

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Eurasia Regional
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	110-0200
Status:	Program Support Objective
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$424,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,027,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2010

Summary: USAID regional activities provide analysis and strategic programs that cannot be funded easily within single country programs as well as providing assistance for individual USAID Missions. Programs include regional work in strengthening civil society and independent media, free and fair elections and strengthened democratic political parties, rule of law and anticorruption, decentralized governance and strengthened local governance.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Civil Society (\$174,000 FSA). The NGO Legal Reform Initiative will continue to share law lessons regarding non-governmental organizations (NGOs) between Europe and Eurasia. An eighth edition of the NGO Sustainability Index (NGOSI) will be published. Each year, these materials serve as a vital analytic resource for USAID as well as being available to external organizations. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them share lessons learned, develop approaches and tools to promote NGO sector sustainability, and to foster ethnic and religious tolerance in a region still contending with ethnic and religious tensions and potential for conflict. Grantee: International Center for Not-for-profit Law (ICNL) (prime).

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$200,000 FSA). The Regional Media Program strengthens independent print and broadcast media in the region by creating linkages between journalists and other media professionals throughout the region and encouraging coverage of issues of regional importance. FY 2005 priorities include encouraging more cross-border and regional investigative reporting; monitoring media legal issues, including the drafting and implementation of media laws; defining best practices in media development; and assessing and ranking media systems in the region through the Media Sustainability Index (MSI). Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them develop approaches and tools to promote the development of sustainable, independent media. Grantee: The International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) (prime).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$50,000 FSA). Work in this sector includes technical assistance to encourage decentralization of national government power and resources and development of responsive local government able to provide appropriate services to the citizenry. Technical assistance also will be provided to strengthen democratic political parties and to promote and support free and fair elections as a means of arriving at just democratic governance. The eighth edition of Nations in Transit (NIT) will be published, measuring democratic reform throughout the region and contributing to an understanding of the programming challenges and development of appropriate strategies by USAID. Grantee: Freedom House (prime).

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework. USAID provides limited funds for advisors to provide organizational development assistance to key legal reform partner NGOs in Eurasia. USAID support to Eurasia missions includes assessments, strategy advice, workshops, and program design assistance to support regional and mission rule of law and anti-corruption objectives.

Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners and a workshop will be held to help devise appropriate initiatives for promoting and supporting justice sector institutions and anti-corruption reforms and protecting human rights and equal access to justice. Grantee: American Bar Association/Central Europe and Eurasia Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) and to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Strengthen Civil Society (\$305,000 FSA). A ninth edition of NGOSI will be published. Each year, these materials serve as a vital analytic resource for the agency and its Missions as well as being available to external organizations. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them develop approaches and tools to promote NGO sector sustainability and to foster ethnic and religious tolerance in a region still contending with ethnic and religious tensions and potential for conflict. Grantee: ICNL (prime).

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$275,000 FSA). The Regional Media Program will continue to support regional and cross-border media development activities, creating linkages between journalists in different countries. USAID will increase support to cross-border issues, including investigative reporting of trafficking in persons, and other organized criminal activities. The MSI and media conference will also be supported, creating valuable resources for journalists from around the region. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them develop approaches and tools to promote the development of sustainable, independent media. Grantee: IREX (prime).

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$292,000 FSA). Work in this sector includes technical assistance to encourage decentralization of national government power and resources and development of responsive local government able to provide appropriate services to the citizenry. Technical assistance also will be provided to strengthen democratic political parties and to promote and support free and fair elections as a means of arriving at just democratic governance. The ninth edition of NIT will be published, measuring democratic reform throughout the region and contributing to understanding of the programming challenges and development of appropriate strategies by USAID. Grantee: Freedom House (prime).

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$155,000 FSA). USAID support to Eurasia missions includes assessments, strategy advice, workshops, and program design assistance to support regional and mission rule of law and anti-corruption objectives. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them devise appropriate initiatives for promoting and supporting justice sector institutions and anti-corruption reforms and protecting human rights and equal access to justice. Contractor: various.

Performance and Results: The seventh editions of the NGOSI and NIT were published. The fourth edition of the MSI was published. These publications all proved useful in projecting countries' progress and planning USG initiatives for democratic development in the region and the appropriate length of time for engagement. Twelve regional anti-corruption television shows were produced for the region; and an anti-corruption website and news agency project have been expanded regionally. Through the justice sector strengthening activity, ABA/CEELI provided organizational development assistance to legal reform partner NGOs in Eurasia. USAID assistance, including activity and design and legal assessment, helped to support Georgia's embrace of stronger democratic practices following the Rose Revolution.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Eurasia Regional

110-0200 Democracy and Governance	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	424
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	424
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	1,027
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	1,451