

The Challenge

Cuba, one of the most economically and politically repressed countries in the world, ranks 149th among 155 countries in the Heritage Foundation's 2005 Index of Economic Freedom. Freedom House lists Cuba among the eight most repressive regimes, with failing scores on political rights and civil liberties. Cubans, including those in professional associations and non-governmental organizations, know little about democratic civil societies. Over 330 political prisoners suffer today under humiliating and degrading conditions. Cuban civil society activity increased in FY 2005, despite government attempts to intimidate human rights activists, librarians and journalists. The Economic Intelligence Unit's September 2005 report projects Cuba's economy will grow five percent in 2005-2006, up from four percent in 2004. However, this does not take into account hurricane damage to agricultural production and continuing deterioration of antiquated power and water systems.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Senior Advisor on Cuba: David Mutchler

MCA Status: Not a Candidate

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: N/A

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
516-001 Civil Society Developed	12,319	8,928	10,890	9,000	-26.9%	0.95	Met	0.00
Transfer to Other US Government Agency	9,050	0	0	0	N/A	N/A		N/A
Country Total	21,369	8,928	10,890	9,000	-57.9%			

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Development Assistance	0	0	1,980	0	N/A
Economic Support Fund	21,369	8,928	8,910	9,000	-57.9%
Total	21,369	8,928	10,890	9,000	-57.9%

Program Budget by Sector and Account

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Democracy and Governance ESF	21,369	8,928	7,650	6,500	-69.6%
Conflict Management / Humanitarian Assistance DA	0	0	1,980	0	N/A
ESF	0	0	1,260	2,500	N/A
Total	21,369	8,928	10,890	9,000	-57.9%

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: Venezuela, China, Spain, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, France, Iran and North Korea.

Multilateral: United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator, UN Development Program, UN World Food Program, UNICEF, Food and Agricultural Organization, World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, International Committee of the Red Cross, and International Foundation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.