

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Tajikistan
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	119-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,400,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$704,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$1,288,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: The cross-cutting programs support all of USAID's strategic objectives, and include four main components: training to support USAID's technical assistance programs; grant-making assistance provided by the Eurasia Foundation to indigenous non-governmental organizations (NGOs); exchanges under the Community Connections Program to enhance public diplomacy; and program development support for cross-cutting evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and incorporation of perspectives from religious leaders into programming.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Program Support (\$1,400,000 FSA, \$666,794 FSA carryover, \$37,498 FSA prior year recoveries).

Participant Training Program: USAID will continue participant training to complement ongoing technical assistance in the following areas: improved environment for growth of small and medium enterprises, enhanced trade through cross-border opportunities, strengthened democratic culture, improved management of critical natural resources, increased utilization of quality primary health care, sources of conflict mitigated in target communities, and quality of education improved. Of particular note, the participant training program will focus on election monitoring and mass media in preparation for the upcoming presidential elections in Tajikistan. In spring 2006, a conference will be organized with training resources to bring together religious leaders from across the region to discuss religious extremism. More than 2,000 participants will be trained through participant training activities in Tajikistan during FY 2006. Principal contractors/grantees: Academy for Educational Development (prime).

Community Connections: In FY 2006, USAID will begin implementation of the Community Connections Program, a public diplomacy initiative previously funded by the State Department. Through the program, approximately 50 Tajik citizens per year will participate in exchanges to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Tajikistan through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. The Community Connections Program will help achieve U.S. Government priorities in Tajikistan by targeting professional groups and individual entrepreneurs that are central to economic and democratic reform. Exchange programs will last from 3-5 weeks, and be tailored to the individual needs of participants. Principal contractor/grantee: World Learning (prime) and American Councils for International Education (sub).

Eurasia Foundation: The Eurasia Foundation will target approximately 20 NGOs that contribute to private sector development and civil society strengthening through small grants. The NGOs will also benefit from institutional strengthening through intensive planning, reporting, and financial management training. In particular, in FY 2006, Eurasia Foundation will focus on agriculture, launching a multi-donor livestock development program, media strengthening, trade promotion with Afghanistan, and opportunities for cross-border trade in the Ferghana Valley. Principal contractor/grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support: A wide range of program support will continue to be funded, including evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and staff costs. As required, funding will enable USAID to take advantage of unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID strategic

objectives. Furthermore, USAID/CAR will expand outreach efforts to engage traditional religious leaders in the region. The goal of this initiative is to better inform religious leaders about USAID programs and to bridge the gap with traditional community leaders whose views, in the past, have not generally been incorporated into USAID programmatic decision making. In accomplishing this goal, USAID will conduct tours of its programs for religious leaders and the media, hold regular representational events with religious leaders, and work with technical assistance providers to incorporate religious leaders into development activities. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

FY 2007 Program:

Program Support (\$1,288,000 FSA).

Community Connections: USAID will continue the Community Connections Program, providing both professionals and businessmen with the opportunity to learn about U.S. society while enhancing their knowledge in areas of expertise. Approximately 50 Tajik citizens will participate in the program during FY 2007. Principal contractors/grantees: World Learning (prime) and American Councils for International Education (sub).

Eurasia Foundation: The Eurasia Foundation will continue to provide grants and institutional strengthening on an open-door basis to approximately 20 NGOs in Tajikistan that work in the sectors of private enterprise development, civil society strengthening, and public administration. Principal contractor/grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support: A wide range of program and personnel support activities will continue. As required, funding will enable USAID to support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives. Additionally, religious outreach efforts will continue and be expanded, through tours for and representational events with religious leaders. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

Performance and Results: In FY 2005, USAID trained over 3,340 Tajik citizens (approximately 34% women) through the Participant Training Program. Program emphasis was placed on parliamentary elections, laying the foundation for an independent media, and building constructive relationships between civil society organizations and political parties. A series of training programs were implemented to improve the institutional and administrative capacity of the Judicial Training Center in Dushanbe. In the economic growth sector, training concentrated on developing laws and regulations for creating a legal environment for SME growth, building financial sustainability of business associations, enhancing international trade regulations, and strengthening the institutional capacity of microfinance organizations, with special attention given to rural development. Health training focused on prevention and treatment of infectious diseases, improvement of health awareness and health management, and introducing methodologies for evidence-based medicine. Other training programs increased the professional capacity of the National Hydromet Center to better manage water resources.

Eurasia Foundation provided \$420,000 in USAID-funded technical assistance to approximately 23 local institutions in FY 2005. During the fiscal year, the Eurasia Foundation succeeded in augmenting USAID funding with approximately \$24,000 in leveraged funds from non-U.S. Government donors in Tajikistan. The Eurasia Foundation also moved closer to establishing the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia, an independent, local foundation that will be launched in February 2006, as a means of continuing Eurasia Foundation activities in Tajikistan after core USAID funding ends.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Tajikistan

119-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	FSA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	36,290
Expenditures	25,623
Unliquidated	10,667
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	1,790
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	38,080
Expenditures	25,623
Unliquidated	12,457
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	704
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	1,400
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	2,104
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	1,288
Future Obligations	1,650
Est. Total Cost	43,122