

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Nepal
Program Title:	Ending Conflict and Expanding Democracy
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	367-008
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,061,000 DA; \$3,960,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2002
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: USAID's conflict program mitigates the suffering of conflict-affected individuals and communities and strengthens capacity for conflict mediation and peace building by implementing income-generating infrastructure projects, providing support services to victims of the conflict, supporting national and civil society efforts to address the conflict, and strengthening community capacity to resolve disputes and participate in local governance. In addition to USAID's efforts to mitigate the conflict (through the protection of human rights), an additional \$1,500,000 of ESF has been allocated for FY 2006 to support human rights monitoring by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education (\$797,900 DA). This program is designed to reduce a major source of fragility in Nepal -- gender and caste-based exclusion. USAID is setting up a Girls' Scholarship Fund that will cover both annual secondary school fees and supplies and establishing a mentoring system for girls from disadvantaged and conflict-affected families. Principal Implementers: To Be Determined (TBD).

Improve Quality of Workforce Through Vocational/Technical Education (\$2,263,100 DA). USAID is initiating a skills training and employment program to increase incomes for vulnerable groups (e.g., youth, internally displaced persons, women, and disadvantaged groups) while improving productivity and building a competitive workforce that can meet the demands of tomorrow's job market. This effort combines literacy and skills training with scholarships, job counseling, and job placement. In addition, USAID is assisting university graduates and mid-career professionals to pursue professional and specialized skills training in regional or international universities, institutes, and colleges to build both host and recipient country capacity. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Mitigate Conflict and Support Peace (\$1,078,110 ESF). USAID is continuing to support the Peace Secretariat, which is poised to be a key player in any potential peace process. Specific activities are tailored to respond to opportunities but focus on training of staff, strategic planning, and facilitating consultation among stakeholders. Activities to link civil society peace efforts to the peace process are also being implemented. Principal Implementer: Academy for Educational Development.

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$348,480 ESF). USAID is exploring the possibility of establishing community policing initiatives to strengthen the relationship between the police and communities, encourage solidarity, and ultimately impact conflict and development programs positively. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Protect and Increase the Assets and Livelihoods of the Poor (\$2,232,450 ESF). To increase the assets of individuals in rural conflict-affected areas, USAID is continuing to fund infrastructure projects, such as road building, that provide employment income and improve access to markets and services. Approximately 450,000 days of paid employment will be generated valued at \$540,000. Principal Implementer: Louis Berger Group.

Protect Human Rights (\$198,000 ESF). USAID is continuing to provide capacity building for the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and support OHCHR to improve monitoring of human rights abuses in Nepal. Detailed public reports will be published on human rights abuses. National capacity for promotion and protection of human rights is being enhanced, particularly the quality of investigations and public reporting. Principal Implementers: United Nations Development Programme and OHCHR.

Support Populations at Risk (\$102,960 ESF). To strengthen support for victims of conflict -- internally displaced persons, widows, youth, and victims of torture -- and conflict-affected communities, USAID is funding an integrated community-level program combining economic and social support activities. In FY 2006, 9,492 households will experience an increase of at least \$71 in their annual income through the establishment or expansion of microenterprises (annual per capita income is \$276). One hundred and three community development projects will be implemented. Principal Implementers: Save the Children/U.S.

FY 2007 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education. USAID will implement a new strategic statement in FY 2007. This program will end in FY 2006.

Improve Quality of Workforce through Vocational/Technical Education. USAID will implement a new strategic statement in FY 2007. This program will end in FY 2006.

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Performance and Results: In FY 2005, USAID helped an estimated 85,000 rural families benefit from employment income earned on construction projects. Over 11,000 women invested \$33,488 in a revolving savings and credit fund that enabled the program to loan \$101,337 to over 5,700 women to establish microenterprises; more than 50% of these beneficiaries were from underserved castes and ethnic groups. USAID also trained 1,455 community mediators, helped resolve 84% of 3,898 requests for mediation, and provided scholarships to 4,889 child victims of conflict. The program also supported the formation of 116 child protection committees, overseeing approximately 76,000 children in 141 schools. USAID has enhanced conflict management skills by training over 5,000 Nepalese (including local leaders, user groups, and child protection committee members) in conflict management, negotiation, resolution, and social inclusion. By the end of this program, USAID will have provided short-term employment to hundreds of thousands of people, totaling approximately two million person days of employment. Over 22,000 women in heavily conflict-affected communities will have benefited from access to credit and literacy training, and victims of conflict will have received critical medical, counseling, and legal services. Thousands of community-level peace building projects will have brought together war affected communities around a common cause. Support to the OHCHR and NHRC will have contributed to the protection of human rights in Nepal. USAID support will have helped to establish a functional Peace Secretariat, which is actively assisting the Government of Nepal to design a peace process.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nepal

367-008 Ending Conflict and Expanding Democracy	CSH	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	1,000	9,788	10,367
Expenditures	0	2,423	2,065
Unliquidated	1,000	7,365	8,302
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	3,388	3,760
Expenditures	0	2,311	5,495
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	1,000	13,176	14,127
Expenditures	0	4,734	7,560
Unliquidated	1,000	8,442	6,567
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	0	3,061	3,960
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	0	3,061	3,960
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	1,000	16,237	18,087