Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Program Title:

Pillar:

Strategic Objective:

Proposed FY 2004 Obligation: Prior Year Unobligated: Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:

Year of Initial Obligation: Year of Final Obligation:

West Bank and Gaza Family Health Global Health 294-007 \$6,200,000 ESF \$5,689,000 ESF \$7,000,000 ESF

> FY 1999 FY 2006

Summary: USAID's health program in the West Bank and Gaza (WBG) is working to improve and sustain the overall performance within the primary health care system, focusing on overall quality of maternal and child health (MCH) and nutrition services. A second component trains social workers, teachers, and parents to help children and youth cope emotionally with the violent environment. Health programs provide performance improvement in MCH services, emergency medical equipment, supplies, pharmaceuticals, and training in emergency medical and trauma case management. Key beneficiaries are women, children, and youth.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition (\$5,975,000 of ESF, \$1,799,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). This flagship primary health care contract seeks to improve the availability of quality MCH and nutrition services including procurement of medical equipment, supplies, vitamins and minerals, the award of subgrants/contracts to Palestinian NGOs and institutions. Due to ongoing management issues, the Mission is conducting an evaluation to determine whether the existing contract can be modified to perform successfully or whether a new contract will need to be awarded early in FY 2005. The principal implementing partner is: IBM Consulting.

Emergency Medical Assistance (\$590,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will continue its support to improve the Palestinians' capacity to meet emergency health and nutrition needs arising from the crisis. Activities include training, nutrition monitoring and research to ensure the availability of reliable information for decision makers to set policies and priorities, the procurement of medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals and sub-grants that maintain the operational capacity of local rehabilitation and emergency organizations. The principal implementing partner is: CARE.

Community Psychosocial Support (\$2,500,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will continue its support for improving technical skills of teachers, parents, and social workers in psychosocial support training, counseling and coping behaviors among children and parents who must live in a violent environment. Sub-grants to implement psychosocial support activities will also continue. Pending the results of a mid-term assessment, USAID may provide additional funds for a Phase II community psychosocial support program. The principal implementing partners are: Save the Children and others TBD.

Nutrition (\$225,000 ESF, \$800,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID will seek new partnerships to support Palestinian institutions strengthen policies and programs on micronutrient deficiencies which may include supplementation and food-based strategies; national awareness raising campaigns; improving capacity of Palestinian organizations to provide leadership, ensure early detection and appropriate management and case referrals. Given the positive impact of existing food security programs, USAID will continue its support for the distribution of basic food parcels to the most vulnerable non-refugees and food insecure families. USAID's contributions cover operational expenses and local procurement of wheat

flour and olive oil. USAID will continue to support the procurement and distribution of essential vaccines and supplies covering a twelve month period for total coverage requirements estimated by the Ministry of Health. The principal implementing partners are: World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Program (WFP), UNICEF and others TBD.

FY 2005 Program:

Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition (\$6,200,000 ESF). This program will continue under the existing or newly selected contractor. Since this is one of the most important programs supporting provision of health services to mothers and children, it will be continued with modifications suggested by the evaluation being conducted in the second quarter of 2004.

Emergency Medical Assistance (\$800,000 ESF). USAID will continue support to improve the Palestinians' capacity to meet emergency health and nutrition needs. Health and nutrition monitoring and research will continue with an additional focus of integrating monitoring systems into a Palestinian Authority institution -- such as the Ministry of Health -- to ensure sustainability. Based on need, the procurement of medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals and sub-grants to Palestinian organizations will continue.

Performance and Results: USAID's health programs continue to improve and sustain performance in the health system. Through the end of FY 2003, USAID procured and distributed medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals worth about \$7 million to approximately 200 non-governmental clinics, hospitals and public health facilities, serving approximately 570,000 women and children. pharmaceutical procurement resulted in an economic injection of \$2.5 million to private Palestinian firms. Seventy-six training workshops targeting 657 health workers were conducted to strengthen their counseling skills in educating women on the birth cycle and care for the mother and newborn. In addition. over 60,000 women and children have benefited from health education materials that focus on priority health concerns. Approximately 540,000 of the poorest and most vulnerable persons have directly benefited from food distribution programs that are supported by USAID. A food security assessment found that 70% of Palestinians have difficulty obtaining sufficient food. A repeat nutritional assessment one year later showed that moderate and severe acute malnutrition rates among children ages 6-59 had improved from 7.8% to 3.4%. Data are still being analyzed to guide Mission programs. A psychosocial assessment revealed that 93% of sampled children reported not feeling safe and exposed to attack. More than 22,000 children were beneficiaries of play and art therapy that help children deal with trauma while 40,000 children have benefited from a series of innovative classroom-based sessions in 370 schools and 270 community centers. Over 10,000 parents, teachers, and other caregivers have directly benefited from group sessions and training on how to meet children's basic support needs. An estimated 41.700 children benefited from 200 USAID-sponsored summer camps.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

West Bank and Gaza

ESF
35,237
8,330
26,907
12,880
18,534
48,117
26,864
21,253
5,689
6,200
11,889
7,000
7,000
74,006