

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Guyana
<b>Program Title:</b>	Democratic Governance Consolidated
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	504-006
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$1,750,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$1,957,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2004
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2008

**Summary:** USAID's democracy and governance program in Guyana will help to consolidate democratic institutions by promoting citizens' participation in policy making, fostering transparency and accountability in government, and reducing vulnerability to ethnic and political conflict.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Citizens' participation in policy-making increased (\$900,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance, training, and commodity support to roughly five to ten civil society organizations (CSOs) to increase their ability to influence government policy making at both local and national levels. CSOs representing women and other disadvantaged or marginalized groups will receive special consideration in program activities. USAID plans to work on the "supply" side of the policy-making equation by building the capacity of local government. Institutional strengthening of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) continues in the areas of electoral reform, improvement in elections administration. General training on organizational and operational issues will be provided for technical staff. Additionally, commodity and technical support will be provided to assist GECOM prepare for the long overdue local elections scheduled for 2005. Implementing agencies: To be determined.

Transparency and accountability in governance increased (\$700,000 DA). USAID will help improve the GOG's system of oversight and controls as well as enhance the oversight capacity of both local and national public institutions. USAID will provide technical and training assistance to members of staff, parliamentary sub-committees, and other relevant bodies. Technical assistance will also be provided to support the formulation of anti-corruption measures. USAID will provide commodities and technical assistance for the development of a website and public education materials that discusses government financial regulations, budgeting, and procurement, as well as post government publications. In the justice sector, USAID will promote the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methodologies in order to reduce the current case backlog. A pilot mediation project is now underway to test this as a useful form of ADR. Implementing agencies: To be determined.

Vulnerability to ethnic/political conflict reduced (\$400,000 DA). To mitigate the ethno-political conflict, USAID anticipates implementing activities that foster national level dialogue on reducing ethnicity in politics; support mediated inter-party dialogue, and create local level conflict resolution mechanisms. Specifically, USAID will finance study tours for members of the newly formed Ethnic Relations Committee to visit South Africa and perhaps other countries to explore reconciliation approaches and benefit from lessons learned from the reconciliation process. Training and technical assistance will be provided to national and regional Ethnic Relations Committee members in strategic planning, public relations, and reconciliation techniques. Implementing agencies: To be determined.

#### FY 2005 Program:

Citizens' participation in policy-making increased (\$900,000 DA). USAID will focus on expanding networking and consensus-building among CSOs which will allow these organizations to participate

effectively in policy dialogue with elected leaders and in public discussion fora. USAID will assist CSOs expand their role in policy-making and political change by forming alliances and networks that cut across sectors as well as geographic boundaries. USAID will also begin a civic education program. USAID will work to improve the management and administrative capacity of local government organizations by providing technical assistance and training in the areas of public administration, community planning, financial management, accounting, and tax and revenue generation. Additionally, USAID will provide commodity and information technology (IT) support for local government offices. Implementing agencies: To be determined.

Transparency and accountability in governance Increased (\$800,000 DA). USAID will continue its work with the parliament and the judiciary to create government transparency and accountability. Additionally, USAID will work with journalists to develop a more responsible and mature news media. Training will be provided to journalists in such areas as research and analysis, investigative reporting, opinion polling, and journalistic ethics. Technical assistance, training, and program support will be provided to create television and radio talk shows, news roundups, debates, and other reporting formats that give the public informed reports on various issues. Implementing agencies: To be determined.

Vulnerability to ethnic/political conflict reduced (\$300,000 DA). USAID will continue its work fostering national level dialogue on reducing ethnicity in politics, supporting mediated inter-party dialogue, and developing local level conflict resolution mechanisms. Implementing agencies: To be determined.

**Performance and Results:** Principal outcomes to be expected at the end of this program will be the formal adoption of an ADR mechanism by the judiciary to accelerate the resolution of civil cases, an efficient and fully equipped elections commission able to register voters accurately and in a timely manner, and conduct free and fair national and local elections; and a somewhat more independent and efficient National Assembly.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Guyana

504-006 Democratic Governance Consolidated	<b>DA</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2002</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA</b>	
Obligations	1,750
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	1,750
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	1,957
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	3,707