

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Georgia
Program Title:	Good Local Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	114-0231
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$7,120,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$4,566,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$6,233,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: The Rose Revolution of November 2003 placed Georgia at the forefront of democratic reform in the Eurasia region. In order to sustain momentum and assure the long term viability of Georgia's democratic transition, USAID is providing support to improve public sector transparency and accountability at both the national and local levels; advance the rule of law; ensure broad public participation in political life; and, promote national integration and peace building.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Mitigate Conflict and Support Peace (\$470,000 FSA, \$500,000 FSA carryover). An increased sense of national unity with a focus on isolated areas will be promoted, as will human rights. Efforts will include, inter alia, a national strategy and action plan to promote integration and tolerance. For Abkhazia and South Ossetia, democracy, confidence and peace building efforts will be supported, including support to civil society and independent media. Principal contractors and grantees: To be determined.

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (TIP) (\$250,000 FSA). Support will help implement the GoG Anti-Trafficking Action Plan, and an anti-trafficking law to improve victims' protection. TIP awareness will be enhanced through the media and non-governmental organizations will be mobilized to fight human trafficking. Principal contractors and grantees: Georgian Young Lawyers Association.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$700,000 FSA). USAID will continue its key role in conducting political party strengthening, and support youth and women's programs to encourage greater political participation. Support will be provided for country-wide polling to help political parties respond to needs of constituents, get-out-the-vote campaigns and voter education. Principal contractors and grantees: International Republican Institute.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$3,600,000 FSA carryover). To increase the executive branch's efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability, USAID will respond to specific GoG requests for assistance to help with targeted reforms, improve inter-ministerial coordination, and enhance effectiveness of a civil service bureau as well as the Adjara government. Incentives will encourage increased collaboration among think tanks, civil society organizations, and public institutions in policy analysis. Working with the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), USAID will support the second phase of civil registry reform. Assistance will be provided to the Ministry of Education and Science to introduce international graduate admission standards. Principal contractors and grantees: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), American Councils for International Education (ACCELS), TBD.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$1,950,000 FSA). Rule of law efforts will focus on the judiciary to increase independence. USAID will also assist the Georgian Supreme Court and assist the MOJ to reform the procedures on the enforcement of civil judgments. Assistance will be provided for the organizational development of a new bar association. USAID will support legal education reform. Principal contractors and grantees: American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI), TBD.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$900,000 FSA, \$466,289 FSA carryover). Assistance to the parliament will focus on key policy issues, strengthened committee operations to allow for broad public input and oversight and outreach capacity to promote executive branch accountability. Women's participation in politics, both within and outside parliament will be promoted. Principal contractors and grantees: National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$2,850,000 FSA, \$466,289 FSA carryover). Assistance will continue to promote the reform of decentralization legislation. The 20 largest municipalities will be supported in the implementation of newly adopted laws. Capacity building will be provided to a national association of local officials. Principal contractors and grantees: Urban Institute.

FY 2007 Program:

Mitigate Conflict and Support Peace (\$433,000 FSA). Tolerance and understanding will be promoted. Support will target peace building for "frozen" conflicts. Principal contractors and grantees: TBD.

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$200,000 FSA). USAID will build public awareness and seek passage of an anti-trafficking law. Principal contractors or grantees: Georgian Young Lawyers Association.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$600,000 FSA). Assistance will continue for political party development and involvement of youth and women. Principal contractors and grantees: TBD.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$2,000,000 FSA). Help will continue to promote accountable and good governance, and reduce opportunities for corruption as the result of capacity building and reforms of key GoG units. Principal contractors and grantees: OSCE, TBD.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$1,100,000 FSA). Judicial independence and improvement of judges' and lawyers' professionalism will be aided. Principal contractors and grantees: TBD.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$600,000 FSA). Assistance will be provided to Parliament to improve the legislative process and executive oversight. Principal contractors and grantees: TBD.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,300,000 FSA). Local government efforts will expand in 30 Georgian municipalities. The focus will be on capacity building for newly elected local officials. Principal contractors and grantees: Urban Institute.

Performance and Results: USAID assisted the president's and prime minister's offices to streamline procedures and prepare an institutional development plan. In parliament, USAID focused on strengthened operations and oversight, enhanced transparency of procedures, and improved women's leadership and outreach skills. USAID worked with GoG and local government officials to promote decentralization legislation. Six draft laws were prepared to increase autonomy in local decision-making. Key Georgian stakeholders were helped to develop the conceptual framework for judicial reform, with follow-up assistance for the administration of a revamped judicial qualification examination. In civil society and media, USAID enlarged the advertisement market for the independent media, provided management training and business support, built industry associations' capacities, and strengthened journalism education. Successful implementation of this objective will result in the consolidation of Georgia's democratic reforms. Public sector accountability will be strengthened through human capacity development, anti-corruption efforts (e.g. civil registration, procurement, local government and budget reform), and enhanced, efficient and transparent public service provision. The ability of state institutions to formulate and implement policy will be enhanced. Citizens' rights will be protected by more qualified and independent court officials as a result of administration reform, improved legal education and support for professional association, and citizens' trust in state institutions, in general, will be increased. Constructive political contests will be the norm, and the goal of national integration advanced through development and implementation of a national strategy for integration and tolerance.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Georgia

114-0231 Good Local Governance	FSA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	9,178
Expenditures	959
Unliquidated	8,219
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	10,850
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	20,028
Expenditures	959
Unliquidated	19,069
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	4,566
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	7,120
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	11,686
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	6,233
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	37,947