

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Kyrgyzstan
<b>Program Title:</b>	Cross-Cutting Programs
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	116-0420
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$1,540,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$1,041,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$1,520,000 FSA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2001
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2007

**Summary:** This cross-cutting program supports all of USAID's strategic objectives, and includes four main components: training and exchanges to support USAID's technical assistance programs; the Eurasia Foundation to strengthen indigenous NGOs; community connections to enhance public diplomacy; and program development support for cross-cutting evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and incorporation of perspectives from religious leaders into programming.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Participant Training Program (\$400,000 FSA). USAID will continue Participant Training to complement ongoing technical assistance in six strategic objective areas: improved environment for growth of small/medium enterprises, strengthened democratic culture, improved management of critical natural resources, increased utilization of quality primary health care, mitigated sources of conflict in target communities, and improved quality of education. More than 3,000 participants will be trained through Participant Training projects during FY 2005. USAID support will include introduction of the Human and Institutional Capacity Development (HICD) approach in USAID's programs, with a potential pilot activity in Kyrgyzstan. Principal grantee: Academy for Educational Development (AED) (prime).

Community Connections (\$400,000 FSA, \$500,000 FSA carryover). USAID will begin implementing Community Connections, after the program's transfer from the State Department is finalized. The broad public diplomacy goal of the Community Connections program is to contribute to economic and democratic reform and to promote mutual understanding in Eurasia through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. Through local community host organizations in the United States, approximately 100 men and women entrepreneurs, local government officials, legal professionals, non-governmental organizational (NGO) leaders, and other professionals will be provided with a three to five week training program in the U.S. tailored to their professional interests. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Eurasia Foundation (\$640,000 FSA). Eurasia Foundation small grants will target approximately 39 local NGOs involved in civil society strengthening, private enterprise development, public administration, and media. The NGOs will also benefit from institutional strengthening through intensive planning, reporting, and financial management training. The Eurasia Foundation will expand its Ferghana Valley Initiative through its new local office, by providing targeted grants to increase dialogue and cross-border linkages in this conflict-prone region. Principal grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support (\$100,000 FSA, \$303,000 FSA carryover, \$238,000 FSA prior year recoveries). The funds will be used to support evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and program personnel essential to implementation of program activities. As required, funding will also enable USAID to take advantage of unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID strategic objectives. Furthermore, USAID will expand outreach efforts to engage traditional religious leaders in the region. The goal of this initiative is to bridge the gap with traditional community leaders that are generally not addressed in USAID programming. In accomplishing this goal, USAID will conduct tours of its

programs for religious leaders and the media, hold regular representational events with religious leaders, and work specifically with partners to incorporate religious leaders into development activities. Small project assistance will enable Peace Corps Volunteers to conduct low-cost, grassroots sustainable development activities. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

**FY 2006 Program:** Participant Training Program (\$200,000 FSA). USAID will continue Participant Training in FY 2006 as a means of complementing ongoing activities across its various strategic objectives. In FY 2006, USAID expects to target the same number of participants as in FY 2005. Simultaneously, USAID will begin working with a number of yet-to-be-determined organizations through multiple, targeted interventions aimed at developing institutional capacity and increasing the likelihood of organizational sustainability. Principal grantee: AED (prime).

Community Connections (\$390,000 FSA). USAID will continue the Community Connections program, with emphasis on human and institutional strengthening in support of its strategic objectives. Approximately 100 men and women are expected to receive training in the U.S. through the program. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Eurasia Foundation (\$600,000 FSA). The Eurasia Foundation will continue providing grants and institutional strengthening on an open-door basis to NGOs in Kyrgyzstan, working in private enterprise, civil society, and public and policy administration sectors. Principal grantee: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

Program Support (\$330,000 FSA). A wide range of program and personnel support activities will continue. As required, funding will enable USAID to support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives. Funding will support the development of the Mission's new five-year strategy. Additionally, religious outreach efforts will continue and be expanded, through tours for and representational events with religious leaders. Small project assistance will enable Peace Corps Volunteers to conduct low-cost, grassroots sustainable development activities. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

**Performance and Results:** In FY 2004, USAID trained over 3,400 Kyrgyz citizens (approximately 52% women) through its Participant Training Program. Participant training focused on strengthening civil society through NGOs, the press, microfinance institutions, and business education. Trainings conducted targeted the Family Group Practitioners to help reduce the spread of sexually-transmitted diseases, the Health Insurance Fund to institutionalize a co-payment health system, and the Association of Agro-Businessmen in Osh to expand its market base.

The Eurasia Foundation awarded 33 grants to Kyrgyz NGOs in FY 2004, averaging \$30,000 and including \$200,000 in funds raised from non-U.S. Government sources. The grants supported civil society, public administration, and media; nearly 35% of the grants targeted private enterprise development. In March 2004, Eurasia Foundation officially opened its Ferghana Valley office in Osh; it will foster cooperation among NGOs that work within the conflict-prone Ferghana Valley. Through its grants, the Eurasia Foundation supported the start-up of small-scale businesses through business incubators. In cooperation with Helvetas, it provided a grant to the Kyrgyz Community-Based Tourism Association to train selected communities in business planning and marketing and to strengthen their ties with key actors in the tourism industry.

USAID embarked on a religious outreach program in FY 2004. Through this program, in April, USAID escorted a group of Islamic religious leaders and eight students from Theology and Arabic Departments of Osh State University on a tour of USAID-funded education, health, democracy, agriculture, economic growth, and disaster assistance projects in Jalalabad and Osh. This tour enabled the participants to learn about a variety of USAID programs in Ferghana Valley and began the process of engaging the religious representatives in programmatic dialogue. Also, in September, USAID took 15 community representatives on a tour of USAID-funded projects in and around the city of Karakol. The group visited an Internews-supported independent media outlet and local television station and a medical training program for nurses.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Kyrgyzstan

116-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	ESF	FSA
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	120	39,659
Expenditures	120	20,634
Unliquidated	0	19,025
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	0	3,001
Expenditures	0	5,151
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	120	42,660
Expenditures	120	25,785
Unliquidated	0	16,875
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	1,041
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	1,540
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	0	2,581
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	1,520
Future Obligations	0	2,850
Est. Total Cost	120	49,611