

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Office of Democracy and Governance
Program Title:	Rule of Law Program
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	932-001
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,227,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$2,500,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	1997
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: The Office of Democracy and Governance (DG) Rule of Law (ROL) program provides technical leadership, field support, and training on ROL to USAID missions worldwide. This is accomplished through development of new methodologies based on lessons learned in the design and implementation of ROL assistance; through direct in-country technical assistance; through management of contracts, grants, cooperative, and interagency agreements; and through training of USAID officers. The purpose of this DG program is to strengthen USAID programming and reinforce country-based efforts in the program components of Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework and Promote Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program: Protect Human Rights (\$100,000 DA): The FY 2006 program that addresses the Justice Sector will also contribute substantially to the goals of protecting human rights and assuring equal access to justice. Almost all funds indicated as necessary for the Justice Sector objective will also support the Human Rights objective. For example, rapid response funding could be used for a legal aid group that is defending a journalist accused of treason. Additionally, in FY 2006, USAID plans to obligate \$100,000 in DA for a Human Rights Field Guide for DG officers. This guide will provide information about USAID's approaches to human rights protection in the past, and offer lessons learned and practical guidance on how USAID programs can contribute to a stronger framework for human rights protection.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$2,127,000 DA): The ROL program will build upon activities that have provided innovative technical guidance to USAID missions, helped improve U.S. ROL field programs, and further established USAID's role as a leader in rule-of-law and justice sector assistance. FY 2006 resources will increase DG's capacity to provide such technical assistance through DG Office staff, research, new mechanisms, and training. The primary uses for FY 2006 funds are 1) technical personnel to carry out field support and grant and contract management, including a new law enforcement advisor to provide technical leadership and field support on community policing and crime prevention, and maintaining a Democracy Fellow at the Administrative Offices of the U.S. Courts (AOC) to facilitate the development contributions of the federal judiciary; 2) new Leader with Associate grants (which were not awarded last year due to procurement issues) to fund core programs and provide a rapid response capability for crisis and non-presence countries; (3) rapid response contracts to provide the capacity for rapid and robust field response to emerging crises in the justice sector; (4) technical research and guidance in the areas of program impact evaluation, program design, human rights, community policing, customary law, and other emerging rule-of-law issues; and (5) support for the judicial cooperation activities carried out by the International Judicial Relations Committee of the United States Judicial Conference. Funding will be used to train USAID officers in emerging fields, such as administrative law and post-conflict justice. Finally, funding for a community policing pilot program is also under consideration.

FY 2007 Program: Protect Human Rights (\$200,000 DA): The FY 2007 program continues the programs described above. Additionally, funds are sought for research, field support, or pilot programs to improve access to justice, including alternative dispute resolution and legal advocacy programs.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$2,300,000 DA): The FY 2007 program will most likely require continued funding of three non-direct hire staff in order to provide an adequate level of field support to missions, and to carry out the technical research and training for which the division is responsible. The focus of the three positions will be: 1) community policing and crime prevention technical leadership; 2) backstopping Latin American and Caribbean missions and ROL programs; and 3) backstopping African missions and ROL programs, including the fragile states of Sudan, Liberia, Angola, Congo, and elsewhere. The DG Office will likely continue funding a Democracy Fellow to facilitate the contributions of the Federal Judiciary to USAID programs and to promote inter-agency learning and outreach. We will also likely continue to provide resources to facilitate judicial and judicial-staff travel. In FY 2007, the DG Office will require additional funds to carry out core programs under the new Leader with Associates award. Also in FY 2007, we anticipate that USAID field missions will request assistance in developing community policing, election security, anti-trafficking, and other programs involving civilian police training, all of which were restricted until FY 2005. USAID plans to fund a pilot community-policing program.

Performance and Results: In FY 2005, the DG ROL Division Staff met or exceeded almost all targets for providing effective technical leadership, field support, and cadre development. The ROL Division Staff provided assistance to 20 field missions. Our assistance to missions located in fragile states, a USAID priority, was especially noteworthy. The staff also provided invaluable field support by making available for buy-in grants and contracts with key rule-of-law partners. By utilizing these mechanisms, field missions, other bureaus, and the Department of State were able to obligate funds and implement ROL programs. The ROL substantially met its target to produce at least two field guides. A Guide to Administrative Law was completed, and draft Guides to Post-Conflict Justice and Enforcement of Judgments were produced. Objectives will be fully realized in FY 2006 when the Guides are published. ROL Division Staff also created the first inventory of USAID human rights programs, which will soon be distributed. In terms of cadre development, ROL Division Staff exceeded its target of training 50 Democracy Officers, training approximately 80 Officers during two intensive training sessions and a series of seminars.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Office of Democracy and Governance

	DA	ESF
932-001 Rule of Law Program		
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	20,885	12,686
Expenditures	14,273	3,161
Unliquidated	6,612	9,525
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	2,560	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	23,445	12,686
Expenditures	14,273	3,161
Unliquidated	9,172	9,525
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,227	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	2,227	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	2,500	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	28,172	12,686