

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Panama
Program Title:	Rural Community Development
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	525-006
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$750,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2002
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2005

Summary: USAID's program to strengthen selected communities in the province of Darien, along the Colombian border, is part of the Andean Regional Initiative. USAID supports effective governance, community institution building, small-scale social and productive infrastructure, and income-generating opportunities. This program assists local communities and locally elected officials to effectively address defined needs and better articulate and advocate for the government's assistance. USAID also promotes strategic development alliances with private enterprises and civil society, including local and international nongovernmental organizations to develop environmentally friendly economic activities.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Expand and Improve Access to Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$700,000 ESF). USAID-funded technical assistance and local grants will help 15 communities design and implement small-scale social infrastructure projects, including eight potable water supply facilities. USAID will also fund small-scale productive infrastructure and income-generating projects, including a landfill and recycling center, rural road improvements, three ecotourism activities, a slaughterhouse, and a tree and vegetable nursery. Program emphasis will focus on local management, self help, and sustainability. USAID assistance will promote development alliances with the private sector and local civil society organizations. The principal grantee is Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA).

Strengthen Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$50,000 ESF). USAID-funded training and technical assistance for local leaders, elected officials, and community organizations in 15 communities will develop capacity for planning, participatory decision making, and public oversight. This assistance will help local governments and organizations address community needs. The principal grantee is ACDI/VOCA.

FY 2006 Program: There is no proposed FY 2006 obligation.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, 55 communities improved their capacity to strategically assess their needs and establish development priorities, resulting in more effective governance, community institution building, and completion of small-scale social and productive infrastructure and income-generating opportunities. By the end of the program, 45 social infrastructure and 35 productive infrastructure projects will have been completed, benefiting more than 15,600 people. At least 55 communities will have a community development strategy, and communities will have improved their capacity to work together for a common purpose and articulate community solutions to social and productive infrastructure needs.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Panama

525-006 Rural Community Development	ESF
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	5,250
Expenditures	434
Unliquidated	4,816
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	2,443
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	5,250
Expenditures	2,877
Unliquidated	2,373
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	750
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	750
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	0
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	6,000