

West Bank and Gaza

The Challenge

Recently, major developments have taken place in the West Bank/Gaza, including Israel's disengagement from Gaza and four northern West Bank settlements, Palestinian Authority (PA) control of the Egypt/Gaza Rafah border crossing, and Hamas' victory in the Parliamentary elections and strong showing in municipal elections. The possibility that Hamas, a designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, could form the next PA Government has resulted in a comprehensive interagency review of all U.S. Government assistance to ensure that USG assistance continues to reflect U.S. policy goals and is fully compliant with U.S. law. Given the short time between the elections and the publication of the Congressional Budget Justification (CBJ), it is not possible to complete the review and make any resultant program changes before submission of this document. Therefore, USAID will postpone submission of the West Bank/Gaza CBJ until the review is completed and specific changes to the program are known.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

MCA Status: Currently Not Eligible

Mission Director: James Bever

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: Stand Alone

| Program Budget (Appropriations by Account) | FY 2004 (\$000) | FY 2005 (\$000) | FY 2006 (\$000) | FY 2007 (\$000) | Percent Change FY 04-07 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Development Credit Authority | 0 | 430 | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| Economic Support Fund | 74,558 | 224,400 | 148,500 | 150,000 | 101.2% |
| PL 480 Title II | 4,955 | 5,991 | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| Total | 79,513 | 230,821 | 148,500 | 150,000 | 88.6% |

| Workforce | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 | Percent Change FY 04-07 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| US Direct Hires | 15 | 21 | 22 | 22 | 46.7% |
| US Non Direct Hires | 7 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 128.6% |
| Foreign Nationals | 78 | 105 | 106 | 106 | 35.9% |
| Total | 100 | 139 | 144 | 144 | 44.0% |

| Operating Expense | FY 2004 (\$000) | FY 2005 (\$000) | FY 2006 (\$000) | FY 2007 (\$000) | Percent Change FY 04-07 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Salaries and benefits | 1,863 | 2,141 | 2,155 | 2,685 | 44.1% |
| Travel | 299 | 409 | 278 | 149 | -50.2% |
| Transportation of things | 123 | 201 | 235 | 79 | -35.8% |
| Rent | 1,074 | 1,162 | 1,220 | 1,497 | 39.4% |
| Security | 100 | 132 | 150 | 209 | 109.0% |
| Equipment | 281 | 366 | 149 | 15 | -94.7% |
| ICASS - Operating Expense only | 597 | 651 | 712 | 845 | 41.5% |
| Other Operating Expense | 1,116 | 1,017 | 1,002 | 933 | -16.4% |
| Total OE Budget | 5,453 | 6,079 | 5,901 | 6,412 | 17.6% |
| US direct hire salary and benefits | 2,790 | 2,961 | 2,928 | 3,244 | 16.3% |
| Program Funded Administrative Expenses | | | | 6,160 | |
| Country Total Administrative Budget | | | | 15,816 | |
| Percent of Bureau OE Total | | | | 8.7% | |

| Country Summary | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Program per US Direct Hire (\$000) | 5,301 | 10,991 | 6,750 | 6,818 |
| Program per All US (\$000) | 3,614 | 6,789 | 3,908 | 3,947 |
| Program per Position (\$000) | 795 | 1,661 | 1,031 | 1,042 |
| Operating Expense as % of Program Funding | | | | 4.3% |
| Program Funded Admin Expense as % of Total Admin | | | | 38.9% |
| Total Admin Expense as % of Program Funding | | | | 10.5% |