

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Albania
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	182-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$2,955,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$204,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,955,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	1992
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: The program is primarily focused on serving the participant training needs of all USAID-funded activities under other Strategic Objectives. A small grants program is available and is used by returning participants to implement activities related to their training. Also, an audit, evaluation, and program support component provides resource for designs, evaluations, and program support.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: USAID will obligate (\$2,955,000 AEEB, \$183,000 AEEB carryover, \$21,000 AEEB prior year recoveries) to implement its cross-cutting programs. Activities under the strategic objective benefit all Mission activities. USAID will continue its training efforts in support of the growth of private enterprise, strengthening citizen participation and the rule of law, and improved health care. Over 930 participants will be trained this year with another 1,100 receiving support for in-country conference participation.

In support of the growth of private enterprise, several training events and follow-on grants are planned to improve the ability of institutions to better serve the real needs of small and medium enterprises; whether to access credit or improve production and marketing strategies. Tourism will also be addressed. In this regard, 195 people will receive training under the rubric of growth of private enterprise. In the field of agriculture, several programs will assist agribusiness and institutions that support agriculture. In total, 345 people will receive training in or support through grants or conferences for agricultural-related activities

USAID will work on strengthening citizen participation and rule of law by providing training or grants to assist: local governments with city council functions, service provision including water management, business support and tax administration, and budgeting; political parties with party strengthening; and rural citizens with methods to become engaged effectively. Over 200 participants will be trained. The judiciary will be assisted with training or grants to improve court file and archive management. Agencies involved in citizens' advocacy in the districts, asset declaration and conflict of interests monitoring and the civil service will also receive training. Over 80 participants will be trained in rule of law related activities.

Training programs and grants will be utilized to improve primary health care finance, information management and contract management, while awareness of HIV/AIDS risk and family planning options will be expanded further in remote rural areas. Approximately 290 participants will receive training for health-related activities. In addition, support will be given to national health-related associations for activities such as conferences.

Grants will also focus on issues related to energy, human trafficking and religious harmony, and 170 participants will be trained. The contractor is World Learning (prime).

The Audit, Evaluation and Program Support (AEPS) program serves as the principal resource for activity design, evaluation and program support. AEPS continues to fund Foreign Service National Personal Service Contracts and United States Personal Service Contracts positions in support of specific strategic objectives. USAID also uses these funds to train staff and implement the Agency's performance-based management policies. In addition, these funds will be used to cost share the lease and other services

related to the relocation of USAID offices.

FY 2006 Program: USAID plans to continue its training and small grants programs (\$2,955,000 AEEB). Work in private enterprise is planned to support small and medium enterprise development, tourism and agricultural access to credit, technology and marketing. Training programs and small grants in support of informed citizen participation and strengthened rule of law in FY 2006 are planned to improve the ability of institutions and organizations to fight corruption, conduct free and fair elections, and offer improved services to citizens at the municipal level. Training resources will target strengthening the quality of primary health care and access to family planning as well as combating trafficking.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, 39 training programs were organized in direct support of USAID's strategic objectives. Twenty-three Albanians took part in training in the US while another 180 took part in training programs or conferences in Western or other Eastern European countries. Of those participating in programs abroad, one third were women. USAID also sponsored nine in-country training programs in which 565 Albanians were trained and six in-country conferences in which over 1,180 participants took part. In addition to training programs, USAID administered 14 grants to former training program participants to implement follow-on activities. Whether through carrying out grant activities or in-country training programs, many inexperienced local organizations and institutions improved their ability to organize and financially manage effective training and development activities.

Through small grant activities, over 100 leading farmers were trained in techniques of modern mulching; 65 at risk children and youth participated in a summer camp; and nearly 50 local officials from six communes were trained in the implementation of the agricultural land tax. Grants for improved infrastructure provided three communities with graveled roads, one with a beautiful park where only mud had been, another with irrigation and another with a local citizen information center.

Tangible results were achieved due to training programs and grant activities conducted this period. One of the grant plus community-funded graveled roads mentioned above enabled villagers to plant prime agricultural land, increasing profits by \$38,000, justifying the grant nearly three times over and transforming the life of the village. Thanks to improved coordination among institutions and organizations, a number of children at risk of being trafficked have been taken off the streets and put in the care of family or home care providers. Security has greatly improved in various district courts. Improved efficiency has enabled micro-finance loan officers to significantly increase caseloads, which in turn has enhanced the economic viability of micro-finance organizations. Through USAID funded training, the National Energy Agency provided expert input into tender documents and decisions to build a new thermal energy plant near Vlore.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Albania

182-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	AEEB	ESF
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	14,108	120
Expenditures	12,431	120
Unliquidated	1,677	0
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	3,159	0
Expenditures	2,377	0
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	17,267	120
Expenditures	14,808	120
Unliquidated	2,459	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	204	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	2,955	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	3,159	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,955	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	23,381	120