USAID Mission:	Africa Regional
Program Title:	Promoting Peace and Good Governance in Africa
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	698-028
Status:	New in FY 2005
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	$8,727,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	$300,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	$29,837,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: One of USAID's key aims in Africa is to strengthen democratic principles by promoting greater access to information, representative political processes, and institutions; the rule of law; the growth of civil society; the management and mitigation of conflict; and greater respect for human rights.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:
FY 2005 Program: Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms ($1,000,000 DA). USAID's Anti-Corruption Initiative (ACI) will support field-based programs that promote reforms to fight corruption in at least nine bilateral missions and three regional missions. The Initiative will continue to (1) support countries that demonstrate the political will to implement reform; (2) help consolidate emerging democracies; (3) capitalize on unique windows of opportunity following transitions to democracy; and (4) test a wide range of strategies to establish best practices and create replicable models. Principal contractors: Management Systems International, Michigan State University (AfroBarometer).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization ($727,000 DA). Under this objective, USAID provides support at national and local levels for decentralization and effective local governance. Technical assistance and training is provided to strengthen local government functions, including development of budgets, local revenue raising, provision of basic services, and community participation. Principal contractors and grantees: ARD and others to be determined.

Support Democratic National Governance Institutions ($300,000 ESF prior year). USAID will provide Guinea Bissau's National Assembly with equipment such as computers, photocopiers, office supplies, transcription devices, generators, and reference materials. In addition, the program will provide technical assistance and help the permanent legislative support staff acquire functional skills and expertise, with a focus on improving communications between the National Assembly and citizens.

Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts ($500,000 DA). USAID assistance through its Africa Conflict and Peacebuilding Fund (ACPF) includes community-based reconciliation efforts that enhance community capacity to identify and address the causes and consequences of conflict, such as youth unemployment, ethnically based economic competition, and conflicts over natural resources such as land, water, and forests. In addition, under this strategic objective and as part of the ACPF, USAID provides significant assistance for all major conflict activities, including support for peace processes, early warning and response mechanisms, and conflict transitional issues. Principal contractors and grantees: PADCO.

Strengthen Civil Society ($4,000,000 DA). As part of its responsibility to promote democracy and good governance principles in African civic organizations and among the continent's emerging leaders, USAID will manage programs aimed at strengthening trade and professional unions and promoting professional development exchanges with relevant institutions in the United States. Principal grantees: American Center for International Labor Solidarity, Les Aspin Institute.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice ($2,500,000 DA). USAID funding for the Democracy and Human Rights Fund (DHRF), implemented by the Department of State, will support indigenous African NGOs that carry out short-term targeted activities, such as women's legal clinics and basic human

rights campaigns. Under this objective, USAID also facilitates assistance to victims of torture and civilian victims of conflict in war-affected societies. Principal contractors and grantees: To be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms ($2,385,000 DA). Activities under this component will continue as described above. Principal contractors and grantees: Management Systems International, Michigan State University (AfroBarometer).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization ($725,000 DA). Activities will continue as described above. Principal contractors and grantees: ARD and others to be determined.

Support Peace Processes ($4,000,000 DA). USAID's ACPF seeks to improve the use of development assistance to mitigate and manage conflict; help safeguard the achievement of USAID strategic objectives and development investments; and minimize the need for costly post-conflict humanitarian and reconstruction assistance. USAID has targeted such assistance to addressing localized conflicts, such as in northern Uganda and the Casamance region of Senegal, at national and local levels. Principal contractors and grantees: PADCO, DAI, and others to be determined.

Improve Early Warning and Response Mechanisms ($3,000,000 DA). Through its regional missions, USAID has been working closely with intergovernmental organizations--such as the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)--and regional civil society organizations to develop early warning, reporting, and response mechanisms. Principal contractors and grantees: DAI and others to be determined.

Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts ($3,000,000 DA). Activities under this component will continue as described above. Principal contractors and grantees: PADCO, DAI and to be determined.

Address Conflict Transitional Issues ($10,000,000 DA). Also through the ACPF, USAID will continue to provide increasingly responsive and flexible assistance to seize critical windows of opportunity in priority conflict-prone countries. Principal contractors and grantees: To be determined.

Strengthen Civil Society ($4,227,000 DA). Activities under this component will continue as described above. Principal grantees: Same as above.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice ($2,500,000 DA). Activities under this component will continue as described above. Principal contractors and grantees: To be determined.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, nine bilateral missions in Africa received ACI funds to promote participatory and transparent government procurement; increase governmental audit and service delivery capacity; promote civil society understanding of and capacity to engage in government processes, especially fiscal processes; and strengthen investigatory media. In countries such as Benin, Madagascar, and Mozambique, these activities build the capacity of government and civil society to implement Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) compacts effectively. In Tanzania, Kenya, and Zambia, USAID supports pilot projects that can provide a foundation for MCA threshold countries to reach eligibility.
USAID's Africa Conflict and Peacebuilding Fund supported peace processes, improved early warning and response mechanisms, improved community-based reconciliation efforts, and addressed transitional issues. In FY 2004, USAID's ACPF managers programmed $8.14 million to seven bilateral missions and three regional programs, and assisted other teams in programming an additional $37.9 million to address conflicts in Africa. Through its development assistance, USAID will continue to make important contributions to the resolution of conflicts in the Casamance region of Senegal and northern Uganda, assist in the reconstruction of post-conflict societies such as Sierra Leone, and work to expand the prospects for lasting peace in Liberia, Angola, and Sudan.

Upon completion, this SO expects to have increased the ability of governments to combat corruption; better identify transition difficulties in post-conflict regions; better combat the social challenges, such as unemployment, that arise after conflict; and strengthen institutional capacity and democratic processes.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

698-028 Promoting Peace and Good Governance in Africa	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	300
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	8,727	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	8,727	300
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	29,837	0
Future Obligations	89,217	0
Est. Total Cost	127,781	300