

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Paraguay
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	526-008
Status:	New in FY 2007
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$1,830,000 DA; \$2,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2007
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2011

Summary: The democracy and governance program will address the extremely high level of corruption, government ineffectiveness and poor rule of law. Anticorruption will be the cornerstone of the democracy program, working with both government and nongovernmental institutions to reduce corruption in key sectors. USAID will promote judicial independence, strengthen transparency and accountability in key government institutions, support greater access to public information, and increase civil society oversight. USAID will also strengthen local government institutions, practices, capacity and functions to replace the discredited, corrupt past practices, so that good policies and governance are institutionalized. In addition, USAID will build the capacity of political parties to govern responsibly in elected positions in national, regional and local level government.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

No obligations are planned in FY 2006 as the program will begin in FY 2007.

FY 2007 Program:

Promote And Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to provide technical assistance in promoting broad anticorruption efforts in such areas as, transparency and accountability in the justice sector, greater access to public information, civil society oversight, and tracking and monitoring of corruption cases. Prime implementer: to be determined.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID intends to provide technical assistance and training to political parties to promote public sector accountability and good governance practices to challenge the existing patronage system. Emphasis may be on building political party capacity so that technically qualified people have access to increasingly higher party positions, government positions, or elected offices based on merit. Political party finance reform may also be supported. Prime implementer: to be determined.

Strengthen Justice Sector (\$830,000 DA). USAID plans to provide technical assistance to strengthen such institutions as the Supreme Court, Public Ministry, Controllers Office, and the Council of Magistrates in coordination with civil society to promote transparency, fight corruption, promote judicial independence, and strengthen the rule of law. Prime implementer: to be determined.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID plans to expand the number of local governments implementing good governance practices by evaluating governance performance against independent, objectively verifiable municipal performance indicators specific to Paraguay. Indicator results may be used to determine where to provide technical assistance, to promote transfers and coordination by central government actors, and to

promote specific local projects. In addition, a local database on municipalities' performance will be developed to promote competition and provide citizens access to municipal performance information. Support may be provided to help expand local development and economic growth by working with the private sector, local entities, international donors, and other actors through the Global Development Alliance. Prime implementer: Alter Vida.

Performance and Results: This program will begin in FY 2007. By the end of the program, corruption will have been decreased and the rule of law and government effectiveness improved.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Paraguay

526-008 Democracy and Governance	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	1,830	2,000
Future Obligations	8,000	8,000
Est. Total Cost	9,830	10,000