

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	ANE Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	East Asia Regional Democracy Fund
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	498-036
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:</b>	\$9,000,000 ESF
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$7,000,000 ESF
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2001
<b>Estimated Completion Date:</b>	Continuing

**Summary:** USAID and the Department of State use the East Asia Regional Democracy Fund to support activities designed to strengthen democratic institutions, and improve governance and human rights in East Asia.

The trend in the East Asia and Pacific region from autocratic governments toward democracies and democratic institutions has been uneven. This program supports the U.S. goals of strengthening democratic institutions, civil society and the rule of law, and improving human rights and the empowerment of women.

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

#### **FY 2003 Program:**

The program supports country specific and region-wide programs that finance training and technical assistance, and support local NGO efforts designed to:

Support for Tibetan Communities in China (\$3,000,000 million ESF). Funds will be provided to NGOs to support cultural preservation, sustainable development and environmental conservation in Tibetan communities in China and Tibet.

Reduce the Trafficking of Women and Children in East Asia (\$4,000,000 ESF). Funds will finance NGO-led efforts to reduce the trafficking of women and children in East Asia.

Strengthen Democratic Institutions (\$2,000,000 million ESF). Funds will finance technical assistance and training, and provide support for NGOs and regional institutions (ASEAN) to: (1) increase the effectiveness of governments to combat terrorism and corruption, improve governance, and strengthen the foundations of law-based and civil society; (2) increase women's leadership in decision-making bodies, particularly at the local level; and (3) strengthen the capacity of women's organizations to advocate and shape policies that will improve the status of women and provide women a more equitable role in political processes.

#### **FY 2004 Program:**

Support for Tibetan Communities in China (\$3,000,000 ESF). Funds will be continue to be provided to support cultural preservation, sustainable development and environmental conservation in Tibetan communities in China and Tibet.

China Rule of Law (\$2,000,000 ESF). The program will continue to strengthen legal training programs at Tsinghua University to train Chinese legal professionals in international treaty obligations, the professional duties of attorneys and in other important aspects of international and American constitutional law.

Strengthen Democratic Institutions (\$2,000,000). Funds will continue to finance technical assistance and training, and provide support for NGOs to: (1) increase the effectiveness of governments to combat terrorism and corruption, improve governance, and strengthen the foundations of law-based and civil society; (2) increase women's leadership in decision-making bodies; and (3) strengthen the capacity of women's organizations to advocate and shape policies that will improve the status of women and provide women a more equitable role in political processes.

**Performance and Results:** In FY 2002, program funded twenty five anti-trafficking activities in Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia. Activities financed achieved the following objectives:

- advanced the sharing of information, coordination among NGOs with similar objectives in an overall effort to reduce trafficking and gender-based human rights abuses.
- facilitated the sharing of models and strategies between NGOs for bilateral and regional actions.
- developed and implemented community-based programs that effectively engaged social and health workers, and law enforcement organizations, to improve protection for victims of violence and trafficking.
- established and/or refurbished halfway houses and crisis centers in key locations where women and children migrating for work are at high risk for trafficking.
- supported public education campaigns to raise awareness on trafficking and violence against women. These campaigns supported training, published and distributed information materials and other forms of community education and public outreach efforts to raise awareness and change popular attitudes and perceptions about trafficking and violence against women.
- developed and distributed educational information to women and children who are vulnerable to trafficking to make them more aware of risks, and taught life skill courses in schools and among members of village women's and children's groups to reduce the number of potential people at risk of being trafficked.

Principal partners for the current and planned programs include: The Asia Foundation (TAF), American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS), International Organization on Migration (IOM), World Education, Yayasan Estetika dan Technology (SET), International Relief and Development (IRD), Legal Aid Society of Indonesia, Temple University and The Bridge Fund.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

ANE Regional

498-036 East Asia Regional Democracy Fund	<b>ESF</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2001</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2002</b>	
Obligations	4,725
Expenditures	39
<b>Through September 30, 2002</b>	
Obligations	4,725
Expenditures	39
Unliquidated	4,686
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA</b>	
Obligations	9,000
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003</b>	
Obligations	9,000
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA</b>	
Obligations	7,000
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	20,725