

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Office of Democracy and Governance
Program Title:	Civil Society Program
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	932-003
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,350,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,400,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	1997
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: The Democracy and Governance Office civil society program provides technical assistance and support to USAID missions worldwide through the development of new methodologies, the synthesis of lessons learned in the design and implementation of civil society assistance, and the management of contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements. The purpose of this program is to strengthen USAID programming and reinforce country-based efforts through expansion of citizen participation in democratic governance, strengthening civil society organizations in monitoring and advocacy roles, development of an independent media, and strengthening democratic political cultures through civic education.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: In FY 2005, the DG Office will continue to support civic education through activities to promote democratic values and reinforce democratic behavior. The DG Office grantees will implement civic education programs with primary emphasis on school-university based pedagogy and curricula that foster the development of civic skills and values in predominantly Muslim countries. Initial field assessments for school-based civic education were undertaken in the Middle East and Asia in FY 2002- FY 2003 and in the Middle East in FY 2003 - FY 2004 with regional educational networks initiated in FY 2004. These projects will be further expanded in the Middle East and Asia through FY 2005.

The DG Office will continue to support the efforts of democratic labor unions to spread democracy around the world. The DG Office's work creates enabling environments that allow democratic trade unions to represent workers and give them an active political voice within their societies. In FY 2005, the DG Office will enter the fourth of a five-year cooperative agreement with the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS), continuing programs in over 20 countries as well as regional programs in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. ACILS also will carry out global programs addressing core labor standards worldwide, supporting gender equality programs, developing worker economic literacy education programs, and continuing its HIV/AIDS programs. The DG Office will undertake an evaluation of the ACILS programs in FY 2005 (\$3,000,000).

New activities in FY 2005 will include focus on the development of guidance on civil society investments in fragile states. Studies will be conducted to identify early warning signs in the civil society and media sector and to determine how civil society and media (in combination with other elements) may contribute to making a fragile state less fragile. The studies will also produce appropriate programmatic options.

New activities will be undertaken in the media sector. The DG Office recognizes independent media as not only essential for democratic development and good governance, but also as critical for other areas, for example, economic growth and the role media plays in public education campaigns about health, environment, and social issues. DG Office experts provide guidance to USAID missions in the areas of journalism training, media business development, media law and legal defense, and association building among media professionals. To support independent media in FY 2005, the DG Office will develop strategic guidance for strengthening the financial sustainability of media outlets, raise awareness of media law-related problems, and provide legal advice to media professionals attempting to reform the media legal enabling environment in their countries.

Finally, the DG Office will initiate studies and develop programs to provide assistance and build networks

of organizations engaged in strengthening the legal enabling environment for non-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs). A favorable legal environment for the growth of the NGO sector is critical to the sustainability of this sector and to creating a vibrant civil society. Included in this effort will be the development of guidance for reducing host-country NGO dependence on donor support.

The remaining balance of \$350,000 will go to cross-cutting programs which include performance management, special projects, assessments, personnel, and research support.

FY 2006 Program: The DG Office will continue to build upon pilot programs undertaken in the area of civic education, and in particularly focusing on the development of regional linkages among participant countries in the Asia and Near East regions. Innovative pilot work initiated in support of liberalizing enabling laws in the NGO and media sectors will be expanded. The grant to the American Center for International Labor Solidarity will continue in FY06 (\$3 million). New Leader with Associate grants will be awarded in FY 2006 (\$400,000).

Performance and Results: The DG Office assistance to ACILS has been instrumental in supporting 24 programs on country-specific, sub-regional or thematic bases to accomplish the ten objectives established under the grant in 2002. In 2004, 500 programs have supported thousands of people and indirectly reached millions more by improving their education and skills, knowledge of the world, organization's structure and effectiveness, legal rights and protection, and political participation.

Principal Contractors, Grantees, or Agencies: The DG Office's civil society activities are run through two contracts, two grants, and three cooperative agreements. The IQCs are held by Creative Associates International and Management Systems International. The grants are with Internews and the International Labor Rights Fund. The cooperative agreements are with the Academy for Educational Development (affiliates: Management Systems International, Mercy Corps International, International Foundation for Election Systems, International Labor Rights Fund, International Research and Exchanges Board, International Center for Not-for-profit Law, The Johns Hopkins University, The Kettering Foundation, and Search for Common Ground), and PACT (affiliates: The American Center for International Labor Solidarity, The Center for Civic Education, The Center for Private Enterprise, Children's Resources International, Institute for Development Research, Internews, International Center for Not-for-profit Law, International Republican Institute (IRI), National Democratic Institute (NDI), Research Triangle Institute, UNITE Union, and World Education), and the American Center for International Labor Solidarity. Sub-contracts are held by The Asia Foundation, Counterpart International, Development Alternatives, International Center for Not-for-profit Law, the International Research and Exchange Board, Advocacy Institute, Center for Development Communication, Children's Resources International, Esquel Group Foundation, Yeshiva University, Institute for Development Research, International Development Professionals, International Media Center at Florida International University, League of Women Voters, and Oxford University.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Office of Democracy and Governance

	DA	ESF
932-003 Civil Society Program		
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	95,341	0
Expenditures	77,852	0
Unliquidated	17,489	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	14,247	1,857
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	109,588	1,857
Expenditures	77,852	0
Unliquidated	31,736	1,857
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	3,350	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	3,350	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	3,400	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	116,338	1,857