Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Yemen

Program Title: Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health Services

Pillar: Global Health

Strategic Objective: 279-005
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation: \$5,140,000 ESF

Prior Year Unobligated: \$4,000,000 ESF

Proposed FY 2005 Obligation: \$7,380,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation: FY 2004

Year of Final Obligation: FY 2006

Summary: The capacity of Yemen to fulfill its role as an ally in the war on terrorism is dependent upon its ability to deliver essential services. This is especially important in health care because Yemenis suffer from the worst health indicators in the region and in several cases, in the world. Life expectancy is 59.8 years; fertility is among the highest in the world at 7.6 births per woman; contraceptive prevalence rate for modern methods is 10 percent; infant and child mortality are very high at 76 and 107 per 1,000 respectively; one-third of all under-five deaths occur from vaccine-preventable diseases; and maternal mortality is virtually the highest in the world at 1,400 per 100,000 births. Unfortunately, primary health care reaches only 24 percent of the population in rural areas where most Yemenis live. Yemen has one of the highest population growth rates in the world (3.5%) and the population is projected to increase from 19 million in 2004 to 49 million by 2031. With nearly half of the population under 15 years of age, this population explosion will continue to have a negative impact on economic development for years to come.

The USAID program in the health sector is focused on increasing access to and use of reproductive, maternal and child health services in the five remote and underserved governorates that have produced and harbored terrorists- Amran, Shabwa, Al-Jawf, Saada, and Marib. The program has three categories: (1) increased access to quality health services; (2) increased knowledge and healthy behaviors at the community level; and, (3) improved physical and policy environment for health.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Health services (\$5,140,000 ESF, \$4,000,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). To address Yemen's health care needs, funds will be used to improve the health system and increase the capacity of the Government of Yemen to plan for and deliver health services in rural areas. Illustrative activities will include strengthening health planning, management and financing at national and sub-national levels through training, National Health Accounts, health services assessment and health information systems; strengthening reproductive, maternal and child health (MCH) service delivery by renovating MCH centers and furnishing basic equipment, medicines and supplies, providing mobile clinics in underserved areas, providing quality in-service trainings at all levels of the health service delivery system including managers, community midwives, health service delivery personnel and supervisors; promoting healthy behaviors through community-based health education including materials for illiterate females; and environmental health activities such as improving access to potable water and hygiene practices. The principal contractors and grantees currently setting forth specific plans in this sector include the CATALYST Consortium and ABT Associates, Inc.

FY 2005 Program:

Health services (\$7,380,000 ESF). USAID/Yemen will continue to support health activities that began in FY 2004.

Performance and Results: Activities in Yemen have just begun in FY 2004, and targets are now being developed.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Yemen

279-005 Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health Services	ESF
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	4,000
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	5,140
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	9,140
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	7,380
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	16,520