

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Cuba
Program Title:	Civil Society Developed
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	516-001
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$8,928,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$4,453,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$15,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	1996
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: Beginning in FY 1996 with a grant to Freedom House, the USAID Cuba Program has provided funding to 28 U.S. colleges and universities and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to increase the flow of accurate information on democracy, human rights, and free enterprise to, from, and within Cuba. In spite of Cuban government opposition and interference, the program is achieving its objective and contributing to the development of an independent Cuban civil society.

USAID grantees are strengthening civil society by building solidarity with Cuba's human rights activists, giving voice to Cuba's independent journalists, providing direct outreach to the Cuban people, and distributing humanitarian assistance to the families of political prisoners and other victims of repression. They have protected human rights and equal access to justice by helping to develop independent Cuban NGOs and defending the rights of Cuban workers.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Civil Society (\$7,000,000 ESF). FY 2005 program funds will build solidarity with Cuba's human rights activists by continuing to provide support to give voice to Cuba's independent journalists by supporting Cubanet's web page with reports from these journalists, to reach out to the Cuban people by directly transmitting accurate information on democracy, human rights and free enterprise via newsletters, faxes and e-mails to Cuban citizens. The program will also provide transition planning by working with U.S. universities, U.S. and U.S.-based Cuban NGOs, and independent Cuban individuals, to develop specific plans for a future transition to a new government, and to train prospective Cuban leaders in the functioning of free market economies.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$2,000,000 ESF) FY2005 program funds will foster independent Cuban NGOs by facilitating exchange visits between Cuba, the United States and other nations. The program will also defend the rights of Cuban workers by establishing contacts with Cuban rank and file workers bringing pressure to bear on the Cuban government to respect workers' rights.

FY 2006 Program: Strengthen Civil Society (\$11,500,000 ESF). FY 2006 program funds will continue building solidarity with Cuba's human rights activists by continuing to support distribution of reports by Cuba's independent journalists and transmitting accurate information on democracy, human rights and free enterprise. The program will also continue working with U.S. universities, U.S. and Cuban NGOs, and independent Cuban individuals, and to further develop transition plans. In addition, the program will continue to train prospective Cuban leaders in the functioning of free market economies.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$3,500,000 ESF). FY 2006 program funds will continue to support exchange visits of Cuban NGOs between Cuba, the United States and third countries. The program will further defend the rights of Cuban by supporting workers who bring pressure to bear on the Cuban government to respect workers' rights.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, USAID provided tens of thousands of pounds of food and medicine to political prisoners, their families, and other victims of repression; information sharing and other assistance to Cuba's human rights activists; and support for visits to Cuba by international human

rights monitors. Cuba On-Line sent nearly 600,000 copies of its newsletter, and reports by independent journalists, directly to the Cuban people. The USAID program also supported the training of Cuban NGO leaders in the management and delivery of social services. Hundreds of thousands of books, pamphlets and magazines on democracy, human rights, and free enterprise were procured and shipped to support Cuba's growing independent library network. The program also continued to denounce violations of workers' rights by the Cuban Government, and funded activities to strengthen independent labor organizations on the island. To support the plan for transition, the University of Miami continued to expand on-line databases, published transition studies, and sponsored seminars.

Successful implementation of this objective will result in the development of a Cuban civil society increasingly knowledgeable of their civil, legal rights and responsibilities under a freely elected Cuban government. Program activities will provide an understanding of the functions and benefits of a free market enterprise system and will help to alleviate the suffering of political prisoners and their families. In addition, it will strengthen the role and delivery capacity of independent Cuban NGOs and provide transition scenarios on the development of economic, financial, and legal institutions which would be required in a post-Castro democratic and free-market Cuban society.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Cuba

516-001 Civil Society Developed	ESF
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	25,623
Expenditures	19,712
Unliquidated	5,911
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	8,219
Expenditures	1,772
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	33,842
Expenditures	21,484
Unliquidated	12,358
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	4,453
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	8,928
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	13,381
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	15,000
Future Obligations	17,777
Est. Total Cost	80,000