

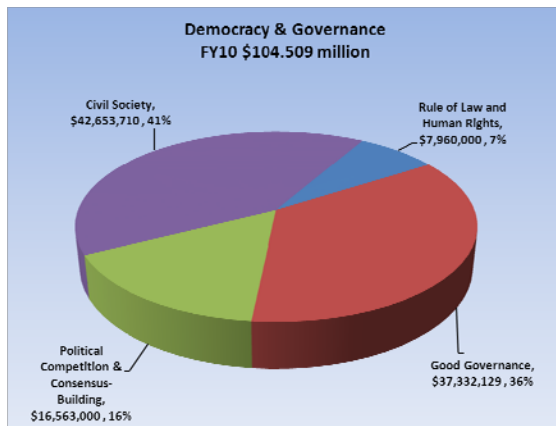


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## Democracy and Governance Program



Pakistan's prosperity and security rely on strong democratic institutions that nurture capable political leadership, a transparent electoral system, and the ability to govern justly and accountably. USAID partners with the Government of Pakistan at the national, provincial, and local levels to build a new generation of programs that strengthen local governments and legislative institutions, support the rule of law, and encourage a credible and transparent electoral system capable of producing leaders and policy makers who can help Pakistan achieve its Millennium Development Goals.

### Key Accomplishments, 2008-2010

- Groundbreaking on a new \$9.3 million facility for the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services
- Support for Transparency International-Pakistan to operate an anti-fraud hotline that will facilitate public reporting of fraud, waste, and abuse in US-funded programs
- Training of more than 2,500 parliamentarians, representatives, and secretariat staff from provincial assemblies and of public accounts committees of the National Assembly and Senate
- Support to the Election Commission to modernize operations and improve its electoral registry
- Training of 45,000 voter registration center officials and 600,000 polling staff for improved polling and voter registration management
- Support for the Free and Fair Election Network in developing unified proposals for electoral reform, subsequently adopted by the Election Commission
- Mobilization of more than 87,000 citizens for budget consultations with government officials
- Development of financial management systems in 55 tehsil municipal administrations to increase revenue and improve service delivery
- Training of more than 12,000 municipal officials to increase public participation and use of performance management tools to improve government effectiveness



## Current Projects



### Pakistan Electoral Support Program

USAID furthers transparent electoral administration and electoral reform by helping the Election Commission of Pakistan modernize its election management and voter registry and improve its operations.



### Municipal Services Delivery Program (MSDP)

Starting in early 2011, MSDP is helping municipalities improve essential public service delivery so as to better address Pakistanis' basic needs in vulnerable and flood-affected areas. Activities include infrastructure upgrades (e.g., safe water, sanitation, and roads), stronger government administration, and expanded grassroots citizen engagement in at least 120 communities in all four provinces.



### Citizen Participation and Oversight

USAID's **Strengthening Citizen Voice and Accountability** program supports civil society actors who seek to take part in transparent democratic processes, including advocating for policy reform, monitoring government performance, engaging in public decision-making, and establishing effective linkages with government partners. Grants under the program also aim to improve accountability in public budgeting and service delivery.

The **Gender Equity Program** supports Pakistani governmental and non-governmental organizations that advance opportunities for Pakistani women and girls by encouraging gender equity in civil, political, economic, and social realms; promoting women's rights; and working toward ending gender-based violence.

The **Anti-Fraud Hotline** provides a mechanism for citizens to register complaints about possible fraud, waste, and abuse in USAID-funded programs throughout Pakistan and helps prevent instances of corruption.



### Ambassador's Fund and Small Grants Programs

On behalf of the U.S. Embassy, USAID manages the Ambassador's Fund, which supports local-self help initiatives to improve basic community conditions. Similarly, the Small Grants Program funds multi-year initiatives that support citizen-led strategic development programs.