



COUNTRY PROFILE

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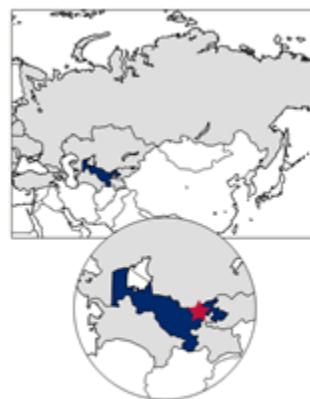


Children like Jasur Tursunaliev, who has cerebral palsy, are routinely turned away by Uzbek schools which are not equipped to provide for special needs. Fortunately for Jasur, his local Community Education Committee, established through a USAID education program, was ready to help. Jasur was connected to other students who taught him to read and write, and the committee successfully lobbied for his school admission. A wheelchair from USAID helped the new student get around with confidence.

"I dream that my son will find his place in life and become a worthy man," says Jasur's mother, who holds great hopes for her son's future.

OVERVIEW

Uzbekistan's relatively large population, strategic location north of Afghanistan, and extensive natural resources (which include gold, uranium, natural gas, and agricultural land) make it a potential force for economic growth and stability in the Central Asian region.



Tashkent

Uzbekistan is also the only Central Asian country that shares borders with all other Central Asia nations, as well as Afghanistan. Development of an independent, stable, prosperous, and democratic Central Asia is vital, and Uzbekistan, as the most populous country and the geographic and strategic center of Central Asia, plays a pivotal role in the region. The Government of Uzbekistan has moved steadily toward a market system and has made certain progress controlling inflation and budget deficits, but some structural reforms are still needed. The USAID program in Uzbekistan supports economic reforms, public health, agriculture, and civil society.

PROGRAMS

SUPPORTING AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

USAID assistance focuses on support for farmers and accounting training. To increase incomes for farmers, USAID's program is helping agricultural products reach their markets, assists to improve storage, transportation, and packaging of agricultural goods. Farmers also receive support to manage irrigation networks in the regions of Djizak, Bukhara, Samarkand, and Namangan. Accountants and accounting professors receive training in accounting, auditing, and financial management and have an opportunity to take internationally-recognized accounting certification exams.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY, PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

USAID provides technical assistance for the nationwide roll-out of activities related to high-quality primary health care, evidence-based medicine, and per-capita financing. Programs train health providers on facility supervision, clinical protocols, antenatal care, delivery management, and integrated management of childhood illnesses, as well as support health promotion at the community level. USAID assists with implementation of the Directly Observed Treatment Short-course (DOTS) strategy for tu-

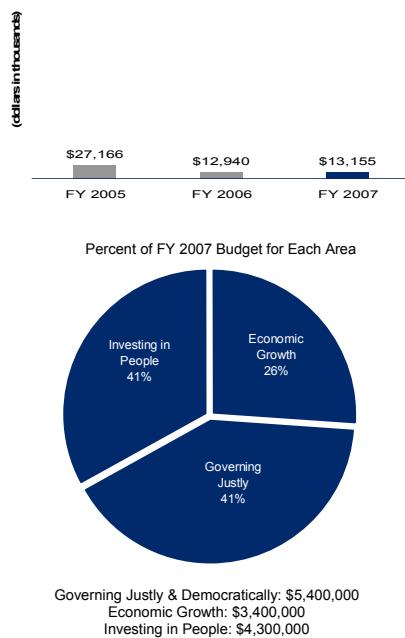
UZBEKISTAN SNAPSHOT

Date of independence:
September 1, 1991
Capital: Tashkent
Population: 26.7 million
GDP per person: \$670

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USAID ASSISTANCE TO UZBEKISTAN



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erculosis (TB) control, including electronic surveillance activities and improvement of TB laboratory capacities. USAID supports the Government of Uzbekistan in implementing an HIV grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria and trains health professionals in counseling, testing, and HIV/AIDS treatment. Officials are trained on the utilization of HIV surveillance data for programmatic and policy decision making. Support for a Youth Power Center network aims to prevent drug use by vulnerable young people. USAID also supports the Government of Uzbekistan's efforts to combat avian influenza.

PROMOTING A MORE ACTIVE CITIZENRY

USAID supports the development of civil society, increased human rights protection, anti-trafficking activities, and a variety of other activities.