

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Haiti
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	521-005
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$2,900,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,000,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2002
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2005

Summary: USAID continues to promote democracy in Haiti by strengthening the capabilities of civil society advocacy organizations, the independent media, judicial reform and human rights organizations to resist authoritarian tendencies and fight corruption. In addition to empowering various elements of Haitian civil society, USAID is working to raise awareness through advocacy, and to improve the situation of children in domesticity (restavek) and victims of torture.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Civil Society organizations positively influence policies (\$1,500,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance, equipment and training to build the capacity of the 36-station community radio network established under the independent media program, to improve the understanding of journalists of democracy and civil rights, and to strengthen their ability to advocate for freedom of the press. Continued support to media and civil society organizations will enable them to serve as community “watchdogs” for democracy. USAID will continue to support grassroots organizations to develop civic and self-help projects. These programs will serve as a model for new citizen-state relationships. To raise awareness about the devastating effects of corruption in Haiti, USAID will continue to support the anti-corruption and public awareness of NGOs engaged in this sector through through workshops, training, and conferences. Principal Contractors: Creative Associates Inc., and the National Democratic Institute.

Judicial Reform and Human Rights (\$1,400,000 DA). USAID will continue its rule of law and human rights activities. A USAID-funded, newly established human rights hotline provides the political space for victims to disclose human rights abuses resulting in greater transparency or misconduct by government actors. In addition to attacking the pervasive issue of impunity in Haiti, this information also informs the international community and local human rights organizations. USAID will build upon partnerships with multilateral, international and civil society organizations and local communities to combat Trafficking in Persons, especially the deplorable condition of children in domesticity (restavek) in Haiti. This effort is part of the Cross-border Initiative in partnership with the Dominican Republic for the improvement of the conditions of Haitian children victimized in the Dominican Republic. USAID will provide support to victims of organized violence and other victims of human rights abuses through a grant to an umbrella organization developing a solid network of direct assistance to victims. Activities will focus on rehabilitation, education campaigns, training, research and documentation of abuses. Principal Grantees: International Foundation for Electoral Systems, and Panamerican Development Foundation.

FY 2005 Program:

Civil Society (\$1,500,000 DA). USAID will continue to promote an independent media and support civil society efforts to stem authoritarian rule. In the event of an election, support activities such as voter education, quick counts, political party strengthening and assistance for candidate debates would be among the programs supported by USAID. Principal Implementer: To be determined.

Judicial Reform and Human Rights (\$1,500,000 DA). USAID will continue to promote a judicial reform and human rights agenda, support anti-corruption activities and promote increased community participation and self-help activities this area. Principal Implementer: To be determined.

Performance and Results: USAID democracy building efforts continue to build momentum for change within Haitian civil society. Although overshadowed by the debilitating political stalemate between Haiti's ruling LAVALAS political party and its opponents, Haitian civil society has made remarkable progress with USAID support for independent media and community radio, judicial reform, and grassroots democratic organization. Although repressed (sometimes violently) by the government, independent media actors and individual journalists exercised their right to free speech on more than 70 occasions. Since FY2002, a striking number of coalitions, associations and federations have emerged as advocates for change in Haitian social and political affairs. The USAID/Haiti independent media program has established a national network of 36 community radio stations, and - coupled with civic education and advocacy training for journalists - built a stronger, more unified community of journalist advocates for democracy and free press. Human rights and judicial reform organizations have firmly denounced Executive Branch abuses of the judiciary, and established a public human rights hotline to better document abuse and reduce the problem of impunity.

By program completion, civil society organizations will have been strengthened, better informed and organized to engage with the government to advocate and positively influence policies at the local and national level. Political parties will be strengthened, thus laying the groundwork for more credible elections. Finally, constituency building for judicial reform and human rights will result in a mitigation of the effects and a reduction in child domesticity, and in general citizens treated more in accordance with the rule of law.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Haiti

521-005 Democracy and Governance	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	32,602	70,580
Expenditures	32,353	64,555
Unliquidated	249	6,025
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	3,059	-6
Expenditures	426	4,702
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	35,661	70,574
Expenditures	32,779	69,257
Unliquidated	2,882	1,317
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	2,900	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	2,900	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	2,347	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	40,908	70,574