

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Turkmenistan
Program Title:	Health and Population
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	120-0320
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,400,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$464,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$1,400,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID is working to establish and institutionalize components of health reform in Turkmenistan. While the political environment continues to prohibit comprehensive health reform, USAID is able to support the Turkmen Government to improve health systems in specific areas. USAID's program in Turkmenistan has a special focus on improving the quality of maternal and child health services. USAID provides essential technical assistance and support to the country's efforts to control infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB).

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Address Other Health Vulnerabilities (\$645,000 FSA, \$464,085 FSA carryover). USAID's health reform project, ZdravPlus II, will provide further technical assistance to the Turkmen Ministry of Health and Medical Industry (MOH) to explore possibilities for voluntary health insurance in Turkmenistan. USAID will sponsor a conference on this topic for national and velayat-level health officials. ZdravPlus II will coordinate closely with other donors and the MOH to produce a practical National Plan on Safe Motherhood for Turkmenistan, and will assist the MOH with the provision of training for medical service providers under that plan. Rational financial management and monitoring of epidemiological information will be promoted through the introduction of a hospital clinical database, facilitating the analysis of health care data on a national level, as hospitals throughout the country utilize the same computerized system for record keeping and reporting to the MOH. USAID's maternal and child health program, Healthy Family, will add a nurse training component to improve the integrated management of childhood illnesses (IMCI) in pilot sites; and, together with the World Health Organization, jointly sponsor a program to introduce hospital-level IMCI in all eleven etraps. Community-level educators will be trained to promote healthy childcare practices in all etraps (districts). Healthy Family will complete its antenatal care program with final trainings for nurses in all pilot etraps. USAID will assist the MOH to develop proper infection-prevention strategies to modify or replace existing, nonfunctional legislation. USAID will support the MOH with adoption of the WHO-recommended live and still-birth definitions. Principal contractors/grantees: Abt Associates (prime and sub), John Snow Inc. (sub), Boston University (sub), U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (prime), and Project Hope (prime).

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$533,000 FSA). CDC will continue to train Turkmen professionals to be skilled epidemiologists through the Applied Epidemiology Training Program (AETP). CDC will also expand existing training programs on laboratory quality control for diagnosis of TB, support implementation of the Directly Observed Treatment Short-course (DOTS), and institutionalize advanced laboratory techniques. Ministry of Health officials will be trained on the utilization of epidemiological software and record keeping practices. USAID's TB Control Program will continue to strengthen political commitment to DOTS, promote public awareness of TB, upgrade clinical capacity, and improve the quality and availability of TB services in pilot sites. Principal contractors/grantees: CDC (prime), Project HOPE (prime), Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health (sub), John Snow Inc. (sub), New Jersey Medical School National TB Center (sub), Chemonics International (sub), and CAMRIS International (sub).

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$222,000 FSA). Through the Central Asian Program on AIDS Control and Intervention Targeting Youth and High-Risk Groups (CAPACITY), USAID will provide technical assistance to the Government of Turkmenistan on the development and submission of the application on HIV/AIDS for the sixth round of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria and on implementation of activities to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. CAPACITY will improve the ability of health providers to diagnose sexually transmitted infections, a crucial factor for controlling the spread of HIV. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will work towards establishing a system for sentinel surveillance of HIV, and will train Turkmen officials on its use. CDC will also continue the development of blood screening programs in Turkmenistan. Principal contractors/grantees: John Snow Incorporated (prime), Population Services International (sub), Abt Associates (sub), International HIV/AIDS Alliance (sub), Howard University (sub), and CDC (prime).

FY 2007 Program:

Address Other Health Vulnerabilities (\$643,000 FSA). ZdravPlus II will continue to develop a health insurance program and implement the clinical database for financial and technical management of hospitals; this database will be linked to an automated payment system. In coordination with WHO, the World Bank, and the Ministry of Health, Zdrav Plus II will facilitate the roll-out of the safe motherhood program to additional sites. Healthy Family's IMCI activities will be transitioned to the national Maternal and Child Health Institute, and pre-service IMCI education will be introduced at velayat level medical schools. Healthy Family will build upon the policy work conducted in FY 2006 by orienting health workers on newly-adopted standards of infection prevention. USAID will support implementation of the WHO-recommended live birth definition. Principal contractors/grantees: same as above; additional contractors/grantees to be determined (TBD).

Prevent and Control Infectious Diseases of Major Importance (\$495,000 FSA). CDC will continue the Applied Epidemiology Training Program to support the Ministry of Health with identification, investigation, documentation, and dissemination of information about outbreaks of infectious diseases through a trained cadre of public health epidemiologists. The TB Control Program will continue to build capacity for DOTS in Turkmenistan. Principal contractors/grantees: same as above; additional contractors/grantees TBD.

Reduce Transmission and Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$262,000 FSA). CAPACITY will continue to strengthen prevention and control of HIV/AIDS. CDC will continue to build capacity for HIV surveillance and blood screening. Principal contractors/grantees: same as above; additional contractors/grantees TBD.

Performance and Results: USAID continues to promote steps towards health reform and improving capacity in infectious disease control in Turkmenistan. The USAID-supported Family Medicine Training Center #1 in Ashgabat trained teams of 151 family physicians and nurses in 2005. Pre- and post-tests indicated that trainees' knowledge of family medicine improved by an average of 45% as a result of these trainings. USAID established the Family Medicine Training Center #2 to train family practitioners outside of Ashgabat, as well as the Health Management Training Center at the Turkmenistan State Medical Institute. USAID sponsored a "Keeping Children Healthy" campaign on nutrition in Balkan Velayat. Family nurses provided informational materials on proper nutrition, anemia, and exclusive breastfeeding to 15,000 women. USAID trained 38 faculty members at the State Medical Institute and introduced IMCI to 20 family nurses in each of the five velayats. USAID's maternal and child health program trained 200 family nurses on healthy pregnancy during the year. Two high-level health policy documents, the National Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program and the HIV/AIDS National Prevention Program for 2005-2010, were approved by the Government of Turkmenistan (GOT) as a result of USAID technical assistance. USAID's TB Control Program surpassed its objectives for TB treatment success rates in FY 2005. With USAID support, the GOT approved a national TB control and prevention program, centering on DOTS. The GOT signed a memorandum of understanding with USAID and CDC this year on the implementation of a blood safety program to prevent HIV/AIDS. Installation of six new serology laboratories, one for Ashgabat and each velayat, paved the way for CDC to work in this sensitive but crucial area. By program's end, these activities will help Turkmenistan to reform its health system in order to ensure utilization of quality, cost-effective primary health care services, and to control existing HIV/AIDS and TB epidemics.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Turkmenistan

120-0320 Health and Population	FSA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	5,142
Expenditures	3,438
Unliquidated	1,704
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	1,430
Expenditures	1,320
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	6,572
Expenditures	4,758
Unliquidated	1,814
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	464
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	1,400
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	1,864
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	1,400
Future Obligations	1,780
Est. Total Cost	11,616