

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Nepal
Program Title:	Ending Conflict and Expanding Democracy
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	367-008
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,639,000 DA; \$3,760,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,900,000 DA; \$4,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2002
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: USAID's conflict program mitigates the suffering of conflict-affected individuals and communities and strengthens capacity for conflict mediation and peacebuilding by: 1) implementing income-generating infrastructure projects, 2) providing support services to victims of the conflict, 3) supporting government and civil society efforts to address the conflict, and 4) strengthening community capacity to resolve disputes and participate in local governance.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Support Peace Processes (\$331,400 DA; \$331,400 ESF). The newly-formed Government of Nepal (GON) Peace Secretariat is poised to play a key role in reaching an eventual peace settlement between the GON and the Maoists. USAID will provide support to the Secretariat in a number of areas, including equipment and logistics, training in conflict resolution and negotiation techniques, technical assistance on key policy and programmatic issues, and developing a communications strategy. USAID will also work with civil society networks to enhance their participation in the government's policy development process. Principal partner: Academy for Educational Development (AED).

Protect and Increase the Assets and Livelihoods of the Poor during Periods of Stress (\$143,800 DA; \$858,400 ESF). To increase the assets of individuals in rural conflict-affected areas, USAID will fund infrastructure projects that provide employment income, improve access to markets and services, and increase agricultural productivity. Approximately 500,000 days of paid employment will be valued at \$547,945. Approximately 8,000 women will receive support to establish or expand savings and credit groups and training in skills that will help them generate income. In FY 2005, the groups aim to save \$20,000, which will enable them to make \$36,000 in loans. This will allow women to set up microenterprises and create sustainable sources of incomes for their families. Principal partners: Louis Berger Group and World Education International.

Address Conflict Transitional Issues (\$1,043,000 DA; \$2,280,000 ESF). To strengthen support for victims of conflict and conflict-affected communities, USAID will fund an integrated community-level program combining economic and social support activities. In FY 2005, 2,600 households will experience an increase of \$68 - \$123 in their annual income through the establishment or expansion of microenterprises in a country where annual per capita income is \$276. In addition, 3,424 children and adolescents will receive psychosocial support, and 2,240 children will receive education support in the form of supplies and scholarships. A radio soap opera program will be broadcast across the country, reaching at least 80,000 rural listeners with essential information on coping strategies related to the negative social and economic impacts of the conflict. The program will also convey messages on important development topics, such as HIV/AIDS and trafficking. USAID will launch a program benefiting internally displaced persons and the communities in which they live, with a focus on skills training and counseling services. Principal partners: Save the Children/U.S., CARE, and Winrock International.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$120,800 DA; \$290,200 ESF). At a time when communities remain fraught with division, USAID will continue to support community mediation as a way to resolve disputes locally and promote community solidarity. In the last year of the program, lessons learned from

USAID's local dispute resolution activity will be consolidated in order to lay the foundation for the roll-out of a nationwide dispute resolution program over the next few years. By the activity's closing date, the number of trained mediators in USAID's targeted areas will reach approximately 2,700, and the number of disputes brought before community mediators and satisfactorily resolved will increase from 939 in FY 2004 to 1,400. Principal partner: The Asia Foundation.

FY 2005 activities with prior-year funding. In FY 2005, USAID will continue its program supporting victims of torture. The program is scheduled to be expanded in FY 2004, but the expansion was delayed to allow the implementing partner to rectify management issues identified through an audit. In FY 2005, USAID will support a donor initiative led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support capacity building for the National Human Rights Commission, which will improve monitoring of human rights abuses in Nepal. New activities will be initiated to support the physical rehabilitation and reintegration of war victims. Various innovative, short-term, high-impact activities that contribute to achieving USAID's conflict program objectives will also be implemented using FY 2004 funds; details concerning the inputs and outputs will only be known once specific activities have been identified. Principal partners: UNDP and others to be determined (TBD).

FY 2006 Program: Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to expand its support for capacity building of the National Human Rights Commission and for human rights monitoring efforts. Principal partner: UNDP.

Support Peace Processes (\$750,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the Peace Secretariat by providing training and short-term consultants with technical expertise on issues of high priority to the government. The types of training and external expertise needed will vary depending on the status of the conflict in FY 2006. Principal partner: AED.

Protect and Increase the Assets and Livelihoods of the Poor during Periods of Stress (\$500,000 DA; \$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to fund infrastructure activities to provide immediate income to rural populations, while increasing access to markets and services and improving agricultural productivity. The program will also continue to support skills training and savings and credit programs that help people identify options for more stable and sustainable incomes. Principal partners: TBD.

Address Conflict Transitional Issues (\$1,400,000 DA, \$1,250,000 ESF). USAID plans to provide economic and social support services, such as skills training and counseling, to victims of the conflict, including internally displaced persons, widows, and vulnerable children. Special programs targeting former child combatants will also be designed pending legal decisions about providing assistance to the latter. Additional activities are likely to focus on strengthening the media and supporting local peacebuilding initiatives. Principal partners: TBD.

Performance and Results: More than 29,000 families have benefited from employment income earned on road construction projects, providing each household with an average monthly income of \$53 in a country where monthly per capita income is \$23. More than 3,102 victims of torture and trauma have received medical, psychosocial, and legal support, and 1,335 community mediators have been trained in local dispute resolution skills, providing rural populations with a viable alternative to Nepal's inefficient and inaccessible justice system. USAID played a key role in the GON's decision to establish a Peace Secretariat, which will be pivotal in preparing for peace negotiations and eventually reconstruction. Due to the nature of the armed conflict, it would be unrealistic to discuss an "end state" in detail.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nepal

367-008 Ending Conflict and Expanding Democracy	CSH	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	0	7,628	6,397
Expenditures	0	951	982
Unliquidated	0	6,677	5,415
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	1,000	2,160	3,970
Expenditures	0	1,472	1,083
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	1,000	9,788	10,367
Expenditures	0	2,423	2,065
Unliquidated	1,000	7,365	8,302
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	0	1,639	3,760
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	1,639	3,760
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	0	1,900	4,000
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	1,000	13,327	18,127