

Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Office of Transition Initiatives
Program Title:
Pillar: Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective: 965-001
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation: \$40,870,000 IRRF; \$55,000,000 TI
Prior Year Unobligated: \$515,000 ESF; \$12,520,000 IRRF; \$7,237,000 TI
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation: \$62,800,000 TI
Year of Initial Obligation: 2003
Year of Final Obligation: Year of Final Obligation is MISSING

Summary: OTI's strategic objective, "political transition successfully advanced in priority, conflict-prone countries," is the basis for the short-term, flexible, rapid assistance it provides in transitional settings. OTI's support during transitions to peace and democracy and transitional political crises helps create a strong foundation for new or re-targeted longer-term development programs.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

In FY2004, OTI will continue programs in Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe. Also in FY2004, OTI is initiating programs in Liberia and Bolivia, with others possible.

For Afghanistan, OTI expects to contribute \$8 million in TI, with \$15 million in supplemental funds for media activities. The program will continue to promote the development of independent media, increase public awareness of political processes, and support the transitional government's outreach to communities. OTI plans to close this program at the end of FY 2004.

OTI anticipates allocating \$3.8 million in TI for Angola. OTI's program, which is coordinated closely with USAID's Democracy and Governance program, will work to strengthen participatory democratic practices and promote political competition, accountability, and transparency.

Reflecting significant advances in the peace process, OTI has revised its Burundi strategy to promote reintegration and reconciliation through community-based leadership and vocational skills training, small-scale infrastructure reconstruction, and media. OTI anticipates investing \$7.4 million in TI.

In DRC, OTI anticipates an allocation of \$6.9 million. OTI will initiate a Community Focused Reintegration program to support the reintegration of war-affected youth into their communities. OTI will also support nationwide information campaigns to encourage re-integration of communities as well as reunification of the Congo through the peace process and the transitional government.

For Iraq, OTI anticipates an allocation of approximately \$100 million for FY 2004 to support activities in the areas of good governance, civil society, conflict mitigation, and transitional justice. Activities will be closely coordinated with other USAID and CPA efforts.

For Liberia, OTI has allocated \$3 million in TI for program start-up for FY 2004. These funds will be used to support good governance, the media, and human rights and transitional justice activities.

For Sri Lanka, OTI anticipates an allocation of \$4 million in TI. OTI will work through local NGOs and community groups to demonstrate tangible benefits of peace, increase exchanges of information and diverse viewpoints on peace issues, and reduce or prevent violent incidents.

For Sudan, OTI anticipates programming \$6 million in TI. OTI's program, which is limited to southern Sudan, will continue to support the transition from a culture of war to one of peace and good governance by promoting independent media and good governance and providing assistance to peace-building efforts. With prospects likely for a signed peace agreement between the Sudan Government and People's Liberation Movement, OTI may be asked to program supplementary funding. This could include a new program for northern Sudan to help facilitate the peace process.

OTI anticipates spending \$6.3 million in TI in Venezuela. OTI will continue to focus on reducing the polarization between the Chavez government and opposition by working with local groups representing both sides to develop a national political agenda that reflects shared principles and values. OTI will also continue to support the redevelopment of political parties and coalitions that are essential to a peaceful and democratic solution to the ongoing political crisis. This will include civic/voter education about the electoral process and promoting a favorable electoral environment.

FY 2005 Program:

For Angola, OTI anticipates an allocation of \$5 million for FY 2005. The OTI program will continue to support activities that strengthen civil society advocacy on key transition issues, strengthen the independent media, and increase local-level engagement between citizens and authorities.

For Burundi, OTI anticipates investing \$7 million to continue to promote community-based reintegration and reconciliation through activities focused on community leadership and vocational skills training, small infrastructure grants, and media. The program will continue to benefit returning refugees, internally displaced persons, ex-combatants, and vulnerable populations.

For the DRC, OTI anticipates an allocation of \$10 million. OTI will continue its community reintegration program and expand it to geographic regions not included previously. OTI-supported nationwide information campaigns will continue and expand to include more information on the activities of the transitional government, peace process, and election scheduled for 2005.

For Iraq, OTI will continue to support activities in the areas of good governance, civil society, conflict mitigation, and transitional justice. These activities will continue to be closely coordinated with other USAID and CPA efforts to ensure mutual reinforcement and prevent duplication.

For Liberia, OTI anticipates an allocation of \$3 million. Since the program has not started, there is no way to project what activities this funding might support in FY 2005.

For Sri Lanka, OTI anticipates an allocation of \$2 million. OTI will continue to disburse small grants that support interaction among diverse groups, citizen involvement in decision-making, improved livelihoods, and dissemination of balanced information and different viewpoints.

In FY 2005, OTI is proposing to allocate \$6 million to continue to support its program in southern Sudan. However, additional supplementary funding may also be received to expand support for critical aspects of the anticipated peace agreement.

For Venezuela, program needs will be determined by events in the next 12 months. OTI has met regularly with the LAC regional bureau about handing over the program, conditions permitting.

Performance and Results: OTI performance and results will reflect achievements under its office-wide indicators. In Angola, Burundi, DRC, Sri Lanka, and Sudan, OTI expects to sustain or increase momentum in their peace processes. In Afghanistan, DRC, Sudan, and Venezuela, OTI anticipates increasing availability of and access to unbiased information that helps their populations make informed decisions. In Afghanistan, Angola, Iraq, and Venezuela, OTI expects its programs to help stabilize their governments and/or strengthen their democratic institutions and processes. Finally, OTI anticipates that a successful program handoff will take place in Afghanistan at the end of FY 2004.