

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Ukraine
Program Title:	Strengthening Citizen Participation
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	121-0213
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$10,245,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$97,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$5,435,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's programs advance the growth of democracy and good governance through focused assistance in four areas: establishing and ensuring media freedom and freedom of information; strengthening civil society; supporting democratic political parties; and promoting and supporting free and fair elections.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$3,530,000 FSA). USAID will facilitate legal aid for journalists; provide training of regional broadcast and print media; and support sustainability of regional media outlets. To increase citizen understanding of key reform issues, USAID will support the broadcast of more than 50 TV and 700 radio programs, brochures and monthly publications, telephone hotlines, web-based outreach, and press clubs. Special attention will be placed on developing objective reporting by regional media, especially in the South and East of Ukraine, as the 2006 Parliamentary Elections approach; improving the legal/regulatory framework for media; strengthening media NGOs; and increasing public debate on key media reform issues. Implementers: Internews Network and the Center for Ukrainian Reform Education (CURE), a Ukrainian non-governmental organization (NGO) (both prime).

Program Support (\$757,000 FSA, \$97,186 FSA carryover). USAID will provide funds for administrative support, USAID information technology support, and evaluations and assessments.

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$731,658 FSA). USAID will facilitate even application and consistent enforcement of laws governing parliamentary elections. Partners will provide training for election commissioners, lawyers, and judges; conduct voter education activities on civic rights, voter awareness programs; and carry out civic oversight programs on Election Day. USAID will support training for 105,000 potential mid- and precinct level election commissioners and thousands of serving commissioners; training for local and appeals court judges; the distribution of thousands of guides to elections administration issues, and an Internet-based election law distance learning course. Support for international monitoring efforts will include a 500-member international observation mission, a 5,000-strong domestic monitoring effort, and NGO watchdog capacity- building activities. USAID will provide technical assistance and training focused on the 2006 local elections. Implementers: Freedom House and Development Associates (both prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,688,000 FSA). USAID will promote effective advocacy and legislative change, organizational strengthening, and financial viability. The Ukrainian Civic Action Network (UCAN) will increase the number of advocacy grantees to generate a critical mass, turning the third sector into a viable, integrated, and permanent part of Ukrainian society. Outreach activities will focus on changing the way NGOs are perceived. The Eurasia Foundation (EF) will support private enterprise development, civil society, and public administration. Funds will be used to: support increased NGO activity in the South and East of the country; increase understanding of citizens' priorities through polling, analysis, and public debates conducted by think tanks; support the efforts of citizens and NGOs to learn more about candidates and issues prior to the 2006 elections, and develop advocacy and community leadership skills. Implementers: Institute of Sustainable Communities (ISC) and the EF (both prime).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$2,038,342 FSA). To strengthen parties and increase multiparty competition, USAID will support training for political parties to improve planning and organization; provide grants and training for civic organizations to engage in issue-oriented debates and platform-building, and increase women's political party participation and ability to run for office. Activities will include trainings for regionally-supported political parties to broaden their base and formulate platforms, which should reflect the needs of constituents in these regions. Assistance will also include support for parties within the Verkhovna Rada in developing more effective factions, management training for oblast and local administrations, and the launch of a new executive intern program. Implementing partners: National Democratic Institute (NDI) and International Republican Institute (IRI) (both prime).

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$500,000 FSA). USAID will support a network of legal advocacy centers, legal education for lawyers and judges, student legal clinics, and independent judicial associations. Implementer: American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) (prime) and to be determined.

FY 2007 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$1,000,000 FSA). The focus will be on improvements in the legal/regulatory environment, legal aid for journalists, training of regional media, and sustainability of regional media outlets. To increase citizen understanding of key reform issues, USAID will support the broadcast of more than 50 TV and 700 radio programs; and the production of brochures and monthly publications, telephone hot lines, web-based outreach, and press clubs. Implementers: Internews Network and CURE (both prime).

Program Support (\$721,000 FSA). USAID will provide funds for administrative support, USAID information technology support, and evaluations and assessments.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,714,000 FSA). USAID through UCAN will work to further strengthen local NGOs to achieve significant results in increasing citizen participation. The EF will continue to provide grants to NGOs in the areas of private enterprise development, civil society, and public administration. Implementers: ISC and EF (both prime).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$1,000,000 FSA). USAID plans to continue activities to strengthen political parties and increase multiparty competition. USAID will continue providing training to political parties and civic organizations to engage in issues-oriented debates and platform-building, and to increase women's political party participation and ability to run for office. Implementers: IRI, NDI (both prime), and/or TBD.

Performance and Results: USAID assistance helped Ukrainians to: 1) show improvement in Freedom House's Nations in Transit composite rating, from 4.88 in 2004 to 4.5 in 2005; 2) increase public awareness of reform issues from 48.65% in 2004 to 51.85% in 2005; 3) improve civil society capacity and sustainability as measured by the 2005 NGO Sustainability Index (from 3.8 in 2004 to 3.55 in 2005); 4) progress in all major areas of media development according to the draft 2005 MSI Media Sustainability Index Report, including: freedom of speech, plurality of news sources, media professionalism, business management, and supporting institutions; 5) improve electoral framework through passage of legislation governing parliamentary and presidential elections; and 6), improve election campaign oversight and Election Day oversight through international and domestic observation missions. USAID also supported a European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO), which sent 2,079 election monitors to Ukraine, the largest elections observation effort worldwide in a decade, and provided citizens with balanced and accurate information through regional and nationwide voter education campaigns.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Ukraine

121-0213 Strengthening Citizen Participation	FSA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	31,871
Expenditures	15,702
Unliquidated	16,169
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	23,660
Expenditures	21,309
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	55,531
Expenditures	37,011
Unliquidated	18,520
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	97
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	10,245
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	10,342
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	5,435
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	71,308