

The Challenge

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Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Mission Director: Rudolph Thomas

MCA Status: Signed Compact

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: Both

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance Score	Direct SO Admin. Cost Ratio
680-001 Reforming Primary Education In Benin	7,178	6,149	0	0	N/A	0.99	Met
680-002 Benin Integrated Family Health	7,550	7,450	0	0	N/A	0.92	Met
680-003 Governance Program	1,031	823	0	0	N/A	1.00	Met
680-004 Support for Basic Education in Benin	0	0	4,378	400	N/A		N/A
680-005 Benin Integrated Family Health	0	0	7,903	8,403	N/A		N/A
PL 480 Title II not Allocated to a Strategic Objective	4,701	2,600	1,190	3,000	-36.2%		
Country Total	20,460	17,022	13,471	11,803	-42.3%		

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Child Survival and Health Programs Fund	7,550	7,450	7,903	8,403	11.3%
Development Assistance	8,209	6,972	4,378	400	-95.1%
PL 480 Title II	4,701	2,600	1,190	3,000	-36.2%
Total	20,460	17,022	13,471	11,803	-42.3%

Program Budget by Sector and Account

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Basic Education DA	7,163	6,149	3,978	0	N/A
Economic Growth DA	15	42	0	0	N/A
Human Rights DA	500	350	0	0	N/A
Democracy and Governance DA	531	431	400	400	-24.7%
Family Planning / Reproductive Health CSH	2,200	2,200	2,175	1,873	-14.9%
HIV / AIDS CSH	2,000	2,000	1,977	1,980	-1.0%
Child Survival and Maternal Health CSH	1,350	1,250	1,977	2,050	51.9%
Other Infectious Diseases CSH	2,000	2,000	1,774	2,500	25.0%
PL 480 Title II not Allocated to a Sector	4,701	2,600	1,190	3,000	-36.2%
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Workforce

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
US Direct Hires	4	4	5	4	0.0%
US Non Direct Hires	3	1	3	2	-33.3%
Foreign Nationals	57	55	50	39	-31.6%
Total	64	60	58	45	-29.7%

Operating Expense

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Salaries and benefits	902	958	847	727	-19.4%
Travel	249	209	128	137	-45.0%
Transportation of things	79	10	21	20	-74.7%
Rent	163	156	123	147	-9.8%
Security	163	181	170	162	-0.6%
Equipment	339	160	22	21	-93.8%
ICASS - Operating Expense only	263	210	210	300	14.1%
Other Operating Expense	304	321	281	288	-5.3%
Total OE Budget	2,462	2,205	1,802	1,802	-26.8%

US direct hire salary and benefits	519	525	476	396	-23.7%
Program Funded Administrative Expenses				1,600	
Country Total Administrative Budget				3,798	
Percent of Bureau OE Total				2.4%	

Mission Summary

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Program per US Direct Hire (\$000)	5,115	4,256	2,694	2,951
Program per All US (\$000)	2,923	3,404	1,684	1,967
Program per Position (\$000)	320	284	232	262
Operating Expense as % of Program Funding				15.3%
Program Funded Admin Expense as % of Total Admin				42.1%
Total Admin Expense as % of Program Funding				32.2%

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: France, the United States, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Canada, Switzerland.

Multilateral: World Bank, European Union, The African Development Fund, International Monetary Fund.

**Benin
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

(in thousands of dollars)

Accounts	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Current	FY 2007 Request
Child Survival and Health Programs Fund	7,550	7,450	7,903	8,403
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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE SUMMARY

680-001 Reforming Primary Education In Benin				
DA	7,178	6,149	0	0
680-002 Benin Integrated Family Health				
CSH	7,550	7,450	0	0
680-003 Governance Program				
DA	1,031	823	0	0
680-004 Support for Basic Education in Benin				
DA	0	0	4,378	400
680-005 Benin Integrated Family Health				
CSH	0	0	7,903	8,403

Mission Director,
Rudolph Thomas

Benin

The Development Challenge

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Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Benin
Program Title:	Support for Basic Education in Benin
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	680-004
Status:	New in FY 2006
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$4,378,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$400,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2006
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2010

Summary: USAID's education program in Benin seeks to improve the quality of basic education and ensure that more children, girls in particular, have access to primary education. Program activities focus on: increasing access to a quality basic education, especially for girls; improving teaching and learning; building community and governmental capacity to promote, organize, and sustain education; and increasing efficiency in the education sector. Additionally, through the President's Africa Education Initiative (AEI), program activities contribute to teacher training and provision of textbooks and scholarships for girls.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education (\$3,058,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance to the Government of Benin to re-open teacher training institutions. This includes developing teaching guides and providing materials and equipment. USAID is also introducing a model for in-service teacher training to new target areas. USAID will assist the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education to revise curricula in primary school grades. USAID will support interventions to raise awareness about the importance of girls' education, such as peer tutoring programs. USAID is also working with local and national authorities to develop policies aimed at promoting girls' education, for example encouraging the recruitment and retention of female teachers to serve as role models for girls in remote rural areas. With AEI resources, USAID will train school district leaders, teacher supervisors, and primary school teachers in planning techniques, teaching approaches, and strategies for effectively teaching the new primary education curriculum. AEI resources are also being used to finance primary education for girls under the Ambassadors Girls Scholarship Program (AGSP). Principal contractors and grantees: International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH), and others to be determined.

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$300,000 DA). USAID will provide HIV/AIDS awareness training to parents, students, teachers and education officials along with assistance to the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education to implement an education sector policy on HIV/AIDS and to incorporate HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention messages in school materials. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,020,000 DA). USAID will strengthen the capacity of communities and parents as key actors in primary education. USAID will support public awareness activities to engage communities in the education reform agenda. Parents located in rural areas with limited education will benefit from training to help them understand the reform program and approaches they can use to remain active in their children's education. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Activities notified under this strategic objective are part of a new strategy statement that is pending approval. Should funding levels or activities included in this data sheet change substantially once the strategy statement is approved, a new notification will be submitted prior to the obligation of any funds.

FY 2007 Program:

Strengthen Civil Society (\$400,000 DA). USAID will continue working with civil society, especially

mothers' associations, to improve community oversight in school management. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Performance and Results: Under this new objective, USAID will build on past success of the education program in Benin. Expected principal outcomes at the end of this program are: 1) increased quality of teaching and learning and primary school enrollment and completion rates; 2) decreased gap in enrollment and achievement between boys and girls; 3) greater community involvement in education planning and oversight of schools; and 4) introduction and dissemination of policies to reduce the potential impact of HIV/AIDS on the education system.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Benin

680-004 Support for Basic Education in Benin	DA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	4,378
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	4,378
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	400
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	4,778

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Benin
Program Title:	Benin Integrated Family Health
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	680-005
Status:	New in FY 2006
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$7,903,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$8,403,000 CSH
Year of Initial Obligation:	2006
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2010

Summary: The USAID Integrated Family Health program aims to increase the use of family health services and prevention measures within a supportive policy environment. National interventions focus on improving health policies. Interventions at the regional and local levels focus on implementing nationally adopted policies. The USAID health program is focused on improving maternal and child health, prevention of HIV/AIDS, encouraging the use of family planning, and preventing malaria. USAID works with the Ministry of Health to effectively implement the Government of Benin's decentralization policy for the health sector. USAID activities also foster greater community oversight in the health care planning and service delivery. P.L. 480 Title II resources complement the USAID program and focus on nutrition of mothers and children, safe pregnancy and delivery, and health care for persons living with HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable groups.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$989,000 CSH). USAID is working with the Ministry of Public Health to develop protocols and standards for family health and introduce them nationwide. This includes conducting training in family health standards related to interventions such as managing childhood illnesses and caring for newborns. Local officials are receiving training in managing health activities. A model for bottom-up planning in which local conditions and community needs are reflected in health planning is being expanded geographically. USAID is funding social marketing activities to promote the use of oral rehydration salts for treating diarrhea, and a pilot to establish community health insurance schemes is being expanded to new target areas. USAID is also supporting polio eradication activities in Benin. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$989,000 CSH). USAID is expanding achievements under a previous activity to protect the health of mothers by preventing post partum hemorrhage and promoting safe pregnancy as part of a package of integrated family health services. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$1,774,000 CSH). USAID is continuing to promote the use of insecticide treated nets under a social marketing program. The Ministry of Public Health will continue to receive USAID technical assistance in rolling out its malaria control strategy nationwide and introducing new approaches to combat malaria which are recommended by the World Health organization. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$1,976,000 CSH). USAID is continuing support for campaigns to promote delay of sexual debut among adolescents, sexual abstinence and fidelity, as well as promotion of condom use through a social marketing program. USAID is also continuing support to improve epidemiological surveillance, reinforce prevention and case management of sexually transmitted infections through training and supervision, and implement targeted educational programs for vulnerable groups. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Support Family Planning (\$2,175,000 CSH). USAID is funding training of health workers in applying

family health standards of care, awareness campaigns to support the promotion of contraceptive use nationwide, and development and implementation of a contraceptive security strategy to avoid the many consequences of frequent product stock-outs resulting from poor logistics planning. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

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FY 2007 Program:

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$1,025,000 CSH). USAID will continue interventions to improve child health as part of an on-going integrated family health program. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$1,025,000 CSH). USAID will continue interventions to improve maternal health and nutrition as part of an on-going integrated family health program. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$2,500,000 CSH). Support to the national ITN social marketing program will continue. USAID will continue assisting the Ministry of Health to roll out its malaria control strategy. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$1,980,000 CSH). USAID will continue activities to reduce transmission and impact of HIV/AIDS as part of an on-going program. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Support Family Planning (\$1,873,000 CSH). USAID will continue activities to support family planning as part of an integrated family health program. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

All family planning assistance agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive restoring the Mexico City Policy.

Performance and Results: Under this new health objective, USAID will build on past success of the health program in Benin. Expected principal outcomes of the program are: 1) more mothers, children, adolescents and sexually active adults will have access to a minimum package of family health care services to protect their health; 2) more mothers will take appropriate actions to protect their own health as well as the health of their children; 3) more people will adopt safer sexual practices to protect themselves from infection with HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections; 4) communities will be more assured of having financial access to health services and will effectively contribute to oversight of planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health services; and 5) the Ministry of Public Health will continue improving its capacity to plan, budget, train and supervise staff.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Benin

680-005 Benin Integrated Family Health	CSH
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	7,903
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	7,903
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	8,403
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	16,306