 IRRF; \$11,250,000 IRRF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID has a robust program to support Iraq's nascent community development and civil society organizations, particularly in the areas of human rights, anti-corruption, women and minority rights, and professionalization and independence of the media. Assistance will include the establishment of NGO resource centers offering basic training and technical assistance in leadership skills, management principles, and budgeting, along with a small grants program. The community action program will continue building democracy at the local level by incorporating citizen involvement in resolving community problems. An additional 200,000 victims of war will directly benefit from 250 projects. Principal contractors, grantees, and agencies include: ACDI/VOCA, Mercy Corps, Cooperative Housing Foundation, Save the Children, International Relief and Development, America's Development Foundation, and the Iraq

Foundation.

FY 2006 Program: Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$85,000,000 ESF). USAID will provide critical support to the first post-transitional national governance institutions. The program will strengthen the capacity of the national assembly to include lawmaking, representation, executive oversight, and other responsibilities provided by the new constitution. Assistance will be given to other government entities to develop governing processes, rules of procedure, regulations and directives, accountability, strategic planning, financial management, and other related systems and skills. Additionally, USAID will provide policy support on fiscal and administrative decentralization, revenue generation and management, and improved constituent outreach.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$15,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support efforts to institutionalize representative political processes through civic and voter education, electoral administration and oversight, and conflict mitigation.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$30,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support hundreds of poor and conflict-prone communities' engagement in democratic decision-making processes at the local level. The program will continue to address critical needs (including water, sewerage, and schools) and to generate local income.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, USAID made tremendous progress in laying the foundation for democracy and good governance. Over 10,000 council members throughout Iraq were trained in democratic principles, council rules and procedures, committee structure and management, budgeting, project management, accountability, and citizen input. More than 5,000 department and ministry officials at the provincial level received technical assistance in water treatment, waste management, agriculture, financial, and project management systems. Over 190 grants worth \$14 million were awarded to strengthen the capacity of local government offices to deliver essential services. USAID supported the transitional executive authority of the Iraqi Interim Government, as well as selected ministries, in developing policy planning capacity.

USAID provided technical assistance and commodity support to the IECI to establish the election administration, create voter lists, and prepare for polling day operations. Additionally, at the end of the fiscal year, USAID launched its domestic monitoring, voter education, and conflict mitigation programs.

The Community Action Program supported grassroots democratization by incorporating citizen involvement in addressing community needs. The program assisted 890 communities throughout Iraq by implementing 1,112 projects selected by the communities themselves. Illustrative projects include rehabilitation of schools, improvement to local infrastructure, preservation of the environment, and equipping local health centers.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Iraq

267-004 Efficiency and Accountability of Government	ESF	IDA	IRRF
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	6,000	2,900	165,711
Expenditures	0	2,274	703
Unliquidated	6,000	626	165,008
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	0	0	360,635
Expenditures	6,000	626	145,471
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	6,000	2,900	526,346
Expenditures	6,000	2,900	146,174
Unliquidated	0	0	380,172
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	31,250
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	169,417
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	0	200,667
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	130,000	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	136,000	2,900	727,013