Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Nigeria

Program Title:Democracy and Governance

Pillar:

Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance

Strategic Objective: 620-011

Proposed FY 2004 Obligation: \$2,500,000 DA; \$3,250,000 ESF

Prior Year Unobligated: \$0

Proposed FY 2005 Obligation: \$3,352,000 DA; \$5,000,000 ESF

Year of Initial Obligation: FY 2004
Year of Final Obligation: FY 2009

Summary: USAID's new program to strengthen foundations for democratic governance in Nigeria will work with civil society and selected government institutions to improve the environment for accountable governance and conflict management in Nigeria. The program will strengthen civil society advocacy capacity to build constituencies for targeted reforms; improve processes for policy and legislative reforms within selected government institutions; strengthen the capacity of both civil society and government to mitigate and manage conflict; and support transparent and credible elections.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Civil society capacity (\$1,000,000 DA; \$1,500,000 ESF). USAID will assist civil society organizations, including women's groups, labor unions, faith-based organizations, community groups and think tanks to hold public officials accountable for their actions, to actively engage in oversight of government, and to advocate for key reforms. ESF resources will support civil society oversight of national budget preparation and implementation, policy reform and advocacy. Women will be assisted to become more active participants in political processes. Reintegration and rehabilitation assistance will be provided for 1,400 victims of human trafficking. Principal contractors and grantees: International Organization for Migration (IOM), others to be determined.

Accountable governance (\$500,000 DA). Anti-corruption "arms" of government, the National Assembly (NA), and targeted State Legislatures will be strengthened in the areas of economic and health policy, legislative drafting and reporting, committee operations, public hearings and constituency outreach. The program will also seek to build permanent linkages between the NA and key civil society organizations. Principal contractors and grantees: Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Credible elections (\$300,000 DA). USAID will support the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to improve voter registration procedures and elections administration and to revise selected electoral laws and regulations. The program will also assist political parties to institutionalize representative and competitive multi-party processes. Principal contractors and grantees: the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) and the International Republican Institute (IRI).

Conflict Management (\$700,000 DA; \$1,750,000 ESF). Interventions to address conflict in Nigeria will strengthen the capacity of selected civil society organizations and government institutions to predict and prevent conflict and reduce its impact. ESF funds will be used to strengthen the capacity of local NGO networks and conflict resolution practitioners to mediate conflict as well as the capacity of community groups to institute conflict avoidance and peace maintenance. Potential and actual ethnic, religious, land tenure, and resource allocation conflicts will be targeted, with a specific focus on offering opportunities for social participation and employment to youth as alternatives to violence in target states. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

FY 2005 Program:

Civil society capacity (\$1,500,000 DA). USAID will continue to support a diverse group of civil society organizations to be more effective in holding government accountable and advocating for their interests, and support to victims of trafficking to enable them to be reintegrated into society will continue. Same implementers as FY 2004.

Accountable governance (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will continue to strengthen economic and health policy-making, legislative drafting and reporting, committee operations, public hearings and constituency outreach. Work with the National Assembly will continue. USAID support for State legislatures will be completed during FY 2005. Same implementers as FY 2004.

Credible elections (\$5,000,000 ESF). Activities to lay the groundwork for free and fair elections in Nigeria in 2007 will be stepped up to include voter education, development of training for election monitors and election officials, sensitization campaigns for local officials, elections administration, support for international election observation, and strengthening of political parties. Same implementers as FY 2004.

Conflict Management (\$852,000 DA). USAID will continue to support peace-building, social participation, counseling and vocational training efforts directed toward conflict-prone youth, and will also further develop conflict early warning systems in target states. Same implementers as in FY 2004.

Performance and Results: FY 2004 is the first year of implementation for this program. By the end of the program in FY 2009, Nigerian citizens will play a greater role in policy-making; the National Assembly will operate more efficiently; outbreaks of inter-ethnic violence will have been reduced in conflict prone areas of the country; victims of trafficking will have been rehabilitated and reintegrated within their communities; and, Nigeria's 2007 elections will have been conducted in a transparent and non-violent manner.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nigeria

620-011 Democracy and Governance	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	2,500	3,250
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	2,500	3,250
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	3,352	5,000
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	5,852	8,250