

The Challenge

USAID's program in Benin supports Benin's continued progress toward democracy and sustainable growth, while reducing poverty and dependency on foreign aid. Factors which could hinder Benin's ability to achieve these successes include the widespread oppression of women, HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases, and centralized government authority and corruption. Women have been denied the benefits of economic and political progress during the past decade. Benin faces complacency, weak institutional leadership, and ineffective decentralization of disease control activities. Benin has a strong tradition of centralized authority and a lack of effective checks and balances. Through its education and health programs, USAID is addressing these challenges by contributing to women's and girls' empowerment, supporting HIV/AIDS and infectious disease awareness and prevention activities, and emphasizing decentralization and support for civil society.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Mission Director: Rudolph Thomas

MCA Status: Signed Compact

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: Both

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
680-001 Reforming Primary Education In Benin	7,178	6,149	0	0	N/A	0.99	Met
680-002 Benin Integrated Family Health	7,550	7,450	0	0	N/A	0.92	Met
680-003 Governance Program	1,031	823	0	0	N/A	1.00	Met
680-004 Support for Basic Education in Benin	0	0	4,378	400	N/A		N/A
680-005 Benin Integrated Family Health	0	0	7,903	8,403	N/A		N/A
PL 480 Title II not Allocated to a Strategic Objective	4,701	2,600	1,190	3,000	-36.2%		
Country Total	20,460	17,022	13,471	11,803	-42.3%		

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Child Survival and Health Programs Fund	7,550	7,450	7,903	8,403	11.3%
Development Assistance	8,209	6,972	4,378	400	-95.1%
PL 480 Title II	4,701	2,600	1,190	3,000	-36.2%
Total	20,460	17,022	13,471	11,803	-42.3%

Program Budget by Sector and Account

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Basic Education DA	7,163	6,149	3,978	0	N/A
Economic Growth DA	15	42	0	0	N/A
Human Rights DA	500	350	0	0	N/A
Democracy and Governance DA	531	431	400	400	-24.7%
Family Planning / Reproductive Health CSH	2,200	2,200	2,175	1,873	-14.9%
HIV / AIDS CSH	2,000	2,000	1,977	1,980	-1.0%
Child Survival and Maternal Health CSH	1,350	1,250	1,977	2,050	51.9%
Other Infectious Diseases CSH	2,000	2,000	1,774	2,500	25.0%
PL 480 Title II not Allocated to a Sector	4,701	2,600	1,190	3,000	-36.2%
Total	20,460	17,022	13,471	11,803	-42.3%

Workforce

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
US Direct Hires	4	4	5	4	0.0%
US Non Direct Hires	3	1	3	2	-33.3%
Foreign Nationals	57	55	50	39	-31.6%
Total	64	60	58	45	-29.7%

Operating Expense

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Salaries and benefits	902	958	847	727	-19.4%
Travel	249	209	128	137	-45.0%
Transportation of things	79	10	21	20	-74.7%
Rent	163	156	123	147	-9.8%
Security	163	181	170	162	-0.6%
Equipment	339	160	22	21	-93.8%
ICASS - Operating Expense only	263	210	210	300	14.1%
Other Operating Expense	304	321	281	288	-5.3%
Total OE Budget	2,462	2,205	1,802	1,802	-26.8%

US direct hire salary and benefits	519	525	476	396	-23.7%
Program Funded Administrative Expenses				1,600	
Country Total Administrative Budget				3,798	
Percent of Bureau OE Total				2.4%	

Mission Summary

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Program per US Direct Hire (\$000)	5,115	4,256	2,694	2,951
Program per All US (\$000)	2,923	3,404	1,684	1,967
Program per Position (\$000)	320	284	232	262
Operating Expense as % of Program Funding				15.3%
Program Funded Admin Expense as % of Total Admin				42.1%
Total Admin Expense as % of Program Funding				32.2%

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: France, the United States, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Canada, Switzerland.

Multilateral: World Bank, European Union, The African Development Fund, International Monetary Fund.