

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Guatemala
Program Title:	Ruling Justly
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	520-021
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,485,000 DA; \$4,455,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$3,091,000 DA; \$3,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: This Strategic Objective (SO) works with the Government of Guatemala (GOG) and private sector to increase transparency and reduce corruption, prepare for the 2007 general elections, prevent crime, protect human rights, reform the justice sector, increase responsiveness and accountability by local governments, enhance participation by citizens in local decision-making, and reach out to youth at risk.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$693,000 DA, \$817,000 ESF). USAID provides technical assistance and training to key state institutions and provides grants to selected non-governmental organizations that work on anticorruption issues. The assistance focuses on the development of a national anticorruption agenda, compliance with the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption, social auditing, access to information, financing of political parties, and developing stronger oversight agencies. USAID also works with civil society and the GOG to make the Hurricane Stan reconstruction transparent and provide oversight in the GOG's assessments of public institutions. Principal contractor: Casals and Associates.

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$396,000 ESF). USAID funds auditing of the voter registry, development of an implementation plan for the expansion of the voting centers to rural areas, and implementation of the domiciliary vote which will facilitate access to voting centers. Principal grantee: Organization of American States.

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$411,000 ESF). USAID advises and assists local police in implementing community-based policing approaches related to crime prevention, including collection and analysis of crime statistics, improving the nature and timeliness of response, and developing community relationships in targeted jurisdictions. Technical assistance is provided to the Ministry of Government to introduce community-based policing approaches as a matter of national policy. Implementer to be determined through a competitive process.

Protect Human Rights (\$79,000 ESF). USAID provides assistance to the Human Rights Ombudsman and the Public Defense Institute to allow them to better monitor and report due process violations in criminal procedures. Principal Contractor: Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$1,812,000 ESF). USAID promotes efficiency and transparency in judicial procedures through increased use of oral arguments in pre-trial stages of proceedings. USAID provides technical assistance to improve management, monitoring and disciplinary systems, and institutionalize professional career structures in justice institutions. Technical

assistance is provided to make prosecution more effective and to design a First Instance Night Court and Trial Court model. USAID also implements local crime prevention strategies and improvements in the Judiciary's performance monitoring systems. Contractor: Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$792,000 DA, \$841,000 ESF). The program provides technical assistance for the implementation of national decentralization policy and to make social investments more efficient. USAID works with 15 municipalities to improve provision of basic services, generate increased revenues, and put in place sound financial management/audit systems. USAID provides technical assistance on indebtedness and intra-governmental transfers to GOG agencies and promotes participation of local actors in public policy formulation. USAID also provides technical assistance for post-Hurricane Stan municipal reconstruction. USAID also conducts a Democratic Indicators Monitoring Survey (DIMS). Principal contractor: Devtech Systems and others to be determined through a competitive process.

Support Populations at Risk (\$99,000 ESF). USAID, in alliance with many other partners, continues to prevent crime through activities focused on vulnerable and at-risk youth and ex-gang members, including creation of new jobs and training. USAID provides technical assistance for improved recreational opportunities, reduced domestic violence and supervised rehabilitation. Implementer to be determined through a competitive process.

FY 2007 Program:

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$1,241,000 DA, \$100,000 ESF). USAID will continue promoting transparency and accountability in the country. Principal contractor: Casals and Associates.

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$100,000 DA). USAID will provide assistance to the Supreme Electoral Tribunal for the implementation of the 2007 General Elections with emphasis on expansion of the voting centers to rural areas and implementation of the at home voting. USAID will also provide funding for electoral observation, public awareness, electoral forums and debates, monitoring of public expenditures during the campaign, and social auditing.

Promote Effective and Democratic Governance of the Security Sector (\$800,000 ESF). USAID will continue to implement community-based policing activities at the local and national levels. Implementers for activities funded by ESF resources will be selected by an interagency committee.

Protect Human Rights (\$80,000 ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance to the Human Rights Ombudsman and the Public Defense Institute to improve respect for due process. Principal contractor: Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$1,770,000 ESF). USAID will implement crime prevention activities, case analysis for effective prosecution and statistical systems. USAID may provide funding for local mediation of land disputes. Principal contractor: Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,200,000 DA). USAID will continue to support implementation of decentralization policy and regulations and municipal financial systems. USAID will enhance effective participation in local level processes and foster coordination among key organizations with regard to municipal budgeting and spending. Principal contractor: Devtech Systems.

Support Populations at Risk (\$550,000 DA, \$250,000 ESF). USAID will expand educational, productive and recreational opportunities for at-risk youth, implement activities to reduce

domestic violence, and promote supervised rehabilitation. Implementers for activities funded by ESF resources will be selected by an interagency committee.

Performance and Results: USAID successfully launched all major democracy programs under its new strategy. USAID has capitalized on dramatically improved commitment to rule of law reforms, in particular, oral pretrial hearings. The GOG agreed to finance the management of 15 Justice Centers created by USAID. Agreements have been reached with all branches of government to increase transparency in the management of public resources. Over 700 vulnerable youth were trained for employment, and over 400 youth who were not attending schools are now participating in education and counseling programs. USAID launched 17 programs to strengthen the capacity of municipalities and municipal associations. By program completion, USAID expects that Guatemala will have a stronger, reliable system of rule of law, reduced crime in key areas, and more fiscally sound local governments.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

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520-021 Ruling Justly	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	3,084	4,971
Expenditures	58	12
Unliquidated	3,026	4,959
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	1,644	4,397
Expenditures	1,819	3,095
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	4,728	9,368
Expenditures	1,877	3,107
Unliquidated	2,851	6,261
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	1,485	4,455
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	1,485	4,455
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	3,091	3,000
Future Obligations	2,200	6,669
Est. Total Cost	11,504	23,492