



## IFES FINAL Quarterly Report: January 1 – March 31, 2005

### Yemen: Technical Assistance to the Supreme Commission for Elections and Referenda (SCER)

USAID Grant No. DGC-A-00-01-00004-00 (1002-108)

Project period: April 1, 2002 – January 15, 2005

Total Budget: \$1,246,152.00 Expenses Recorded to Date: \$1,246,854

#### Background

The goal of this project has been to strengthen the capacity of the Yemeni Supreme Commission on Election and Referendum (SCER). IFES provides technical assistance to the SCER to organize and conduct technically sound, transparent, impartial elections in conformity with Yemen's laws and international standards for free and fair elections. IFES has been active in Yemen since 1993 and has maintained a field presence there since May 1999.

In December 2003, IFES received bridge funding to allow its Yemen office to remain operational until new initiatives were approved under CEPPS II. In March 2004, IFES received a no-cost extension to permit operations through April 30, 2004. IFES submitted a detailed proposal for new activities and applied for a cost extension in April 2004. The proposed activities and cost extension were approved in May for a seven-month period ending November 30, 2004. In November a no-cost extension was approved through December 31, 2004.

In December, IFES submitted a proposal to CEPPS detailing activities through the end of 2006. New funding for a two-year program was approved on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Accordingly, a new project name and code have been assigned to the project, "Yemen: Elections Systems Assistance", 1002-131.

#### Activities

No noteworthy activities occurred during the brief period remaining on this project during the first quarter. Please refer to the quarterly report for project 1002-131 for the same period for a full account of IFES activities in Yemen during the first quarter of 2005.

Below is a list of project documents and reports developed during the program period:

- *Analysis of the Voter ID Card in Yemen*, April 2002
- *Voter Registration Training*, Steven Gray, May 2002
- *IFES Yemen 2003 Pre-Electoral Assessment*, February 2003
- *IFES Yemen 2003 Post-Electoral Assessment*, May 2003
- *Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry for Interior of the Republic of Yemen and IFES*, October 2003
- *IFES Yemen January 2002 – March 2004 Activity Report*, Enrique Saltos, April 2004
- *Electoral Law Reform in Yemen, Phase One: Launching a Public Policy Dialogue*, Paul Harris, March 2004

- *Using GIS for Delimitation in Yemen*, Lisa Handley, September 2004 (English and Arabic)
- *General Elections and Referendum Law*, Revised IFES English Translation, November 2004
- *A Training Center for Yemen's Supreme Commission for Elections and Referendum (SCER): Current Situation, Needs and Priorities for Action*, Vic Butler, December 2004

Each document/report is attached here as an appendix.