

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Morocco
Program Title:	Improved Government Responsiveness to Citizens
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	608-013
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$6,440,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$8,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: Morocco is undergoing a transformation of its political order. King Mohammed VI has made a firm commitment to democratize and develop the country. USAID's program is designed to improve government responsiveness to citizens by: 1) improving the national enabling environment, 2) improving transparency and accountability in government institutions, and 3) improving the performance of local government.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$600,000 ESF). USAID is providing training and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of public auditing and oversight professionals. Activities target executive branch organs as well as Morocco's Audit Court, the country's supreme audit and oversight institution. By enhancing professionalism and skills leading to strengthened audit and oversight capacities, Morocco's public finances will be administered more transparently and with greater accountability. Principal Implementer: The Research Triangle Institute (RTI).

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$400,000 ESF). With the next round of Parliamentary elections due to take place in September 2007, USAID is supporting the proper administration of political campaigns and elections. Training and technical assistance is being provided to political parties operating under the new legal framework, electoral institutions charged with the administration of the electoral process, and individual political actors in order to assure the candidacies of under-represented groups, especially women. Principal Implementer: To Be Determined.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$2,440,000 ESF). Training and technical assistance under USAID's Parliament Support Project is continuing to improve the capacity of Morocco's Parliament to oversee the national budget. This support is assisting in the development of a joint budget office. Additional training is promoting improved involvement of Members of Parliament in the legislative process. A transcription service is being established to record parliamentary activities to inform legislative services and for public information. Principal Implementer: The State University of New York (SUNY).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID is improving the capacity of local government to be able to respond more effectively to the needs of citizens. Training is improving the understanding of roles and responsibilities and governance skills among local elected officials. A participatory strategic planning system is being established to engage citizens in the planning process. Communal planning, budgeting, and information systems are being developed to improve the efficiency of local government service delivery. Local government access to long-term financing is being piloted in order to expand the financial resources of local government to use in responding to citizen needs. Principal Implementer: RTI.

FY 2007 Program:

Promote And Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$1,360,000 ESF). In FY 2007, USAID will reach out to develop the capacities of the Audit Courts, especially those at the regional level. At this stage, it will be particularly important to reach out to citizens and promote activities that will lead to greater confidence in

the oversight and administration of public finances. Principal Implementer: RTI.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$580,000 ESF). The Parliament Support Project will deliver technical assistance to help assure the attention of Parliament to its responsibilities for budgetary oversight and technical review of proposed legislation. Training systems and a training program will be designed for the benefit of newly elected members of Parliament following the elections in September 2007. Principal Implementer: SUNY.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$6,060,000 ESF). USAID will work with authorities at the local levels to assure capacities and tools to improve local government performance. Support will continue to targeted municipalities to augment their approaches to planning and budget management. Methodologies for integrating citizens into planning processes will be introduced, and mechanisms for improved access to municipal finance will be piloted. Information systems will be provided to better administer public resources. Principal Implementer: RTI.

Performance and Results: USAID programming supports the development of government capacities, so the government will be responsive to citizens. Programs have aimed at improving the oversight capacities of Parliament, the Audit Court, and executive branch oversight organs. This contributes to the evolution of a culture of transparency and accountability. Efforts have focused on the Audit Court, including a senior seminar for leaders of the audit and oversight profession with the participation of the U.S. Inspector General. Community-based coordinating committees for the local government project will also help define the larger social development strategy, the National Initiative for Human Development. There has been growing enthusiasm among parliamentarians to embrace seriously their fundamental role in overseeing the budget. Participants from a study tour of legislative oversight in the United States have identified priorities and are engaged in implementing an action plan which includes work towards the establishment of a groundbreaking joint budget office.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Morocco

608-013 Improved Government Responsiveness to Citizens	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	449	2,500
Expenditures	0	173
Unliquidated	449	2,327
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	1,000	4,060
Expenditures	261	1,981
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	1,449	6,560
Expenditures	261	2,154
Unliquidated	1,188	4,406
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	6,440
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	0	6,440
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	0	8,000
Future Obligations	0	10,000
Est. Total Cost	1,449	31,000