

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Mexico
Program Title:	Ruling Justly
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	523-021
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$3,400,000 DA; \$6,116,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$2,000,000 DA; \$6,200,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	

Summary: USAID's democracy program supports civil society, academic and business sector efforts at the federal and state levels to provide more accountable governance and enhance the rule of law. These efforts will help solidify and strengthen democracy in Mexico and increase the effectiveness and transparency of the Mexican legal system. Specifically, USAID is helping Mexico make ground breaking reforms at both the national and state levels in changing their written, inquisitorial criminal codes to an oral, adversarial system as well as institutionalizing accountable government at all levels in areas ranging from freedom of information (FOIA) laws to citizen charters to creating a business and investment friendly environment.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Protect Human Rights (\$500,000 ESF). USAID strengthens human rights NGOs working on criminal justice reforms and supporting victims of crime and human rights abuse. Principal contractor: Management Systems International (MSI).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,000,000 ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to strengthen the management, policy making and multi-stakeholder dialogue capacities of Mexican civil society to serve as better advocates for citizens and watch dogs of government. Principal contractor: Partners for Democratic Change and others to be announced.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$400,000 ESF). USAID provides technical assistance to political parties to increase internal democratic decision-making, promote increased diversity of political participation, and continue training programs for young political leaders. Principal contractor: the International Republican Institute and the National Democratic Institute.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$640,000 DA, \$283,000 ESF). With DA, USAID provides assistance to the federal Government of Mexico (GOM) to strengthen its good governance program and replicate good governance models to Mexican states. With ESF, USAID works with a university and civil society to implement the methodology of a national customer satisfaction index and coordinate citizen and business oversight of the quality and delivery of government services. USAID provides assistance to a network of journalists to support the adoption of ethics codes and professional guidelines, and support civil society efforts to oversee the administration of freedom of information laws. USAID also is transferring its successful anti-corruption web portal www.atlatl.com.mx to a Mexican NGO and its satellite-based auditor training program to a Mexican university. USAID will support oversight of the executive branch to ensure continued focus on citizen-oriented government. Principal contractor: Casals and Associates.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$2,310,000 DA, \$1,883,000 ESF). With DA, USAID supports

justice reform in six target states and at the federal level to implement oral, adversarial codes of criminal procedure. With ESF, USAID supports legal education programs and build the capacity of NGOs, business associations, and academics to promote public education about oral, adversarial criminal justice reforms and that provide citizen watchdog services and administer alternative dispute resolution and restorative justice programs, especially for former detainees and gang members. Principal contractor: MSI.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$450,000 DA, \$1,050,000 ESF). USAID is increasing access to credit and capital market participation and facilitating cross border dialogue and cooperation on issues such as economic development, health care services and public safety. USAID supports the Mexican business sector and civil society in carrying out the World Bank's "Doing Business" project to identify constraints to a competitive business environment at the sub-national level. They will also strengthen citizen oversight to fight corruption and ensure the effective administration of citizen-oriented government at sub-national levels. Principal contractors: Casals and Associates, Evensen Dodge, and others to be announced.

FY 2007 Program:

Protect Human Rights (\$300,000 ESF): USAID will continue to support human rights NGOs to serve as effective advocates for victims of crime and human rights abuse and to provide oversight of criminal justice reforms. Principal contractor: MSI.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,000,000 ESF): USAID will continue to strengthen the management, policy making and multi-stakeholder dialogue capacities of Mexican civil society to serve as better advocates for citizens. Implementer to be determined through a competitive process.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function (\$300,000 DA, \$100,000 ESF): With DA, USAID will work with the federal government and Mexican states on good governance initiatives. With ESF, USAID will continue support for oversight by civil society, business, and academia of the quality and delivery of government services to citizens. Principal contractor: Casals and Associates.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$1,700,000 DA, 2,700,000 ESF): With DA, USAID will continue to support criminal justice reform in target states and at the federal level. With ESF, USAID will continue to support legal education programs and build the capacity of NGOs, business associations, and academics to promote public education about new oral, adversarial criminal justice reforms and that provide citizen watchdog services over the criminal justice system. Principal contractor: MSI.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,100,000 ESF): USAID will continue to work with the business sector, civil society, and academics to promote greater competitiveness through the World Bank's "Doing Business" project; strengthen citizen oversight to fight corruption and ensure the effective administration of citizen-oriented government at sub-national levels; and increase capital market participation. Principal contractors: Casals and Associates, Evensen Dodge, and others to be announced.

Performance and Results: Results include the enactment and implementation of Mexico's first federal Civil Service Law; passage and implementation of FOIA laws by the federal government and 26 states; passage of oral, adversarial criminal justice reforms by the federal congress and the State of Nuevo Leon; oral adversarial codes of criminal procedure drafted by five other states; 30 mediation centers opened in 15 states; 19 states have passed model Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) laws; increased state and municipal engagement with the capital market to build roads and connect rural markets to ports; and 176 citizen charters. By program completion, seven states will have adopted codes of criminal procedure and be implementing new oral, adversarial criminal justice systems; 16 states will have opened court-annexed mediation centers; a network of shelters and a federal TIP law will exist; the federal government and several states

will have good governance agendas including citizen-focused government initiatives with citizen charters and plain-language programs.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Mexico

523-021 Ruling Justly	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	668	13,182
Expenditures	53	4,132
Unliquidated	615	9,050
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	976	12,429
Expenditures	1,557	10,199
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	1,644	25,611
Expenditures	1,610	14,331
Unliquidated	34	11,280
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	3,400	6,116
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	3,400	6,116
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	2,000	6,200
Future Obligations	0	6,068
Est. Total Cost	7,044	43,995