

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Kosovo
Program Title:	Social stabilization through special initiatives
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	167-0410
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,500,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$611,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$1,915,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	1999
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: This objective supports activities that are vitally important to the development of Kosovo, but fall outside the Mission's core objectives. These activities address U.S. Government and Kosovo-specific priorities such as anti-trafficking, key health issues, and initiatives in energy. The activities are often limited in scope and implemented as part of a larger donor effort. In FY 2006, USAID is increasing emphasis on the energy sector.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Expand and Improve Access To Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$2,500,000 AEEB). USAID assistance will address two critical factors that continue to hamper Kosovo's ability to provide power to all of its citizens: weak revenue collection and financial management of the electric utility, Kosovo Electro Energy Corporation (KEK), and the need for legal and institutional frameworks regarding public sector participation in the energy sector. By providing technical assistance and training to the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) and the Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM), USAID will help develop clear secondary legislation regarding investment, implement transparent authorization, tendering and licensing procedures for private sector engagement, and facilitate public participation in planning and decision making. To help improve the domestic market, USAID will work to increase coordination among the MEM, ERO, KEK, donors, and enforcement agencies to identify and implement priority actions aimed at improving revenue collection in the electricity sector. Contractors: Pierce Atwood, and to be determined (TBD).

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$611,196 AEEB carryover). Funding will be used to launch a new three-year anti-trafficking initiative with a strong emphasis on partnerships with community organizations. The main purpose of the new Partnership Against Trafficking in Human beings (PATH) project is to build local ownership and capacity to address trafficking issues in Kosovo in the long-term. This effort will encompass work with a range of recognized Kosovar governmental and non-governmental entities to support the efficient implementation of the Kosovo Plan of Action (KPA) to combat trafficking, to instigate related advocacy efforts, increase understanding of the causes that lead to trafficking, and strengthen the existing victim assistance and referral systems in Kosovo. Implementer: TBD

FY 2007 Program:

Expand and Improve Access To Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$1,715,000 AEEB). USAID will continue to support the development of the legal and regulatory environment through assistance to the Energy Regulatory Office and the Ministry of Energy and Mines. Technical assistance to and training of the public utility, KEK, will build upon efforts to increase revenue collection by strengthening financial management procedures and investment planning in the company. Contractor: TBD

Reduce Trafficking In Persons (\$200,000 AEEB). USAID's anti-trafficking activities are scheduled to continue throughout 2007, by which time a quick response referral system will be in full operation for Kosovar victims of trafficking to seek assistance. This will be accomplished through setting up an alliance of local NGO support groups. As a part of this effort, public awareness campaigns will be targeted to the most vulnerable groups, and general campaigns will be conducted to dispel the myth that "it can't happen

in this society.” It is expected that, as a result of the broader activity that includes the work with the government, Kosovo will have in place a functioning support system for victims and will make progress in stemming trafficking through early interventions. Principal implementer: TBD.

Performance and Results: During FY 2005, USAID has supported the emergence of a legal and regulatory framework consistent with international norms through targeted technical assistance to the Energy Regulatory Office. USAID has helped draft numerous pieces of key secondary legislation, including the Rule on Pricing, Tariff Methodology, and Schedule of Fees.

USAID assistance contributed to the finalization of the KPA to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings (2005-2007) which was approved in May 2004 by the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and Kosovo’s Provisional Institutions of Self-Government (PISG). To mark the start of KPA implementation, the PISG launched a comprehensive awareness-raising campaign supported by USAID about trafficking of local victims. Since the beginning of the USAID program, 56 trafficked victims - of which 59% were minors - from Kosovo have been assisted by USAID-supported organizations. During FY 2005, 23 new victims were referred and assisted, reflecting an increasing trend compared with 14 from last year.

As part of targeted support to health initiatives, USAID assistance enabled the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory to obtain 100% quality assurance results. Standard World Health Organization regimens for tuberculosis treatment are now implemented, including strict Directly-Observed Therapy in the USAID-supported pilot clinics. The Ministry of Health plans to replicate this model as part of the new National Tuberculosis Program. To date, 107 health care personnel completed a hands-on training in antenatal care in one targeted municipality. Overall, 108 pregnant women benefited from the introduction of new antenatal care services since February 2005. In concert with the United Nations Theme Group on AIDS, USAID initiated a study which provides the critical Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) behavior and biomarker data for the first time in Kosovo. This effort builds local capacity to design and implement key behavior surveillance and HIV prevalence studies independently in the future. A coalition of six organizations of people with disabilities was also created as an important body through which different disability groups can coordinate actions and advocate for systemic changes for inclusion of the mentally disabled in Kosovo.

Anticipated results from these activities include increased dependability of Kosovo’s power supply and opportunities for private investment in the energy sector, and heightened awareness on the part of Kosovars of the seriousness of the trafficking problems in Kosovo, and a more active and coordinated civil society, working in concert with government to prevent trafficking and treat its victims.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Kosovo

167-0410 Social stabilization through special initiatives	AEEB	CSH	ESF
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	21,016	131	1,756
Expenditures	19,522	131	1,729
Unliquidated	1,494	0	27
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	1,597	0	0
Expenditures	1,180	0	0
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	22,613	131	1,756
Expenditures	20,702	131	1,729
Unliquidated	1,911	0	27
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	611	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	2,500	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	3,111	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	1,915	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	27,639	131	1,756