

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Afghanistan
Program Title:	A democratic government with broad participation
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	306-XXX
Status:	New in FY 2005
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$15,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2006
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID's program will strengthen the public and private institutions necessary for democratic governance through the provision of technical assistance, training, and small grants. The end result will be a more effective and capable formal justice sector; strengthened elections management and enhanced political processes; credible institutions for good governance; and a viable and effective civil society.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: This Strategic Objective (SO) is a follow-on to SO 306-003. Congressional Notification for FY 2005 activities in democracy and governance is included in the CBJ under SO 306-003.

FY 2006 Program: In addition to the amounts shown below, USAID plans to use \$25,000,000 of Transition Initiatives (TI) funding to support the activities and objectives under this SO.

Improve the Justice Sector and Legal Framework. Using TI funds, USAID will continue its FY 2005 initiatives in courthouse construction/rehabilitation, court administration, training of lawyers and judges, capacity building in legislative drafting, and public education. New programs will include construction of a building for the Kabul University law school, expansion of court administration and public education to more provinces, harmonization and codification of laws, and web-based gazetting of new laws. The principal contractor is Checchi and Company. Management Sciences International is the sub-contractor.

Strengthen Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$5,500,000 ESF). USAID will expand on the activities described for FY 2005, moving from one-quarter of the districts and provinces in the nation to two-thirds of the districts and provinces. Principal contractor is to be determined.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the development of the national assembly as an effective, democratic, representative branch of government. Training will be provided to elected members and staff of the national assembly. Principal contractor is the State University of New York/Albany. ARD is the sub-contractor.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$3,500,000 ESF). USAID will continue building the capacity of civil society organizations in their advocacy and service delivery functions. Additional small grants will be awarded to qualified organizations. USAID will also assist the government to implement the NGO law if it is enacted. Principal implementing partner is to be determined.

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to key media outlets to enable them to operate effectively. Support will also be provided to journalists and editors to improve the quality of news reporting. Principal implementing partner is to be determined.

Performance and Results: This new SO builds on the successes in democracy and governance under SO 306-003, which include a peaceful, credible electoral process for President, the development of a new constitution, and the beginning of a formal justice sector.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Afghanistan

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Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	15,000	25,000
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	15,000	25,000