

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Nicaragua
Program Title:	Investing in People
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	524-023
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$7,776,000 CSH; \$6,822,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$5,976,000 CSH; \$2,000,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's program will help strengthen social sector government ministries through better governance and management practices, procurement integrity, decentralization and public oversight. Activities will improve access to and quality and efficiency of basic education, and increase and improve educational opportunities. Health interventions will improve reproductive, maternal, and child health services, and support better nutrition and hygiene practices. USAID is also leveraging private sector contributions for public social investments through alliances and corporate social responsibility.

All family planning assistance agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive restoring the Mexico City Policy.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$3,579,000 CSH, \$2,026,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance to the key social sector ministries on a national and decentralized municipal level to support improved management, transparency, and accountability for higher quality service delivery. In close cooperation with the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, USAID will help design an institutional reform and modernization program for the Ministry of Health. USAID will continue to advocate for legal reforms to promote the sale of generic medicines to underserved populations, while protecting international obligations regarding intellectual property rights. To help ensure public oversight in the education sector, USAID will promote participation through parents' councils and student governments, and encourage social auditing and performance report cards.

USAID will work with the Government of Nicaragua Social Security Institute (INSS), a group of 50 private sector health service providers, and a new consortium of Nicaraguan entrepreneurs and businesses to expand access to quality health care. A loan guarantee program under the Development Credit Authority will assist two Nicaraguan banks to foster lending of up to \$5 million in loans to private health care providers. USAID will promote public-private partnerships in the area of corporate social responsibility and business ethics, and foster alliances with faith-based private schools to strengthen social sector programs. Principal contractors are Management Sciences for Health and others to be selected.

Support Family Planning Programs (\$2,270,000 CSH). USAID funds technical assistance to a national network of 1,000 public health clinics and 15 key hospitals and emergency rooms to improve maternal and reproductive health care quality and health provider performance. To reduce the transmission of sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS, USAID will fund outreach and behavioral change information campaigns targeted at-risk groups with higher risk behaviors and disease incidence in more than 1,000 communities, and ensure availability of condoms. USAID will continue to procure public sector contraceptives and promote development of a national contraceptive security plan that phases in Nicaraguan government resources for

contraceptive purchases. Principal contractors are John Snow Inc., Academy for Educational Development (AED). NICASALUD Federation (sub), and others to be selected.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$1,853,000 CSH). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance to: improve coordination between governmental and nongovernmental organizations in the nationwide scale-up of proven health behavioral change interventions such as community-based growth promotion; strengthen the ability of the Ministry of Health to support and extend service delivery coverage in 1,000 more vulnerable communities; and strengthen a clearinghouse, advocacy, and coordination mechanism for nongovernmental organizations collaborating with the Ministry of Health. With P.L. 480 Title II resources, USAID will provide technical assistance to increase breastfeeding, immunization, infant feeding, and growth monitoring, targeting the poorest areas. Principal contractors and grantees are AED (prime); NICASALUD Federation (sub), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA), Project Concern International (PCI), Save the Children, and others to be selected.

Improve the Quality of Basic Education (\$4,728,000 DA). USAID-funded technical assistance to the Ministry of Education will help improve teacher effectiveness, increase access to quality education, and promote community participation in education. USAID will fund the establishment of 110 municipal resource and mentoring centers for teacher excellence, and expand active teaching approaches through learning groups and community parental participation and involvement to approximately 800 new schools. Principal contractors are AED and others be selected.

FY 2006 Program: Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$1,912,000 CSH, \$500,000 DA). USAID plans to continue funding technical assistance to the social sector government ministries in the areas of accountability, governance, management and leadership, and decentralization. Technical assistance to the INSS and private sector health providers is expected to continue. USAID anticipates that at least half of the loans under the Development Credit Authority will have been made, providing expanded resources and credit to private health investors to help shift the burden of service delivery responsibilities away from the Ministry of Health. Implementers to be determined.

Support Family Planning Programs (\$2,092,000 CSH). USAID plans to continue programs to improve and expand maternal and reproductive health care and reduce transmission of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. Procurement of public sector contraceptives is expected to continue at slowly diminishing levels. USAID may fund a demographic and health survey to assess improvements in public health status and service delivery coverage since 2001. Implementers to be determined.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$1,972,000 CSH). Activities in support of community and household health interventions are expected to continue, focusing on maternal and child services. Activities that support increased breastfeeding, immunization, infant feeding, and growth monitoring in the poorest municipalities are expected to continue under the P.L. 480 Title II program. Principal contractors and grantees are CRS, ADRA, PCI, Save the Children, and others to be selected.

Improve the Quality of Basic Education (\$4,500,000 DA). USAID plans to continue support to the Ministry of Education to expand quality education to more public primary schools through 200 new mentor resource centers of excellence in 120 municipalities. At least another 1,000 schools will be reorganized to apply the active teaching method in classrooms and community participation. USAID expects to help the Ministry of Education devise a plan for sustainability of the Centers of Excellence for Teacher Training presidential initiative. Implementers to be determined.

Performance and Results: This is a new strategic objective that began in FY 2003. Technical assistance to the Ministry of Health will strengthen its logistics and delivery systems and improve the quality of and access to health services by Nicaraguans and reduce transmission of sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS. Assistance to the Ministry of Education will expand access to quality education through municipal centers of excellence in education and teacher training. By program completion, the Nicaraguan health and education systems, and the social sector as a whole, will be more efficient, with more capable, standardized, accountable, decentralized administration, and the Government of Nicaragua will have improved social sector policies, accountability, transparency, and governance.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nicaragua

524-023 Investing in People	CSH	DA	DCA
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	7,480	4,367	0
Expenditures	5,211	572	0
Unliquidated	2,269	3,795	0
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	8,406	5,300	399
Expenditures	6,220	443	0
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	15,886	9,667	399
Expenditures	11,431	1,015	0
Unliquidated	4,455	8,652	399
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	7,776	6,822	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	7,776	6,822	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	5,976	2,000	0
Future Obligations	13,696	2,746	0
Est. Total Cost	43,334	21,235	399