

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Caribbean Regional Program
Program Title:	Rule of Law
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	538-006
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$460,000 DA; \$516,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2000
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2004

Summary: USAID's rule of law program is improving the efficiency and fairness of the legal systems throughout the Caribbean. This program provides technical assistance, training, and commodities to the Eastern Caribbean courts to modernize legal systems and increase access to legal information. Through the Caribbean Community Secretariat, USAID has also provided assistance to revise and update laws related to the Caribbean Single Market and Economy, trade issues, justice, and security. This activity clearly illustrates the highly synergistic relationship among the Caribbean Regional Program's rule of law, economic growth, and HIV/AIDS programs.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Improve efficiency of the legal systems (\$70,000 DA). USAID will continue to establish Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers in the three Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) countries: St. Vincent, St. Kitts, and Dominica. USAID will also provide technical assistance to the Justice Education Institute (JEI) of the OECS Supreme Court to continue organizing the judicial training program. Continued technical assistance to the OECS Secretariat (in the form of a project coordinator and a financial manager) will support the OECS Secretariat management project. Principal grantees are the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, the OECS Secretariat, and the British Virgin Island Academy of Court Reporting.

Revise and update laws (\$390,000 DA, \$516,000 ESF). USAID will continue to assist the existing Regional Legislative Drafting Facility in drafting laws related to the Caribbean Single Market and Economy as well as justice and security issues. It will also draft laws addressing such problems as victim discrimination in the area of HIV/AIDS. The principal grantee is the CARICOM Secretariat.

FY 2005 Program:

No new funds will be obligated into this program in FY 2005. During FY 2004, the program will focus on ensuring the sustainability of program impacts and facilitating a smooth transition into the Mission's new regional strategy program for the Caribbean for FY 2005 - FY 2009.

Performance and Results: Over the past year, this program has met its targets. Cases that formerly had to be decided in the formal court system are now being referred by judges for mediation. Seventeen professional court reporters are being trained to assume duties in the six independent OECS countries in April 2004. The Regional Legislative Drafting Facility drafted 42 laws and amendments related to the Caribbean Single Market and Economy. In addition, the Regional Case Reporting Facility edited 11,500 out of 12,000 unreported judicial decisions for inclusion in its electronic database.

With successful completion of this program in 2004, the OECS court system will operate more efficiently. Judges will be more knowledgeable of modernized techniques, the public will benefit from access to a more open and democratic system, and laws will be developed to support free trade and competition, curb international crime, and protect human rights.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Caribbean Regional Program

538-006 Rule of Law	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	120	4,975
Expenditures	120	1,420
Unliquidated	0	3,555
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	1,000	0
Expenditures	397	2,833
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	1,120	4,975
Expenditures	517	4,253
Unliquidated	603	722
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	460	516
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	460	516
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	1,580	5,491