

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Paraguay
Program Title:	Economic Growth
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	526-007
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$990,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,725,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: The economic growth program consists of business development services to individual firms, and technical assistance to the private and public sectors to reduce constraints to trade and investment.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Increase Private Sector Growth (\$990,000 DA). USAID will provide business development services such as marketing assistance for agricultural products and supply chain management. Through technical assistance provided to companies in the most poverty stricken areas of the country, additional sales of Paraguayan products will be generated. The generation of additional sales is expected to lead to job creation and increased investment from within and outside of Paraguay. In addition, technical assistance will be used to identify and address regulatory and policy constraints such as the environment for business and trade affecting clients. Principal contractor: Chemonics (prime) and various Paraguay subcontractors.

FY 2006 Program: Increase Private Sector Growth (\$1,800,000 DA). USAID plans to continue providing assistance to firms in areas such as marketing and supply chain management to help them increase their sales and generate employment. Technical assistance may be used to identify and address specific policy and regulatory bottlenecks affecting the private sector. Principal contractors: same as above and others to be determined.

Improve Quality of Workforce (\$200,000 DA). USAID plans to extend information technology training activities to other areas of training which will be determined through agreements with private sector firms with specific training needs. The activity will include the establishment of a job bank, internships, and ultimately, placement with partner firms. Principal implementer: Information and Resources Center for Development.

Increase Participation in Global Trade and Investment (\$725,000 DA). USAID plans to support private-public cooperation in reforming regulations and policies that hamper trade and investment, and in building private and public mechanisms supportive of increase participation in international markets. Principal implementer to be determined.

Performance and Results: After its first full year of implementation, the economic growth program is generating over 326 jobs and almost \$800,000 in new investment from within and outside the country. Increased sales of over \$800,000 have been generated of which almost \$200,000 were exports. One main office in Asunción and three technical centers in the interior of the country are now fully staffed with technical expertise to provide business development services. The program is having an impact beyond that of its individual clients by addressing sector and regional policies. By the end of this program, USAID expects to have significantly strengthened the capacity of Paraguayan firms to participate in international markets as suppliers, clients and competitors, fostering market-led growth and employment generation in Paraguay.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Paraguay

	DA	ESF
526-007 Economic Growth		
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	1,000	0
Expenditures	2	0
Unliquidated	998	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	1,250	300
Expenditures	1,171	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	2,250	300
Expenditures	1,173	0
Unliquidated	1,077	300
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	990	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	990	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,725	0
Future Obligations	2,235	0
Est. Total Cost	8,200	300