

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Eritrea
Program Title:	Developing Human and Institutional Capacity
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	661-006
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$600,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$281,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: This program provides training, consulting services and limited commodities to develop the human and institutional capacity of selected Eritrean government and non-governmental organizations. The majority of programmatic opportunities involve training individuals in different sectors to help them assume leadership roles in their respective institutions, ministry departments, universities, local governments, local non-governmental organizations, as well as undertaking income generating activities, such as agricultural and livestock production, and small-scale trading.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve the Quality of Basic Education (\$600,000 DA). USAID will support the Government of the State of Eritrea's (GSE) Basic Education Strategy through one or more of the following identified priority activities: curriculum development, teacher training, procurement and distribution of textbooks, and improved access to information and communication technology. Support of these activities will improve overall access and quality of basic education as well as expand access for girls, women and underserved populations. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Strengthen Civil Society (\$281,000 DA). USAID may expand its training, technical consulting services and small grants activities to improve the ability of local community-based organizations to undertake activities such as community-based water and sanitation management. Principal contractors and grantees: Mercy Corps, International.

Performance and Results: Activities under this Strategic Objective trained a total of 1,170 Eritreans in various fields including leadership development, water resources management, accounting, and computing and information technology in order to support Eritrea's incipient grass-roots civil society through the formation and training of 136 community-based organizations that work in areas such as micro-enterprise development and water and sanitation management. This program also assisted the Ministry of Education to develop a new national education curriculum and materials. USAID aided the Ministry to launch the curriculum in 2004. Another activity supported by USAID was the Government of the State of Eritrea's preparation of the government-owned telecommunications service, EriTel, for privatization. This program also supported six long-term academic trainees who returned to Eritrea with advanced degrees in political science, law, archeology, and anthropology; they are currently teaching full time at the University of Asmara. Four other long-term academic trainees completed advanced degree programs and are now working in their respective ministries: Ministry of National Development, Ministry of Tourism, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In FY 2004, the following major results were achieved as a result of activities sponsored by USAID. EriTel and the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) rolled out a country-wide cellular telephone network with technical assistance from USAID and investment from an international mobile service operator. EriTel and MoTC have tripled the country's internet bandwidth with technical assistance from USAID, providing citizens with increased access to information otherwise unavailable in Eritrea's underdeveloped media environment. Finally, USAID doubled the University of Asmara's computer technology capacity when it arranged for the delivery and installation of 400 desktop computers, 15 laptops, and 10 servers.

By the end of 2005, USAID will have supported skill building of individual Eritreans in selected sectors; strengthened institutions, including ministries and the only university; and improved citizens' access to information.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Eritrea

661-006 Developing Human and Institutional Capacity	DA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	1,947
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	1,947
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	1,100
Expenditures	22
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	3,047
Expenditures	22
Unliquidated	3,025
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	600
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	600
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	281
Future Obligations	1,309
Est. Total Cost	5,237