

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Haiti
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	521-005
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,189,000 DA; \$34,680,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$38,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	1999
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: USAID promotes the peaceful transition to a stable democratic governance. Its programs include strengthening the independent media; supporting anticorruption initiatives; providing grassroots training in the role of citizens in the democratic process; supporting civic action initiatives; strengthening political parties; protecting human rights, including victims of organized violence and children in domestic servitude; and supporting justice reform. In addition, USAID assistance will support processes to ensure free and fair elections, and more secure environment for elections, but also for economic development and the growth of democratic institutions.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,000,000 DA, \$16,225,000 ESF). USAID will continue to fund technical assistance, equipment, and training to build the capacity of the 41-station community radio network and improve journalists' understanding of their role in a democratic society. USAID will continue to fund workshops, training, and conferences for Haitian government officials and local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) engaged in combating corruption. Technical assistance will help selected government ministries improve financial management systems to combat corruption and strengthen the capacity of the new Anticorruption Unit within the Ministry of Finance. At the local level, support for the development of civic self-help projects will continue to produce tangible improvements in community welfare as well as serve as a model for citizen-state relationships. Capacity building for national elections observers will continue. In addition, USAID will support political party strengthening programs in the critical election period coming up in early FY 2006. In anticipation of elections, USAID envisions other possible assistance such as international election observers, technical support to the Provisional Electoral Council, voter education, civic education, journalist/media training, political party support, and public relations/information dissemination. Principal contractors/grantees are Creative Associates International, Transparency International, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and the International Republican Institute.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$2,189,000 DA, \$7,000,000 ESF). USAID will provide assistance victims of organized violence through training of human rights organizations, advocacy campaigns, and the documentation of abuses. USAID will build upon partnerships with multilateral, international, and civil society organizations and local communities to combat trafficking in persons, including children in domestic servitude. Support will continue for a cross-border program in partnership with the Dominican Republic which focuses on improving the conditions of Haitian children victimized across the border. In the area of judicial reform, USAID will fund the training program for judges, prosecutors, and court clerks begun in FY 2004. USAID will also support the implementation of a case management system, facilities upgrade, and other judicial programs. Principal contractors/grantees are the Pan American Development Foundation, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems and the National Center for State Courts.

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$8,455,000 ESF). Through the State Department, USAID will continue to fund the assistance program with the Haitian National Police. Funds will be allocated to meet key infrastructure, equipment, and training needs, including those focusing on prison reform and police anticorruption efforts.

Address Conflict Transitional Issues (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID, through the Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI), will support the United Nations-led effort on Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration with respect to the former military and armed gangs. Funds support the Managing Office for Demobilized Soldiers, as well as other programs developed in conjunction with United Nations disarmament efforts.

FY 2006 Program: In addition to the amounts notified herein, USAID plans to use \$5,000,000 of Transition Initiatives (TI) funding to strengthen civil society and promote access to justice and human rights protection.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$12,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to continue to promote anticorruption, including technical assistance to the General Audit Court, creation of a judicial anticorruption unit, and strengthening of civil society anticorruption monitoring capacities. Independent media building activities, as well as community participation and self-help initiatives will continue. USAID plans to support the transformation of the Provisional Council for Elections Observers into a permanent body. Technical assistance to strengthen the new Haitian Parliament and other government institutions, and political party development to continue strengthening civil society and democratic processes in Haiti are planned. Civil society efforts will expand to include local governments. Contractors and grantees to be selected.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$10,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to continue to promote human rights through its victims of organized violence and trafficking in persons initiatives. It is expected that the training program for judges and prosecutors will expand, along with other ongoing judicial reform activities. Possible additional justice sector initiatives include development of a clerk-of-court program, paralegal training, and technical assistance to the Government Ombudsman Office to strengthen its capacity to provide legal assistance to victims of human rights abuses perpetrated by government agencies. Contractors and grantees to be selected.

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$14,000,000 ESF). USAID will transfer funds to INL to continue the assistance program with the Haitian National Police. ESF will be allocated to meet key infrastructure, equipment, and training needs.

Address Transitional Issues (\$2,000,000 ESF). USAID, through OTI, will continue to support the UN-led effort on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration.

Performance and Results: USAID efforts are helping to build momentum for constructive democratic change within Haitian civil society. Although overshadowed by political crises and natural disasters in 2004, Haitian civil society, with USAID support, made remarkable progress in advancing independent media, political party development, and judicial reform. Although historically repressed by the government, independent media actors and individual journalists exercised their right to free speech in 40 advocacy dialogues and 22 press fora in FY 2004. In addition, the community radio network expanded from 35 to 41 stations, providing coverage to most of the country. Training for 600 journalists in civic education, fundraising, advocacy, and management helped build a stronger, more unified community of journalist advocates for democracy and free press. FY 2004 saw the emergence of four coalitions for judicial reform and three political party coalitions, as well as the merger of three center-right political parties. Human rights organizations continue to speak out against corruption and impunity, denouncing abuses.

By program completion, civil society organizations will be strengthened, better informed, and organized to engage with the government to advocate and positively influence policies at the local and national levels. Broad participation in free and fair elections will have been possible through a better organized electoral apparatus, strengthened political parties, and involvement of election observer organizations. Finally, the justice sector will be strengthened and an improved human rights situation will result in citizens treated more in accordance with the rule of law.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Haiti

521-005 Democracy and Governance	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	35,661	70,574
Expenditures	32,779	70,559
Unliquidated	2,882	15
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	3,600	800
Expenditures	4,149	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	39,261	71,374
Expenditures	36,928	70,559
Unliquidated	2,333	815
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	3,189	34,680
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	3,189	34,680
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	38,000
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	42,450	144,054