

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Georgia
<b>Program Title:</b>	Program Support
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	114-0420
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$6,780,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$1,328,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:</b>	\$5,579,000 FSA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2004
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2008

**Summary:** Activities contribute to the achievement of the overall U.S. mission and USAID goals and objectives. Efforts include short- and long-term training targeting Georgians in the public, private, and civil society sectors. The priority, however, is to enhance the human and institutional capabilities of the Government of Georgia (GoG) as it continues its ambitious reform agenda. Another activity is a grass-roots exchange program to build stronger ties between Americans and Georgians. Small grants programs not only help build these links, but also support non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and targeted government agencies to better deal with the issues affecting local communities. Grant support for regional cooperation aims to build and expand links between NGOs and professional associations to deal with cross-border problems. This objective also underpins the overall USAID program through the provision of program-related short- and long-term personnel, assessments and evaluations, and administrative and logistics support.

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

#### **FY 2006 Program:**

Program Support (\$3,010,000 FSA, \$979,502 FSA carryover; \$348,292 FSA prior year recoveries). Through U.S. local community organizations, Georgian entrepreneurs and professionals will be hosted and receive three- to five-week training programs tailored to their professional and business interests. In FY 2006, seven business and professional groups totaling approximately 70 participants will visit the United States in this grass-roots exchange program. Priority themes will be selected in coordination with the U.S. Embassy and tailored to support business and professional development. Themes include, but are not limited to, support to small- and medium-sized businesses, NGO strengthening, and development of the arts and crafts industry. Principal contractors and grantees: World Learning (prime) and Project Harmony (sub). This component also includes USAID program support staff salaries, benefits and training; assessments, evaluations and audits; and administrative expenses, such as office rent, utilities, and maintenance.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,270,000 FSA). The Eurasia Foundation (EF) will continue activities that will include, for example, public monitoring of tax code implementation, public and private measures to fight corruption, media oversight of the government, and enhancement of public-private dialogue of issues of national significance. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of youth into the country's social, economic, and political structures. Support to civil service and governmental reforms will target specific ministries, e.g., Justice, Education, Health, expected to have the largest impact. Grants will also be awarded to public policy institutions and NGOs to help target assistance to ethnic minorities in Kvemo Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti. The South Caucasus Cooperation Program (SCCP) will continue to build bonds and expand contacts among professional associations and NGOs in Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia. To increase public participation in policy formulation and implementation, SCCP will convene regional fora to address topics such as reform of media legislation and higher education, and simplification of business start-up procedures. In addition, SCCP will award grants to increase civil society participation in cross-border water resource management and policy development. Principal contractors and grantees: Eurasia Foundation.

USAID will also extend the impact of the Peace Corps' presence through small grants, overseen by volunteers, which will assist local communities and organizations. The focus is on low-cost, grassroots sustainable development efforts, including the protection of human health and the environment, and the integration of women into the economic and social development of their communities. Principal agency: Peace Corps.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$1,500,000 FSA). The participant training program contributes to the human capacity and institutional development needed to continue progress on a range of major GoG reforms. Private sector and various civil society participants will also be supported where self-financing is not possible and the training results are expected to have a favorable impact on development. USAID will ensure that training is applied in the workplace through the facilitation of in-country, post-training events. Returned participants will be encouraged to multiply the training results by sharing experiences with co-workers and others. USAID will implement training where there are critical skill and knowledge deficiencies or performance gaps among local partners. Principal contractors and grantees: World Learning.

**FY 2007 Program:**

Program Support (\$2,088,000 FSA). Through local community host organizations in the United States, Georgians from all levels of society will continue to be provided multi-week training programs. Principal contractors and grantees: Academy for Educational Development (prime) and Project Harmony (sub). USAID also will provide needed evaluative, personnel, logistical, and administrative support for the program.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,991,000 FSA). USAID will continue support for EF's in-country and regional programs. These principally support local communities and NGOs. Each annual operating plan will be based on past performance and progress. USAID will consider support to a Georgian NGO to subsume EF's responsibilities upon its eventual phase-out. Such support, if approved, will be provided under another program. In addition, USAID will continue small grant support to Peace Corps' volunteers in local communities. These will support low-cost, small-scale efforts to favorably impact on, inter alia, economic and agricultural development, the protection of human health and the environment, and an enhanced societal and economic role for women. Principal contractors and grantees: Eurasia Foundation and Peace Corps.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$1,500,000 FSA). To assist with further human capacity and institutional development efforts to advance the GoG's reform agenda, USAID will continue to provide for targeted short- and long-term training.

**Performance and Results:** The participant training program developed and strengthened skills through targeted short- and long-term training. A total of 51 programs (including 19 in-country, 15 U.S.-based, and 17 in third-countries) were carried out in FY 2005. Nine hundred eighty-nine Georgians from civil society, the private sector, and the GoG were trained in areas such as democracy and governance, the environment, and health. An annual action plan was developed and included extending the results by encouraging returnees to teach the skills learned to co-workers. Women accounted for 49% of the trainees. USAID subsumed responsibility for the Community Connections program in late FY 2005 and it will continue to help develop and strengthen the bonds between U.S. and Georgian people. Support was also continued for EF and its SCCP. For FY 2005, highlights resulting from 33 EF grant awards included support for public administration reform, enhanced independence for independent media outlets, and aid to a NGO anti-corruption watchdog initiative. Notable among the SCCP grants were: Crossroads, a weekly television news program broadcast in Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia; and, a project to protect regional water systems. Under its small grants support with the Peace Corps, USAID aided efforts such as the case of a volunteer who, working with NGO counterparts, designed camps at which 60 youth gained greater confidence and developed leadership and team building skills.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Georgia

	ESF	FSA
114-0420 Program Support		
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	229	36,053
Expenditures	229	29,810
Unliquidated	0	6,243
<b>Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	0	5,575
Expenditures	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2005</b>		
Obligations	229	41,628
Expenditures	229	29,810
Unliquidated	0	11,818
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	1,328
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	6,780
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006</b>		
Obligations	0	8,108
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	5,579
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	229	55,315