

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Georgia
Program Title:	Good Local Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	114-0231
Status:	New in FY 2004
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$10,850,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,362,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$8,000,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: The challenge facing Georgia's democratic transition can be defined by two seemingly inconsistent problems: a weak Government of Georgia (GOG) that is struggling to address the problems faced by Georgian citizens; and a centralization of power in the hands of a single charismatic leader. To respond, USAID will strengthen simultaneously both the reforming state and the checks and balances on it. USAID will also extend the program to the Adjara region which was re-integrated into Georgia in spring 2004.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$4,900,000 FSA). USAID will assist the President and Prime Minister to improve office management and inter-ministerial coordination. The assistance also will provide long- and short-term technical advisors, equipment, and training to the State Chancellery, the Parliament, and key ministries such as Justice, Culture and Youth, Education, and Foreign Affairs. This activity will include support for government institutions in Adjara and will advance public administration reform, build governmental capacity, and reduce opportunities for corruption by streamlining operations, increasing transparency, and enhancing public sector accountability. USAID also will continue to assist the Ministry of Education to conduct a public relations campaign for education system reform. Principal grantees: National Democratic Institute (NDI), American Councils for International Education, to be determined (TBD).

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$2,600,000 FSA, \$331,000 FSA carryover, \$200,000 FSA prior year recoveries). Rule of law activities will continue to support changes to the court system and judicial structures, improve judicial qualification processes, develop a judicial disciplinary code, develop Magistrate qualification standards, and ensure that Adjara courts receive assistance. Activities will help the GOG combat trafficking in persons, amend legislation not in compliance with the Administrative Code, and help implement the Administrative Code. Principal grantees: American Bar Association's Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI), Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector at the University of Maryland.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,000,000 FSA, \$125,000 FSA prior year recoveries). The Communities Empowered for Local Decision-Making (CELD) program will promote community participation in local government reform. CELD will work at the national level to strengthen the role of local government associations and promote an improved legislative framework for decentralization. The activity will engage directly with citizens, raise awareness about roles and responsibilities, and create demand for a reliable and responsive public service provision. Principal grantee: Urban Institute.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$650,000 FSA, \$397,000 FSA carryover). USAID will promote youth participation in politics, including training youth to run for political office, developing youth wings of political parties, and fostering a youth-in-politics non-governmental organization (NGO). In addition, USAID will conduct country-wide polling to assist democratic political parties

in Georgia focus their messages to address constituent concerns. Principal grantee: International Republican Institute (IRI).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$700,000 FSA, \$309,000 FSA carryover). This project will incorporate civic education into the GOG's education reform. It will also work at the community level to assist schools to promote democratic values. USAID will also manage an activity aimed at instilling values among the region's youth. The television program Kids' Crossroads will be produced by, for, and about adolescents in the Caucasus. Principal grantee: Internews, TBD.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$1,000,000 FSA). The activity will promote tolerance and understanding among Georgia's various religious and ethnic minorities, reach out to communities in isolated regions of the country, and enhance the respect for human rights. This activity will highlight the constructive role that law enforcement officials play in the community and will reinforce the GOG's efforts to reform the police. Principal grantee: TBD.

FY 2006 Program: Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$2,500,000 FSA). Contingent upon the progress and will for reform within the GOG, USAID will maintain a robust assistance program to the President and Prime Minister to improve office management and inter-ministerial coordination. Assistance will also be provided to the State Chancellery, the Parliament, and key ministries such as Justice, Culture and Youth, Education, and Foreign Affairs. This activity will include support for government institutions in Adjara and will advance public administration reform, build governmental capacity, and reduce opportunities for corruption by streamlining operations, increasing transparency, and enhancing public sector accountability. Principal contractors: TBD.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$1,200,000 FSA). USAID will seek to increase the independence of the judiciary and improve the legal framework. Principal contractors: TBD.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$800,000 FSA). USAID will promote tolerance and understanding among Georgia's various religious and ethnic minorities and enhance respect for human rights. Principal contractors: TBD.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$500,000 FSA). USAID will continue to support civic education approaches in the GOG's education reform agenda while working at the community level to assist schools to promote democratic values. Principal contractors: TBD.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$1,000,000 FSA). USAID will promote youth participation in politics and galvanizing the youth vote in the municipal elections. Elections assistance will support get-out-the-vote campaigns and voter education. USAID will continue to strengthen Parliament of Georgia. Principal grantees: NDI, IRI.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$2,000,000 FSA). Local government efforts will scale up in FY 2006 with programs active in 30 municipalities around the country. Emphasis will be placed on building the capacity of new local government officials that will be elected into office in the spring of 2006. Principal contractors: TBD.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, support for NGOs and an independent judiciary laid critical groundwork for those who protested elections fraud, eventually toppling the Shevardnadze regime. Twenty municipalities improved their service delivery, benefiting almost 575,000 people. USAID's media support contributed to balanced, professional election coverage and expanded the television advertising market from \$3 million to \$7 million. By the end of the strategy, USAID will have helped implement public administrative reform and implementation of laws and procedures necessary for modernizing and streamlining operations of key ministries. Opportunities for corruption will have been reduced by streamlining government operations, increasing transparency, and enhancing public sector accountability. The percentage of citizens who believe that their local government responds positively to citizens' input will have doubled

from 20% to 40%; the average number of days to complete a court case will have dropped from 165 to 60 days; and the percentage of community public meetings with national representation in targeted areas will have grown from 0% to 20%.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Georgia

114-0231 Good Local Governance	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	9,178
Expenditures	959
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	9,178
Expenditures	959
Unliquidated	8,219
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	1,362
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	10,850
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	12,212
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	8,000
Future Obligations	10,850
Est. Total Cost	40,240

