

## Data Sheet

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| <b>USAID Mission:</b>                      | Egypt   |
| <b>Program Title:</b>                      | Democracy and Governance                        |
| <b>Pillar:</b>                             | Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance |
| <b>Strategic Objective:</b>                | 263-021   |
| <b>Status:</b>                             | Continuing                                      |
| <b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>         | \$34,900,000 ESF                                |
| <b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>             | \$20,000,000 ESF                                |
| <b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>        | \$25,400,000 ESF                                |
| <b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>         | 2000  |
| <b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b> | 2009  |

**Summary:** USAID's program to strengthen democracy and governance assists the Government of Egypt (GOE) and Egyptian civil society in: bringing more transparency and competition to electoral processes; strengthening the organizational and advocacy capabilities of civil society organizations; promoting more accountable and responsive local government; professionalizing the media through training and regulatory reform; strengthening the administration of justice; and increasing access to justice for women and disadvantaged groups. Where it is appropriate, the specific activities and implementing organizations will not be subject to prior approval by the GOE. In accordance with a new understanding reached with the GOE, the FY 2005 and 2006 programs will include up to \$18,650,000 and \$5,000,000 respectively of direct USAID grants to Egyptian and U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs), for which no prior GOE approval will be sought.

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

**FY 2005 Program:** Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$6,550,000 ESF, \$900,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will help reform the judicial system by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of civil courts and integrating women in the judiciary. Assistance will focus on streamlining two national-level courts. USAID will train 400 judges to increase knowledge of commercial law, promote timely decision-making, and improve management of judicial panels and courtroom procedures. To promote an interest in legal reform among young lawyers, USAID will assist law schools to develop comparative law curricula and promote critical thinking skills. Contractors: America-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST) and others to be determined (TBD).

Support Democratic Local Governance and Decentralization (\$7,800,000 ESF, \$3,200,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). In FY 2005, USAID will design and contract a local governance and participation activity to improve the effectiveness, transparency and accountability of local governments to deliver key municipal services. One emphasis will be on increasing local governments' access to revenue. The program will focus on governorates where USAID has invested considerable resources, building on USAID initiatives in education, health, micro-enterprise and infrastructure for an integrated policy, technical assistance, training, and commodity package. Implementers TBD.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$5,530,000 ESF, \$3,900,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). For the 2005 national elections, USAID will promote a more transparent and competitive electoral process by offering assistance to the Government of Egypt and civil society to improve the legal framework, administration of elections and civic participation. The result will be a more open electoral system that allows political parties to compete and an informed citizenry to participate. Implementers TBD.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$4,720,000 ESF, \$2,000,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will train emerging Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) on management and organization as well as train and provide technical assistance to more mature NGOs to form advocacy networks, mentor newer groups and manage grants from the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) and other donors. The program will support up to 2,500 NGO representatives of 500 local groups. Grantee TBD.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$4,540,000 ESF, \$2,300,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will provide English-language training to the media, improve in-country media training capacity and promote Egypt as a regional hub for journalist training. Training will

incorporate promotion of local media and decentralized reporting, business development of private media, advertising markets and support of media legal reforms. Implementers TBD.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$5,760,000 ESF, \$7,700,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will strengthen the rule of law by increasing access to legal services for disadvantaged groups. USAID will help the GOE develop a public defender's system for indigent defendants through technical advice, workshops and site visits. USAID will also enhance access to justice for families by strengthening the capacity of the family justice system to mediate family disputes, increasing access to information on family legal services and establishing a management information system. Technical advice will be provided to develop mediation training, including workshops and site visits to observe mediation programs. USAID will also fund technical assistance to NGOs to spread information on legal rights, mediation services, and legal aid. Implementers TBD.

**FY 2006 Program:** Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$6,410,000 ESF). USAID will help the GOE streamline the twenty remaining courts. USAID will conduct a nation-wide public awareness and education campaign to expand the constituency for promoting and integrating women in the judiciary. Implementers TBD.

Support Democratic Local Governance and Decentralization (\$3,300,000 ESF). Project activities will expand into selected additional governorates. Additional municipalities will be engaged, citizen priorities identified, and mechanisms for community participation established. Implementers TBD.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$3,400,000 ESF). The post-election period will yield opportunities to build on and institutionalize GOE political reforms and continue to promote electoral competition. Activities will include training of government officials and civil society groups in preparation for local elections. USAID will also fund workshops and exchanges/study tours with selected members of Parliament. Implementers TBD.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,800,000 ESF). Depending on the outcome of legal and regulatory reform espoused by the GOE, USAID expects to fund more NGO initiatives in the areas of democracy and political advocacy and develop networking and coalition building skills. Grantee TBD.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$2,790,000 ESF). USAID's media program will continue to work on capacity building with more emphasis on developing a strong and independent private media sector. Implementers TBD.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$7,700,000 ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance to reengineer practices, identify equipment needs, and automate the Prosecutor General's Office. USAID also plans to improve access to the case file for defense counsel, improving its ability to defend the rights of the accused. USAID will fund human rights curriculum development for judges and prosecutors, facilitate the training of mediators, and fund NGO production and dissemination of user-friendly brochures and pamphlets on legal rights, mediation, and legal aid services. Implementers to be determined.

**Performance and Results:** USAID assistance encouraged the GOE to replicate the successful civil/commercial court reform model nationwide, reducing opportunities for corruption, providing greater transparency of court processes and reducing the backlog of cases. In 2004, approximately 2,400 NGO representatives attended 95 training events on governance, advocacy, networking, constituency building and media relations. An additional 1,300 citizens and 26 civil society organizations participated in open roundtable discussions on democratic participation and policy formation. These efforts produced substantial improvements in organizational capacity and fifty civic actions, including advocacy campaigns supporting women's civil rights, fighting child labor, increasing public awareness on environmental issues and constituent development.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Egypt

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 263-021 Democracy and Governance      | ESF     |
| <b>Through September 30, 2003</b>     |         |
| Obligations                           | 103,872 |
| Expenditures                          | 77,054  |
| Unliquidated                          | 26,818  |
| <b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>               |         |
| Obligations                           | 5,518   |
| Expenditures                          | 8,790   |
| <b>Through September 30, 2004</b>     |         |
| Obligations                           | 109,390 |
| Expenditures                          | 85,844  |
| Unliquidated                          | 23,546  |
| <b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>   |         |
| Obligations                           | 20,000  |
| <b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>   |         |
| Obligations                           | 34,900  |
| <b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b> |         |
| Obligations                           | 54,900  |
| <b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>  |         |
| Obligations                           | 25,400  |
| Future Obligations                    | 49,000  |
| Est. Total Cost                       | 238,690 |