

The Challenge

The key objective of the Belarus program is to increase citizen participation in democratic practices. The lack of government commitment to democratization and free-market economic development, as well as a hostile environment to almost all foreign assistance are the main impediments toward achieving this objective. This hostility is expressed in the closure of U.S. PVOs implementing USAID programs, harassment of local non-governmental organizations, and further regulation of international assistance, all of which makes it very difficult to register programs in democracy and governance. To address these challenges, USAID has increased programming in the democracy area using Supplemental funds, while simultaneously expanding activities into the areas of health and social transition as an alternative way of civil society development. USAID launched new activities addressing HIV/AIDS, Orphans and Vulnerable Children, prevention of Trafficking in Persons, and economic education.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Mission Director: Earl Gast

MCA Status: Currently Not Eligible

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: Received

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance Score		Direct SO Admin. Cost Ratio
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)				
113-0210 Citizen Participation in Democratic Practices	5,588	6,780	7,984	7,172	28.3%	0.89	Not Met	0.06
Transfer to Other US Government Agency	2,455	5,366	3,500	2,828	15.2%			
Country Total	8,043	12,146	11,484	10,000	24.3%			

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	
FREEDOM Support Act	8,043	12,146	11,484	10,000	24.3%
Total	8,043	12,146	11,484	10,000	24.3%

Program Budget by Sector and Account

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	
Agriculture and Environment FSA	0	0	100	0	N/A
Higher Education & Training FSA	900	0	0	0	N/A
Economic Growth FSA	444	517	1,742	1,235	178.2%
Human Rights FSA	700	297	0	0	N/A
Democracy and Governance FSA	4,650	10,582	8,048	8,363	79.8%
Conflict Management / Humanitarian Assistance FSA	500	400	470	402	-19.6%
HIV / AIDS FSA	849	310	0	0	N/A
Child Survival and Maternal Health FSA	0	0	624	0	N/A
Vulnerable Children FSA	0	40	0	0	N/A
Other Infectious Diseases FSA	0	0	500	0	N/A
Total	8,043	12,146	11,484	10,000	24.3%

Workforce

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
US Direct Hires	0	1	1	1	N/A
US Non Direct Hires	0	0	0	0	N/A
Foreign Nationals	5	5	5	5	0.0%
Total	5	6	6	6	20.0%

Operating Expense

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	
Salaries and benefits	0	0	63	63	N/A
Travel	0	0	41	37	N/A
Transportation of things	0	0	0	0	N/A
Rent	0	0	22	22	N/A
Security	0	0	0	0	N/A
Equipment	0	0	0	0	N/A
ICASS - Operating Expense only	0	0	58	62	N/A
Other Operating Expense	0	0	6	6	N/A
Total OE Budget	0	0	190	190	N/A
US direct hire salary and benefits	0	0	126	140	N/A
Program Funded Administrative Expenses				230	
Country Total Administrative Budget				560	
Percent of Bureau OE Total				0.5%	

Mission Summary

FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
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Program per US Direct Hire (\$000)	N/A	12,146	11,484	10,000
Program per All US (\$000)	N/A	12,146	11,484	10,000
Program per Position (\$000)	1,609	2,024	1,914	1,667
Operating Expense as % of Program Funding				1.9%
Program Funded Admin Expense as % of Total Admin				41.1%
Total Admin Expense as % of Program Funding				5.6%

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: Sweden, Switzerland

Multilateral: United Nations, World Bank, European Commission.