

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Bulgaria
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	No pillar info
Strategic Objective:	183-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,898,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,152,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	1991
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: The Program Support objective funds programs that support USAID's whole portfolio and special initiatives. Areas of focus include media freedom, technical and vocational education, and higher education through the American University of Bulgaria.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom Of Information (\$105,000 AEEB).

USAID will continue advocacy and public awareness efforts in key areas of reform specifically ethnic integration, anti-trafficking, and judicial reform. This program will continue to produce the anti-corruption TV show Na Chisto. Through its Media Development program, USAID will give exposure to prominent national and local Roma local leaders, journalists, and professionals to promote a positive image of Roma in an effort to counter the increasing level of inflammatory anti-Roma rhetoric. While the training of journalists will continue within this program, the number of journalists trained will be reduced in reflection of the growing maturity of broadcast journalism within Bulgaria. The strengthening of the institutional capacity of the Broadcast Training Center to ensure its sustainability beyond USAID assistance is a priority. Principal grantee: Broadcast Training Center (prime).

Improve Quality of Workforce through Vocational/Technical Education (\$1,200,000 AEEB, \$297,943 AEEB prior year recoveries). During FY 2006, USAID will continue to fund U.S.-based, in-country, and third-country training opportunities for Bulgarian officials, non-governmental organizations, and entrepreneurs with increased focus on in-country and third-country trainings. USAID will train approximately 300 individuals through this program. Participant training resources will also be used to support the local partner entities through tailored human capacity, furthering the impact of ongoing USAID programs. Principal contractor: World Learning (prime)

Increase Capacity of Higher Education to Contribute to Development (\$200,000 AEEB carryover).

USAID will conduct a financial assessment of the American University in Bulgaria (AUBG), a key recipient of significant USAID funding since 1991. This assessment will focus on the management and operations systems at AUBG. The result of this review will be that AUBG, USAID and other stakeholders will be able to measure AUBG's progress towards financial sustainability and ultimately, long-term viability. Equally important, it will enable stakeholders to identify areas where AUBG needs assistance and subsequently to target assistance more effectively. Beyond the improved effectiveness of operations achieved by implementing suggested refinements, AUBG will also be better-positioned to request assistance from other donors by having a better understanding of its needs. Principal contractor: to be determined (TBD).

Program Support (\$1,592,730 AEEB, \$422,000 AEEB carryover). This activity will continue to be the major support vehicle for program activities, staff, and logistics. Program Development and Support resources will be used for program-related audits, studies, final assessments, and close-out evaluations, as well as for activities in support of selected partner organizations and legacies. These legacies will institutionalize or seek to further the goals of USAID programming after the Mission closes in 2008. These funds will also support staff critical to manage and oversee USAID programs. Various contractors and grantees.

Provide Emergency Assistance (\$250,000 AEEB carryover). Assistance for flood-affected areas will help address key equipment needs of schools and kindergartens and needs for food and winter heating of affected communities, and accelerate the process by which lives of the most affected population begin to return to normal. Principal grantee: CARE International.

FY 2007 Program:

FY 2006 is the final year of appropriation for activities under this objective.

Performance and Results: Program support activities complement all objectives within the USAID's program, with development of human capacity as a major theme. As a direct result of the participant training initiative, Bulgarian leaders and professionals are better-equipped with skills and practical knowledge necessary to support the transition processes in the country. Additionally, the Program Development and Support (PDS) activity contributes to the full spectrum of USAID programs by ensuring resources and information for their smooth progress. PDS funding enables the Mission to accurately and objectively assess the impact of USAID programs in Bulgaria.

At the time of graduation from USAID assistance, USAID expects to have developed legacy institutions such as the American University in Bulgaria and the Broadcast Training Center. These institutions will be capable of continuing USAID's tradition of developing human capacity in all sectors of society even after USAID closes its doors in 2008.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Bulgaria

	AEEB	ESF
183-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs		
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	30,912	25,000
Expenditures	27,983	25,000
Unliquidated	2,929	0
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	2,922	0
Expenditures	4,927	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	33,834	25,000
Expenditures	32,910	25,000
Unliquidated	924	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	1,152	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,898	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	4,050	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	37,884	25,000