

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	LAC Regional
Program Title:	Special Development Opportunities
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	598-021
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$400,000 CSH; \$15,412,000 DA; \$24,800,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$500,000 CSH; \$11,167,000 DA; \$20,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: Advancing Development Cooperation Opportunities in the Hemisphere (ADCOH) provides the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) with the flexibility to respond to special development opportunities and foreign policy issues. Technical and training assistance will support innovative approaches to promoting cooperation among regional partners; organizational strengthening efforts designed to improve the regional capacity to carry out development efforts; special initiatives that respond to foreign policy issues but do not fall under an approved strategic plan; and organizations with the objective of expanding the USAID network of partners working on development problems in LAC.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Increase Private Sector Growth (\$3,438,000 DA). USAID will continue to support microenterprise development institutions in the region through the Program for Innovation in Microenterprise (PRIME) program. Principal implementers are Development Alternatives, Chemonics, and IBM Consulting.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$500,000 DA). USAID will continue to promote labor unions in Latin America. Principal grantee: American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS).

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$1,250,000 DA). USAID will support activities that document and analyze the extent of trafficking; increase public awareness; train local agencies to assist victims; and provide technical assistance to improve the legal framework to curb trafficking. Grantees are to be determined.

Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$8,000,000 DA; \$8,000,000 FY 2004 C/O DA). USAID will support biodiversity conservation activities especially those involving indigenous groups in the Amazon Basin. Principal implementers are the Amazon Conservation Team and others to be determined.

Other Development Opportunities (\$2,224,000 DA; \$400,000 CSH). USAID will identify opportunities that support innovative approaches to promote cooperation among regional partners, strengthen regional capacity to carry out development efforts, and network with partners. For example, funds may be used for emergency health clinics in Mexican cities along the U.S.-Mexico border to relieve the social and financial burden placed upon U.S. hospitals. Funds may also be used to support health programs for handicapped persons in Mexico and to identify and develop nutraceuticals (functional foods) in Dominica. Funds may be used to provide election support to various countries in the Western Hemisphere that have elections scheduled for late 2005 and early 2006. Funds may also be used to support educational initiatives, including scholarship programs. USAID will continue to respond to special foreign policy concerns

identified by Congress and the Administration. Implementers are to be determined.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$496,000 ESF; \$576,000 FY 2004 C/O ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance to strengthen democratic institutions and promote the rule of law and respect for human rights in Venezuela. Implementers are to be determined.

Promote and Support Anticorruption Reforms (\$2,976,000 ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance to carry out a range of new regional activities to help combat corruption and promote transparency in the hemisphere. Among the top priorities will be implementation of recommendations from the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Convention Against Corruption (IACAC) Follow-Up Mechanism.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$1,488,000 ESF). USAID will support specific activities related to the Presidential mandates adopted at the Summit of the Americas, designed to improve governance in the hemisphere; improve the quality of legislative governance; and increase economic prosperity in the region. Funds will be provided to the regional Justice Studies Center to help it meet its mandate to strengthen cooperation on justice sector reform in the region, to anchor its core program, and leverage additional funding from other sources.

Increase Participation in Global Trade and Investment (\$19,840,000 ESF). USAID will support labor and environmental capacity building activities related to the free trade agreements with the countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic.

FY 2006 Program: Increase Private Sector Growth (\$850,000 DA). USAID will continue to support microenterprise development institutions in the region. Implementers are the same as above.

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$1,250,000 DA). USAID will continue to implement the activities described above. Grantees are to be determined.

Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$8,000,000 DA). USAID will support biodiversity conservation activities especially those involving indigenous groups in the Amazon Basin. Principal implementers are the Amazon Conservation Team and others to be determined.

Other Development Opportunities (\$348,000 DA; \$500,000 CSH). USAID will continue to respond to special development opportunities, foreign policy issues, and initiatives not covered by LAC Bureau strategic objectives.

Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$469,000 DA, \$500,000 ESF). USAID will continue to strengthen democratic institutions and promote the rule of law and respect for human rights in Venezuela. Implementers are to be determined.

Promote and Support Anticorruption Reforms (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support regional activities begun in FY 2005 to help combat corruption and promote transparency in the hemisphere. Implementers are to be determined.

Regional Security Fund (\$1,500,000 ESF). This is a new initiative that will promote personal, national and regional security, essential for economic growth, the deepening of democracy, and the protection of western hemispheric homelands from terrorists and organized crime. Implementers are to be determined.

Improve Justice Sector/Legal Framework (\$3,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the Summit of the Americas mandates to improve democratic governance and accountability in the region.

Increase Participation in Global Trade and Investment (\$12,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support activities that enhance the contribution of international trade and investment to economic growth, development, and poverty reduction in the hemisphere.

Performance and Results: ADCOH responded to numerous development opportunities in the region, and in many cases transferred funding directly to the respective USAID Mission. USAID provided support to the Government of the Dominican Republic to address the serious problems confronting the electricity sector. Support for the Summit of the Americas included a conference to include the participation of civil society in the Summit and the OAS General Assembly in early 2005. ADCOH resources were used to leverage donations from Scholastics Books, Inc to purchase Spanish-language books for the Andean and the Central American Center for Excellence Teacher Training programs. These programs respond to regional social and economic issues that are critical to the U.S. national interest and will expand the network of partners working throughout the region to enhance economic growth and promote prosperity.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

598-021 Special Development Opportunities	CSH	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	0	5,542	0
Expenditures	0	150	0
Unliquidated	0	5,392	0
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	0	9,830	10,438
Expenditures	0	0	0
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	0	15,372	10,438
Expenditures	0	150	0
Unliquidated	0	15,222	10,438
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	400	15,412	24,800
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	400	15,412	24,800
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	500	11,167	20,000
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	900	41,951	55,238