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| USAID Mission: | Nepal |
| Program Title: | Democracy and Governance |
| Pillar: | Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance |
| Strategic Objective: | 367-007 |
| Status: | Continuing |
| Planned FY 2006 Obligation: | \$3,349,000 DA; \$990,000 ESF |
| Prior Year Unobligated: | \$0 |
| Proposed FY 2007 Obligation: | \$0 |
| Year of Initial Obligation: | 2001 |
| Estimated Year of Final Obligation: | 2006 |

Summary: USAID's program to strengthen democracy and governance provides training and technical assistance to assist communities in using democratic practices in the management of their natural resources; enhance capacity for advocacy of selected civil society groups and their federations; increase women's participation in public affairs; reduce trafficking of persons; and enhance the performance of selected public and civil institutions. Democracy and governance programs -- critical to rebuilding democratic institutions and a civil society disrupted by the Maoist insurgency -- will receive even greater emphasis in the new strategy.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$1,567,000 DA). USAID is training 1,187 water user groups and 710 community forestry and buffer zone groups to manage community resources using democratic practices. The management of these natural resources also contributes to critical terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity. USAID is initiating policy reform in areas that impact natural resource producers and users and providing training to government staff of district forest, park, and irrigation offices to improve district-level governance. Principal Implementer: CARE.

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$742,500 DA). USAID is supporting anti-corruption institutions including: Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of the Authority, National Vigilance Center, Office of the Attorney General, and the Special Anti-corruption Court. Specific activities include: development and distribution of investigation manuals; training of 100 investigators/prosecutors; promoting advocacy and training of 75 journalists; drafting anti-corruption legislation; and replicating information dissemination systems in 20 District Development Committees. USAID is training 300 women to increase recruitment and promote women in the civil service. Principal Implementers: Associates in Rural Development, Inc. (ARD), Association of District Development Committees of Nepal, and the United Nations Development Programme.

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$297,000 DA). USAID activities are helping to prevent trafficking of young girls by providing scholarships to trafficking victims and at-risk girls and women for secondary education, literacy, life skills training, and job skills training. Through these activities, the program is lessening the vulnerability of women and children to trafficking. Principal Implementer: The Asia Foundation.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$990,000 ESF). USAID is providing training in leadership, consensus building, and internal party reforms for political practitioners (including 350 leaders of six parliamentary political parties) and five regional advocacy forums. USAID is also providing technical assistance to the Election Commission. Principal Implementers: the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and International Foundation for Election Systems.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$742,500 DA). USAID is providing technical assistance and training, including study tours, to judicial institutions including: the Supreme Court, the Judicial Council, the Judicial Academy, the Office of Attorney General, the Patan Appellate Court, the Lalitpur District Court

and the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, and the Judges Society. Areas of technical assistance include: archiving and data management systems, reference libraries, court rules and procedures, certification of lawyers to represent indigents, three court referred mediation centers, advocacy for judicial reform, and legal aid for the poor. Principal Implementer: ARD.

FY 2007 Program:

Improve Sustainable Management Of Natural Resources and Biodiversity. USAID will implement a new strategic statement in FY 2007. This program will end in FY 2006.

Promote And Support Anti-Corruption Reforms. USAID will implement a new strategic statement in FY 2007. This program will end in FY 2006.

Reduce Trafficking In Persons. USAID will implement a new strategic statement in FY 2007. This program will end in FY 2006.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties. USAID will implement a new strategic statement in FY 2007. This program will end in FY 2006.

Performance and Results: Despite the conflict and political instability, USAID met most of the FY 2005 annual performance targets. Improved natural resource management generated 20,207 metric tons of forest products, a 47% increase over last year. Improved irrigation increased rice yield by 24% in one year. USAID's support helped clear 25% of 400 backlogged cases, archive 50,000 cases, and establish two model courts. The anti-corruption program contributed to 122 prosecutions and the creation of a national public-private anti-corruption network. USAID assisted in the reform of political parties through leadership training of political party members. A Civil Society Alliance for Political Reform to advocate for party reform and a multi-party women's caucus to increase women's political clout were established. Increased community and government awareness of trafficking of persons resulted in 158 interceptions of possible trafficking incidents and prosecution of six traffickers. The program initiated 1,034 community-level campaigns to combat trafficking. Seventy percent of the 537 at-risk girls and trafficked survivors trained by USAID were able to find employment. By the end of the program in FY 2006, USAID's program will have strengthened democratic institutions, increased access to justice for the poor, and reduced vulnerability to trafficking of at-risk populations.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nepal

| | DA | ESF |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 367-007 Democracy and Governance | | |
| Through September 30, 2004 | | |
| Obligations | 15,200 | 1,702 |
| Expenditures | 5,415 | 686 |
| Unliquidated | 9,785 | 1,016 |
| Fiscal Year 2005 | | |
| Obligations | 4,224 | 1,200 |
| Expenditures | 5,046 | 316 |
| Through September 30, 2005 | | |
| Obligations | 19,424 | 2,902 |
| Expenditures | 10,461 | 1,002 |
| Unliquidated | 8,963 | 1,900 |
| Prior Year Unobligated Funds | | |
| Obligations | 0 | 0 |
| Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA | | |
| Obligations | 3,349 | 990 |
| Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006 | | |
| Obligations | 3,349 | 990 |
| Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA | | |
| Obligations | 0 | 0 |
| Future Obligations | 0 | 0 |
| Est. Total Cost | 22,773 | 3,892 |