## **Data Sheet**

USAID Mission: Turkmenistan
Program Title: Cross-Cutting Programs

Pillar: Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade

Strategic Objective: 120-0420 Status: Continuing

Planned FY 2005 Obligation:\$630,000 FSAPrior Year Unobligated:\$755,000 FSA

Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:\$438,000 FSAYear of Initial Obligation:2001

Estimated Year of Final Obligation: 2007

**Summary:** This cross-cutting program supports all of USAID's strategic objectives, and includes three main components: training and exchanges to support USAID's technical assistance programs; community connections 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 2005 Program:** Participant Training Program (\$100,000 FSA, \$25,000 FSA carryover). More than 1,500 participants will be trained through the Participant Training Program in Turkmenistan during FY 2005. Training programs will support USAID's technical assistance in the areas of small and medium enterprise development, health care reform, energy and water resources, and agriculture. Principal contractor/grantee: Academy for Educational Development (AED) (prime).

Community Connections (\$430,000 FSA, \$500,000 FSA carryover). The broad public diplomacy goal of the Community Connections program is to contribute to economic and democratic reform and to promote mutual understanding in Eurasia through exposure to U.S. society and personal connections with Americans. Through local community host organizations in the United States, approximately 100 men and women entrepreneurs, local government officials, legal professionals, non-governmental organization leaders, and other professionals from Eurasia will be provided with a three to five week training program in the United States tailored to their professional or business interests. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Program Support (\$100,000 FSA, \$30,000 FSA carryover, \$200,000 FSA prior year recoveries). A wide range of program support will continue to be funded, including evaluations, technical assistance, management needs, and public outreach. Additionally, program personnel essential to the implementation of program activities will be supported by this category. As required, funding will also 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 specifically with partners to involve religious leaders in development activities. Small project assistance will enable Peace Corps Volunteers to conduct low-cost, grassroots sustainable development activities. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

**FY 2006 Program:** Participant Training Program (\$50,000 FSA). USAID will continue Participant Training as a means of complementing ongoing activities across its various strategic objectives. In FY 2006, USAID expects to target the same number of Turkmen participants as in FY 2005. Simultaneously, through its Participant Training program, USAID will begin working with a number of yet-to-be-determined organizations through multiple, targeted interventions aimed at developing institutional capacity and increasing the likelihood of organizational sustainability. Principal grantee: AED (prime).

Community Connections (\$300,000 FSA). USAID will continue the Community Connections program, with emphasis on human and institutional strengthening in support of its strategic objectives. Approximately 100 men and women are expected to receive training in the U.S. through the program. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Program Support (\$88,000 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. Small project assistance will enable Peace Corps Volunteers to conduct low-cost, grassroots sustainable development activities. Principal contractor/grantee: N/A.

**Performance and Results:** In FY 2004, USAID trained over 1,600 Turkmen citizens (approximately 60% women) through its Participant Training Program. Participant training focused on business education, land reform, improving primary health care, combating the threat of infectious diseases, increasing legal awareness of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and strengthening NGO partnership with local government.

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 in Turkmenistan; approximately 55% of all programs targeting Turkmen occurred in Turkmenistan during FY 2004. However, a few cross-border trainings occurred, including a Central Asia Micro-Finance Association regional workshop, which gave Turkmen lending associations an opportunity to learn recent trends in micro-finance from their colleagues throughout the Central Asia region. Another, non-traditional program, a study tour for the Deputy Minister of Health to USAID-funded programs in Almaty, built stronger relations between Kazakhstan and the Ministry of Health in Turkmenistan.

## **US Financing in Thousands of Dollars**

## **Turkmenistan**

120-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	10,355
Expenditures	9,058
Unliquidated	1,297
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	340

Expenditures	59
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	10,69
Expenditures	9,65
Unliquidated	1,042
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	755
Planted Fiscal Veet 2005 NOA	
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA Obligations	63
Obligations	630
Obligations  Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations  Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005  Obligations	1,38
Obligations  Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005 Obligations  Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	1,385 438 970