

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Africa Regional
Program Title:	Support for Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	698-001
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$58,123,000 DA; \$18,600,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,050,000 CSH; \$821,000 DA; \$12,653,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$1,500,000 CSH; \$30,393,000 DA; \$13,700,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	1999
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: USAID supports a variety of cross-cutting activities that contribute to meeting selected regional needs in Africa where it is premature to budget significant resources to a specific country or group of countries. These funds also support activities that enhance USAID's management of its development resources in Africa and thus contribute to Africa-wide development objectives. The activities include: (1) support for programs to improve regional stability; (2) support for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and consortia of private voluntary organizations (PVOs); (3) assistance for vulnerable and marginalized populations; and (4) assistance to strengthen the programmatic capacity of missions.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Economic Policy and Governance (\$31,213,000 DA; \$6,200,000 ESF; \$821,000 prior year DA; \$9,444,000 prior year ESF). The rapidly changing economic and political environment in sub-Saharan Africa requires program flexibility to respond to national and regional issues. Therefore, funds will be used for a variety of activities to support economic growth and governance. In cooperation with the Department of State, resources will be provided for regional organizations, to support the Kimberley Process combating the flow of conflict diamonds, and to implement the "Safe Skies" program as well as the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). Individual notifications will be provided once allocations are approved. Funds will also be provided for development activities in countries where there is no USAID presence. Specific support will be provided to promote the development of micro-enterprises. In addition, economic analyses will continue to be conducted to support the development of mission strategies, reporting of results, and assessments and evaluations of the economic growth, agricultural and trade sectors, as well as to improve the quality of missions' economic development programs. Principal contractors and grantees: U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Management Systems International, and others to be determined.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$3,732,000 DA; \$12,400,000 ESF; \$3,209,000 prior year ESF). U.S. policy interests are advanced by building African ownership of development challenges through partnerships between U.S. and African NGOs and PVO consortia. In selected countries, USAID has shifted its program focus from the sub-regional level to the country level, emphasizing partnership-building activities designed to strengthen civil society's voice on national development issues. Grants will be provided for specific activities to build civil society capacity. Funds will also support the Ambassador's Special Self-Help Program, which enables U.S. ambassadors to make small, quick-disbursing grants to respond to requests from indigenous communities. Principal contractors and grantees: Interaction, local indigenous community-based organizations, and the U.S. Peace Corps.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$23,178,000 DA; \$1,050,000 prior year CSH). Because civil strife, HIV/AIDS, droughts, food shortages, and other natural and man-made disasters affect some groups more acutely than others, USAID reserves funds to address vulnerable groups' needs in crisis situations. The funds are allocated through joint consultation and programming with USAID's pillar bureaus, based on proposals from USAID missions. Such activities include efforts funded

by the Displaced Children and Orphans Fund, the Leahy War Victims Fund, and the Trafficking in Persons Fund, as well as other programs for victims of torture and to support conflict resolution and management (but not military training). The Investing in Women in Development Fellow Program promotes gender inclusion by training mission staff to integrate the findings of gender assessments into programs to ensure equitable use of development assistance to men and women. Principal contractors and grantees: Institute for International Education and others to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Economic Policy and Governance (\$8,700,000 DA; \$4,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support programs to address a wide range of issues related to African development, in economic growth, agriculture, and trade. USAID will participate actively in key donor forums, such as the G8 and the Strategic Partnership with Africa, as well as with pan-African efforts, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). USAID will continue to provide funding for regional organizations and for "Safe Skies," which will be programmed in collaboration with the Department of State. Individual notifications will be provided once ESF allocations are approved. USAID will also continue to provide support to missions to increase program efficiency. Improved macroeconomic analysis will inform the development agenda and support development of new programs in trade. USAID will continue to support mission program management systems and to report on programs at a macro level. Principal contractors and grantees: U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Management Systems International.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$3,973,000 DA; \$9,700,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support partnerships between U.S. and African NGOs/PVOs that strengthen the capacity of African civil society. Funds will also be provided to continue support of the Ambassador's Special Self-Help Program, which enables USAID missions or U.S. ambassadors to respond quickly to worthwhile requests from local organizations. Principal contractors and grantees: Interaction, local community organizations, and the Peace Corps.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$17,720,000 DA; \$1,500,000 CSH). USAID will continue to assist victims of disasters such as food shortages, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and civil strife. Funding to address crises is allocated for activities based on proposals from USAID missions. Implementing agencies are selected when specific needs are identified. Although the estimated FY 2006 funding for vulnerable and marginalized populations is shown here, the Africa Bureau will incorporate these specific activities into ongoing and new bilateral and regional field-based strategies. USAID will also continue to employ gender analysis to identify gaps and document best practices for gender integration within its strategic objectives and to provide gender training and technical assistance to the missions.

Performance and Results: In FY 2004, USAID's support for strategy development resulted in new approved strategies for Ethiopia and the Africa Bureau's Office of Sustainable Development and its efforts to improve program performance and effectiveness resulted in four in-depth country program reviews. Field based training in evaluation has resulted in over 60 evaluation officers throughout the region equipped with state-of-the-art evaluation tools. Gender training was provided to over 60 field staff and is resulting in increased integration of gender issues in program planning and implementation. USAID contributed to broader donor efforts to improve aid effectiveness by funding a special study on the private sector in poverty reduction strategies. The Ambassador's Special Self-Help Program enabled U.S. ambassadors in specific countries to respond quickly with minimal red tape to requests from indigenous communities and non-governmental organizations. In four of five selected countries, USAID's PVO/NGO partnership program has strengthened indigenous local non-governmental partners through the formation of country-based teams focused on augmenting civil society's voice on national development issues including national budget processes, accountability, trade, HIV/AIDS, NGO legislation and tax laws. The Integrating Managing for Results Contract provided training and technical assistance to three operating units to strengthen their strategic planning and results management. In FY 2004 USAID provided awareness training to combat trafficking in persons in four countries and the West Africa region and direct services to victims in northern Uganda.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Africa Regional

698-001 Support for Cross-Cutting Programs	CSH	DA	DFA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003				
Obligations	302,231	192,816,330	107,722	24,764
Expenditures	286,157	184,928,011	107,446	24,542
Unliquidated	16,074	7,888,319	276	222
Fiscal Year 2004				
Obligations	1,400	9,768,487	0	24,355
Expenditures	0	5,521,038	0	0
Through September 30, 2004				
Obligations	303,631	202,584,817	107,722	49,119
Expenditures	286,157	190,449,049	107,446	24,542
Unliquidated	17,474	12,135,768	276	24,577
Prior Year Unobligated Funds				
Obligations	1,050	821	0	12,653
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA				
Obligations	0	58,123	0	18,600
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005				
Obligations	1,050	58,944	0	31,253
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA				
Obligations	1,500	30,393	0	13,700
Future Obligations	0	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	306,181	202,674,154	107,722	94,072