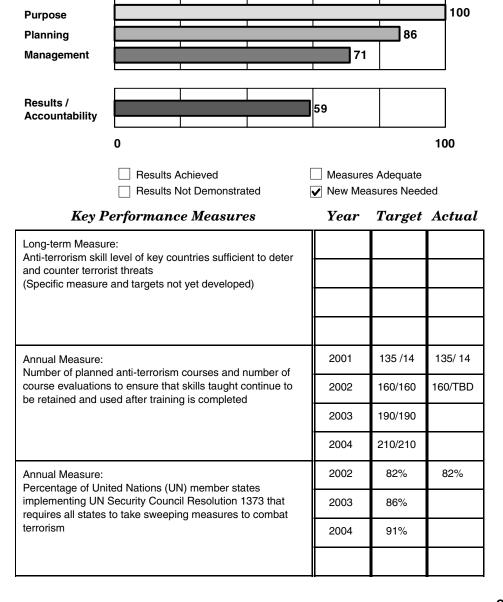
## **Program:** Anti-Terrorism Assistance

**Agency:** Department of State

Bureau:



## **Rating:** Moderately Effective

**Program Type:** Direct Federal

## Program Summary:

The Anti-Terrorism Assistance (ATA) program builds the capacity of key countries abroad to fight terrorism, establishes security relationships between U.S. and foreign officials to strengthen cooperative anti-terrorism efforts, and shares modern, humane and effective anti-terrorism techniques.

The assessment found that the ATA program does teach effective ways to counter terrorist threats and generally meets its annual performance goals. However, the program's long-term goals do not have performance indicators or other long-term targets. Thus the program cannot demonstrate the impact it is having on terrorism preparedness. Additional findings include:

- 1. The events of September 11th have compelled the Department to improve strategic planning and to expand the program's capability to provide on site training overseas.
- 2. Courses covering such areas as airport security, bomb detection, hostage rescue, and crisis management have been expanded to cover new training needs including weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incident response.
- 3. The program collects information relating to achievement of program mission and allocates resources to specific country program activities. Spending is monitored to make sure there are no improper payments.
- 4. ATA program plans are constantly reviewed in the context of new priorities as outlined by the Secretary of State's Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism.
- 5. The ATA program is establishing quantifiable measures for its training programs.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

- 1. Propose a 2004 funding level that will allow the program to continue all training programs currently underway and to expand courses to new functional areas that respond to the evolving terrorist threat.
- $2.\ \,$  Improve long-term performance measurement and establish measures to gauge progress toward long-term goals.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of State and International Assistance Programs chapter in the Budget volume.)

## Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

2002 Actual	2003 Estimate	2004 Estimate	٦
166	64	106	