

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	South Africa
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	674-001
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$5,076,000 DA; \$992,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$790,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$5,848,000 DA; \$1,300,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	1996
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: With the end of apartheid in 1994, South Africa was at long last able to begin ruling justly and investing in its people and their economic freedom--in line with U.S. priorities. Today, 10 years after this historic transition, the emerging leader of the African continent has made impressive strides in stemming the crime wave that surged after apartheid's authoritarian controls were lifted, establishing democratic local government, creating a tax structure that promotes the financial viability of the nonprofit sector, and reducing and prosecuting corruption. USAID continues to provide technical assistance and training and to support partnerships in these key areas.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$2,044,000 DA, \$992,000 ESF, \$190,000 Prior Year ESF). USAID is assisting the fight against crime through an alliance with the South African Department of Justice (DOJ) and Business Against Crime, an association of major South African corporations. Using DA funds, USAID is helping to streamline administrative procedures in three provinces in order to handle court cases more efficiently, generating cost savings of up to \$3 million per province. USAID is training 30 women and black male legal practitioners in skills needed for appointments as judges. Addressing South Africa's immense gender-based violence problem, FY 2005 and prior year ESF is being used to train 100 investigators and 250 prosecutors in the successful prosecution of sexual assault and rape cases. With DA funds, USAID is supporting the placement of eight victim assistance officers and five case monitors at five sexual offenses courts to ensure that women and child victims of gender-based violence are treated sensitively, their cases are processed expeditiously, and the guilty are convicted. USAID also is funding up to eight local programs that provide access to justice for women and children victims of violent crime. Principal grantee: Business Against Crime (BAC - prime).

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$500,000 DA, \$600,000 prior year ESF). To help tackle corruption, USAID is using prior year ESF to train 100 investigators and 200 prosecutors in skills needed to secure convictions in corruption cases. With FY 2005 DA funds, USAID is supporting forensic audits of trust accounts managed by the South African Justice Department, and is establishing three additional courts that specialize in financial crimes and corruption. It is anticipated that these new courts will be highly effective, since there is a 94% conviction rate at the two existing courts. Because municipalities also suffer from high levels of corruption, USAID is assisting 25 councils to institute transparent hiring, procurement, and complaint resolution systems. With DA and prior year ESF, USAID is training 50 media practitioners in investigative journalism, and is funding the programs of a network of up to 10 national organizations to serve as anti-corruption watchdogs. Principal grantees: BAC, PACT, Inc., and the International City/County Management Association (all prime).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,310,000 DA). USAID is training key officials from 25 municipalities in strategic planning and management skills, and is providing technical assistance in human resources, information technology, and revenue collection systems in order to deliver municipal services more effectively. Principal contractor: Research Triangle Institute (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,222,000 DA). USAID is funding local advocacy efforts to streamline the

process for nonprofit organizations to qualify for tax exemptions, so that community-based organizations (CBOs) that deliver services and help to alleviate poverty can increase their sustainability and attract private donations. USAID is training 350 leaders of 175 CBOs on how to qualify for tax exemption and for South African government grants. The training is strengthening these organizations by improving management and fundraising skills. Civic leaders also are developing the knowledge and skills required to participate effectively in the design and implementation of municipal development plans and budgets, and to engage constructively with their councils in joint problem solving. USAID is seeking out CBOs whose activities focus on gender, disability, and families affected by HIV. USAID is funding training in improved management and fundraising skills for the leaders of up to 14 groups that assist victims of gender-based crimes. Principal grantee: PACT, Inc. (prime).

FY 2006 Program: Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$2,378,000 DA; \$1,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to fund the decentralization of court administration in the remainder of South Africa's nine provinces. USAID also plans to train 370 rape prosecutors in the skills needed to secure convictions, and to place 12 additional victim assistance officers and nine case monitors at sexual offenses courts. USAID will continue training 35 women and black male lawyers, preparing them for appointments as judges, and will use ESF to fund up to 12 anti-gender-violence non-governmental organizations. Principal grantee: BAC (prime).

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$500,000 DA). USAID will fund operations of the DOJ forensic audit unit to uncover and prosecute embezzlement, provide training for 500 corruption prosecutors in trial strategies and skills, and establish two additional commercial crime courts. USAID plans to assist 20 additional municipalities to institute transparent hiring, procurement, and complaint resolution systems, provide grants to 10 anti-corruption groups, and fund the training of a further 100 investigative journalists. Principal grantees: BAC, PACT, Inc., and the International City/County Management Association (all prime).

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,705,000 DA). Training will continue for officials in 25 municipalities in strategic planning and planning skills, as well as on-site assistance to improve municipal management and revenue collection strategies. Principal contractor: Research Triangle Institute (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,265,000 DA; \$300,000 ESF). USAID plans to train an additional 600 CBO leaders on how to qualify for government tax exemptions and how to engage with their local councils in planning, budgeting, and joint problem-solving. USAID also plans to use ESF to train up to 14 local groups that assist victims of gender-based crimes. Principal grantee: PACT, Inc. (prime).

Performance and Results: USAID support to help restructure South Africa's court system has led to an 11% reduction in the case backlog in district courts, from 133,556 in FY 2000 to 119,050 in FY 2004, thus ensuring that South Africans have better and faster access to justice. USAID's anti-corruption programs are helping to restore public confidence and investment in South Africa. Since its inception in April 2004, a new USAID-supported forensic auditing unit in the Department of Justice has uncovered four cases of corruption involving \$3.3 million. Over the life of the program, USAID has provided key technical assistance to help South Africa draft legislation that establishes the framework for local governments to raise revenue and provide services to their citizens. During FY 2004, the fourth and final major piece of legislation--the Property Rates Act, aimed at increasing municipal revenue--was signed into law. USAID complemented the legislation through direct assistance to 94 municipalities to help local authorities respond to community needs. A FY 2004 survey found that 35% of the residents in those municipalities approved of their local council's performance, up from 31% in FY 2002. By the end of 2007, decentralized court administration systems will be in place in all provinces, and over half of all prosecutors will be capably prosecuting rapists and corrupt officials. Government officials and civil society leaders will be working together to resolve service delivery problems in 25 municipalities.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

South Africa

674-001 Democracy and Governance	CSH	DA	DFA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003				
Obligations	328	92,142	148,690	10,067
Expenditures	0	80,181	148,521	9,522
Unliquidated	328	11,961	169	545
Fiscal Year 2004				
Obligations	0	4,900	860	0
Expenditures	258	8,994	529	174
Through September 30, 2004				
Obligations	328	97,042	149,550	10,067
Expenditures	258	89,175	149,050	9,696
Unliquidated	70	7,867	500	371
Prior Year Unobligated Funds				
Obligations	0	0	0	790
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA				
Obligations	0	5,076	0	992
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005				
Obligations	0	5,076	0	1,782
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA				
Obligations	0	5,848	0	1,300
Future Obligations	0	15,671	0	1,000
Est. Total Cost	328	123,637	149,550	14,149