

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Guatemala
<b>Program Title:</b>	Ruling Justly
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	520-021
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$1,800,000 DA; \$5,000,000 ESF
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$1,800,000 DA; \$6,000,000 ESF
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2004
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2008

**Summary:** USAID's democracy program strengthens key elements of a functioning democracy: the justice system and service delivery. To strengthen the rule of law, USAID provides technical assistance and training to improve coordination, efficiency, and responsiveness to community needs by decentralized justice centers. Local citizen committees are given funding and technical support for public education and community crime awareness and prevention. Crime prevention efforts are closely coordinated with the Embassy Narcotics Affairs Section and the Department of Justice police-training program (ICITAP). Technical assistance and training are also focused on improving transparency and accountability of government through support for decentralization of decision-making and authority to local levels, improved capacity and transparency of local governments, efforts to improve and institutionalize controls and checks and balances, and possibly, electoral system reform. Grants to civil society organizations will further develop social auditing capacity and alliances with private sector groups will expand public-private infrastructure and crime prevention.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Strengthened rule of law (\$3,000,000 ESF, \$800,000 DA). Technical assistance will be provided to national authorities and counterparts, justice center committees that currently exist in 15 departments and other centers to be created, and local government officials for community-based crime prevention and anti-lynching efforts, and building collaboration among citizens, local authorities, businesses, and the police to respond to local needs and protect human rights. Policy dialogue supported by observational visits, conferences, forums, and workshops will promote legal and institutional reforms to improve functioning of judicial and law enforcement institutions and encourage adequate host country funding. Technical assistance and training for judges, prosecutors and others will further expand oral judicial proceedings and administrative reforms to speed up case processing, increase the number and timeliness of cases resolved, develop alternative dispute resolution, and improve investigation and prosecution of corrupt officials. Support to the Human Rights Ombudsman Office and civil society to advance legal and operational reforms will improve law enforcement, judicial processes, and respect for human rights. Principal contractors, grantees, or agencies: Government of Guatemala agencies (e.g., the Guatemalan judicial branch, the Public Ministry, the Human Rights Ombudsman Office, etc.) and others to be determined.

Greater transparency and accountability of governments (\$2,000,000 ESF, \$1,000,000 DA). Support will be provided to a number of municipalities to implement recent decentralization policy reforms, including participatory planning processes at departmental and municipal levels, and budget accountability. Policy dialogue and technical assistance at national and local levels including national municipal associates, government and congressional officials, and others will be focused on tax reform and revenue generation to increase the level of resources managed by municipal governments and more effective service provision to citizens. Technical assistance will help key municipalities implement transparency and accountability systems, including the computerized Integrated Financial Management System and public hearings, and will also promote public-private partnerships for economic development, job creation, and

service delivery. Financial and technical support will help Guatemala implement recommendations of the National Commission on Anti-Corruption and Transparency, which will be developed in 2004, and to comply with commitments of the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption including government mechanisms to prevent corruption, such as making procurement more transparent and promoting civil society participation in combating corruption. Technical assistance will be provided to key institutions, such as the Comptroller General. Financial and technical support will also be provided to civil society social auditing efforts at national and local levels, including monitoring of budget implementation and selection processes for key positions (e.g., the Supreme Court) as well as for legal and institutional reforms to improve accountability of elected officials, including the Election and Political Parties law, and improved checks and balances (e.g., Congressional oversight of military budget). Principal contractors, grantees, or agencies: the Comptroller General, the National Transparency Commission, municipalities, and others to be determined.

**FY 2005 Program:**

Rule of law (\$4,000,000 ESF). Technical assistance, training and support to civil society organizations will be focused on the same activities as described above. (Implementers to be determined through a competitive process).

Transparency and accountability (\$2, 000,000 ESF, \$1,300,000 DA). Technical assistance, training, and support to civil society organizations will be focused on the same activities described above. (Implementers to be determined through a competitive process).

**Performance and Results:** Principal outcomes expected by the end of this Strategic Objective are: 1) an increase in the percentage of cases that are concluded within stipulated time period; and 2) positive changes in user assessments/evaluations of the responsiveness/quality of service of key government agencies (e.g., local government, electoral authority, courts, etc.)

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Guatemala

520-021 Ruling Justly	DA	ESF
<b>Through September 30, 2002</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2003</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA</b>		
Obligations	1,821	4,971
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	1,821	4,971
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	1,409	4,000
Future Obligations	6,400	0
Est. Total Cost	9,630	8,971