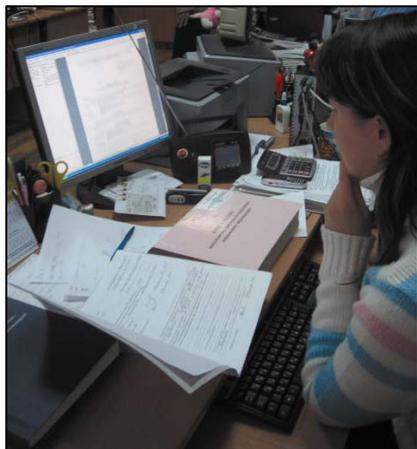




## COUNTRY PROFILE

MAY 2009



*Ukraine has long been plagued by allegations of fraud in its judicial system. To combat corruption, the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice ordered the creation of an electronic Unified State Registry of Judicial Enforcements. With USAID support, the registry is quickly becoming a success story in Ukraine's legal reform. For the first time, legal entities and private individuals are able to access a computerized database containing current and past judicial enforcement cases handled by the State Enforcement Service to monitor how a case is being enforced after a judgment has been issued.*

### UKRAINE SNAPSHOT

Date of independence:  
August 24, 1991  
Capital: Kyiv  
Population: 46.3 million  
GDP per person: \$7,800

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### OVERVIEW

Ukraine plays a key role in U.S. foreign policy objectives due to its strategic position between Europe and Eurasia and its importance for regional stability.



**Kyiv**

The U.S. is committed to helping Ukraine achieve social and economic security, and supports its goal of joining NATO and the European Union (EU). Since 1992, USAID has devoted more than \$1.6 billion to Ukraine. Today, USAID programs primarily focus on good governance, economic growth, strengthened health services, and anti-corruption.

### PROGRAMS

#### STRENGTHENING GOOD GOVERNANCE

The period following the Orange Revolution has been marked by political turbulence and slow progress on reforms. However, some successes are clearly visible. Civil society voices are increasingly heard, corruption awareness is growing, and the media is largely free of state censorship. USAID works with the Ukrainian parliament to improve the legislative process and increase public accountability. It helps local governments upgrade services and manage programs. It supports Ukraine's commitment to the rule of law by increasing judicial transparency, accountability, and access to justice through support for legal clinics, judicial reform initiatives, improved court automation, and court monitoring.

Further, USAID assists nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) broaden and deepen their influence in policy- and decision-making processes. USAID assists independent media through support for media monitoring, "watchdog" activities, and training to enhance their effectiveness, professionalism, and prospects for long-term sustainability. Finally, USAID strengthens political parties and provides targeted support to ensure free and fair elections.

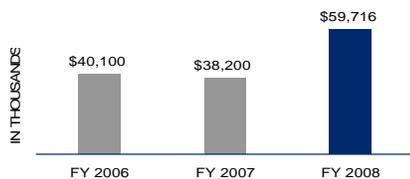
#### SUPPORTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET REFORM

The 2008 global economic crisis unveiled Ukraine's lack of reform, precipitating balance of payments, currency, and banking crises. Ukraine's short-term economic outlook is bleak, with predictions that GDP could decrease by 10 percent in 2009. USAID will support the \$20 billion, multi-donor recapitalization of Ukraine's banking sector specifically addressing

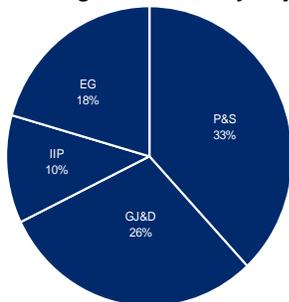


## COUNTRY PROFILE CONTINUED

### USAID ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE



### FY 2008 Budget Allocation by Objective



Peace & Security: \$19,789,000  
 Governing Justly & Democratically:  
 \$15,783,000  
 Investing In People: \$10,919,000  
 Economic Growth: \$11,475,000

Based on FY 2008 Freedom Support Act and Child Survival and Health funds.

the legal, regulatory, and institutional deficiencies. USAID will similarly assist in diversifying Ukraine's pay-as-you-go pension system, a leading contributor to the country's budget crisis.

USAID will also sustain Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration by helping the government and private sector realize benefits from, and comply with, World Trade Organization requirements, as well as look toward a future Free Trade Agreement with the EU. Furthermore, USAID will support improvements in Ukraine's business climate, currently ranked 145 out of 181 countries, according to the World Bank. USAID will work to unleash higher agricultural productivity and contribute to the resolution of the world food crisis by modernizing agricultural laws and creating a viable land market. USAID will also focus more intensely on reducing Ukraine's energy dependence through greater energy efficiency.

USAID's economic assistance will focus on Crimea – a semi-autonomous peninsula and home to Russia's Black Sea Fleet – so that development will help entrench the region as an inseparable part of a modern Ukraine.

### WORKING TOWARD A HEALTHIER UKRAINE

With HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) rates on the rise, USAID works to contain these epidemics and alleviate their impact by reaching out to high-risk groups. USAID supports implementation of proven practices in TB control and prevention of drug-resistant TB, works to improve access to TB/HIV co-infection diagnosis and treatment, builds a policy environment that increases access to quality services, and strengthens the capacity of public organizations and NGOs to plan, deliver, and manage national HIV/AIDS and TB programs.

USAID supports Ukraine's efforts to increase the availability of modern family planning methods and improve the quality of maternal and infant health services. USAID is also assisting in improving the lives of orphans and vulnerable children and reforming child welfare systems through the development of family-based care models that serve as alternatives to institutionalization. Finally, USAID works with government officials and communities to build capabilities to respond to future outbreaks.

### COMBATING CORRUPTION

While USAID has incorporated anti-corruption measures throughout its programs, it has also been implementing a two-year, \$45 million Millennium Challenge Corporation Threshold Country Program focused on combating corruption in the public sector.

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