

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Guatemala
Program Title:	Ruling Justly
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	520-021
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,662,000 DA; \$5,952,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,029,000 DA; \$4,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID will support the Government of Guatemala's (GOG) and private sector efforts to improve Justice sector/legal framework; promote and protect human rights and equal access to justice; promote and support anticorruption measures; and support democratic local government and decentralization.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$2,582,000 ESF). USAID will promote the expansion of more efficient procedures in pre-trial proceedings with emphasis on institutionalizing oral procedures. Technical assistance will be provided to justice sector institutions to properly conduct oral hearings and solidify mechanisms of coordination between key justice sector institutions (police, prosecutors, courts, and public defenders) through USAID-supported Justice Centers and a central coordinating entity. Crime prevention activities will be implemented in areas with Justice Centers that have developed links with civil society organizations (CSOs) and local governments. USAID will promote improvements to recreation programs and public services to provide good lighting, better parks, crime awareness activities, and other local anti-crime initiatives. Also, USAID will provide sub-awards to CSOs to promote and oversee reform efforts. The Human Rights Ombudsman's Office (HRO) and selected HRO regional offices will be strengthened to improve their ability to investigate and report on violations of due process guarantees. Principal contractor is Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc.

Promote effective and democratic governance of the security sector (\$1,350,000 ESF). USAID plans to support the development of effective community-based policing and crime prevention efforts. Technical assistance, training and non-lethal equipment will be provided to develop and implement community crime prevention plans, promote improved coordination between the police and local community organizations, and improve the ability of local police to respond to emergencies and analyze information to improve patrols and overall performance. USAID assistance will include programs for youth at risk that increase their awareness of how the law relates to their lives and provide alternatives to involvement with gangs. Technical assistance will be provided to government officials to: 1) develop crime prevention policies and programs; 2) improve the capacity of national and local police leadership to understand and embrace the principles of community-based policing and respect for human rights; and 3) improve their ability to optimally manage scarce resources. USAID will coordinate community-based policing efforts with other agencies at post, including the Law Enforcement Development program of the Narcotics Affairs Section, through the Rule of Law Committee chaired by the Ambassador. Principal contractors/grantees: Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc. and others to be determined (TBD).

Promote and Support Anticorruption Reforms (\$600,000 DA, \$1,300,000 ESF). Technical assistance will be provided to key state institutions that work on transparency and accountability issues. This assistance will focus on: the promotion of a National Transparency/Anti-Corruption

Agenda; greater Guatemalan compliance with the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (IACC); and strengthening congress as a key oversight entity. Technical and financial support will be provided to key civil society and private sector partners to develop oversight activities, in conjunction with mass media. Once the Access to Information Law is in place, special activities will be developed to promote transparency of public expenditures. USAID will also provide critical follow-up to systemic issues that arise out of the USAID-financed vulnerability assessments in key Ministries. Principal contractor/grantee to be determined.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,062,000 DA, \$720,000 ESF). USAID will help strengthen at least ten selected local government's ability, through improved taxation methods, to improve basic service provision and increase municipal income. USAID will enhance collaboration between local governments and the private sector. USAID will provide support to the government to implement and follow-up on the national decentralization process and will promote greater dialogue between national and local actors for the passage and implementation of the Municipal Tax Code. USAID will also support implementation of the Integrated Municipal Financial Management System (SIAF-muni) and the consolidation of Municipal Financial Management and Audit Units in target municipalities. USAID will support participation of the national municipal associations in public policy discussions and decision making. Principal contractor/grantee to be determined.

Promote and Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice. USAID will support the exhumations of clandestine cemeteries stemming from the 36-year internal armed conflict and related community health services. Principal contractor/grantee to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$1,900,000 ESF). USAID would continue to promote and improve: oral arguments held in pre-trial stages of the proceedings; the coordination of efforts through justice centers; management, monitoring and disciplinary systems; and institutionalized professional career structures. Crime prevention programs and CSO's involvement will be strengthened to decrease crime. The HRO would receive technical assistance. Principal contractor is same as above.

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$1,350,000 ESF). USAID would continue to work in select jurisdictions to promote community-based policing, and improve police ability to work and respond to citizens concerns as well as coordinate with other justice sector actors. Refinement and implementation of national crime prevention and police policies would be supported. Principal contractors/grantees would not change.

Promote and Support Anticorruption Measures (\$829,000 DA, \$550,000 ESF). USAID would continue to strengthen efforts to monitor public expenditure and investment and implement concrete transparency measures. Assistance would be provided to implement the recommendations of the Organization of American States/Inter-American Convention against Corruption Committee of Experts. CSOs and the private sector would be supported to fully implement the Access to Information Law. Continued assistance would be provided on follow-up to systematic reform efforts, strengthening key oversight agencies, and greater public awareness. Principal contractor/grantee to be selected in FY 2005.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,200,000 DA, \$200,000 ESF). USAID will continue technical assistance focused on improving basic services and investment provided to local governments. USAID will promote ongoing dialogue and collaboration among the social funds to improve efficiency in social investment. These funds provide significant public investment in productive, social and infrastructure projects throughout the country, Congress, and municipalities. USAID technical assistance continue to support the implementation of the financial management system, introduced in FY 2005, to increase their participation in decision making on national policy. Principal contractors/grantees will be selected in FY 2005.

Promote and Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice. USAID would continue to

support exhumations and mental health services. Principal contractor/grantee to be selected in FY 2005.

Performance and Results: This is a new program with no performance data to report. In FY 2004, the focus of work was in designing new activities and undertaking procurement for the implementation of activities. By program completion, USAID expects that Guatemala will have a stronger, reliable system of rule of law, reduced crime in key areas and strengthened, more fiscally sound local governments.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Guatemala

520-021 Ruling Justly	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	3,084	4,971
Expenditures	58	12
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	3,084	4,971
Expenditures	58	12
Unliquidated	3,026	4,959
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	1,662	5,952
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	1,662	5,952
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,029	4,000
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	6,775	14,923