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Albania



Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance*
 Fiscal Year (FY) 2007: \$26.75 Million (M) (\$21.10M SEED, \$5.65M Other)
 Estimate FY 2008: \$21.82M (\$17.85M SEED, \$3.97M Other)**

Assistance Goals: United States Government (USG) assistance to Albania seeks to reinforce the country's strong security partnership with the United States. The USG provides the country with the necessary tools to mitigate corruption, broaden economic growth, and increase investment in its people through improved health and workforce development programs.

Areas of Focus (Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance):

Peace and Security (PS): FY 2007: \$11.02M, Est. FY 2008: \$7.46M

- Support Albania's goal to fully integrate with Euro-Atlantic institutions and its aspirations on eventually joining NATO
- Modernize Albania's armed forces to become interoperable with NATO
- Improve the organization and professionalism of Albania's law enforcement specifically in combating transnational crime and trafficking in persons

Governing Justly and Democratically (GJD): FY 2007: \$6.47M, Est. FY 08: \$5.80M

- Strengthen Albania's audit and oversight institutions to detect and deter corrupt practices
- Improve civic society participation in local governments
- Build a transparent judiciary that combats organized crime and corruption

Investing in People (IIP): FY 2007: \$1.69M, Est. FY 2008: \$3.20M

- Reform health systems to improve primary and reproductive health care
- Promote high quality health care to combat health threats throughout the country
- Provide protection to the most vulnerable populations

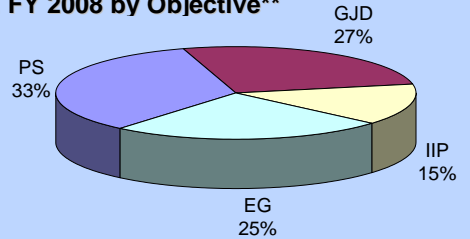
Economic Growth (EG): FY 2007: \$6.76M, Est. FY 2008: \$5.37M

- Support practices and reforms that promote sustainable economic growth
- Improve the competitiveness and productivity of Albania's private sector
- Build Albania's trade and investment capacity by encouraging foreign and domestic investment
- Improve access to reliable energy markets to encourage economic growth

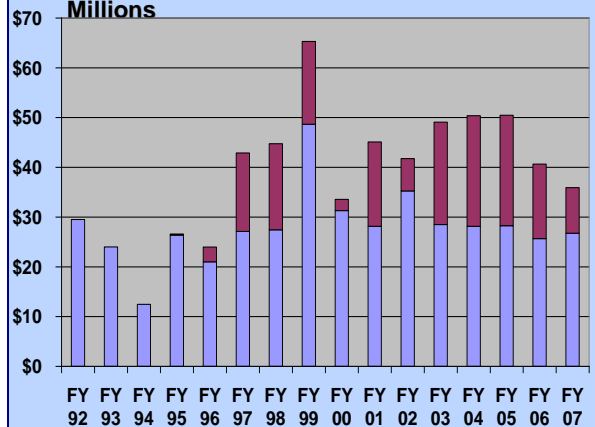
Recent Successes:

- Facilitated access to commercial credit for a number of firms. Through a microcredit program, the USG provided loans with a total value of over \$8.0M to 5,165 micro and small enterprises, which helped increase private sector competitiveness.
- More women received birthing information and infant health care. Almost 76,000 antenatal clinic visits were registered in the health information system during the year, surpassing the target by almost 18%.
- Supported the High Inspectorate for Declaration and Audit of Assets (HIDAA), the audit agency that enforces accountability and transparency in government. HIDAA has played a vital anti-corruption role and was key in dismissing over 100 corrupt officials.
- In June 2007, after working closely with the USG, the Albanian Parliament passed the new State Police Law, a significant step toward professionalizing the state police and addressing corruption. The law brings Albania into compliance with international standards and moves it closer to accession into Euro-Atlantic institutions.

Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance Est. FY 2008 by Objective**



USG Total Assistance 1992-2007 Support for Eastern European Democracy Act (SEED) (light) and Other USG (dark) USD Millions



Albania: Est. FY 2008 USD Thousands

Total For. Ops. Accounts**	\$21,825
Assistance for Eastern Europe and Baltic States:	\$17,854
Foreign Military Financing (FMF):	\$2,115
Non-proliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs (NADR):	\$785
International Military Education and Training (IMET):	\$571
Child Survival and Health (CSH):	\$500

For More Information:

SEED Annual Report:
<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/rls/rpt>

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Report:
<http://www.mcc.gov/countries/albania/index.php>

U.S. Embassy:
<http://tirana.usembassy.gov/>

*Division J of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act: Department of State Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008, including: SEED, CSH, NADR, IMET and FMF

**Estimate from FY 2009 Congressional Budget Justification; Website: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/101440.pdf>