

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Nepal
Program Title:	Ending Conflict and Expanding Democracy
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	367-008
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$800,000 CSH; \$1,463,000 DA; \$4,271,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$2,039,000 DA; \$3,800,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2002
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2006

Summary: USAID's conflict mitigation program focuses on ameliorating the suffering of conflict-affected individuals and communities, strengthening capacity for conflict resolution and peace building, and increasing income opportunities through:

- employment generating infrastructure projects
- providing support services to victims of the conflict
- supporting Government of Nepal (GON) and civil society efforts to address the conflict, and
- enhancing community capacity to resolve disputes and participate in local governance.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Improving Infrastructure and Expanding Economic Opportunities in Conflict-Affected Areas (\$705,000 DA and \$2,541,000 ESF). USAID provides technical assistance, equipment and materials to construct and/or rehabilitate small, labor-intensive infrastructure projects, thus creating short-term paid employment in rural conflict affected areas. These include rural roads, schools, clinics, trails, footbridges, and small drinking water and irrigation schemes. Through these projects, approximately 650,000 days of paid employment will be generated during FY 2004, injecting nearly \$700,000 into impoverished, conflict-affected, rural areas.

With technical assistance from USAID, rural communities and local governments will plan and implement projects that they consider to be of highest priority. Activities providing longer-term income generation opportunities - such as skills training, establishing savings and credit groups, improving agricultural production, and providing business services - will be implemented alongside the infrastructure projects so that once these projects have ended, community members have an alternative means of earning income. The prime contractor is the Louis Berger Group.

Supporting Services for Victims of Conflict (100,000 DA; 400,000 CSH and 400,000 ESF). To alleviate conflict-induced suffering, USAID provides comprehensive medical and psycho-social rehabilitation services, as well as legal counseling to 2,260 torture victims and their families as well as children affected by conflict. Psychosocial support for torture centers will serve 80 victims in 10 conflict-affected districts. A center for female trauma victims will provide rehabilitation services to 80 women. Activities to improve community coping mechanisms will include training to village-level service providers to help rural villages withstand the stress of prolonged conflict. Orphans and other disadvantaged youths will receive scholarships, while other forms of economic support will be identified for war widows. The prime grantee is the Center for Victims of Torture - Nepal.

Building the Capacity of the GON and Civil Society to Respond to the Conflict (\$354,000 DA, \$700,000 ESF). To assist the GON in addressing the conflict and its root causes, USAID will support technical assistance and training in conflict analysis and resolution, developing and implementing a coherent communications strategy, and creating post conflict plans, including plans for future demobilization and disarmament. USAID has offered the GON institutional strategic planning and strengthening assistance

for a government office that can perform these functions effectively. USAID also will fund study tours for GON and civil society leaders to expose them to successful conflict-mitigation experiences in other countries, national polls to collect information on citizen views related to the conflict and political crisis, and fora for national and local level dialogues on peace-building strategies between the GON, civil society and other key actors in Nepal.

Strengthening Community Peace Building Capacity (\$304,000 DA; \$400,000 CSH and \$630,000 ESF). To increase civic participation and peace building at the community level, USAID will support training for community members in tolerance, dispute resolution, negotiation and advocacy. Small-scale community development projects will be implemented to galvanize communities around a common interest or goal. Projects will include building potable water, wastewater and irrigation systems, as well as schools, health centers, community centers or other infrastructure needs identified by the communities. In addition, funds will link educational, vocational-technical training for vulnerable children and their families to community development projects.

FY 2005 Program:

Improving Infrastructure and Expanding Economic Opportunities in Conflict-Affected Areas (\$1,450,000 DA, \$2,850,000 ESF). USAID will expand the program to additional districts, increase the number of labor-intensive small rural infrastructure projects that provide short-term employment for rural communities, and increase the number and scope of long-term income generating activities along corridors where infrastructure projects are implemented. Same implementing partner as above.

Supporting Services for Victims of Conflict (\$59,000 DA, \$300,000 ESF). USAID will continue to implement the activities under this component as described above. If Nepal moves into a post-conflict phase, activities may shift to increase support services for demobilized ex-combatants. Same implementing partner as above. Other partners will be sought to implement community-level activities to support torture survivors.

Building the Capacity of the GON and Civil Society to Respond to the Conflict (\$280,000 DA, \$400,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance and training to the GON and civil society organizations to improve their capacity to plan, monitor and formulate appropriate policies depending on evolving security and political scenarios.

Strengthening Community Peace Building Capacity (\$250,000 DA, \$250,000 ESF). USAID will expand the training programs and community development projects discussed above to additional districts. Implementing partners to be determined.

Performance and Results: Approximately 600 people were employed daily on an environmentally-sound road construction project, providing each household with an average monthly income of \$46 in an area where non-farm income is extremely scarce. Over 2,300 victims of torture benefited from medical, psychosocial, and legal support, and 1,300 community mediators were trained in local dispute resolution skills in order to bring accessible, affordable justice to communities. USAID assisted the GON to conduct a rigorous Integrated Peace and Development strategic assessment and planning exercise with 11 GON entities that has led to self-critique and identification of significant shortfalls in GON management structures to address the conflict and peace process opportunities.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nepal

367-008 Ending Conflict and Expanding Democracy	CSH	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2002			
Obligations	0	2,855	2,250
Expenditures	0	153	0
Unliquidated	0	2,702	2,250
Fiscal Year 2003			
Obligations	0	4,773	4,147
Expenditures	0	1,064	708
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	0	7,628	6,397
Expenditures	0	1,217	708
Unliquidated	0	6,411	5,689
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA			
Obligations	800	1,463	4,271
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	800	1,463	4,271
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	0	2,039	3,800
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	800	11,130	14,468