

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Guinea
Program Title:	Improved Natural Resource Management
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	675-001
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$2,833,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$4,374,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	1998
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: USAID assists Guinea to conserve its natural resource base, improve food security, and achieve economic growth by providing training and technical assistance to rural communities, civil society organizations, small enterprises, and farmers. Activities are designed to build the capacity of rural communities and organizations to sustainably manage their own natural resources, improve appropriate agricultural production and marketing technologies, develop small enterprises, improve business competitiveness and trade opportunities, and foster a favorable policy environment.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$1,400,000 DA). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to communities to enable them to sustainably manage at least seven state-owned forest reserves, totaling over 115,000 hectares, as well as 55 community forests. USAID will help these communities develop and implement action plans for rational harvest and use of forest products so that tangible economic benefits are realized, providing communities with greater incentive to protect their natural resource base. USAID will provide training and technical assistance to provide the rural poor with the skills needed to increase the amount of arable land. In addition, USAID will help preserve biodiversity and wildlife in forested areas of Guinea, including the protection of chimpanzee habitat. Principal contractors and grantees: Winrock International, Agricultural Input Production and Commercialization Society (SPCIA), and Project Primate (primes); Volunteers in Technical Assistance (VITA) (sub); and others to be determined.

Increase Agricultural Productivity (\$1,218,000 DA). USAID will train over 7,000 farmers to improve their crop production practices and market their produce. To help maximize farmer income, USAID will ensure that more and improved varieties of seeds are available to farmers, and will support the development of post-harvest storage and processing facilities and techniques. USAID will continue to promote growth in the agricultural sector by improving agricultural marketing information and services, identifying better local, regional and international trade opportunities for agricultural products, and supporting Guinea's participation in the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) network. Principal contractors and grantees: Winrock International and SPCIA (primes); VITA and Land O'Lakes (subs); and others to be determined.

Increase Private Sector Growth (\$215,000 DA). USAID will continue to develop the production, marketing, and export potential of cashews and other tree crops in Guinea. Training and technical assistance will be provided to approximately 76 village savings and loan programs to strengthen their capacity to extend credit to rural families. USAID will also increase access to business development and planning services to facilitate the establishment and viability of an estimated 3,000 rural non-farm enterprises. Principal contractors, grantees and agencies: Winrock International, SPCIA, the Guinean Agricultural Research Institute, and Enterprise Works Worldwide (primes); VITA (sub); and others to be determined.

Increase Food Security of Vulnerable Populations. USAID will use the P.L. 480 Title II program to contribute to food security and improved nutrition in Guinea. P.L. 480 assistance will help families in food-insecure areas of Guinea to increase their food production and incomes through enterprise

development and improved agricultural techniques.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$2,823,000 DA). USAID plans to consolidate and strengthen community capacity-building to allow local communities to better manage the natural resource base and preserve biodiversity. USAID anticipates providing training and business development services to make resource management endeavors more profitable and sustainable. USAID also plans to assist in the establishment of a policy environment conducive to the sustainable management and use of natural forest products and other resources to promote local and regional trade opportunities for entrepreneurs. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Increase Agricultural Productivity (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID plans to continue to provide technical assistance and training to farmers to increase farm production and incomes. Activities may include the introduction and promotion of improved farming techniques, increased use of high-value cash crops and improved planting materials, and expansion of marketing and trade opportunities including those presented under AGOA. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Increase Private Sector Growth (\$551,000 DA). USAID intends to continue providing training and technical assistance to entrepreneurs to establish new enterprises and diversify existing ones. Technical assistance will enhance the capacity of local microfinance institutions as well as business development service providers to strengthen rural business capacity. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Increase Food Security of Vulnerable Populations. P.L. 480-sponsored activities to improve nutrition and food security will continue in targeted regions of Guinea. USAID will explore the possibility of expanding efforts into the highly volatile and vulnerable Forest Region of Guinea.

Performance and Results: Significant progress has been made toward the achievement of the goals of this program. To date, over 115,000 hectares of forests and tree plantations have been placed under sustainable management, and the Government of Guinea (GOG) has devolved the management of seven classified forests to local communities. Together, the GOG and local communities share the responsibilities for, and the benefits from, sustainable management of forests. Villagers have taken actions to protect these forests, which are important watersheds for three major West African rivers that serve ten countries in the sub-region. USAID has assisted more than 37,000 farmers to improve agricultural production through sustainable management practices, and has helped establish over 2,800 new enterprises. A total of 19,230 small and micro-loans have been made to support enterprise development activities, including forestry management and agricultural production. During 2004, The Ministry of Agriculture officially endorsed the land tenure contract model developed under a USAID-supported activity. This model is being disseminated to agricultural agents legally responsible for the oversight of conformal land tenure agreements in rural areas.

By program completion, USAID's interventions to improve the capacity of community-based organizations to manage their own natural resources, increase farm productivity, and develop off-farm enterprises will enable more than 120,000 hectares of tropical forest and 50,000 hectares of farmland to be brought under sustainable management.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Guinea

675-001 Improved Natural Resource Management	DA	DFA	ESF
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	33,260	34,043	700
Expenditures	22,921	33,776	449
Unliquidated	10,339	267	251
Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	4,665	0	0
Expenditures	4,681	175	24
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	37,925	34,043	700
Expenditures	27,602	33,951	473
Unliquidated	10,323	92	227
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	2,833	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	2,833	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	4,374	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	45,132	34,043	700