



COUNTRY PROFILE

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A visitor uses one of the E-government terminals installed in the Vinnytsya City Hall foyer.

E-government is a component of the city's Economic Development Strategic Plan, developed with help from USAID's Local Economic Development project. Citizens may now obtain full information on local government operations. From a home/office computer connected to the Internet, or terminals located in the City Hall foyer, one can access any non-confidential decision of the City Rada; send a request, application or complaint to any City Hall officer and monitor its progress online; apply to any department for an explanation or information, and then receive a reply by email or regular mail; or obtain information on hospitals, schools and institutions of culture.

UKRAINE SNAPSHOT

Date of independence:
August 24, 1991
Capital: Kiev
Population: 46.3 million
GDP per person: \$7,800

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Keyword: Ukraine

OVERVIEW

Ukraine plays a key role in U.S. foreign policy objectives due to its strategic position between Europe and Eurasia and its importance for regional stability. The U.S. is committed to helping Ukraine achieve social



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and economic security for its citizens within a framework of democratic governance, and to help it fulfill its stated goal of joining NATO and the EU. Since 1992, USAID has devoted more than \$1.6 billion to Ukraine. Today, USAID focuses on good governance, economic growth, and improving health conditions. It also works to develop public-private partnerships to leverage resources and expand the reach of its assistance.

PROGRAMS

STRENGTHENING GOOD GOVERNANCE

The Orange Revolution showcased the power of independent media and citizen activism. It was followed by political turbulence and slow progress on reforms, but with a new pro-Western government, Ukraine looks poised to move forward again. USAID works with the Ukrainian parliament to reform procedures and increase public accountability. It helps local governments improve services and better manage budgets and programs. To support Ukraine's commitment to the rule of law, USAID works to increase transparency, accountability, public confidence, and access to justice through support for legal clinics, consensus-building for judicial reform, improved court automation, and better court monitoring.

Further, USAID assists NGOs in Ukraine to broaden and deepen their influence, and create new sources of funding. It supports free and independent media by offering training in reporting and business skills, and encouraging free speech. USAID also helps strengthen political parties and election watchdog organizations.

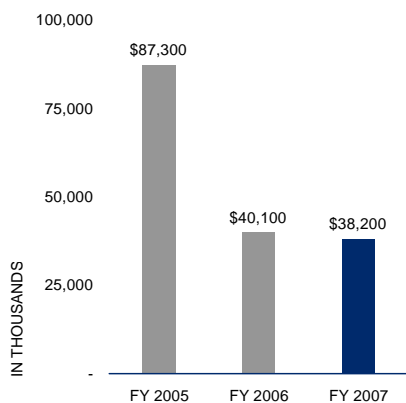
IMPROVING THE BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE

To improve the investment climate and boost Ukraine's participation in international trade, USAID provided technical assistance to support Ukraine's successful February 2008 accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). It will continue to help government and industry comply with the new WTO requirements.

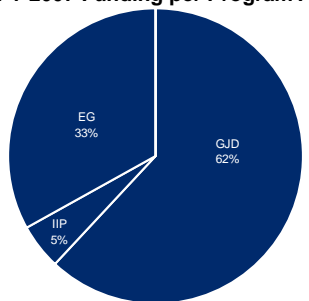


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USAID ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE



FY 2007 Funding per Program Area



Governing Justly & Democratically (GJD): 62%
 Economic Growth (EG): 33%
 Investing in People (IIP): 5%

USAID works with financial institutions to stimulate growth through market liquidity, improve the legal and regulatory framework for capital markets and a sound pension system, and develop credit instruments such as mortgage lending, municipal bonds, and financial leasing. USAID is also supporting international professional accountant certification (CIPA).

To ensure continued economic growth, USAID assists Ukraine in developing a legal, commercial base for a market economy, including new practices and technologies for the agriculture and food sector. It works with the government to eliminate unnecessary regulations and reduce the amount of time needed to get a business permit.

To promote energy efficiency, USAID provides technical assistance and solutions for low-cost financing to selected industrial energy consumers to reduce the country's dependence on imported natural gas.

WORKING TOWARDS A HEALTHIER UKRAINE

With HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) rates on the rise, USAID works to prevent their spread by reaching out to high-risk groups, and educating the public about prevention and tolerance. It supports implementation of the newest treatments for tuberculosis, including for drug-resistant infections, and works to improve access to TB/HIV co-infection prevention/treatment.

In addition, USAID collaborates with the Government of Ukraine to reform reproductive health policies and improve the quality of maternal and infant health services. USAID supports child welfare for orphans and vulnerable children by providing integrated services to strengthen and support families, and developing family-based care models. It works on prevention of human trafficking and provides counseling and support services to victims.

COMBATING CORRUPTION

While USAID has incorporated anti-corruption measures throughout its programs, it is also implementing a two-year, \$45 million Anti-Corruption Program funded by the U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation. The program aims to reduce public sector corruption through strengthening civil society's ability to monitor and expose corruption; judicial reform; increased government monitoring and enforcement of ethical and administrative standards; streamlining and enforcing regulations; and combating corruption in higher education.

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