

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Uzbekistan
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	122-0420
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$2,626,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,271,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,755,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2006

Summary: This cross-cutting program supports all of USAID's strategic objectives, and includes three main components: training and exchanges to support USAID's technical assistance programs in areas directly relevant to primary health care, democracy, and a free-market economy; sub-grants to the Eurasia Foundation to strengthen NGOs working in private enterprise development, civil society, public policy, and media; and program development support for cross-cutting evaluations, studies, technical assistance, and management support.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Participant Training (\$800,000 FSA). This program will: improve the environment for the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises; strengthen democratic culture; improve management of critical natural resources; mitigate sources of conflict in target communities; improve the quality of education; and increase the utilization of quality primary health care. More than 1,000 participants will be trained through participant training projects in Uzbekistan. Training programs will support USAID's technical assistance in the areas directly relevant to the development of microfinance institutions and credit unions, media, law and NGO development, health care reform and drug demand reduction, water resources and conflict resolution, education reform, and various cross-cutting objectives. Principal contractor/grantee: Academy for Educational Development (prime).

Conflict Prevention (\$471,694 FSA carryover). Conflict prevention activities will expand to 110 communities in Ferghana Valley and Southern Uzbekistan, with a new emphasis on economic development of community. USAID will continue to focus on coordination with other partners to fold in issues of unemployment, with a new component which will directly target businesses whose growth will serve the community as a whole, through lower prices and lower unemployment, and thereby alleviate economic tension in that community. The USAID program will: more directly discuss and address issues of conflict in communities; place a greater emphasis on social projects and activities to be done in conjunction with infrastructure projects; and make a greater effort to involve women and youth. Principal contractor/grantee: CHF International (prime) and Mercy Corps (prime).

Education (\$778,118 FSA carryover). USAID will support the dissemination of teacher training programs, strengthen partnerships between schools and community, and provide school administrators and local-level education authorities with training in school management to increase transparency and accountability. Education pilots begun during the initial stage of the project will be analyzed and considered for scaling up. A mid-term assessment will help guide the final year of program implementation and identify areas of focus for a modest follow-on that will complement other donor activity. Principal contractors/grantees: Academy for Educational Development (prime).

Eurasia Foundation (\$1,500,000 FSA). The Eurasia Foundation will expand upon its Ferghana Valley Initiative to provide targeted grants to increase dialogue and cross-border linkages in this conflict-prone region. Principal contractor/grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support (\$326,000 FSA, \$21,020 FSA carryover). A wide range of program and personnel support activities will continue. As required, funding will enable USAID to support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives. Program personnel essential to the implementation of program activities will be supported by this category.

FY 2005 Program:

Participant Training (\$500,000 FSA). USAID plans to extend the agreement for the participant training activity in 2005. Based on an evaluation of 10 years of past training participants that was conducted in FY 2003, USAID will examine how the program can be re-designed for increased sector impact. Principal contractor/grantee: same as above.

Eurasia Foundation (\$1,125,000 FSA). Eurasia Foundation will continue to provide grants in three sectors (private enterprise, civil society, and public administration) on an open-door basis to NGOs in Uzbekistan. Principal contractor/grantee: same as above.

Program Support (\$130,000 FSA). A wide range of program and personnel support activities will continue. As required, funding will enable USAID to support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives. Assessments for continuation of the current strategy are planned for funding. Program personnel essential to the implementation of program activities will be supported by this category.

Performance and Results: In FY 2003, USAID trained over 1,400 Uzbekistani citizens (approximately 45% were women) in the areas of enterprise and finance, NGO development, mass media, health-care reform, microfinance and credit unions, and water management and other agriculture-related programs. The overall impact of USAID's training programs in these areas has been broad and deep. After participating in the model credit union study tour to the Philippines, the head of the Central Bank Department on Licensing and Registration of Credit Unions initiated and participated in the development of a decree "On Procedures of Conducting Financial Operations in Credit Unions." The decree was officially adopted by the Ministers of Uzbekistan in October 2002. Additionally, the deputy chairman of the central bank of Uzbekistan promoted the idea of declaring a credit union monitoring system an official tool for evaluating credit union activity. The proposal was accepted and the monitoring system is now widely used throughout Uzbekistan.

After attending a real estate and communal housing sector training, the chairwoman of a consumer rights protection foundation submitted recommendations on improving the communal housing sector condition to the Uzbek Parliament, City Management Department, and the President's Department of State. The recommendations, which indicated the areas of Tashkent that were most in need of reconstruction and also specifically identified problems in existing communal housing, were the basis for the development of three Cabinet of Ministers' resolutions and one Presidential Decree on improving the situation in the individual and communal housing sector. As a result of those efforts, a participant of the program has been granted air time on TV and radio to develop an informative program that deals with communal sector housing problems.

In FY 2003, the Eurasia Foundation awarded 38 grants to Uzbekistani NGOs, totaling almost \$690,000. Through one grant, the Eurasia Foundation organized an NGO Forum in Tashkent, in which representatives of 100 organizations met to discuss issues of common concern. One finding from this event, the largest NGO gathering in Uzbek history, indicated that few Uzbek NGOs have the capacity for self-sufficiency without foreign technical assistance. Through another grant, which focused on strategic planning and marketing assistance via a \$290,000 partnership with the William Davidson Institute, the Tashkent-based International Business School Kelajak Ilmi increased its enrollment by nearly 200% to 45 students and attracted third-party funding for 10 scholarships. Another grant provided training to more than 20 local evaluation specialists, who will contribute to the improved performance of Uzbek institutions by providing sophisticated methods for analyzing the results and effectiveness of public and private sector initiatives.