

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Mexico
Program Title:	Democratic Access
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	523-BBB
Status:	New
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$4,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$800,000 DA; \$8,500,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2003
Estimated Completion Date:	FY 2009

Summary: USAID/Mexico's new democracy program will support Government of Mexico initiatives to provide more accountable policy making and implementation and enhance rule of law.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

More accountable policymaking and implementation (\$2,800,000 ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance, training, and other capacity-building measures to state and local government institutions to address the inter-related components of accountable governance. These include: 1) building more effective and autonomous revenue-generating capacity, and promoting fiscal reforms and the formation of alliances for local level infrastructure and service financing; 2) supporting more accountable management through federal civil service reform, developing a performance management culture, implementing e-government programs, increasing government transparency, and implementing certification standards for public officials, as well as promoting citizen participation in resource decisions; 3) supporting more effective oversight of resource management, including strengthening citizen oversight of government budgets and programs, and supporting freedom of information, professionalization of the state audits, and strengthening oversight bodies at all levels of government; and 4) helping political parties to be more responsive to citizens, by supporting transparency and accountability efforts, and structural changes that promote citizen participation in policy-making. Finally, if requested by the GOM, USAID will stand ready to provide technical assistance and support for electoral monitoring during the mid-term federal election in July 2003. The National Democratic Institute and International Republican Institute will be the principal grantees on activities related to political parties and elections. The principal contractor is to be determined.

Enhanced rule of law (\$1,200,000 ESF). USAID proposes to provide technical assistance and training to support: 1) more effective civil and criminal justice reform and greater respect for human rights by working with the key criminal justice institutions, especially with states along the U.S. border, including the judiciary, public defense, prosecutors, and police, and limited support to the civil, family and commercial justice sectors; 2) increased access to justice for disadvantaged sectors of the population; and 3) increased professional standards through reform of the legal education system as well as standards of professionalism, establishing certification requirements for law schools and lawyers, and creating clinical programs in Mexican law schools. The principal contractor is to be determined.

FY 2004 Program:

More accountable policymaking and implementation (\$5,400,000 ESF; \$400,000 DA). USAID will continue technical assistance, training, and other capacity-building measures to support more accountable policy making and implementation; more accountable management; more effective oversight of use and management of public resources; and more responsive and accountable political parties.

Enhanced rule of law (\$3,100,000 ESF; \$400,000 DA). USAID will continue technical assistance and training to support more effective civil and criminal justice reform and greater respect for human rights, as

well as model projects in target states to increase access to justice for socio-economically disadvantaged sectors of the population. USAID will also continue technical support to reform the legal education certification system and increase professional standards.

Performance and Results: Successful completion of this objective will result in: 1) the implementation of a career civil service at federal level, 2) an increase in private sector financing for public infrastructure; 3) the enactment of secondary electoral reforms, including political party transparency measures and re-election in certain cases; 4) the implementation of oral judicial procedures in the federal and some state jurisdictions, and 5) an increase in respect for due process guarantees and a reduction in the incidence of torture.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Mexico

	DA	ESF
523-BBB Democratic Access		
Through September 30, 2001		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2002		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA		
Obligations	0	4,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	0	4,000
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	800	8,500
Future Obligations	14,500	28,000
Est. Total Cost	15,300	40,500