

## Data Sheet

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| <b>USAID Mission:</b>                      | Guinea  |
| <b>Program Title:</b>                      | Democracy and Governance                        |
| <b>Pillar:</b>                             | Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance |
| <b>Strategic Objective:</b>                | 675-004   |
| <b>Status:</b>                             | Continuing                                      |
| <b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>         | \$0   |
| <b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>             | \$300,000 ESF                                   |
| <b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>        | \$1,579,000 DA                                  |
| <b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>         | 1998  |
| <b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b> | 2006  |

**Summary:** USAID seeks to strengthen governance and the democratic processes in Guinea through interventions at the local and national level. In an effort to improve relations between the national government and its citizens, USAID will focus on improving the performance of local government and its responsiveness to citizen needs, improving the effectiveness of national government institutions, enhancing a national dialogue on matters of public interest, and strengthening civil society advocacy on such issues as political freedom, fiscal transparency and efficient service delivery.

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

**FY 2005 Program:** No DA obligations are planned for FY 2005.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization. Using DA funds obligated in prior years, USAID will provide support to improve transparency and accountability in local governance will continue. USAID will further expand the program in Upper Guinea and assist more economic cooperatives to register in an effort to expand their revenue potential. If legislative elections take place in 2007 as planned, training workshops on citizen's rights and responsibilities during elections will be organized at the local government level. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Improve Early Warning and Response Mechanisms (\$300,000 prior-year ESF). USAID will help organize dialogues and forums with all sectors of Guinean society to try to find solutions to the major sources of tension in the country. USAID expects that special training may be required for civil society and political parties on pivotal issues that arise during the campaigns for legislative elections such as the establishment of an independent electoral commission and government neutrality during the elections. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

**FY 2006 Program:** Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$600,000 DA). USAID's program to improve transparency and accountability in local governance will continue. USAID will further expand the program in Upper Guinea and assist more economic cooperatives to register in an effort to expand their revenue potential. If legislative elections take place in 2007 as planned, training workshops on citizen's rights and responsibilities during elections will be organized at the local government level. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$429,000 DA). Since legislative elections are anticipated in 2007, USAID will expand its civic education and capacity-building work with civil society. USAID will put greater emphasis on training civil society organizations (CSOs), community based organizations (CBOs), community media professionals, and possibly political parties to manage and develop programming for community radio. In addition, USAID will begin anti-corruption training and regional workshops for CSOs, targeting professional associations regarding the need to end corruption and foster greater fiscal transparency at all levels of government. Principal grantee: IFES (prime).

Improve Early Warning and Response Mechanisms (\$400,000 DA). USAID will continue to organize dialogues and forums with all sectors of Guinean society to try to find solutions to the major sources of tension in the country. USAID expects that special training may be required for civil society and political

parties on pivotal issues that arise during the campaigns for legislative elections such as the establishment of an independent electoral commission and government neutrality during the elections. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$150,000 DA). USAID may expand its support to national governmental institutions, such as the National Assembly and the judicial branch of government, by providing additional training and technical assistance in the areas of greater transparency and accountability in management and fiscal affairs. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

**Performance and Results:** USAID has made significant progress toward achieving the goals of this program and particularly in improving governance at the local level. USAID has supported local elected leaders, CBOs, civic advocacy and education, as well as coalition-building at the decentralized level. Fully 92% of the CBOs in USAID's target areas have improved their democratic governance practices through the development and implementation of bylaws and other legal documents, adoption of good management practices, the holding of regular meetings of their membership, and periodic election of officers. Furthermore, USAID has observed greater transparency in local government operations and more favorable local government responses to the needs of CBOs and civil society. USAID's activities contributed to making media liberalization a pivotal national policy issue in Guinea.

By the end of the program, USAID technical assistance and training will have equipped citizens and civil society organizations to be more effective advocates for their interests, and to participate in good local governance through improved democratic conduct.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Guinea

| 675-004 Democracy and Governance      | DA     | DFA   | ESF   |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| <b>Through September 30, 2003</b>     |        |       |       |
| Obligations                           | 12,863 | 2,215 | 800   |
| Expenditures                          | 9,718  | 2,215 | 469   |
| Unliquidated                          | 3,145  | 0     | 331   |
| <b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>               |        |       |       |
| Obligations                           | 1,900  | 0     | 0     |
| Expenditures                          | 1,226  | 0     | 308   |
| <b>Through September 30, 2004</b>     |        |       |       |
| Obligations                           | 14,763 | 2,215 | 800   |
| Expenditures                          | 10,944 | 2,215 | 777   |
| Unliquidated                          | 3,819  | 0     | 23    |
| <b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>   |        |       |       |
| Obligations                           | 0      | 0     | 300   |
| <b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>   |        |       |       |
| Obligations                           | 0      | 0     | 0     |
| <b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b> |        |       |       |
| Obligations                           | 0      | 0     | 300   |
| <b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>  |        |       |       |
| Obligations                           | 1,579  | 0     | 0     |
| Future Obligations                    | 0      | 0     | 0     |
| Est. Total Cost                       | 16,342 | 2,215 | 1,100 |