

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Turkmenistan
Program Title:	Energy and Water
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	120-0161
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$200,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$2,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's energy and water program is helping Turkmenistan improve economic policy and governance. The Water for the Poor Presidential Initiative is supported via activities noted below.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Economic Policy and Governance (\$200,000 FSA, \$2,000 FSA carryover). Due to the importance of the energy and irrigated agriculture sectors in Turkmenistan's economy, the Government remains in firm control and no major reforms are anticipated. Although a downstream user of the region's critical water resources, Turkmenistan has had limited participation in transboundary water and energy programs to date. There are new incentives, however, for the Government to play a more active role in regional water management for the Amu Darya Basin, as Afghanistan develops irrigation infrastructure and as Tajikistan links into hydropower markets outside of the Central Asia region. USAID will strengthen Turkmenistan's participation through technical assistance and training on bilateral and multilateral agreements for regional energy markets and water-sharing. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD.

FY 2006 Program: No new funding is planned for FY 2006.

Performance and Results: Due to the lack of movement on the part of the Government of Turkmenistan (GOT) to initiate reforms in the petroleum sector, most USAID support was suspended in FY 2004. One activity focusing on future leaders, however, continued support to the student chapter of the U.S. Society of Petroleum Engineers at the Turkmen Polytechnic Institute. Scholarships for memberships were awarded to 80 students. USAID's activities included training materials for the Institute's oil and gas ecology curriculum in addition to overall support. Students have access to global experience through the Internet, allowing them to participate in international oil and gas conferences and increase their knowledge of new technologies in an environment highly restricted by the Government. USAID provided and installed equipment and trained staff on data collection for weather forecasting and water management, resulting in more timely and more accurate analyses for making management decisions. One of few instances of regional cooperation by the GOT was the signing of a data sharing agreement by the National Weather Service, through which all five Central Asian countries will have access to technical information for weather forecasting and water management.

By program completion, Turkmenistan water and energy specialists and policy makers will be at least minimally involved with activities that improve regional cooperation for shared water and energy resources. An improved system of collecting, analyzing, and transmitting water data also will be implemented, continuing to lay the foundation for better regional cooperation and management of critical water resources.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Turkmenistan

120-0161 Energy and Water	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	772
Expenditures	400
Unliquidated	372
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	272
Expenditures	232
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	1,044
Expenditures	632
Unliquidated	412
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	2
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	200
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	202
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	0
Future Obligations	200
Est. Total Cost	1,446