

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Central Asian Republics Regional
Program Title:	Democratic Culture and Institutions
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	176-0211
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$90,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$118,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's regionally-funded democracy efforts enhance opportunities for citizen participation in governance and democratic reform, as well as citizen and non-government organization (NGO) access to legal assistance.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Civil Society (\$87,000 FSA, \$118,000 FSA carryover). The civil society support program will continue to build the institutional capacity of leading NGOs in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan, and invest in the sustainability of local Associations of Civil Society Resource Centers (CSSCs) in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, with additional support to CSSCs and community-based interest groups in Turkmenistan. Principal contractors/grantees: Counterpart International (prime), International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) (sub).

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$3,000 FSA). These funds will cover some indirect management costs for the regional legal education program. The program builds practical writing and oral advocacy skills through moot courts, mock trials, and Street Law; gives law students hands-on practice through legal clinics and clinical methodology trainings; and designs new university-level law curriculum. Principal contractors/grantees: Freedom House (prime), American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) (sub).

FY 2006 Program: No new funding is planned for FY 2006.

Performance and Results: The legal education program began late in FY 2004. Previous results in this sector include: stronger law student participation from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition; publication of the first Judicial Reform Index in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan, highlighting strengths and shortcomings in this sector; a revised ethics code and ethical conduct trainings for judges in Tajikistan; Street Law programs in 20 secondary schools taught by law students in Uzbekistan; and in Turkmenistan, over 680 law students receiving supplementary skills training, and 7,000 citizens gaining access to a USAID-sponsored Legal Resource Center. Forty NGOs focusing on youth, the elderly, professional associations, and disabled groups were strengthened as a result of institutional grants in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan. More than 65 advocacy campaigns were launched this year with CSSC technical assistance. By the end of this SO, civic organizations will be stronger, and opportunities will be enhanced for citizen and NGO access to legal assistance and information.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

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176-0211 Democratic Culture and Institutions	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	929
Expenditures	485
Unliquidated	444
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	804
Expenditures	404
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	1,733
Expenditures	889
Unliquidated	844
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	118
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	90
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	208
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	0
Future Obligations	150
Est. Total Cost	2,091