

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Brazil
Program Title:	At-Risk Youth and Trafficking in Persons Program
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	512-010
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$891,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: Of the estimated 53 million Brazilians living in poverty, over 50% are young people between the ages of 14 and 24. Faced with an education system where poor communities find themselves with under-qualified teachers and woefully inadequate resources, and unemployment rates reaching as high as 43% in some regions, poor Brazilian youths are at a distinct disadvantage in developing the skills needed to secure meaningful employment. In the absence of viable economic opportunities, many adolescents turn to gangs, drugs, crime and violence, with large numbers falling prey to trafficking in persons (TIP) networks that target disadvantaged youth for sexual exploitation or forced labor purposes.

The USAID At-Risk Youth program is working to provide disadvantaged youth with the technical and life-skills needed to find decent jobs and become contributing members of society. Specialized training in the tourism industry and digital inclusion, combined with private sector-assisted mentoring programs, internships, and job placement services have proven highly successful in addressing the specialized needs of Brazil's under-served youth. USAID is strengthening local capacity to provide these services, while developing innovative methodologies and models that are being widely disseminated and replicated by others, ensuring sustainability and nation-wide impact. The USAID program is also assisting the Government of Brazil (GOB) and civil society to combat TIP by providing law enforcement and judicial officials with training and support needed to deal with the perpetrators of TIP crimes and developing an effective shelter system and emergency health care and support services for TIP victims.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Improve Quality of Workforce Through Vocational/Technical Education (\$891,000 CSH). USAID will expand the number of at-risk youth trained from 2,026 to 4,356 with emphasis on information technology (IT) and the tourism industry. The geographic target area for tourism-based training is expanding from two sites to ten in northeastern, central and southwestern Brazil. Training modules include food, travel and tourism services as well as hotel management. Private sector partners are providing youth with mentors, training, internships and viable employment opportunities. Training is continuing in the areas of audio-visual production, electrical services with an emphasis on renewable energy technologies, masonry, construction, historical artifacts, and site restoration. USAID also supports the GOB in the development of policies and programs designed to offer licit income-generating alternatives to highly vulnerable groups, including victims of TIP and sexual exploitation, youth convicted of minor crimes, and persons with disabilities. Principal Implementers: American Institutes for Research and Counterpart International.

Reduce Trafficking In Persons: USAID assists the GOB in the development and deployment of TIP victim assistance programs and methodologies. This program is carried out in all 27 Brazilian

states, with priority given to capital cities and 70 target municipalities that have a highest concentration of TIP cases. USAID and its partners are training 27 state-level core teams that are responsible for providing shelter, health care, psychological, and social services to TIP victims. Additionally, USAID is working with the GOB to integrate a TIP case-notification system at the federal, state, and municipal level that will allow the government to collect reliable data on cases of trafficking, sexual exploitation, and violence against minors. Lessons learned over the past three years under the USAID anti-trafficking program is being documented and used as a basis for implementation of activities under the Presidential TIP Initiative during the 2006-2008 period. Principal implementers: Partners of the Americas and the International Labor Organization.

FY 2007 Program:

Improve Quality of Workforce Through Vocational/Technical Education: In order to allow for closer alignment of resources and strategic focus, in 2007 USAID plans to transfer workforce training activities to the Small and Micro Enterprise Trade-led Growth program.

Reduce Trafficking In Persons: USAID would complement ongoing activities under the FY2005 Presidential TIP Initiative by adding a component to offer licit income-generating alternatives for victims of TIP and sexual exploitation. USAID would identify high demand jobs and design related training and internship programs that meet the special needs of TIP victims and have the potential to generate appropriate levels of licit income. Additionally, USAID plans to provide technical assistance to the GOB in order to expand health, social and psychological support methodologies beyond the 97 municipalities targeted in FY 2006. The GOB plans to disseminate this methodology to 930 municipalities by the end of calendar year 2008. Principal Implementers: This will be determined through a competitive process.

Performance and Results: In 2005, USAID provided over 2,000 at-risk youth with state-of-the-art information technology and tourism industry training, among other areas. Of this number, over 800 participants secured paid internships and formal jobs in over 170 USAID private sector partners. With the help of the GOB, the International Development Bank, and the International Youth Foundation, USAID expanded IT and tourism-based training from the current two to 12 sites. The GOB has requested USAID assistance to design employment policies and programs targeting highly vulnerable populations, including victims of TIP and sexual exploitation, juvenile offenders sentenced to community services, youth involved in gangs and violence, and people with disabilities.

Also in 2005, USAID provided assistance to 317 TIP victims, bringing the cumulative total to over 1,000 since 2004. In addition, USAID provided technical assistance to the GOB in the design and implementation of TIP victim assistance pilot programs and methodologies in critical geographic areas. Initially tested in six municipalities, this USAID-developed methodology has now been expanded to an additional 24 cities with GOB and Organization of American States (OAS) funds. With FY 2005 Presidential TIP Initiative funds USAID will implement activities to increase law enforcement and prosecution rates of TIP and sexual exploitation. This training is being carried out during calendar year 2006 in parallel with USAID-led efforts to strengthen victim shelter networks and develop methodologies for providing victims with much-needed medical and social services.

At the end of this activity, USAID expects to have reduced unemployment rates for assisted youth by 30% and to have strengthened GOB capacity to design, implement, and monitor "first employment" programs throughout the country. By 2008, the number of youth trained is expected to reach 6,400 and, more importantly, lead to national replication of the related USAID-developed methodologies.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Brazil

512-010 At-Risk Youth and Trafficking in Persons Program	CSH	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	2,100	658	0
Expenditures	647	37	0
Unliquidated	1,453	621	0
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	960	470	6,162
Expenditures	1,735	566	20
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	3,060	1,128	6,162
Expenditures	2,382	603	20
Unliquidated	678	525	6,142
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	891	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	891	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	0
Future Obligations	2,749	1,677	0
Est. Total Cost	6,700	2,805	6,162