

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Cambodia
Program Title:	Improved Political and Economic Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	442-012
Status:	New in FY 2006
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,507,000 DA; \$14,850,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$4,597,000 DA; \$13,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2006
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: To improve political and economic governance in Cambodia, USAID supports activities that promote and support anti-corruption reforms; strengthen the justice sector; protect human rights; support democratic local governance and decentralization, including support to political parties; improve sustainable management of natural resources; and improve private sector competitiveness.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Improve Private Sector Competitiveness (\$2,475,000 ESF). USAID is completing a baseline survey to determine which sectors are most suitable for development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and is doubling the number of partner MSMEs able to access micro-credit loans. Five hundred MSMEs are gaining access to business services in order to increase the value and volume of sales. USAID is establishing a training center to improve productivity and competitiveness in the garment sector. Principal Implementers: Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) and Nathan Associates, Inc.

Improve Sustainable Management Of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$1,176,000 DA). USAID is supporting the conservation of biodiversity in over 880,000 hectares in the Southern Cardamom region. This conservation effort includes the operation of ranger stations and activities to improve the livelihoods of families living in the region. USAID is also producing radio programs on natural resource management that will reach 70% of the country. Principal Implementers: WildAid and Community Forestry International.

Promote And Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID is supporting local advocates working to pass an anti-corruption law that meets international standards and then is assisting in its implementation. This includes support in creating an organization to help fight corruption. Civil society is undertaking advocacy campaigns, and journalists are being trained in investigative reporting. Principal Implementers: Planning and Development Collaborative International and Participating Agencies Collaborating Together (PACT).

Protect Human Rights (\$2,331,000 DA; \$4,445,000 ESF). USAID is providing assistance to key Cambodian human rights organizations. In order to fight trafficking in persons, USAID is training 250 police and provide shelter services for 500 victims, including jobs training and reintegration of survivors back into their communities. A USAID-funded labor arbitration body is attempting to resolve 70% of its cases successfully, 14 collective labor agreements between unions and employers are being negotiated, and 9,000 workers are receiving training in labor organizing and worker rights. Finally, USAID is providing reintegration assistance to Cambodian returnees. Principal Implementers: East West Management Institute (EWMI), Asia Foundation, International Organization for Migration, International Justice Mission (IJM), Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation (VVAFA), American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS), International Labor Organization (ILO), and others To Be Determined (TBD).

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$990,000 ESF). USAID is training 11% of sitting judges and prosecutors and future lawyers. With USAID support, the government's justice sector reform agency is providing

training in judicial ethics, and is assessing the legal aid sector as a first step towards more systematic training. A judicial reform index is being established to measure progress and target assistance. Principal Implementer: EWMI.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$5,940,000 ESF). USAID is building the capacity of 50 communes and civil society groups, providing 50 grants for social development projects, and strengthening democratic political parties including the Sam Rainsy Party. This should result in democratic internal elections for party officials at all levels and greater involvement of youth and women as party candidates. The Voice of Democracy radio program is expanding to reach 1.7 million voters. Principal Implementers: International Republican Institute (IRI), National Democratic Institute, (NDI), and PACT.

FY 2007 Program:

Improve Private Sector Competitiveness (\$2,500,000 DA). The garment sector competitiveness program will provide training to middle managers from 40 Cambodian factories. To ensure sustainability of the initiative, Cambodian technical assistants will be trained and begin to take over for the expatriate trainers. USAID's support will help an additional 500 MSMEs gain access to business services and increase the value and volume of sales. Principal Implementers: DAI and Nathan Associates, Inc.

Improve Sustainable Management Of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$1,187,000 DA). USAID will reach 125 families through an alternative livelihoods program, resulting in the preservation of 40 hectares of forest. Refuge and rehabilitation will be provided for 20,000 rescued animals. Two additional ranger stations will be established to aid in protecting animals. Principal Implementers: WildAid and others TBD.

Promote And Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$673,000 DA; \$715,000 ESF). USAID will provide expertise to refine a freedom of information act and advocate for its passage. The government's anti-corruption body will be operational, and USAID will support its public outreach unit. Small grants to non-governmental organizations will continue and result in successful advocacy campaigns. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Protect Human Rights (\$5,280,000 ESF). USAID will provide grants to key Cambodian human rights organizations. USAID will continue to train police in investigative techniques and provide shelter services and jobs training for trafficking victims. Support for labor unions will include assistance to the Labor Arbitration Council to become self-sustaining and training for 9,000 workers in organizing and labor rights. With USAID's assistance, unions will sign an additional 14 collective bargaining agreements with employers. Principal Implementers: EWMI, IJM, VVAF, ACILS, ILO, and others TBD.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$237,000 DA; \$1,040,000 ESF). USAID will train 50% of Cambodian prosecutors and judges. Ten legal fellows will be placed with non-governmental organizations to provide legal assistance to average Cambodians. Principal Implementer: EWMI.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$6,465,000 ESF). USAID assistance for 2007 local elections and political parties will lead to a 10% increase in the number of female commune counselors and a 20% increase in the number of women on party lists. The Voice of Democracy radio program will reach 1.7 million voters. USAID will assist 250 commune councils and community based organizations to more effectively manage local issues, and 250 social development grants will be awarded. Principal Implementers: IRI, NDI, and PACT.

Performance and Results: USAID's assistance in FY 2005 led to the unification of international donors and local partners to fight corruption, provision of legal aid in 2,938 cases, negotiation of nine collective bargaining agreements, and creation of alternative livelihoods for 200 families. At the successful conclusion of this objective, Cambodia will have less corruption, democratic parties competing in free and fair elections, a more professional judiciary, respect for human rights, more competitive firms, and well-protected forests and biodiversity.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Cambodia

442-012 Improved Political and Economic Governance	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	3,507	14,850
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	3,507	14,850
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	4,597	13,500
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	8,104	28,350