

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Program Title:	Multi-Ethnic Democratic Society
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	168-0210
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$11,999,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$5,270,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$10,800,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2000
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2007

Summary: This program seeks to: 1) increase citizen participation in political and social decision making; 2) strengthen legal systems that promote increased access to justice; and, 3) develop more responsive, transparent, and accountable governance. The Mission's democracy portfolio has moved from a macro to a local level focus to provide citizens with greater opportunities for participation and control over the direction their country takes.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Rule of Law (\$ 3,530,000 AEEB, \$1,860,000 AEEB carryover). USAID is promoting greater transparency in legal institutions, improved court and prosecutor management and administrative capacities, the professionalization of lawyers, judges, and administrative personnel, an independent judiciary, and the creation of an effective demand for justice by citizens. Principle implementers are ABA/CEELI and the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector (IRIS).

Political Processes (\$1,816,000 AEEB, \$350,000 AEEB carryover). This program provides focused support to political parties on modernization and coalition building; parliamentary support promoting professional development and efficiency of caucuses and committees; improved policy-related communication strategies, and targeted work at the local level promoting issues-based politics as municipal election approach in October 2004. In addition, it is working with local policy analysis organizations in order to encourage issues-based politics and improve policy outcomes. Principal grantees are the International Republican Institute and the National Democratic Institute.

Civil Society (\$3,673,000 AEEB, \$1,610,000 AEEB carryover). USAID's DemNet program nurtures a core group of NGOs capable of leading sector and social reform in the areas of democracy and human rights, rule of law, economic development, and social safety nets. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) implements a program designed to encourage domestic philanthropy. Through the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) USAID supports a program designed to make BiH's legislative and tax framework amenable to the development of the NGO sector. The Urban Institute has begun an activity to strengthen indigenous policy analysis and development capacity. The Support to Independent Media (SIM) Program, implemented by contract through Chemonics, is designed to improve the quality of news and programming available to all citizens of BiH by providing training and technical assistance to independent media outlets in newsroom management, business development, independent production, and legal/regulatory issues. Principal grantee is America's Development Foundation.

Governance (\$2,980,000 AEEB, \$200,000 AEEB carryover). USAID, through the Cooperative Housing Foundation, is promoting efficient, transparent local governance in central Bosnia by improving services from local governments and strengthening business and homeowner associations. A second local government initiative focusing on northern Bosnia is implemented by PADCO, Inc. and is restructuring the way municipal governments in Northern Bosnia (including Brcko District) do business by dramatically improving customer service provision. Through a Development Credit Authority agreement with

Volksbank BH, USAID has committed to guaranteeing 50% of a municipal loan portfolio up to a value of \$25 million for loans that serve local developmental purposes, and result in increased revenues or decreased costs for municipalities. USAID intends to initiate a new local governance program in mid-2004 which will work directly with local governments in southern Bosnia-Herzegovina. The implementer for this new program has yet to be determined.

Anti-trafficking (\$250,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will fund a project to combat trafficking in human beings by using a human rights framework through effective participation of citizens and civil society in the decision-making process. The implementer is to be determined.

Children at Risk (\$1,000,000 AEEB carryover). USAID helped fund an assessment conducted by UNICEF of BiH's most vulnerable children and the capacity of the government and society to meet their needs. USAID plans to continue its involvement by helping to design and implement action plans based on the result of the assessment. Implementer to be determined.

FY 2005 Program:

Rule of Law (\$3,200,000 AEEB). USAID plans to continue support to rule of law and justice sector reform in FY 2005 with added emphasis on courts, State judicial institutions, and the State Ministry. Implementer to be determined.

Political Processes (\$1,500,000 AEEB). USAID plans to continue support to political parties on modernization and coalition building; parliamentary support promoting professionalism and efficiency, and targeted work at the local level promoting issues-based politics. Implementers will be NDI and IRI.

Civil Society (\$3,200,000 AEEB). USAID plans to continue limited support to civil society groups in FY 2005, with particular emphasis on direct grants to indigenous organizations. Large-scale training projects will be phased out, as supply has largely met demand. USAID will continue to assist Bosnian policy organizations to make contributions to legislative systems. USAID will continue support to independent media outlets with increased focus on advanced business, journalism, and production techniques.

Governance (\$2,900,000 AEEB). USAID plans to continue as the lead donor in reforming Bosnia's currently inefficient and unsustainable structures of governance. USAID will continue to make local governments more efficient, accountable, and better able to promote local economic development. Implementers to be determined.

Performance and Results: As a result of USAID support to independent media, audience share of private TV stations has doubled within the last two years. USAID-sponsored parliamentary internship programs have increased the policy development capacities of legislatures, while offering talented university students an introduction to public service. USAID was instrumental in working on the execution of a judicial reform initiative resulting in a country-wide restructuring of the court system and a re-competition of every judicial and prosecutorial position. As a result of USAID's investments, objective local government performance measures have improved considerably, as has citizen perception of this level of government. USAID opened 22 "one-stop shops", which have reduced waiting times for local government services. USAID has pushed forward a number of public administration reform initiatives which have the potential to greatly improve the efficiency and accountability of governance structures in BiH.