

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Mexico
Program Title:	Ruling Justly
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	523-021
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$800,000 DA; \$8,500,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2003
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2008

Summary: USAID's new democracy program in Mexico will support Government of Mexico (GOM) initiatives to provide more accountable policy making and implementation and enhance the rule of law.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Strengthened rule of law (\$3,100,000 ESF; \$350,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to support: 1) more effective civil and criminal justice reform and greater respect for human rights at the federal and state level by working with the key institutions of the criminal justice sector, including the judiciary, public defense, and prosecutors, especially in Mexican states along the U.S. border; 2) increased access to justice for disadvantaged sectors of the population by assisting six more states to set up court-sponsored mediation centers and by providing support for human rights NGOs that run treatment and legal aid centers for victims of torture and human rights abuses; and 3) increased professional standards to impart more equitable justice by reforming the legal education system and standards of professionalism. The principal contractors are the National Center for State Courts, Freedom House and the American Bar Association.

Greater transparency and accountability of governments (\$5,400,000 ESF; \$450,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance, training, and other capacity-building measures to government institutions at all three levels of the federal system--particularly state and local governments--to address the inter-related components of accountable governance, including: 1) building more effective and autonomous revenue generating capacity related to taxes, fees, transfers, and credit; 2) promoting the formation of alliances for capital market financing of local level infrastructure; 3) implementing e-government programs and decreasing the "digital divide"; 4) implementing certification standards for public officials; 5) promoting citizen participation in resource allocation and decision-making; 6) supporting more effective oversight of public resource management; 7) supporting activities for freedom of information, professionalization of the state's audit function, and strengthening oversight bodies at all three levels of government; and 8) supporting the U.S.-Mexico Border Legislative Conferences that facilitate better communication and cooperation among legislators of the border region. The key contractors are Casals & Associates, Evensen Dodge, and the Council of State Governments.

FY 2005 Program:

Strengthened rule of law (\$3,100,000 ESF; \$1,000,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to support civil and criminal justice reform and greater respect for human rights; increased access to justice for socio-economically disadvantaged sectors of the population; and increased professional standards to impart more equitable justice. (Same implementers as above)

Greater transparency and accountability of governments (\$4,900,000 ESF; \$1,000,000 DA). USAID will continue technical assistance, training, and other capacity-building measures to support more accountable policy making and implementation; more accountable management; more effective oversight

of use and management of public resources; and the U.S.-Mexico border legislative dialogue. (Same implementers as above)

Performance and Results: Successful completion of this objective will result in: 1) career civil service implemented at federal and state levels; 2) private sector financing for public infrastructure increased; 3) secondary electoral reforms enacted, such as removing the ban on consecutive re-election for legislators; 4) oral, adversarial criminal justice procedures implemented in federal and state jurisdictions; and 5) increased respect for due process guarantees and reduced incidences of torture.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Mexico

	DA	ESF
523-021 Ruling Justly		
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	0	3,750
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	3,750
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	3,750
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	781	9,500
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	781	9,500
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	986	10,500
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	1,767	23,750