

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Program Title:	Conflict Resolution
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	660-006
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,000,000 DA; \$960,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: USAID provides technical assistance, training and material assistance in support of community initiatives for the constructive and peaceful return and reintegration of ex-combatants. Employment of ex-combatants in labor-intensive road reconstruction and other community infrastructure rehabilitation projects is a prominent element of the program. These activities are designed in coordination with local communities which share the benefits.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$1,000,000 DA; \$960,000 ESF). USAID will continue to increase community planning capacity, and dialogue and negotiation for recovery from conditions created by localized conflict and endemic poverty. Training and technical assistance activities in 50 communities will include problem solving and conflict mediation related to: reintegration of ex-combatants; access to community resources; administrative harassment and petty corruption; and political party competition. Sub-grants to local groups will provide material support needed to undertake labor-intensive activities for job creation and community betterment. An estimated 2,000 ex-combatants will benefit. Coordination with the World Bank-supported national Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) program will continue. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to continue assistance to community groups for problem solving, conflict mediation and facilitation of return of ex-combatants. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Performance and Results: USAID's activities are well-received in beneficiary communities, and ex-combatants have begun to be reintegrated. Certification of ex-combatants as truly demobilized was an issue that resulted in some delay of activity implementation but which has now been overcome through coordination with MONUC (the United Nations Observer Mission to the Congo), CONADER (the National Commission for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration) and local government officials. Similarly, an issue of stigmatization of ex-combatants within some communities has been overcome through agreement that jobs created with USAID support be divided equally between ex-combatants and other community members.

Preparatory efforts with local authorities and training of community groups in planning, dialogue and negotiation has proven critical to successful re-integration efforts. Capacity development for project management is equally critical to successful implementation and completion of labor-intensive infrastructure rehabilitation activities.

Lessons learned in the USAID program are being reported to and monitored by CONADER. After long delay, implementation of the national DDR program is finally approaching commencement of field activity. The USAID program will phase out as the national program becomes fully operational. The national program plans to demobilize 150,000 armed militia members. In 2005, through the International Foundation for Education and Self Help, 2,000 ex-combatants are being reintegrated in 50 communities, 4,000 temporary jobs are being created, and the local capacity to mediate conflict will be strengthened in 75 communities, producing a positive impact on over 60,000 residents of these communities. To date,

over 900 ex-combatants have been registered and 400 are currently engaged in reintegration projects. The overall national DDR program, with support from inter alia USAID, will reintegrate 150,000 ex-combatants into society by the end of 2006.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Democratic Republic of the Congo

	DA	ESF
660-006 Conflict Resolution		
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	2,410	571
Expenditures	191	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	2,410	571
Expenditures	191	0
Unliquidated	2,219	571
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	1,000	960
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	1,000	960
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	1,000
Future Obligations	0	3,000
Est. Total Cost	3,410	5,531