

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Nigeria
<b>Program Title:</b>	Democracy and Governance
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	620-011
<b>Status:</b>	New in FY 2004
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$3,352,000 DA; \$4,960,000 ESF
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$3,017,000 DA; \$5,000,000 ESF
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2004
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2008

**Summary:** USAID's new program to strengthen foundations for democratic governance in Nigeria will work with civil society and selected government institutions to improve the environment for accountable governance and conflict management in Nigeria. The program will strengthen the capacity of civil society to advocate for targeted reforms; introduce policy and legislative reforms within selected government institutions; strengthen the capacity of both civil society and government to mitigate and manage conflict; significantly reduce the incidence and potential of trafficking in persons; and help to support transparent and credible elections in Nigeria.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,250,000 DA). USAID will assist 30 civil society organizations (CSOs), including women's groups, labor unions, faith-based organizations, community groups and think tanks, to hold public officials accountable for their actions, to actively engage in oversight of government, and to advocate for key reforms. Members of participating CSOs will receive targeted training on institutional and sectoral issues such as management, accounting, effective advocacy, and anticorruption, in support of USAID's Anticorruption Strategy. The program will also assist political parties to institutionalize representative and competitive multi-party processes. Principal contractors and grantees: the International Republican Institute (IRI) (prime); and others to be determined.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$1,250,000 DA). USAID will provide assistance to strengthen oversight and accountability functions of the National Assembly (NA), and targeted State Legislatures. This assistance will focus on economic and health policy, legislative drafting and reporting, committee operations, public hearings and constituency outreach by training 280 legislators and permanent staff. The program will also seek to encourage constructive engagement between the NA and key civil society organizations. Principal contractors and grantees: Mississippi Consortium for International Development and the National Democratic Institute (primes).

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$4,960,000 ESF). Assistance will focus on the areas of political party development, electoral reform issues, elections administration, voter and civic education, domestic election monitoring, and increased participation by civil society, particularly among women and youth. In addition, USAID will support the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to improve voter registration procedures for an estimated 60 million eligible voters. The program will also assist political parties to institutionalize representative and competitive multi-party processes. Principal contractors, grantees and agencies: the International Foundation for Election Systems and IRI (primes).

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$352,000 DA). USAID implements programs that reduce trafficking as part of the Presidential Anti-Trafficking in Persons Initiative. These efforts include policy dialogue, information dissemination and public awareness, and direct support to vulnerable and returned victims of trafficking, both children and adults. Support will also be provided to train police to handle and process victims in accordance with international human rights standards. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$500,000 DA). Interventions to address conflict in Nigeria will strengthen the capacity of selected civil society organizations and government institutions to help prevent conflict and reduce its impact. Potential and actual ethnic, religious, land tenure, and resource allocation conflicts will be targeted, with a specific focus on offering opportunities for social participation and employment for more than 100 youth as alternatives to violence in target states. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

**FY 2006 Program:** Strengthen Civil Society: (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will continue to support a diverse group of 60 civil society organizations and their members in their efforts to become more effective in holding government accountable and advocating for their interests.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will continue to strengthen and support economic and health policies, legislative drafting and reporting, committee operations, public hearings and constituency outreach. Work with the National Assembly, targeting 370 legislators and permanent staff for skills enhancement, will continue.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$5,000,000 ESF). Activities to lay the groundwork for free and fair elections in Nigeria in 2007 will be stepped up, and will include voter education, development of training activities for election monitors and election officials, sensitization for local officials, elections administration, support for international election observation, and strengthening of political parties. Engagement with civil society, particularly with women and youth, will be accelerated leading up to the election.

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$467,000 DA). USAID will continue to play an active role within a coordinated U.S. Government and international effort to address trafficking in persons issues in Nigeria and to provide support to 50 victims of trafficking to help them reintegrate back into society as useful citizens.

Improve Community Based-Reconciliation Efforts (\$550,000 DA). USAID will continue to support peace-building, social participation, counseling and vocational training efforts directed towards conflict-prone youth, and will also further develop conflict early warning systems in target states.

Same implementers as FY 2005.

**Performance and Results:** FY2004 was the first year of implementation for this program. By the end of the program in FY 2009, Nigerian citizens, represented by 120 partner NGOs, will play a greater role in policy-making; the National Assembly will operate more efficiently as a result of training for 240 elected members and 250 staff; outbreaks of inter-ethnic violence will have been reduced in conflict prone areas of the country through outreach to a cumulative total of 850 violence-prone youth; 200 victims of trafficking will have been rehabilitated and reintegrated within their communities; and, 60 million Nigerian voters will have participated in transparent and non-violent national elections in 2007.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nigeria

620-011 Democracy and Governance	DA	ESF
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	8,643	1,249
Expenditures	457	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	8,643	1,249
Expenditures	457	0
Unliquidated	8,186	1,249
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	3,352	4,960
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	3,352	4,960
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	3,017	5,000
Future Obligations	6,970	10,000
Est. Total Cost	21,982	21,209