

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Albania
<b>Program Title:</b>	Special Initiatives
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	182-0410
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$3,130,000 AEEB
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$1,050,000 AEEB
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$3,130,000 AEEB
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	1992
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2007

**Summary:** The anti-trafficking program addresses prevention, reintegration, rehabilitation, and repatriation of trafficked women and children; research and information management; strategic planning and monitoring; and bilateral and international cooperation. The energy program is focused on technical assistance (TA) and training that supports the implementation of the national energy strategy which aims to stimulate sustainable economic growth and investment by improving the availability, efficiency and reliability of energy supply at reasonable cost, and, participation in the South East European Regional Energy Market (REM) as a step toward integration into the European Community's energy market. The faith-based initiative will focus on strengthening inter-faith tolerance within selected communities through multi-faith-based development activities.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$1,830,000 AEEB, \$750,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will continue to fund efforts to decrease child trafficking focusing on: prevention, protection, assisted voluntary return, reintegration, and coordination. On-going programs include school prevention activities and toolkits, and summer camp/community activities that offer a source of identification, prevention, and intervention for "at-risk" children. Coordination efforts will continue with the non-governmental organization (NGO) partner in Greece and an Italian NGO counterpart will be identified. Assistance in response to the trafficking in women and girls will focus on prevention, reintegration, coordination, and NGO capacity building. Grants will be awarded to NGOs over the remaining two years of the project to support advocacy; technical assistance to shelters; institutional capacity building; and prevention and reintegration activities for victims of trafficking. USAID will fund the creation of a national database of victims/survivors of trafficking and Regional Cluster Groups (RCGs) involving local, international, and GOA anti-trafficking stakeholders from the four key regional areas of Albania. Contractors include: Creative Associates International, Inc. (CAI) and Terre des Hommes (TdH) (primes).

Expand and Improve Access to Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$800,000 AEEB). USAID will provide technical assistance (TA) and training in the areas of legal and regulatory development; design and implementation of a national energy market; and managerial capacity building. With the increasing complexity and diversity of the power sector, TA and training in the area of legal and regulatory matters will be provided to the Albanian Regulatory Agency (ERE). The USAID-supported partnership between ERE and the Indiana State Utility Commission will continue, as will the partnership between the United States Energy Association (USEA) and KESH, the Albanian state-owned power company. Based on the terms of the Athens Memorandum of Understanding and the future Treaty of the Energy Community for South East Europe, the aim is to create a regional energy market that will enable the GOA to develop an effective national energy market and become an REM program participant. Contractors include: Pierce Atwood, USEA, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) (primes).

Improve Community-Based Reconciliation Efforts (\$500,000 AEEB, \$300,000 AEEB prior year

recoveries). USAID plans to continue this initiative and to create linkages between the municipal inter-faith councils, as well as give small grants to communities and groups of activists to be managed by a mixed faith project management group in order to further religious harmony and build sound community development principles. The contractor is: World Learning (prime).

**FY 2006 Program:** Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$2,330,000 AEEB). USAID plans to fund activities to increase the number of civil society organizations engaged in preventing child trafficking; and increase the percentage of trafficked and high-risk children benefiting from physical, psychological, legally coordinated and effective protection, while strengthening the GOA's and international partners' implementation of the Children Rights Convention; especially in cases of assisted voluntary return of minors. USAID plans to reduce the vulnerability of women and children to trafficking/re-trafficking through the reinforcement of civil society; improving coordination and information management among stakeholders; and increasing the quality and coverage of anti-trafficking activities throughout the country. Funds will be used to increase collaboration and advocacy, strengthen RCG participants' institutional capacity, and grant awards to local and international NGOs that focus on victim prevention and reintegration. A national trafficking database will be developed. Contractors include: CAI and TdH (primes).

Expand and Improve Access to Economic and Social Infrastructure (\$800,000 AEEB). USAID plans to continue its technical assistance and training in the areas of: legal and regulatory development for ERE; support and training for the commercialization of the unbundled transmission systems operator (TSO); implementation of the national energy market in compliance with European Union (EU) Directives; revision of the national energy strategy foreseen for 2006; and support to the energy efficiency initiatives and programs of the GOA. Contractors include: Pierce Atwood, USEA, NARUC (primes).

**Performance and Results:** The child anti-trafficking project expanded its coverage within central and southern Albania; prevention activities and awareness raising publications were provided in schools and new "quarters/villages at-risk"; and state authorities increased their involvement in child anti-trafficking policy and activities. The project's increased collaboration with its Greek NGO counterpart successfully implemented the Emergency Response Against Child Trafficking (ERACT) for the Athens 2004 Olympics.

The anti-trafficking in women and girls project developed and distributed a baseline survey questionnaire to 150 NGOs to learn about the types of anti-trafficking programs and services currently being provided by civil society organizations; and to identify which areas of the country have insufficient or non-existent anti-trafficking programs and services.

During August 2004, with significant input from USAID's energy sector program, the GOA drafted and adopted a transitional market model (TMM) for the Albanian energy market (AEM), as a first step toward integration to REM and fulfillment of EU Directives. In addition, the GOA proposed a new energy efficiency law that, if properly implemented, would contribute to the more economical use of energy resources, the establishment of reliable energy supply, and facilitate sustainable economic development.

With USAID's assistance, a transmission subsidiary company and transmission systems operator, TSO, has been established and is the first step in the unbundling of KESH and in the establishment of the TMM. USAID has provided financial management assistance to KESH in the development of a two-year action plan, evaluation of its accounting hardware and software systems, and preparation of its compliance reports to the World Bank and other lending agencies. With USAID's support, the new chairman of ERE and other commissioners have been approved by Parliament and are committed to maintaining the continuity, integrity, and training investment of the existing ERE support staff.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Albania

182-0140 Financial Sector	AEEB	ESF
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	11,551	770
Expenditures	11,030	768
Unliquidated	521	2
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	427	1
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	11,551	770
Expenditures	11,457	769
Unliquidated	94	1
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	11,551	770