

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Ghana
Program Title:	Strengthen Democratic Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	641-005
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,987,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$100,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,500,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID/Ghana's Democracy and Governance program will consolidate democracy by increasing civic involvement in public policy at the local and national levels. The program includes activities to strengthen civil society capacity; increase opportunities for civil society to engage local government, particularly in regards to education; strengthen Parliament; increase Parliament's access to information; and promote free and fair elections.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$342,237 DA). Through targeted training and workshops, and technical assistance, USAID will support Parliament's efforts to achieve the following goals: (1) improve the effectiveness and efficiency of legislative processes and procedures; (2) increase Parliament's access to civic input and specialized information and research; (3) strengthen Parliament's capacity to review and analyze the national budget and engage on public finance issues; and (4) develop a system for measuring parliamentary performance.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$822,382 DA). USAID's efforts will include activities to support improved advocacy by civic unions and civil society organizations (CSOs) for citizen interests at the district level, and improved community advocacy for and contribution to education quality. The program is crosscutting as it aims to build community and district-level support for quality education. Activities will increase community ownership of schools and assist parent-teacher associations (PTAs) and community-level school management committees (SMCs) to make teachers and administrators more accountable. The program will also increase community involvement and contribution to the management and oversight of education quality. In addition to capacity building activities, USAID intends to use various citizen participation techniques to improve citizen-government relationships and quality education.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$822,381 DA). USAID will promote more open, competent, transparent, and accountable district-level government. Effective local government requires a working partnership between civil society groups and the various offices and committees that comprise the District Assemblies (DAs). USAID will establish and strengthen horizontal linkages among DAs and CSOs across districts and within regions for the cross-fertilization of ideas, sharing of best practices, and building and voicing regional policy agendas.

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$100,000 prior-year ESF). In early FY 2005, USAID supported the Electoral Commission's efforts to train political party polling agents for the December 2004 Presidential and Parliamentary elections. Under this program, political party agents were trained in the rules, regulation and procedures for elections in 2004 to enable them to play their monitoring role effectively and enhance the overall transparency of the elections. The Electoral Commission trained agents alongside or on the same basis as its own temporary polling staff who were recruited to run the polling stations. This project also supported district and regional level Inter-Party Advisory Committees so as to provide an institutionalized platform to allow the Electoral Commission and political parties and candidates to dialogue on emerging electoral challenges and develop responses.

Principal contractors and grantees (for all components): The Cooperative League of the USA and the

Electoral Commission (primes); the Research Triangle Institute and Education Development Center (subs); and others to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$234,648 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of legislative processes and procedures; support open forums as a means to increase Parliament's access and receptivity to civic input; provide training and equipment to strengthen Parliament's capacity to review and analyze the national budget; and maintain the system for measuring parliamentary performance.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$632,676 DA). USAID will continue to support improved advocacy by civic unions and CSOs for citizen interests. Activities aimed at increasing community ownership of schools and assisting PTAs and SMCs to make teachers and administrators more accountable will be expanded to additional geographic areas. The program will continue to support increased community involvement and contribution to the management and oversight of education quality. USAID will add seven districts for program implementation, in addition to the original five. A special component to engage civil society in the 2006 district-level elections will be initiated.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$632,676 DA). USAID will continue to support district-level government and expand the horizontal linkages among DAs and CSOs across districts and within regions. In addition to capacity building activities, USAID will continue working to improve citizen-government relationships and quality education. Activities will be closely coordinated with those of the Strengthen Civil Society component and will take place in the same 12 districts.

Same implementers as FY 2005.

Performance and Results: Program activities initiated in FY 2004 will begin to report measurable results in FY 2005. USAID projects that at the completion of this program there will be substantial increases in the percentage of bills reaching the second reading that include civic input, a greater number of targeted districts achieving sustainable performance through civic involvement, additional numbers of targeted District Assemblies achieving high performance in the participatory budget process, and an increasing percentage of targeted CUs/CSOs initiating advocacy activities.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Ghana

	DA	ESF
641-005 Strengthen Democratic Governance		
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	978	530
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	978	530
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	2,784	0
Expenditures	389	373
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	3,762	530
Expenditures	389	373
Unliquidated	3,373	157
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	100
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	1,987	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	1,987	100
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	1,500	0
Future Obligations	8,642	0
Est. Total Cost	15,891	630