

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	South Africa
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	674-001
Status:	Continuing
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$250,000 CSH; \$6,679,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$500,000 CSH; \$4,000,000 DA; \$1,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1996
Estimated Completion Date:	FY 2005

Summary: The South Africa Democracy and Governance program addresses three critical threats to democracy: high levels of crime, low government capacity to deliver services and low civil society capabilities to advocate and be a sustainable partner with government in the delivery of services. USAID provides technical assistance to support the restructuring of South Africa's Department of Justice to improve the processing of criminal cases, to improve service delivery of the 284 local government entities and increase citizen participation with local government; and to increase the capacity of South Africa's civil society to engage government and monitor its performance.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

Develop a more effective and accessible criminal justice system (\$3,192,000 DA). South Africa has very high rates of violent crime and very low conviction rates. Thirty-three percent of all crimes recorded in 2001 were violent crimes, compared to 15% in the U.S. during that same year. Just 8% of all criminal cases tried in 2001 resulted in conviction. High crime contributes to disillusionment with a democracy that is not seen as responding fast enough to people's needs. A 2002 survey indicates that only 57% of South Africans believe that democracy is preferable to all other forms of government, lower than all other countries in the region except Zimbabwe. In order to stem this trend, USAID will assist the South Africa Department of Justice to restructure its management systems which will reduce the criminal case backlog by an additional 10% in 2003. USAID will continue to provide technical assistance to South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority to improve prosecution skills. USAID will support approximately 20 local initiatives to increase access to justice for victims of violent crimes, especially women and children, and to improve juvenile justice. Principal contractors and grantees: Creative Associates (prime). U.S. Department of Justice (prime).

Improve local service provision and citizen participation (\$1,500,000 DA, \$250,000 CSH). South Africa's decentralized local government system is expected to deliver key social services to communities, but local authorities lack the necessary operational capacity to effectively and efficiently do so. USAID will use DA funding to work with 24 of 53 metropolitan and district councils to fund the orientation of new ward councilors and to provide training for these councilors in development planning. These efforts complement USAID's Housing and Municipal Services program which works with the large cities. Local government is also responsible for public health care and HIV/AIDS is a serious problem for these localities. Using CSH funding, USAID will continue to support a program that identifies all existing government and non-governmental HIV/AIDS programs in 195 municipalities and brings government and community leaders together to develop and implement a comprehensive plan of action for mitigating the effects of the disease. USAID will fund the development of a database of local governance best practices and will disseminate findings to all 284 municipalities. In addition, USAID will support public hearings on the fifth and final piece of the local government restructuring legislative framework in advance of the vote in Parliament in 2003. Principal contractors and grantees are: Creative Associates (prime), Deloitte Touche (sub).

Support civil society programs (\$1,987,000 DA). One of the most gripping dramas witnessed by the world in the late 1980s was the power of South Africa's civil society bringing down the apartheid state. Today South Africa's civil society is weakening. Many of its best leaders have joined the government, and its organizations are often disengaged from government. In order to help local groups work more effectively, USAID will support a training program in analytical research methods to enable groups to better engage and monitor government. In addition, USAID will begin a training program to increase civil society participation in municipal budget making processes. To assist non-profit organizations to develop a stronger financial base, USAID will undertake an assessment of the benefits accruing from the tax reforms such as the law granting tax exempt status to non-governmental organizations that USAID-funded advocacy groups persuaded the government to adopt. USAID will train at least 1,000 leaders of civic organizations to qualify for tax exemptions and government resources. As a result, USAID expects the number of qualified registered civil society organizations to rise to 14,000. Principal contractors and grantees: Creative Associates (prime).

FY 2004 Program:

Develop a more effective and accessible criminal justice system (\$2,000,000 DA, \$600,000 ESF). With DA funding, USAID will continue to support the implementation of a decentralized court support service and a new case management system to reduce case backlog. To increase access to justice, USAID will deepen its support of 10 non-governmental organization initiatives aimed at improving juvenile justice and reducing youth crime and violence against women and children. In 2004 the case backlog will be reduced by a further 10%. USAID will use ESF to support South Africa's efforts to prosecute complex crime as well as the implementation of the new plea-bargaining legislation. Principal contractors and grantees: Creative Associates (prime), U.S. Department of Justice (prime), and other to be determined.

Improve local service provision and citizen participation (\$1,250,000 DA, \$500,000 CSH). USAID will use DA funds to intensify its support to local government through the 24 projects initiated in FY 2003. An ongoing assessment will help target program interventions. The program will continue support for the learning network that will permit the sharing of best practices among the 284 municipalities in ways that complement the Cities Network (which receives funding from USAID's Housing and Municipal Services program). USAID will provide technical assistance to a new government academy to train municipal officials to improve their planning and communication skills. Further, USAID will use CSH funds to complete the HIV/AIDS mitigation program in the original 195 municipalities and will implement it fully in the remaining 89 municipalities. Principal contractors and grantees: Creative Associates (prime) and Deloitte Touche (sub.)

Support civil society programs (\$750,000 DA, \$900,000 ESF). Using DA funds USAID will begin training non-profit organizations on how to qualify for tax benefits and government grants in the 24 municipalities in which it is working. USAID will also train these organizations in local government budgeting and procurement processes to build their capacity to advocate before local governments and monitor local government performance. USAID will begin providing technical assistance and training for improved management skills to non-governmental organizations engaged in crime and violence prevention. USAID will use ESF to support non-governmental organizations which work to address the human rights of people with HIV/AIDS. Principal contractors and grantees: Creative Associates (prime), and others to be determined.

Performance and Results: In March 2002, USAID, the South African Department of Justice (DOJ) and Business Against Crime (BAC), an organization of major corporations, formed a partnership that combines \$2.9 million from BAC with \$5.2 million from DOJ and \$5.4 million from USAID to implement a major restructuring of the criminal justice system. USAID support has contributed to the 19% reduction in the backlog of criminal cases from 133,556 in 2000 to 107,747 in 2002, a significant achievement in that the total number of cases referred to court increased by 48% from 529,000 in 1996 to 782,000 in 2001. The number of nonprofit organizations that have qualified for tax benefits and government grants nearly doubled from 6,637 to 11,471. In FY 2002, the USAID-supported program trained 1,076 civil society leaders in how to qualify for these tax benefits.

By the end of the program in 2005, the criminal case backlog will have been further reduced to approximately 50,000 cases, service delivery by local government will have improved as verified by surveys of public opinion, and a reinvigorated civil society sector will be engaged with both national and local government in policy advocacy and the monitoring of government performance.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

South Africa

674-001 Democracy and Governance	CSH	DA	DFA	ESF
Through September 30, 2001				
Obligations	0	57,496	37,202	4,660
Expenditures	0	42,086	36,347	3,763
Unliquidated	0	15,410	855	897
Fiscal Year 2002				
Obligations	0	6,937	0	600
Expenditures	0	7,190	789	244
Through September 30, 2002				
Obligations	0	64,433	37,202	5,260
Expenditures	0	49,276	37,136	4,007
Unliquidated	0	15,157	66	1,253
Prior Year Unobligated Funds				
Obligations	0	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA				
Obligations	250	6,679	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003				
Obligations	250	6,679	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA				
Obligations	500	4,000	0	1,500
Future Obligations	0	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	750	75,112	37,202	6,760