Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Uzbekistan **Conflict Prevention Program Title:** Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance Pillar: Strategic Objective: 122-0240 Status: New in FY 2004 Planned FY 2005 Obligation: \$1,080,000 FSA **Prior Year Unobligated:** \$1,713,000 FSA Proposed FY 2006 Obligation: \$938,000 FSA Year of Initial Obligation: 2004 **Estimated Year of Final Obligation:** 2008

Summary: USAID's conflict mitigation activities are addressing conflict by identifying vulnerable communities, working to build consensus around sources of tensions, and then tempering those sources through community infrastructure and social projects. USAID is addressing both the root and immediate causes of potential conflict through its conflict mitigation objective.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$1,080,000 FSA, \$1,713,000 FSA carryover). Conflict prevention activities already active in 110 Uzbek border communities in the Ferghana Valley with the highest potential for conflict will extend by 15 additional communities, encouraging citizens to work collaboratively with neighboring communities to resolve issues of mutual interest. Interventions will continue to develop the capacity of communities to mobilize funds to complete projects. A new focus on economic development and job creation will target young people. Cluster communities will draft sustainability plans, including the identification of trainings on different topics (e.g., how to work with local authorities and the private sector as a means to advocate for community priorities). A new program this year will target the next level of community-based conflict prevention, combining community development with other key democracy programs such as media and information dissemination and civil society, while promoting cross-cutting work for economic development and water and energy resource management. Principal contractors/grantees: Mercy Corps International (prime) and TBD.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$938,000 FSA). During FY 2005, USAID will phase out its three-year Community Action Investment Program and will begin a new program on expanded community mobilization. In FY 2006, USAID will focus on community priorities, local government training and advocacy, and increased citizen participation, with a continuing program on cross-border mobilization in cluster communities where conflict vulnerability is likely to be highest. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD.

Performance and Results: Uzbekistan's conflict prevention activities are focused in the ethnically-diverse southern oblasts and the Ferghana Valley, where tensions run especially high due to closed international borders, disputes arising from government restrictions on economic activities, a general lack of information, government control of media, and unemployment. At the end of FY 2004, USAID was active in 72 communities in Southern Uzbekistan and 38 communities in the Ferghana Valley. Over one million people directly benefited from USAID's programs through more than 445 social and infrastructure projects this fiscal year. Despite a perceived lack of resources, local communities are taking the lessons learned from USAID and implementing their own projects without donor support; over 140 projects with a value of \$298,200 were undertaken by communities without USAID assistance, exceeding USAID's target of 18 projects. Activities under this program created 3,824 short-term jobs and 1,090 long-term jobs in areas of high unemployment. Three semi-annual conflict polls have been conducted and show a slight rise in tensions in USAID-assisted communities (16.4%) and overall (10.4%) in Uzbekistan. By program's end, we expect a growing trend of target communities reporting

lessened tension or resolved conflicts, strengthened community participation, and improved satisfaction of local service delivery.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Uzbekistan

| 122-0240 Conflict Prevention | FSA |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Through September 30, 2003 | |
| Obligations | 0 |
| Expenditures | 0 |
| Unliquidated | 0 |
| Fiscal Year 2004 | |
| Obligations | 222 |
| Expenditures | 3 |
| Through September 30, 2004 | |
| Obligations | 222 |
| Expenditures | 3 |
| Unliquidated | 219 |
| Prior Year Unobligated Funds | |
| Obligations | 1,713 |
| Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA | |
| Obligations | 1,080 |
| Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005 | |
| Obligations | 2,793 |
| Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA | |
| Obligations | 938 |
| Future Obligations | 1,080 |
| Est. Total Cost | 5,033 |