

Rwanda Program Summary

The two-year, \$24.7 million program with Rwanda will strengthen civic participation and promote civil liberties and rights by providing training, technical support and grants to local and national civil society organizations, offering training on election monitoring and voter education and supporting independent community radio stations to enhance citizen engagement. The program will also reinforce Rwanda’s efforts to support judicial capacity building, legislative reforms and improve overall public administration. Finally, the program will provide training and technical assistance to journalists as well as the Rwandan National Police in an effort to increase transparency.

Threshold Status	
Status.....	Implementation, Year 1
Threshold Information	
Total Amount.....	\$24.7 million
Agreement Signed.....	October 15, 2008
Country Information	
Population.....	9,464,241*
GNI Per Capita Income.....	\$320*

Program Highlights

- ★ The process for selecting implementers is ongoing, with contracts expected to be awarded in the coming months. Each government Ministry that will be involved in the threshold program has appointed a liaison, which will facilitate communication regarding procuring and implementing threshold program activities.
- ★ The Rwandan Cabinet approved the establishment of the Law Reform Commission, which will review and undertake to reform existing laws. The Commission will be a beneficiary of the threshold program justice sector capacity building activity.
- ★ The MCC threshold program team actively participated in several donor coordination meetings in the governance sector (specifically regarding the judiciary and local government). This investment in time assures that the implementation of the Rwanda threshold program is closely coordinated with related donor initiatives.

*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005