

terrorist activity through the provision of training, funding, equipment and expertise. This program is delivered through Canadian government departments and agencies, as well as through partnerships with international organizations, key allies and non-governmental organizations.

- **The Afghanistan Counter-Narcotics Program:**¹⁸ This program supports a series of projects implemented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to address the threat of illicit drugs from Afghanistan.

ADVANCING DEMOCRACY: \$18.50 million¹⁹

The Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force's (START) activities also include initiatives that advance democracy around the world by providing support to democratic participation and civil society, legal and judicial reforms, elections, human rights, media and information flows as well as non-partisan support for legislatures and political parties.

In 2012–2013, DFAIT allocated \$11.3 million to the Democracy Envelope of the Glyn Berry Program to support democracy around the world. The Democracy Envelope was used to support democracy in fragile states, in states in transition to democracy and in authoritarian regimes, including the Middle East and North Africa, Belarus, Burma, Pakistan, Zimbabwe and the Americas. These activities included support for the following: increased women's political participation in Libya; increased youth participation in elections in South America; assistance to human rights and democracy defenders under attack; strengthened legislative assemblies in Bolivia; bilateral electoral observation mission in Ukraine; and independent media and increasing civil society organizations' capacity to engage effectively with governments to influence decision makers and create more inclusive environments.

The following are some of the projects funded:

- In **Asia**, democracy was strengthened through support to independent media and media reform, the promotion of education for democracy, as well as the enhancement of political parties and parliamentary capacity to better

respond to the needs of citizens including by increasing the knowledge of parliamentarians and politicians on power-sharing mechanisms in ethnically and culturally diverse contexts.

- Canada supported the democratic aspirations of people in **North Africa** through initiatives aimed at increasing political participation, with a focus on greater involvement by women in the political sphere, as well as improving electoral processes and electoral dispute resolution mechanisms. Technical support was also provided to parliamentarians and the judiciary to strengthen their ability to contribute positively to constitution drafting processes in North Africa's nascent democracies.
- In **Europe**, democracy support included sending an observation mission to help monitor and assess the credibility of the 2012 parliamentary elections in Ukraine, as well as independent media initiatives that delivered uncensored information directly to the population in countries such as Belarus, where freedom of the media is severely limited.

In addition to the projects supported through the Glyn Berry Program, the Global Peace and Security Fund also provided approximately \$3.7 million in programme funding to initiatives that advanced democracy in the following regions:

- In the broader **Middle East and North Africa**, democracy was promoted through activities such as support to constitutional reform and governance decentralization processes, enabling dialogue related to more effectively addressing the needs of the population, and promoting dialogue on tolerance and reconciliation.
- In **Afghanistan**, support was provided to rule of law and advancing human rights, with a particular emphasis on improving the rights of women. Highlights included introducing Afghans across the country to the fundamentals of democratic elections, registering female election observers, offering Afghans access to legal expertise via cell phone, and imparting management skills to a number of local Afghan non-governmental organisations actively supporting human rights.

¹⁸ The Program provided \$12 million in 2011–2012 to meet the needs of the UNODC in both 2011–2012 and 2012–2013. As such, no disbursement was necessary in 2012–2013 to meet the \$6 million annual commitment.

¹⁹ This total includes \$1.22 million in disbursements to the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Rights & Democracy).