

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	South Africa
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	674-001
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$500,000 CSH; \$3,500,000 DA; \$1,500,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$860,000 DFA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$4,276,000 DA; \$1,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1996
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2007

Summary: Since the end of apartheid, the Government of South Africa is striving to rule justly, invest wisely in its people, and encourage economic freedom. USAID is assisting South Africa's efforts to address high rates of crime, perceptions of corruption, inadequate local government managerial capacity, low public approval of local government's performance in delivering services, and negative forms of civil society participation such as tax and election boycott campaigns that do not contribute to good governance. USAID technical assistance supports improved court administration, better municipal planning, and increased community understanding of local government for more effective participation in governance.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Improve local government service provision and civic participation (\$1,880,000 DA; \$530,000 DFA recoveries; \$500,000 CSH). South Africa's recently decentralized local government system is expected to extend public services to historically disadvantaged communities, but local authorities' capacity to manage the complex system is inadequate. In FY 2004, using DA and DFA recoveries, USAID will continue training local government councilors, officials and community leaders in 94 of South Africa's 284 municipalities in their roles and responsibilities. This will result in public approval of these municipalities' performance rising from 31% in FY 2002 to 45% in FY 2004. USAID will train leaders of 45 community-based organizations in 15 of the same municipalities in financial accounting and performance management, focusing specifically on local government budgeting and development planning procedures. This will help strengthen civil society at the local level and improve civic participation in governance. Using CSH funds, USAID will provide technical assistance to a program that assists councilors, officials and community leaders in 110 municipalities to develop and implement plans to manage the HIV/AIDS pandemic. USAID, as part of the President's Initiative (PEPFAR) will also use CSH funds for 14 non-governmental organization (NGO)-led programs that provide access to justice for women and child victims of violent crime and which ensure access to post-exposure prophylactics to prevent the spread of HIV. Principal contractors/grantees: Creative Associates, Pact.

Develop a more effective and accessible criminal justice system (\$1,620,000 DA; \$330,000 DFA recoveries; \$1,500,000 ESF). High crime, low conviction rates, and public concerns regarding corruption in government contribute to the view that the South African government is not responding fast enough to people's needs. USAID, the South African Department of Justice (DOJ), and Business Against Crime, an association of major South African corporations, formed a tripartite partnership in FY 2002. In FY 2004, using DA and DFA recoveries, the partnership will continue to support the introduction of an integrated case flow management system for courts, the decentralization of court support services, and a study of options for contracting out the management of funds held in trust by courts for deceased estates, child support payments, and bail. USAID assistance will help reduce the backlog of criminal cases by an estimated 10%. USAID will provide technical assistance to merge magistrates and judges into a single judiciary and will support the training of women lawyers to increase by 10% the pool of women eligible to

be appointed as judges. With ESF funds, USAID will train 300 prosecutors to handle money-laundering cases and plea bargaining. Principal contractors/grantees: Creative Associates, Business Against Crime.

FY 2005 Program:

Improve local government service provision and civic participation (\$2,157,000 DA). Using DA funds, USAID plans to provide technical assistance to approximately 80 municipalities to enhance revenue and improve service delivery. In 15 of these same municipalities, USAID will continue transferring skills in advocacy and management to 45 community based organizations to improve civic participation. USAID also will continue support for 14 NGOs that ensure access to medical care for women and children who are victims of violent crimes. Principal contractors/grantees: Creative Associates, Pact.

Develop a more effective and accessible criminal justice system (\$2,119,000 DA; \$1,000,000 ESF). Using DA funds, USAID plans to continue support for the restructuring of the DOJ and the judiciary, training an estimated 100 personnel from five government institutions in forensic auditing, and training for 100 magistrates in the skills required to try corruption cases. With ESF funds, USAID may support South Africa's community policing system and train 200 prosecutors in techniques such as plea-bargaining and prosecution of money-laundering cases. It is expected that these interventions will help South Africa reduce its criminal case backlog by a further 10%. Principal contractor/grantee: Business Against Crime.

Performance and Results: USAID's program continues to show progress in supporting South Africa's transition to majority rule democracy at both the central government and local levels. As a result of USAID support, 110 of South Africa's 284 municipalities have coordinated HIV/AIDS strategies, and 94 have improved planning skills and more positive forms of community participation that improve governance. Sixteen of the 47 district municipalities have joined a learning network. The Hologram newsletter that disseminates local government best practices has 3,500 subscribers, while 550 visitors are accessing its website each month. A USAID-supported tax reform advocacy organization persuaded Parliament to increase the number of tax-deductible NGO activities from 22 to 49. The same NGO program contributed to a tripling of qualified NGOs, from 6,637 in 2001 to 21,652 in 2003, thus expanding the pool of NGOs able to use available tax savings for charitable work. Through a USAID-leveraged public-private partnership, the backlog of cases in the judicial system continues to decline.

By the end of FY 2004, USAID's contribution to the public-private anti-crime partnership with Business Against Crime and the DOJ will total \$6.5 million, and will have leveraged \$4.1 million from Business Against Crime and \$42.6 million from the DOJ, for a cumulative total of \$52.7 million. The partnership-supported restructuring of the courts resulted in a \$2.7 million reduction in court expenditures in FY 2003. Due to USAID assistance, the backlog of criminal cases was reduced by 22%, from 133,556 in FY 2000 to 104,112 in FY 2003. By the end of 2007, USAID-assisted municipalities will have enhanced revenue, improved service delivery, and achieved a 55% approval rating (up from 31% in FY 2002). The criminal case backlog will be reduced to 70,000 cases (50% of the 2000 number); 50,000 NGOs will qualify for tax benefits (an increase from 6,637 in FY 2001); and the fight against corruption will be succeeding. NGO programs supported by USAID will contribute to the slowdown in the spread of HIV/AIDS, as municipalities are better able to plan and manage the impact, and as NGOs that work with women and children victims of violent crimes increase program coverage.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

South Africa

674-001 Democracy and Governance	CSH	DA	DFA	ESF
Through September 30, 2002				
Obligations	0	86,264	148,813	10,067
Expenditures	0	71,106	148,826	8,814
Unliquidated	0	15,158	-13	1,253
Fiscal Year 2003				
Obligations	328	5,886	0	0
Expenditures	0	9,074	-305	708
Through September 30, 2003				
Obligations	328	92,150	148,813	10,067
Expenditures	0	80,180	148,521	9,522
Unliquidated	328	11,970	292	545
Prior Year Unobligated Funds				
Obligations	0	0	860	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA				
Obligations	500	3,500	0	1,500
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004				
Obligations	500	3,500	860	1,500
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA				
Obligations	0	4,276	0	1,000
Future Obligations	0	10,000	0	0
Est. Total Cost	828	109,926	149,673	12,567