

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Pakistan
<b>Program Title:</b>	Democracy and Governance
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	391-004
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$3,597,000 DA; \$19,829,000 ESF
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:</b>	\$4,768,000 DA; \$26,829,000 ESF
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2003
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2007

**Summary:** USAID's program to support Pakistan's progress toward more democratic, responsive, and transparent governance is sharpening its focus to address strategic issues relevant to Pakistan's democratic development. USAID used technical assistance, training, and grant mechanisms over the past year to: strengthen national and provincial legislative governance; create a more vibrant and active civil society; develop more democratic political parties; encourage a more assertive broadcast media; and support the devolution of power to local government. USAID built the capacity of the National Parliament and provincial assemblies and their members, developed advocacy skills in civil society organizations, nurtured future leaders of political parties, strengthened university-level journalism programs, and supported the Government of Pakistan's plan to give provincial and local governments greater authority in managing public sector resources. In FY 2006, the democracy and governance program is focusing on three strategic areas: electoral reform in the run-up to 2007 national elections, parliamentary process strengthening, and improved service delivery at the local level.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2006 Program:

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$12,000,000 ESF). In anticipation of the 2007 national elections, USAID is strengthening the Election Commission of Pakistan's oversight capacity, in particular the application of election laws, impartial regulation of political parties, and administration of elections. Principal Implementers: To Be Determined (TBD).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$600,000 ESF). USAID is continuing to support the initiative to modernize and democratize political parties, thereby improving their internal governance structures and processes and encouraging the emergence of a new generation of party leaders. Training of political party members, with all parliamentary parties represented, is enhancing leadership skills. Principal Implementer: National Democratic Institute.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$3,597,000 DA; \$2,000,000 ESF). In the first year of this two-year assistance program to the legislative branch of government, USAID is developing and institutionalizing a training curriculum for Members of the National Parliament and provincial assemblies. USAID is also providing assistance to continue the parliamentary intern program, strengthen Parliament's oversight function by building up the committee system, and improve public access to legislative processes. Resource centers to help Members of Parliament research legislation are being established in national and provincial assemblies. Principal Implementer: Development Alternatives, Inc (DAI).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$5,229,000 ESF). USAID is finalizing its support to the Devolution Trust for Community Empowerment -- a Pakistani initiative to help citizens provide feedback to local governments and prioritize and present their social and economic needs to local officials. A new Districts That Work program will focus increasingly on those districts where other USAID-supported programs are active and address governance issues that impede service delivery by local government education and healthcare providers. Principal Implementer: Urban Institute.

**FY 2007 Program:**

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$3,000,000 ESF). FY 2007 programming will address the critical issues leading up to the 2007 national elections, scheduled for October 2007. USAID will focus on ensuring an open and free electoral process. Work with political parties will need to focus on ensuring the credibility of the elections and the ability of the winners to rule afterward. Programming will also attempt to insulate the process from political interference. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Protect Human Rights (\$5,000,000 ESF). Programming will support local organizations and university legal departments in their efforts to launch public information campaigns that outline the rights of women in matters relating to inheritance, rape, domestic violence, and forced marriage. This will build the capacity of the legal sector to handle such cases. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$4,768,000 DA; \$4,000,000 ESF). USAID will support further development of parliamentary institutions, including technical assistance to develop the committee system and build the capacity of staff to carry out support functions. Resources will also fund the construction of training facilities and committee rooms at the National Parliament. Principal Implementer: DAI.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$14,829,000 ESF). USAID will support the expansion of the Districts That Work program to five more districts in Pakistan. USAID assistance will improve local government capacity to plan programs, develop budgets, and ensure quality service delivery. A grants program will fund key infrastructure priorities in target districts. Principal Implementer: Urban Institute.

**Performance and Results:** The democracy and governance program was adjusted in FY 2005 to focus future activities more strongly on the key strategic issues relevant to Pakistan's democratic development. Concurrently, ongoing programs made good progress. The USAID devolution program created 73 partnerships in 37 districts involving community groups, local government, and the private sector in implementing priority development projects. USAID launched the first-ever internship program in the Senate of Pakistan that provided key Senate committees with assistance from 20 interns who competed from all provinces of Pakistan to be selected. Non-governmental organizations' capacities were increased to enable them to track national and provincial budgets in the Parliament and provide legislative oversight. Legislative Watch newsletter was created to track the performance of the National Parliament on issues such as the content of bills introduced and quality of debates on the floor of the National Assembly. Support provided to the Pakistani Senate Foreign Relations Committee enabled it to produce and disseminate reports regularly from its meetings. Legislative Affairs television aired programs in the North-West Frontier Province and Sindh Province that covered and analyzed provincial assembly proceedings and provided outreach to provincial legislators. To further expand Pakistan's media, USAID built a radio station and production studio at Fatima Jinnah Women's University (FJWU) in conjunction with its communications department. In addition, USAID enhanced the communications curricula at FJWU and Peshawar University to augment course offerings in radio journalism and production. The training of over 180 grassroots political party activists in three provinces resulted in the development of reform projects in the participants' respective political parties. At the end of this Strategic Objective, Pakistan will be recognized internationally as a strong emerging democracy.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Pakistan

391-004 Democracy and Governance	DA	ESF
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	19,200	3,742
Expenditures	13,345	3,678
Unliquidated	5,855	64
<b>Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	2,427	10,800
Expenditures	7	0
<b>Through September 30, 2005</b>		
Obligations	21,627	14,542
Expenditures	13,352	3,678
Unliquidated	8,275	10,864
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	3,597	19,829
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006</b>		
Obligations	3,597	19,829
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA</b>		
Obligations	4,768	26,829
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	29,992	61,200