

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	India
Program Title:	Education/Equity
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	386-017
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,504,000 DA; \$2,450,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$530,000 DA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$2,374,000 DA; \$2,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's education program works with Indian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and state governments to reach vulnerable children. Interventions include transition programs, teaching quality and school infrastructure improvements, and campaigns that increase community support for education. USAID's justice program focuses on improving women's legal literacy, increasing the availability of legal aid and counseling services, developing community based mechanisms of dispute resolution and rights' protection, and strengthening legal sector performance on gender issues.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education (\$2,178,000 DA; \$2,250,000 ESF; \$30,000 DA Prior Year Unobligated). USAID activities are continuing to support the Government of India's (GOI's) "Education for All" goals of ensuring universal access to quality primary education. USAID is increasing the capacity of more than 100 local NGOs to place India's most vulnerable children into formal schools. USAID is collaborating with state governments and NGOs to deploy interactive communications and information technology to help teachers teach difficult concepts and improve students' learning. During FY 2006, USAID's education activities will benefit more than 13 million in-school and 28,000 out-of-school children. Approximately 160,800 teachers and 5,500 administrators will be trained, and 23 new grants will be awarded to NGOs to provide access to education for out-of-school children in target areas. Principal Implementers: the American Institutes for Research and the Education Development Center (EDC).

Protect Human Rights (\$326,000 DA; \$200,000 ESF; \$500,000 DA Prior Year Unobligated). In FY 2006, USAID is conducting legal counseling, workshops, and promotional outreach to improve 50,000 people's understanding of human rights. The program is training judges and prosecutors in Karnataka and Rajasthan and medical officers in Karnataka on violence against women, allowing more effective prosecutions. USAID is expanding legal literacy training and strengthening the provision of legal services for community-based organizations that work with vulnerable groups. USAID is opening four additional counseling centers and strengthening the capacity of the 36 centers established in the last two years. The program is extending the outreach of paralegals and lawyers, introducing help desks in the state of Karnataka's Family Courts, and ensuring the implementation of the laws related to sex-determination testing and sex-selective abortion in Rajasthan. The program is using community-based approaches to mitigate violence against women, including sex-selective abortion, in target communities. USAID is working on a Muslim Women's Initiative that expands awareness in Muslim communities on women's rights under religious and civil laws and creates a national network of Muslim women's NGOs. USAID is also employing capacity building and technical assistance to support the advocacy efforts of WomenPowerConnect (WPC). This support will reinforce WPC's efforts to implement the country's new domestic violence law and its goal of reserving 33% of the seats in Parliament for women. Research on the widespread practice of aborting female fetuses will conclude and provide insights into the status of implementation and enforcement of laws regarding sex-selective abortions. Outreach to communities to raise awareness is underway. Principal Implementer: International Foundation for Elections Systems (IFES).

FY 2007 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education (\$2,000,000 DA; \$1,730,000 ESF). USAID plans to continue to support the GOI's "Education for All" goals of ensuring universal access to quality primary education. USAID programs will increase the capacity of local NGOs to place India's most vulnerable children into formal schools. USAID will collaborate with state governments and NGOs to deploy interactive communications and information technology to help teachers teach difficult concepts and to improve students' learning. Principal Implementers: the American Institutes for Research, the United Nations Children's Fund, and EDC.

Improve Quality of Workforce through Vocational/Technical Education (\$500,000 ESF). USAID plans to start a new activity in FY 2007 that will bridge the gap between employer needs and the skill sets imparted by vocational training institutions. Efforts will target growing sectors of the economy -- ones that suffer from skill shortages and offer an array of jobs, some of which are suitable for less well educated youth. Possible sectors might be construction (skilled workers such as masons and electricians are in very short supply), retail marketing, information technology, and rural banking. Opportunities to collaborate with the private and public sectors to advance new models of workplace skill provision and certification, particularly for poor urban Muslim students and urban migrants, will be explored. Principal Implementer: To Be Determined.

Protect Human Rights (\$374,000 DA; \$270,000 ESF). USAID will continue to strengthen the establishment of legal aid/counseling centers for women. Training for community leaders, religious personnel, and formal legal sector personnel will expand. USAID will employ capacity building and technical assistance to reinforce WPC's efforts to implement the country's new domestic violence law and its goal of reserving 33% of the seats in Parliament for women. USAID plans to expand its program researching and analyzing issues relevant to women's rights. The program will also conduct communications outreach to increase the knowledge and skills of justice system personnel in laws regarding violence against women, divorce and maintenance settlements, and women's property rights. Principal Implementer: IFES.

Performance and Results: USAID's support to madrassas (Islamic-run schools) in Andhra Pradesh increased enrollment in formal academic education and brought students (especially girls), who had previously dropped out, back to school. The program, which focuses on access of vulnerable children to quality education, introduced or reintroduced 32,000 children to education. Under the school health and hygiene program, more than 600,000 children learned good health and hygiene practices. The educational technology activity resulted in 85,000 vulnerable students in three states benefiting from interactive radio instruction in various subjects. USAID increased the availability of counseling, mediation, and legal aid services for women in two Indian states, creating 32 counseling centers, strengthening the four existing centers, and assisting over 30,000 women. To improve access to justice, USAID assembled a coalition of women's groups to build support for the creation of a permanent advocacy entity. This resulted in the creation of WPC, played a crucial role in passing the country's new domestic violence legislation, and supported the GOI's institutionalization of gender-just budgeting. By the end of FY 2007, USAID will accomplish the following results: vulnerable children, especially out-of-school youth and girls, will have greater opportunities for quality education; formal and alternative school capacity for enrollment and retention of vulnerable children, especially girls, will be strengthened; public awareness of the problems and rights of targeted vulnerable groups will be increased; advocacy for the expansion and protection of women's rights will be strengthened; the availability of legal services for women will be increased; and life skills and livelihood development support services for vulnerable groups and the victims of trafficking and domestic violence will be improved.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

India

	DA	ESF
386-017 Education/Equity		
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	12,316	8,912
Expenditures	1,836	961
Unliquidated	10,480	7,951
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	3,670	5,380
Expenditures	4,529	6,489
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	15,986	14,292
Expenditures	6,365	7,450
Unliquidated	9,621	6,842
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	530	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,504	2,450
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	3,034	2,450
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	2,374	2,500
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	21,394	19,242