

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Bolivia
Program Title:	Democracy
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	511-007
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$4,464,000 ACI; \$2,096,000 DA; \$2,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,000,000 ACI; \$2,773,000 DA; \$3,050,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: USAID's program will increase confidence in Bolivia's democratic institutions and processes. The program provides technical assistance and training in order that: 1) justice sector institutions are more transparent, efficient, and accessible; 2) political representatives are more responsive to citizen demands; 3) local governments are more effective and efficient in responding to increased citizen demands; and 4) anticorruption efforts yield more transparent and effective government. State presence will be increased, especially in the Chapare and Yungas regions where illicit coca is grown.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$306,000 DA, \$550,000 ESF). Using DA, USAID will provide technical assistance in the analysis of issues to be discussed during the Constituent Assembly in reform of the Bolivian constitution. USAID will support the Congress in research, bill drafting, and discussion of key legislation. Assistance will be provided to newly formed citizen groups and indigenous communities that now participate in elections. Citizen education for democracy will continue, particularly aimed at high school students. Using ESF, USAID will work through a local nongovernmental organization (NGO) to: 1) consolidate and expand assistance to indigenous leaders within civil society organizations, focusing on conflict-prone regions; 2) enhance the participation of indigenous leaders in democratic processes; and 3) increase the understanding of emerging civil society indigenous leaders about political, economic, and social issues. ESF will also be used to complete two national democratic values surveys to assess the state of Bolivia's democracy as perceived by its citizenry, particularly in light of ongoing political and social instability around the country. These surveys will be used to help ensure that appropriate strategies are implemented by the U.S. Government. Survey results are also publicized to the broader Bolivian public. Implementing entities to be determined.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,100,000 DA). Technical assistance and training will strengthen municipal management, increase local revenue collection, and improve basic service provision and planning capacity in non-coca growing areas of Bolivia. The participatory municipal governance model will be expanded to include women and other under-represented groups and will be implemented in selected municipalities, with emphasis on economic development. The prime contractor is the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$640,000 DA, \$1,450,000 ESF). DA will be used to fund technical assistance and training to replicate justice centers in non-coca growing, underserved areas of Bolivia. ESF will be used to support civil society organizations in monitoring and reporting on justice sector reform, including implementation of the Code of Criminal Procedures and the transparent appointment of court officials. Implementing entity to be determined.

Develop and Expand Alternative Development (\$4,464,000 ACI). Technical assistance and training will be provided to strengthen justice sector institutions, create the capacity within the Government of Bolivia to investigate and prosecute public corruption, strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations to create a solid base for advocacy for justice and other democratic reforms, and to strengthen local governance. USAID will also provide technical assistance and training to Congress, the Judiciary and universities to undertake commercial and administrative law reform. Anticorruption activities will include support for task forces to prosecute high profile corruption cases including narco-trafficking related cases such as money laundering. Activities are aimed at increasing the presence of the state and the responsiveness of government and community organization to address the needs of people living in coca growing and associated areas. Prime contractors and grantees are Partners of the Americas, ICMA, Casals and Associates, and others to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Promote and Support Anticorruption Reforms (\$123,000 DA). USAID plans to consolidate and replicate special Bolivian Government task forces created to help in the investigation and prosecution of major corruption cases. Implementing entity to be determined.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$2,650,000 DA, \$1,050,000 ESF). Using DA, USAID plans to provide technical assistance and training to strengthen municipal management, increase local revenue collection, and improve basic service provision and planning capacity in non-coca growing areas of Bolivia. ESF is planned to be used to further expand and consolidate the participatory municipal governance model in additional municipalities, working with civil society and community groups. Prime contractors are ICMA and the Municipal Association Federation (a local organization).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to provide technical assistance in revising regulations to improve legislative functions and to assist political parties and/or citizen groups that demonstrate potential as long-term actors and show the political will to modernize. Implementing entity to be determined.

Develop and Expand Alternative Development (\$3,000,000 ACI). USAID plans to continue providing technical assistance to consolidate criminal justice system reforms, including commercial, administrative and civil reforms. Technical assistance and training is planned to enhance access to justice through continued support for integrated justice centers in the most conflictive and remote areas of the country, including the Yungas and Chapare regions where illicit coca is grown. Technical assistance to civil society organizations will expand a solid domestic base for wider and more sustainable civil society advocacy capacity to promote justice and other democratic reforms. Activities are aimed at providing strong government presence involving citizen participation to counter the negative effects that illicit activities have on democracy. Implementing entity to be determined.

Performance and Results: USAID's assistance has reduced the average length of criminal trials from seven to 18 months and the average cost from \$2,400 to \$600. Eight justice centers are providing conflict resolution and other justice services to underserved populations. USAID is assisting municipal governments to increase transparency and social inclusion in their management processes and promote economic development more effectively. Assistance was provided to the Congress in drafting and approval of legislation aimed at enacting new participatory initiatives, and constituent outreach mechanisms have been developed. A political party strengthening activity successfully involved all parties and several citizen groups that are participating in elections for the first time. A manual on democratic values for high school students was approved by the Ministry of Education. USAID also assisted in the establishment of task forces in three districts of the country to investigate and prosecute corruption cases. With the completion of this program, key Bolivian Government institutions will operate more effectively and transparently, and be more responsive to legitimate citizen demands. Citizens will have a much greater confidence in their political system and institutions of government. State presence

will have increased, especially in the Chapare and Yungas regions where illicit coca is grown.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Bolivia

511-007 Democracy	ACI	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0	0
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	3,480	1,684	400
Expenditures	0	0	0
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	3,480	1,684	400
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	3,480	1,684	400
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	4,464	2,096	2,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	4,464	2,096	2,000
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	3,000	2,773	3,050
Future Obligations	10,500	7,500	13,000
Est. Total Cost	21,444	14,053	18,450