Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Haiti

Program Title: Streamlined Government

Pillar: Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance

Strategic Objective: 521-006

Status: Continuing

Planned FY 2005 Obligation: \$5,000,000 ESF

Prior Year Unobligated: \$0

Proposed FY 2006 Obligation: \$12,000,000 ESF

Year of Initial Obligation: 1999

Estimated Year of Final Obligation: 2006

Summary: This special objective was begun in 1999 to initiate the process leading to an economically more streamlined, efficient, and credible central government. Goals originally emphasized a reduction in the size of parastatals and the civil service, and institution of civil service reform. Activities were discontinued after the flawed 2000 elections, but restarted in 2004 after USAID and the Interim Government of Haiti (IGOH) signed a limited scope grant agreement (LSGA) to support the major objectives of the U.S. Government's Haiti Response and Reconstruction Program.

Through the LSGA, USAID is helping the IGOH meet emergency needs in key sectors. Activities include technical assistance for a number of key government ministries in such areas as budget and fiscal matters, financial management, information systems, and trade facilitation, along with essential commodities, and helping major international ports meet international security requirements. Support has been provided on an urgent basis for critical public services such as electricity generation and garbage collection and disposal, and to help schools restart normal functioning after political disturbances.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$5,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to fund technical assistance, building rehabilitation, and commodities to assist the IGOH to restore its capacity to provide essential government services. Ministry support will be provided in the form of expert advisors, improvements to Ministry facilities, and purchase of priority commodities such as office equipment, furniture, supplies, and vehicles. USAID-funded advisors will assist the IGOH in budget management and planning, integrated financial management, customs, and trade facilitation. USAID will support improvements in port security at Haiti's two main international ports, Port-au-Prince and Cap Haitien, including technical assistance, security-related equipment purchases, building improvements, and training for port security personnel. The primary grantee is Caribbean-Central American Action.

FY 2006 Program: Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$12,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide support for key ministries and port facilities, with an emphasis on training local personnel and implementation of improvements similar to those described above. USAID intends to support the new Government of Haiti in its efforts to provide an enabling environment for private sector growth and long-term job creation. Contractors and grantees to be selected.

Performance and Results: USAID supported several IGOH operations in the brief two-month period between the signing of the LSGA and the end of FY 2004. Emphasis was placed on restoring IGOH fiscal and service provision capacity, as the IGOH is constitutionally limited as to the types and scope of policy reforms it can undertake. In an effort to improve the management of government revenue, USAID has provided a technical advisor to the Ministry of Finance since

July 2004. With the advisor's help, the IGOH has developed complete and transparent budgets, complied with the reporting requirements of the International Monetary Fund, and clarified Haiti's financial situation and needs to donors. USAID also supported the provision of government services by providing 1.6 million gallons of fuel and 100 barrels of lubricants for electricity generation and garbage collection in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, and subsidizing 70% of the cost of 2.4 million textbooks. USAID provided technical assistance on the development of regulations, procedures, and operations to foster trade and private investment to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism; on information system technology to the Ministry of Health; and on systems logistics to the Office of the Prime Minister. Finally, USAID implemented a program in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Office and the Ministry of Communication to train IGOH ministry spokespersons in communication skills and strategy building in an effort to enhance IGOH outreach capabilities.

This Special Objective is by definition short term. By program completion it will have helped the interim government return a sense of stability to people's lives by restoring essential services such as electricity, trash removal, and a normal school year. Advisors will have made it possible for key ministries in the interim government (and a new, constitutionally elected government, if requested) to improve fiscal management, provide key services and facilitate trade and commerce.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Haiti

521-006 Streamlined Government	СЅН	DA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0	0
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	503	2,486	43,008
Expenditures	0	0	8,582
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	503	2,486	43,008
Expenditures	0	0	8,582
Unliquidated	503	2,486	34,426
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	5,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	0	5,000
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	0	0	12,000
Future Obligations	0	0	7,003
Est. Total Cost	503	2,486	67,011