

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Central America Regional Program
Program Title:	Meso-American Food Early Warning System
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	596-024
Status:	New in FY 2005
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,000,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,000,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID assistance will support preparedness and mitigation initiatives which directly contribute to reduced loss of life and natural resources from economic and natural disasters. Regional support for timely, effective humanitarian assistance and crisis response will specifically focus on disaster/crisis prevention and preparedness by supporting the Mesoamerican Food Security Early Warning System (MFEWS). The ultimate goal is for decision makers in Central America and their donor partners to use food security early warning information and analyses on a routine basis to understand the origins of, prevent, mitigate and respond to food security crises within the region. Information will be collected, integrated and analyzed by multi-sectoral country teams to develop key monitoring indicators. The data analyses will form the basis for recommendations for action. Country level analyses will be reviewed annually at a decision makers' forum which will result in recommendations for next steps. The countrywide systems will be supported and integrated to share studies, develop common indicators and best practices, achieve economies of scale, develop regional forecasts, and prioritize regional needs.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Mitigation (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will support the establishment of formal and informal networks of key actors at the country and regional levels. These networks will work to: improve vulnerability management; produce earlier warning of emerging food security problems in order to provide more timely response; and strengthen national capacities to collect, analyze and report on food security information, with special attention focused on filling key information gaps. Principal contractors are Chemonics International, and others to be determined through competitive bidding.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Mitigation (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will continue to support formal and informal networks of key actors at the country and regional level which would work to: improve vulnerability management; use existing information more effectively in providing earlier warning of emerging food security problems and improving response; and strengthen national capacities to collect, analyze and report on food security information. Principal contractors would not change.

Performance and Results: By program completion a regional early warning system will be providing timely information and analysis to decision makers so that they can take action to prevent, mitigate and respond to projected food security crises. Yearly national outlook conferences will present and discuss information and analyses compiled across institutions and sectors (agriculture, health, nutrition, meteorological services and economy). National capacities to collect, analyze and share information on food security will be strengthened. New types of data will provide analysts and decision makers with earlier warning of what is happening to populations in specific geographic locations. The new process will include the use of remote sensing techniques in the region and the development of an early warning indicators for nutrition.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Central America Regional Program

596-024 Meso-American Food Early Warning System	DA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	1,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	1,000
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	1,000
Future Obligations	2,000
Est. Total Cost	4,000