

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Office of Democracy and Governance
Program Title:	Governance Program
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	932-004
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$1,869,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$705,000 DA; \$1,000,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,925,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1997
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2007

Summary: The DG Office's governance program provides technical assistance and support to USAID missions worldwide through the development of new methodologies and synthesis of lessons learned in the design and implementation of governance assistance and through management of contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements. The purpose of the DG Office's governance program is to strengthen USAID programming and reinforce country-based efforts through:

1. Supporting anti-corruption efforts;
2. Strengthening of civilian capacity to understand and oversee the military;
3. Supporting and providing technical assistance on implementing decentralization programs and democratic local governance;
4. Supporting and providing technical assistance to legislatures; and
5. Assisting countries in managing the policy reform process.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

The DG Office will use FY 2004 DA resources to respond to USAID mission requests for assistance with their governance programs (\$390,000). Division efforts will focus on implementation of the Agency's anti-corruption strategy as well as developing approaches to working on governance issues in failed and failing states (\$675,000). New indefinite quantity contract (IQC) mechanisms for legislative strengthening (\$75,000), democratic local governance (\$100,000) and policy reform processes (\$100,000) will be designed and procured. Significant programs in anti-corruption (Colombia, Ecuador and several African countries under the regional Anti-Corruption Initiative) will be continued or initiated. To the extent available FY 2004 resources allow, the DG Office will also improve the Agency's capacity to respond to windows of opportunity where reform-minded leaders come to power and need immediate assistance to address high-profile anti-corruption problems. If successful, this effort will develop into a budgeted, standing Rapid Response Fund next year. The DG Office will continue its work in legislative strengthening (Kenya, Peru, and Uganda); and democratic local governance (Bangladesh, Benin, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay and Rwanda). The DG Office will complete its current grant with Transparency International (\$500,000) as future support will come from a multi-donor, public-private endowment fund initiated in FY 2003 with prior year funds. Cross-sector work will include working a good governance approach in the energy sector and linkages between good governance and HIV/AIDS in the context of failed and failing states.

FY 2005 Program:

The DG Office will explore new avenues to engage the private sector and other relevant actors in designing new ways to fight corruption and to implement the Agency's anti-corruption strategy. A centerpiece of this effort is a new Rapid Response Fund of up to \$5 million. The DG Office will support the Anti-Corruption and Good Governance Act of 2000, which calls on the President to establish priority countries for anti-corruption assistance. This assistance will be provided to

"breakthrough" countries where unplanned political developments create a window of opportunity to support anti-corruption reform in key countries. These monies will be used for rapid assessment, in-country resident advisors, targeted technical assistance and training or other appropriate activities. Assistance will be rapid and short-term in nature and is meant to serve as bridge funding while a longer-term response is designed and resources identified. The DG Office will continue to offer USAID missions technical assistance (\$410,000), training (\$100,000), and other support for new and ongoing programs in anti-corruption (\$700,000), local governance (\$200,000), legislative strengthening (\$100,000), management of the policy reform process (\$200,000), and security sector reform.

Performance and Results: Significant achievements include the establishment of a multi-donor, public-private endowment for Transparency International (TI), aimed at raising \$20 million over the next 10 years and launching TI on the road to greater self-sufficiency and financial independence. The DG Office also awarded a \$120 million IQC to provide anti-corruption services to field missions and regional bureaus. Consistent with USAID's anti-corruption strategy, this new mechanism will offer a wide range of programmatic expertise that will allow missions to design anti-corruption programs that cut across USAID's development portfolio.

Nearly three dozen field missions or regional programs received technical assistance or staff support from DG Office governance mechanisms and division staff. Technical leadership products included the development of nine brief studies of anti-corruption impacts in various sectors (e.g., health, education, energy, and public finance); an anti-corruption seminar series; the drafting of a primer on good governance of budget processes; and on-going knowledge management via Web sites on anti-corruption and civil-military relations. Governance-related products continue to be among the leading downloads from the DG Office's Web sites. Over 3,800 copies of the "Decentralization and Democratic Local Governance Programming Handbook" were downloaded from the Web site. The anti-corruption Web site received some 7,000 visits; the "A Handbook on Fighting Corruption" was downloaded over 4,000 times; and more than 400 individuals downloaded the anti-corruption distance learning module--all indicative of the strong demand for guidance in this area.

Principal Contractors, Grantees, or Agencies: A cooperative agreement is held with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. Contractors are the Abt Associates, Associates in Rural Development, Casals and Associates, Chemonics International, DPK Consulting, Development Alternatives International, Development Associates, International City/County Management Association, Management Systems International, PADCO, Research Triangle Institute, State University of New York, and the Urban Institute. Some 40 sub-contracts are managed under these primary organizations.