

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	El Salvador
<b>Program Title:</b>	Ruling Justly
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	519-021
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$5,000,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2005
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2008

**Summary:** The new USAID democracy and governance program will focus on strengthening rule of law and achieving greater transparency and more responsive governance through technical assistance and training to: (1) increase accountability in public management and decision-making; (2) improve access to justice and alternative dispute resolution; and (3) promote devolution of responsibilities and resources to local governments.

USAID is requesting FY 2005 resources for this program within its new country plan (2005-2008). USAID is designing a new democracy and governance program to help address concerns of citizens who are beginning to question democratic principles, despite recent consolidation of democratic institutions, because of a perceived failure of Salvadoran democracy to deliver economic or social benefits. Confidence in key democratic institutions is fragile and citizens are skeptical of responsiveness and transparency in the public sector. Building more responsive and accountable governance, open to public scrutiny, is key to creating credible democratic systems. Likewise, a level legal playing field and clear work rules are essential to ensuring equity in access to justice and fair treatment in the justice system. Dealing with the challenges of corruption and a weak rule of law, which undercut faith in democracy, will be priorities under the program.

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

#### **FY 2004 Program:**

This program will begin in FY 2005.

#### **FY 2005 Program:**

Improved access to justice and consolidated rule of law (\$2,500,000 DA). USAID plans to focus rule of law initiatives on increasing judicial access and equity by providing technical assistance to improve the transparency, efficiency and promptness of the judicial system, including monitoring and investigating corruption. Guidance will be given to assist in the design and implementation of selected reforms in both criminal and civil/commercial codes and related legal and regulatory environment. Technical assistance and training will be provided to deepen understanding and use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, especially mediation and arbitration, for both criminal and civil cases. Building upon the successful community policing initiative, innovative approaches to community-based public security initiatives may be explored, pending special authorization and funding. Implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

Good governance and transparency (\$2,500,000 DA). With a newly elected government in El Salvador taking office in mid 2004, USAID will seek to further promote anticorruption measures and encourage more transparent and honest management of public resources and decision-making. Areas such as establishing more modern financial management systems, introducing stronger procurement reforms, and encouraging civil society oversight will be considered. Technical assistance and training will be provided to promote a dialogue on the devolution of power to local governments, to review revenue generation authorities, and to help decentralize selected public services. Assistance will also be provided to promote

greater transparency and accountability of political parties. Implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

**Performance and Results:** This new strategic objective is scheduled to begin in mid FY 2005 and therefore has no results to report at this time.

Successful implementation of this strategic objective will result in: increased governmental transparency and reducing corruption; decentralized resources and decision-making to local levels; improved access to civil and criminal justice through both the formal justice system and particularly through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms; creation of sustainable, alternative models to enhance public security; and deepened citizen oversight and participation in government.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

El Salvador

519-021 Ruling Justly	DA
<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	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	2,347
Future Obligations	15,000
Est. Total Cost	17,347