

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Rwanda
Program Title:	Democracy and Good Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	696-005
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$1,500,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,707,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2004
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2008

Summary: USAID's democracy and governance program in Rwanda promotes improved governance through increased citizen participation by focusing on three main areas that are essential to establishing a democratic government and maintaining peace and security: improved local government capacity to manage finances and deliver social services; increased citizen participation in the legislative process; and the advancement of justice and reconciliation. Achievement of results will be accomplished through the following: technical assistance and training for local government officials and community development committees to improve local administrative and service delivery capacity; technical assistance and training for parliamentary members and staff; and small grants, technical assistance and training for local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to promote civic education, the democratic process and reconciliation.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Improve local governments' capacity to implement decentralization (\$500,000 DA). USAID will continue its support for Rwanda's decentralization program. Under the new democracy and governance program, USAID will support local governments to more effectively plan, budget and deliver social services, including HIV/AIDS. Technical assistance to the central Ministry of Local Government will strengthen national policy development and implementation. Training for districts in planning, administrative management, budgeting and monitoring will lead to improvements in designing and implementing development projects and delivering social services. This component will include anti-corruption activities by establishing community-based oversight groups. These groups of local citizens will monitor development projects funded with resources from the Government of Rwanda and donors. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Strengthen civil society to increase citizens' participation in the democratic process (\$750,000 DA). Although Rwandan authorities can readily mobilize citizens from the top down to participate in political and economic development activities, the practice of promoting grassroots or special interest groups that foster democratic citizen participation is not part of the culture. Activities that will be carried out to foster increased citizen participation will include providing technical assistance and training to local NGOs in local-level policy and decision-making processes, civic education, information and communication technology, and promotion of diversity, gender equality and reconciliation. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Increase consultative capacity of the bi-cameral parliament (\$250,000 DA). Building on previous support to the Transitional National Assembly, this component provides technical assistance and training to the new Rwanda Bicameral Legislature to strengthen the capacity of the senators and members of parliament to listen and respond to the people, initiate and debate legislation, and support or challenge executive actions as appropriate. Activities will promote improved quality and frequency of the consultative process inherent to democratic policy development by focusing on specific policy issues of national importance, such as community health care, HIV/AIDS in support of PEPFAR goals, land reform, access to rural

finance, and/or regulation of import/export trade taxation. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

FY 2005 Program:

Improve local governments' capacity to implement decentralization (\$500,000 DA). Activities to strengthen district governments' planning, budgeting and delivery of social services, including HIV/AIDS, will be expanded to up to 50 districts. Anti-corruption citizen oversight committees will continue to be established. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Strengthen civil society to increase citizens' participation in the democratic process (\$500,000 DA). Technical assistance and training to local NGOs will continue to strengthen administration and management. Small grants will be provided to competent NGOs to support activities for advocacy and citizen participation. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Increase consultative capacity of the bi-cameral parliament (\$707,000 DA). USAID plans to expand this activity to include additional training and exchange programs for legislators and staff. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Performance and Results: At the conclusion of the Democracy and Governance Program in FY 2009, USAID expects that citizen confidence in Rwandan Government processes will be increased to the extent that there will be a 70% public approval rate of the government and 70% of all citizens will be involved in government processes.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Rwanda

696-005 Democracy and Good Governance	DA
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	1,500
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	1,500
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	1,707
Future Obligations	6,609
Est. Total Cost	9,816