

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	India
Program Title:	Education/Equity
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	386-017
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$4,200,000 DA; \$5,380,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,200,000 DA; \$5,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's program to enhance social and economic opportunities for vulnerable people includes the following components:

- Improve the Quality of Basic Education;
- Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework;
- Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice; and
- Strengthen the Financial Sector's Contribution to Economic Growth.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve the Quality of Basic Education (\$2,200,000 DA; \$5,380,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the Government of India's (GOI's) "Education for All" goals of ensuring access to quality schooling and promoting completion of at least five years of primary education for all children. Through the American Institutes for Research (prime), USAID will support Indian non-governmental organizations (NGO) and foundation programs to attract vulnerable children from the lowest socio-economic brackets in Indian society into formal schools or programs. USAID will build on the United Nations Children's Fund's (prime) school water and sanitation program with the GOI and the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission. The activity will widely demonstrate the educational benefits of having safer and healthier school environments, especially for girls. Through the Education Development Center, Inc. (prime) and in collaboration with state governments and NGOs, USAID will employ interactive radio/video, educational television, computers, and other digitalized media to enhance students' learning and teachers' knowledge. USAID will initiate a new education alliance, pooling the resources of Indian and U.S. corporations and NGOs working in the education sector. Activities financed by this public-private alliance will focus on expanding the use of information and communication technologies in education.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$1,000,000 DA). To increase levels of legal awareness, the ability to pursue legal rights, and awareness of the availability of legal aid, particularly among women and members of India's lowest social classes, USAID will: (a) expand legal literacy training and strengthen provision of legal services for community-based and other support organizations that work with vulnerable groups; (b) conduct research on the efficiency and strengthening of alternative systems, such as the mediation of disputes; and (c) conduct research and analysis to develop reform agendas and enforcement of key laws aimed at protecting women and children. This program is being implemented by the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) (prime).

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$500,000 DA). USAID will support the establishment of legal aid/counseling centers for women in Rajasthan. USAID will also implement the Muslim Women's Program that promotes more liberal interpretations of Islamic law vis-à-vis women's rights particularly in family matters. This program is being implemented by IFES (prime).

Strengthen the Financial Sector's Contribution to Economic Growth (\$500,000 DA). USAID will promote social and economic opportunities for vulnerable people, particularly young girls, including victims of trafficking, marginalized social communities, victims of domestic violence, and poor women without access to credit. Interventions will strengthen government and private efforts to address equity issues at the community and national levels.

FY 2006 Program: Improve the Quality of Basic Education (\$2,200,000 DA; \$4,500,000 ESF). USAID plans to continue to implement the activities under this component as described above.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$700,000 DA; \$700,000 ESF). USAID plans to expand activities that: (a) conduct research and analysis relevant to women's rights, and then disseminate the results via seminars and other media; (b) document enforcement of existing laws aimed at protecting women and other vulnerable groups; and (c) upgrade the knowledge and skills of judges, justice system personnel, and advocates for anti-trafficking and child prostitution laws, violence against women, divorce maintenance settlement, and women's property rights. USAID is examining options to help the GOI reform its criminal justice system.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$300,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the establishment of legal aid/counseling centers for women and the Muslim Women's Program.

Strengthen the Financial Sector's Contribution to Economic Growth (\$300,000 DA). USAID plans to continue to implement the activities under this component as described above.

Performance and Results: By the end of the Strategic Objective, the following results will be accomplished: (1) educational opportunities will be provided to vulnerable children, especially out-of-school youth and girls; (2) formal and alternative school capacity for enrollment and retention of vulnerable children, especially girls, will be strengthened; (3) civil society and public awareness of the legal needs of targeted vulnerable groups will be increased; (4) advocacy for the expansion and protection of women's rights will be strengthened; (5) the availability of legal services for women will be increased; and (6) life skills and livelihood development support services for high-risk groups and the victims of trafficking and domestic violence will be improved.

USAID's education programs conducted three proposal solicitation workshops in Delhi, Kolkata, and Jharkhand. A total of 204 half-hour interactive radio instruction programs and 40 interactive video/TV programs were produced for broadcasting to schools. Moreover, 42,606 primary age students in 692 pilot schools are receiving radio instruction. USAID trained senior education personnel from three states in the use of a strategic planning and education change management tool kit developed by the Harvard Business School and IBM.

To improve access to justice, USAID assembled a coalition of women's groups (Women Power Connect) to build support for the creation of a permanent advocacy entity at Parliament. USAID's partner in this program served on a committee formed by the State Women's Commission to draft a bill (The Rajasthan Women Protection of Right to Residence Bill, 2004) that has been shared with legal rights NGOs for feedback and which is now with the Law Ministry for technical review. Once the Law Ministry approves the draft, the bill will be submitted to the state government for enactment. USAID is supporting the establishment of 11 legal aid/counseling centers for women in Rajasthan. The first four centers have opened and have provided services to 207 clients. Under the newly introduced Muslim Women's Program, an influential advisory committee has been formed, and a national level conference promoting dialogue between religious leaders, members of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, women's rights activists, academics, and NGO representatives was held in October 2004. The program promotes more liberal interpretations of Islamic law vis-à-vis women's rights, particularly in family matters.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

India

386-017 Education/Equity	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	6,810	2,500
Expenditures	42	0
Unliquidated	6,768	2,500
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	5,506	6,412
Expenditures	1,794	961
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	12,316	8,912
Expenditures	1,836	961
Unliquidated	10,480	7,951
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	4,200	5,380
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	4,200	5,380
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	3,200	5,500
Future Obligations	8,384	14,588
Est. Total Cost	28,100	34,380