

## Data Sheet

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| <b>USAID Mission:</b>                      | Pakistan  |
| <b>Program Title:</b>                      | Democracy and Governance                        |
| <b>Pillar:</b>                             | Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance |
| <b>Strategic Objective:</b>                | 391-004   |
| <b>Status:</b>                             | Continuing                                      |
| <b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>         | \$2,427,000 DA; \$10,800,000 ESF                |
| <b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>             | \$0   |
| <b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>        | \$3,597,000 DA; \$12,000,000 ESF                |
| <b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>         | 2003  |
| <b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b> | 2006  |

**Summary:** USAID's program to support Pakistan's progress toward more democratic, responsive, and transparent governance includes technical assistance and training to: (1) strengthen national and provincial legislative governance; (2) create a more vibrant and active civil society; (3) develop more democratic political parties; (4) encourage a more assertive broadcast media; and (5) support devolution of power to local government. Core activities are designed to build the capacity of national and provincial parliaments and their members, develop advocacy skills in civil society organizations, nurture "tomorrow's leaders" of political parties, strengthen university-level journalism programs, and support the Government's plan to give provincial and local governments greater authority in managing public sector resources.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Strengthen Democratic National and Provincial Governance Institutions (\$2,427,000 DA; \$2,100,000 ESF). In year two of this three-year activity, USAID will develop and institutionalize a training curriculum for members of national and provincial parliaments. Assistance will also be provided to continue the parliamentary intern program, strengthen the parliamentary committee system, and modify parliamentary rules and procedures to improve public access to legislative processes. Resource centers to help members of parliament research legislation will be established in national and provincial assemblies. Civil society organizations will be trained to increase their effectiveness in parliaments' law-making and oversight processes. Pilot activities on civil-military relations will begin as part of the Mission's overall strategy to mitigate conflict in Pakistan. Principal Grantee: World Vision.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$4,500,000 ESF). USAID is supporting the Devolution Trust for Community Empowerment - a Pakistani initiative to help citizens provide feedback to local government and to prioritize and present their social and economic needs to local officials. This initiative is managed by the United Nations Development Program. USAID will continue funding the District Innovation Program, which provides grants that encourage local communities, the private sector, and government to collaborate on small-scale, community-development projects, and will extend a similar program into the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Support for devolution will focus increasingly on those districts where other USAID-supported programs are active, addressing governance issues to improve local education and healthcare services. Principal Grantee: National Rural Support Program, National Commission on Human Development, and Government of Pakistan.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$3,000,000 ESF). In anticipation of the 2007 national elections, USAID will strengthen the election commission oversight capacity, in particular the application of election laws, impartial regulation of political parties, and administration of elections. Principal Grantee: To be selected.

Support Democratic Political Parties (\$500,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support this initiative to modernize and democratize political parties. This activity improves parties' internal governing structures and processes and encourages emergence of a new generation of party leaders. Training of political party members, with all parliamentary parties represented, will enhance leadership skills. Principal Grantee: National Democratic Institute.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$200,000 ESF). USAID will help develop journalism departments at two leading universities: Peshawar University and Fatima Jinnah University (the latter a women's university). The program will also train Afghan journalists at Peshawar University. USAID is also providing technical assistance to support the government's initiatives to promote a freer and more independent media. Principal Grantee: Internews.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$500,000 ESF). To support the development of Pakistan's network of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), USAID will provide financial management training to 40 local organizations. Principal Grantee: Aga Khan Foundation.

**FY 2006 Program:** Strengthen Democratic National and Provincial Governance Institutions (\$3,597,000 DA; \$2,000,000 ESF). FY 2006 will be the final year of this initiative. A follow-on program will be designed in FY 2005. USAID will continue to support capacity and systems development in national and provincial parliaments to strengthen legislatures' ability to make laws, conduct oversight functions, and respond to constituencies' concerns. Pilot activities may continue to mitigate civil-military conflict. Principal Grantee: World Vision.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$5,400,000 ESF). Support to the devolution process may shift further to increase the impact of USAID's assistance by addressing governance issues to improve local education and healthcare services. Principal Grantee: National Rural Support Program, National Commission on Human Development, and Government of Pakistan.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$4,000,000 ESF). Institutional support may continue to strengthen the election commission in its capacity as the oversight authority that ensures the correct application of election laws, regulation of political parties, and implementation of elections. Principal Grantee: To be selected.

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**Performance and Results:** Significant progress was made in 2004. Nineteen discussion forums for national and provincial parliamentarians were held on issues of their choosing: World Trade Organizations, parliamentary rules and procedures, foreign policy process, parliamentary committee system, and understanding the budget - all prototype courses for the upcoming parliamentary training curriculum. Parliamentarians visited both India and the United States, with each trip providing ideas that are now being promoted for adaptation in Pakistan. Parliament's first-ever legislative internship program was launched in 2004 and brought an outstanding cadre of Pakistan's finest young men and women to the world of public service for a summer. Parliamentarians increased their outreach to citizens by participating in 14 television discussion programs. More than 80 grassroots community events were organized in some of Pakistan's poorest and most conservative communities to give civil society the opportunity to discuss sensitive topics of concern to Pakistan society, including India-Pakistan relations, domestic violence, honor killing, religious tolerance, and poverty. The first radio station to be established at a Pakistani university began broadcasting in 2004. A cadre of women was trained as radio journalists and produced radio programs on social issues such as violence against women and reproductive health. The USAID devolution program created 108 partnerships in 18 districts involving community groups, local government, and the private sector in implementing priority development projects.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Pakistan

|                                       | DA     | ESF    |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 391-004 Democracy and Governance      |        |        |
| <b>Through September 30, 2003</b>     |        |        |
| Obligations                           | 8,000  | 3,742  |
| Expenditures                          | 0      | 1,313  |
| Unliquidated                          | 8,000  | 2,429  |
| <b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>               |        |        |
| Obligations                           | 11,200 | 0      |
| Expenditures                          | 5,624  | 1,648  |
| <b>Through September 30, 2004</b>     |        |        |
| Obligations                           | 19,200 | 3,742  |
| Expenditures                          | 5,624  | 2,961  |
| Unliquidated                          | 13,576 | 781    |
| <b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>   |        |        |
| Obligations                           | 0      | 0      |
| <b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>   |        |        |
| Obligations                           | 2,427  | 10,800 |
| <b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b> |        |        |
| Obligations                           | 2,427  | 10,800 |
| <b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>  |        |        |
| Obligations                           | 3,597  | 12,000 |
| Future Obligations                    | 0      | 0      |
| Est. Total Cost                       | 25,224 | 26,542 |