#### **Data Sheet**

**USAID Mission:** Turkmenistan Cross-Cutting Programs **Program Title:** Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade Pillar: Strategic Objective: 120-0420 Status: Continuing Planned FY 2006 Obligation: \$320,000 FSA **Prior Year Unobligated:** \$630,000 FSA \$320,000 FSA Proposed FY 2007 Obligation: Year of Initial Obligation: 2001 **Estimated Year of Final Obligation:** 2007

**Summary:** The cross-cutting programs support all of USAID's strategic objectives, and include three main components: training to support USAID's technical assistance programs; exchanges under the Community Connections Program to enhance public diplomacy; and program development support for cross-cutting evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and incorporation of perspectives from religious leaders into programming.

## Inputs, Outputs, Activities: FY 2006 Program:

Program Support (\$320,000 FSA, \$430,000 FSA carryover, \$200,000 FSA prior year recoveries).

Participant Training Program: USAID will continue participant training to complement ongoing technical assistance in the following areas: small and medium enterprise development, health care reform, energy and water resources, and agriculture. In spring 2006, a conference will be organized with training resources to bring together religious leaders from across the region to discuss religious extremism. More than 500 participants will be trained through participant training activities in Turkmenistan during FY 2006. Principal contractor/grantee: Academy for Educational Development (prime).

Community Connections: In FY 2006, USAID will begin implementation of the Community Connections Program, a public diplomacy initiative previously funded by the State Department. Through the program, approximately 50 Turkmen citizens per year will participate in exchanges to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Turkmenistan through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. The Community Connections Program will help achieve U.S. Government priorities in Turkmenistan by targeting professional groups and individual entrepreneurs that are central to economic and democratic reform. Exchange programs will last from 3-5 weeks, and be tailored to the individual needs of participants. Principal contractors/grantees: World Learning (prime) and American Councils for International Education (sub).

Program Support: A wide range of program support will continue to be funded, including evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, public outreach, and staff costs. As required, funding will enable USAID to take advantage of unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID strategic objectives. Furthermore, USAID will expand outreach efforts to engage traditional religious leaders in the region. The goal of this initiative is to better inform religious leaders about USAID programs and to bridge the gap with traditional community leaders whose views, in the past, have not generally been incorporated into USAID programmatic decision-making. In accomplishing this goal, USAID will conduct tours of its programs for religious leaders and the media, hold regular representational events with religious leaders, and work with technical assistance providers to incorporate religious leaders into development activities. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

### FY 2007 Program:

Program Support (\$320,000 FSA). A wide range of program and personnel support activities will continue. As required, funding will enable USAID to support unanticipated opportunities to advance or reinforce USAID objectives. Additionally, religious outreach efforts will continue and be expanded, through tours for and representational events with religious leaders. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

**Performance and Results:** In FY 2005, USAID trained over 1,800 Turkmen citizens (approximately 56% women) through the Participant Training Program. Trainings during the fiscal year focused on business education, development of small and medium enterprises, civil society strengthening, health care finance reform, healthy lifestyles, improving business management skills of Turkmen farmers, and effective natural resources management.

Despite the repeal of the exit visa requirement in Turkmenistan, the Government remained reluctant to expose Turkmen citizens to other countries' approaches to resolving issues and continued to limit participation in third-country and U.S.-based trainings. As a result, USAID expanded its cost-effective incountry training programs. Approximately, 55% of programs conducted in Turkmenistan in FY 2005 were such programs.

# **US Financing in Thousands of Dollars**

### Turkmenistan

120-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	FSA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	10,653
Expenditures	9,592
Unliquidated	1,061
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	744
Expenditures	636
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	11,397
Expenditures	10,228
Unliquidated	1,169
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	630
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	320
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	950
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	320
Future Obligations	970
Est. Total Cost	13,637