

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	West African Regional Program (WARP)
Program Title:	Conflict Prevention
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	624-007
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$2,289,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,454,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's work in conflict prevention in West Africa is based on the undisputed premise that conflict and instability are enormous impediments to development. The program therefore aims to 1) enhance regional capacity of civil society and regional organizations to address conflict; 2) ameliorate some of the causes and consequences of conflict; and 3) further strategic cross-border U.S. Government priorities, such as programs targeting corruption, trafficking in persons and war victims.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Address Conflict Transitional Issues (\$849,000 DA). USAID implements peace-building and economic development activities to assist victims and refugees of the long-running Casamance conflict in Senegal. USAID's activities in the Casamance border areas in Guinea Bissau and Western Gambia include 16 infrastructure projects (schools, health units, and water projects), training for over 500 individuals in entrepreneurial development and farming, and large scale sensitization campaigns using radio and community programs to promote peace and reconciliation. USAID's conflict transitional program also supports an information and communication technology program to strengthen 14 key peace-building and anti-corruption civil society organizations (CSOs) in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. USAID provides these CSOs with the technology and training needed to make effective use of the internet, to develop community radio stations in selected areas, and to create solid business plans. The aim of the program is to build stronger networks among targeted CSOs and to make them more self-sufficient. Principal contractors and grantees: Concern Universal and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (primes); and others to be determined.

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$690,000 DA). USAID is building the capacity of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to strengthen transparency in the delivery of anti-retroviral drugs through the West African Health Organization (WAHO). Through the Leland Initiative, USAID also provides support for the West African Civil Society Networks Program. Initial activities target transparency-promoting civil society organizations (CSOs) in countries of the Mano River Union - Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Principal contractors and grantees: Tulane University (prime); and others to be determined.

Improve Early Warning and Response Mechanisms (\$750,000 DA). USAID will work with the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) and ECOWAS/Observation and Monitoring Center (OMC) to develop a conflict map for the ECOWAS region. USAID will also support the strengthening of WANEP's network of peacebuilding organizations, currently numbered at over 300, and will provide technical assistance to the OMC. USAID will also support a focused organizational development and training activity for the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretariat for Political Affairs, Defense and Security (DES/PADS) of ECOWAS to ensure the conflict intervention and prevention protocols are developed and good office management systems are in place. Principal contractors and grantees: Catholic Relief Services and the United Nations Development Program (primes); the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (sub); and others to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$605,000 DA). Through the Anti-Corruption Initiative, USAID will further several strategic cross-border U.S. Government priorities. Of

special note are anti-corruption programs that promote transparency and the honest use of public revenues. USAID will also continue to support the Civil Society Network's transparency program, which works to strengthen the ability of CSOs to use the internet and community radio stations for more effective communication. An anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs monitoring project will promote the development of standardized ECOWAS-wide policies for the distribution of ARV drugs and will also improve the transparent tracking of the use and distribution of these medicines. Principal contractors: Tulane University and the West Africa Health Organization (primes); and others to be determined.

Address Conflict Transitional Issues (\$849,000 DA). USAID will continue to strengthen CSOs and national-level CSO networks through its conflict prevention and peace-building program. Activities will include the strengthening of peace-building CSOs, including women's groups, in the Mano River Union countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia. USAID will also ensure the effective functioning of the ECOWAS Observation and Monitoring Center/CSO Conflict Early Warning System. Of special note will be efforts to ensure the continued improvement of the joint ECOWAS/West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) database and website on conflict prevention which were initiated with other funding in FY 2005. USAID will also actively explore the formation of linkages with other donor and institutional partners with the aim of building a stronger and more sustainable regional capacity to address conflict. Principal contractors and grantees: Catholic Relief Services and the United Nations Development Program (primes); ECOWAS, WANEP, and the Civil Society Network; and others to be determined.

Performance and Results: After a relatively slow start, USAID's conflict prevention program in West Africa has finally hit its stride. This is due, in part, to an influx of funding from multiple sources for the purpose of addressing acute situations. USAID's three-year long effort to promote partnership between the public and private sector in the area of conflict prevention bore fruit in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that formalized the collaboration between USAID grantee WANEP and ECOWAS in February 2004. In FY 2004, USAID's primary peacebuilding partner, WANEP, also reached its ambitious three-year goal of establishing 12 national network offices with full-time coordinators and building its member base to 300 peacebuilding CSOs. WANEP also trained 63 CSOs and 21 ECOWAS country representatives on managing early warning mechanisms. At the grassroots, USAID's special cross-border project in Sierra Leone involved over 51,000 youth, ex-combatants, and returnees (40% female) in peacebuilding and reconciliation activities, and provided psycho-social counseling to over 2,500 war victims via a community radio station and four community resource centers. Similar projects in The Gambia and Guinea Bissau that focus on the spill-over effect of the on-going conflict in the Casamance helped 27,000 villagers from over 100 villages to participate in conflict prevention and peacebuilding activities and trained more than 1,000 internally displaced persons and returnees in income generation and enterprise development skills. Finally, USAID is successfully working with ECOWAS and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to improve anti-trafficking legislation in 12 ECOWAS countries over the FY 2004-2006 period. USAID believes that by program completion, ECOWAS and civil society in the West Africa region will have developed an operational conflict warning system and at least one robust conflict prevention mechanism.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

West African Regional Program (WARP)

	CSH	DA	ESF
624-007 Conflict Prevention			
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	0	6,109	650
Expenditures	0	1,521	261
Unliquidated	0	4,588	389
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	1,500	3,069	0
Expenditures	0	2,311	19
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	1,500	9,178	650
Expenditures	0	3,832	280
Unliquidated	1,500	5,346	370
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	0	2,289	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	2,289	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	0	1,454	0
Future Obligations	0	5,000	0
Est. Total Cost	1,500	17,921	650