

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Azerbaijan
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	112-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,050,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$838,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$2,450,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2010

Summary: This cross-cutting objective is comprised of training, exchanges, study tours, assessments, sector studies, and small grants that support USAID strategic objectives. Training consists of short-term and long-term training. Small grants provide financial support to USAID's local Azerbaijani partners for the development of the private and public sectors including civil society groups.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Program Support (\$3,050,000 FSA, \$837,766 FSA carryover).

The Eurasia Foundation (EF) will support the three USAID strategic objectives by providing grants and technical assistance in the areas of civil society, economic growth, and public administration. Programs will stimulate citizen demand for transparency in the public sector; improve integrated municipal development (IMD) planning by selecting experienced individuals to participate in a six-month IMDP training of trainers program that will include practical experience in providing consultation services to selected districts; improve public policy research, formation and advocacy by training policy institutions and independent policy analysts; and provide support to business advocacy groups focusing on institutional development of emerging business associations, confederations, and coalitions so that they may develop into self-sustaining, membership-based organizations that have the capacity to effectively lobby for policy changes to improve the business environment. EF will continue to leverage funds from other such donors as the Carnegie Corporation in New York, the Norwegian Embassy, World Bank, International Finance Corporation, Open Society Institute, British Petroleum, and Statoil. Principal implementer: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

The Participant Training program will train over 3,560 participants on a variety of issues including poverty reduction, gender equality, youth empowerment, fiscal reform, community development, non-governmental organization (NGO) strengthening, judiciary, journalism and media strengthening, health services, rural and financial sector development, and national government capacity building. Principal implementer: World Learning (prime).

Through the Community Connections Exchange Visitors Program, USAID will coordinate seven business and professional group trainings for 63 participants in the United States to strengthen human and institutional capacity and promote private and public sector collaborative relationships. Principal implementer: World Learning (prime), Project Harmony (sub).

The Peace Corps program will be enhanced by providing funding to the Peace Corps in Azerbaijan for training of its staff, volunteers, and local counterparts; and funding of the Small Project Assistance (SPA) program for volunteers and their host communities to plan and implement community projects. Principal implementer: Peace Corps (prime).

USAID will utilize funds to support program-funded staff and to cover other costs related to program design and development.

FY 2007 Program:

Program Support (\$2,450,000 FSA).

Eurasia Foundation will continue to support civil society, economic growth and public administration sectors by providing grants and technical assistance to local organizations and initiatives in these sectors. EF will continue to implement joint research projects with the Caucasus Research and Resource centers and to leverage funding from other donors and the private sector. Principal implementer: Eurasia Foundation (prime).

The Participant Training program will focus on a variety of issues including poverty reduction, gender equality, youth empowerment, fiscal reform, community development, non-governmental organization (NGO) strengthening, judiciary, journalism and media strengthening, rural health services, and national government capacity building. Principal Implementer: World Learning (prime).

Through the Community Connections Exchange Visitors Program, USAID will continue to provide business and professional group trainings and study tours in the United States to strengthen human and institutional capacity and promote private and public sector collaborative relationships. Principal implementer: World Learning (prime), Project Harmony (sub).

Funds for Peace Corps will be used to enhance training of its staff, volunteers, and local counterparts; and to provide funding for the SPA program. Principal implementer: Peace Corps (prime).

USAID will utilize these funds to support program-funded staff and to cover other costs related to program design and development.

Performance and Results: Results and outputs as a result of activities in this cross-cutting objective are accounted for under the other USAID objectives supported. Approximately \$1.8 million in grants and technical assistance were provided to projects that promoted efficient use of public funds, civic engagement in the Parliamentary election process and increased profitability of rural micro-enterprises. Additional non-grant activities included the completion of two comprehensive evaluations that identified future strategies for municipal development and media programming and the convening of a series of cluster meetings and roundtables to pilot new projects in fields such as business advocacy, energy reform, and corporate philanthropy. Through the participant training program, approximately 2,526 Azerbaijanis participated in 54 training events in the United States, third countries, and Azerbaijan in technical areas that support USAID's strategic objectives plus the cross-cutting issues of gender, corruption, and youth. Training focused heavily on election-related activities, including the role of government officials, pilot exit poll, U.S. elections observations and access to voting by people with disabilities, support for sustainability of micro-finance institutions, and strengthening of the agribusiness sector and community-based organizations. Eight students completed their Masters program.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Azerbaijan

112-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	FSA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	22,427
Expenditures	15,826
Unliquidated	6,601
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	7,403
Expenditures	6,202
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	29,830
Expenditures	22,028
Unliquidated	7,802
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	838
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	3,050
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	3,888
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	2,450
Future Obligations	5,303
Est. Total Cost	41,471