# Program/Project/Activity Data

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| Program Area:         | DR.2 Good Governance  
                        | DR.3 Political Competition and Consensus Building  
                        | PS.4 Transnational Threats and Crime |
| Country(ies) and/or Operating Unit: | USAID/Ukraine |
| Originating Office:   | Office of Democracy and Governance |
| Date:                | June 7, 2019 |
| PAD Level IEE:       | Yes ☑ No ☒ |
| Supplemental IEE:    | Yes ☑ No ☒ |
| RCE/IEE Amendment:   | Yes ☑ No ☒ |
| DCN of Original RCE/IEE: | 2006-UKR-010 |
| DCN of Amendment(s): | AMD1: 2009-UKR-003  
                         | AMD2: 2013-UKR-011  
                         | AMD3: 2017-UKR-004 |
| If Yes, Purpose of Amendment (AMD): | To increase the level of funding to cover ongoing activities |
| DCN(s) of All Related EA/IEE/RCE/ER(s): | 
| Implementation Start/End: | AMD: FY19-FY21  
                          | LOP: FY09-FY21 |
| Funding Amount:       | AMD Amount: $29,000,000  
                        | LOP Amount: $100,000,000 |

## Recommended Environmental Determination:

- **Categorical Exclusion:** ☒
- **Positive Determination:** ☒
- **Deferral:** ☒

## Additional Elements:

- **Conditions:** ☒
- **Local Procurement:** ☒
- **Donor Co-Funded DFID:** ☒

### 1. Purpose of Amendment

1.1. The purpose of the amendment is to increase the ceiling of the project by $29 million, thereby raising the planned life of project amount to $100 million. This is the fourth amendment to the original RCE. There has been no change in the scope of work and the period of performance remains unchanged from Amendment 3.


1.3. Since the implementation of this project, USAID/Ukraine Responsive and Accountable Politics Program (U-RAP) has trained democratic reformist political parties (both national headquarters...
and their regional branches) on best practices of effective parties, with particular focus on internal party democracy, constituent outreach, inclusivity, and public interest-based policy making. It has supported civil society initiatives to educate citizens and activists on issues surrounding electoral, political finance, and anti-corruption reform. It has worked with parliamentary factions and groups, and the Speaker to build multi-party consensus around key institutional reforms to the parliament. U-RAP has supported civil society in developing and advocating for the adoption of election-related legislation. It also provided technical assistance to the Central Election Commission (CEC), particularly on the training of election commissions (in advance to the local elections in newly consolidated communities, and in advance to the presidential election in March 2019), as well as developing voter education materials, and helping voters understand the new rules. In preparation for the 2019 presidential election, U-RAP trained election management bodies, journalists, political parties, and civil society organizations on cybersecurity-related issues. To support Government of Ukraine (GOU) efforts in effectively preventing and responding to cyber threats in advance of and during the presidential election in 2019, U-RAP procured critical electoral cybersecurity equipment and software for the CEC from a Ukrainian company. U-RAP has also worked to ensure free and fair presidential election by supporting high level election observation missions, both short-term and long-term observers (National Democratic Institute and International Republican Institute), and an international observation mission by the European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO).

Additional activities include critical electoral reform legislation advanced with USAID partner OPORA input, including amendments to the draft Election Code; an alternative bill on parliamentary/local elections; a draft law on strengthening sanctions for electoral violations; and legislation supporting internally displaced persons (IDPs) and labor migrants voting rights. OPORA has organized large scale long-term (LTO) and short-term observation (STO) of two rounds of the 2019 presidential elections with 200 LTOs and 3000 of STOs along with conducting observation missions of elections in newly amalgamated communities. Additional project funding will continue to support these and related political processes activities.

1.4. This project is currently in compliance.
2. Recommended Environmental Threshold Decision Clearances:

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