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| USAID Mission: | Regional Center for Southern Africa |
| Program Title: | Improved Management of Selected River Basins |
| Pillar: | Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade |
| Strategic Objective: | 690-017 |
| Status: | New in FY 2004 |
| Planned FY 2005 Obligation: | \$2,023,000 DA |
| Prior Year Unobligated: | \$0 |
| Proposed FY 2006 Obligation: | \$2,240,000 DA |
| Year of Initial Obligation: | 2004 |
| Estimated Year of Final Obligation: | 2010 |

Summary: USAID's program to improve the management of specific international river basins in southern Africa includes training and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of relevant institutions to protect and manage river basin resources, and to increase community involvement in the decision-making processes related to the use and protection of basin resources at the local level.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$2,023,000 DA). USAID is providing training and technical assistance to strengthen the ability of river basin commissions, relevant national institutions, and communities to develop, reach consensus on, and implement river basin management plans. USAID efforts, in coordination with other donors, are strengthening the Okavango River Basin Commission (OKACOM) and corresponding water, natural resource, tourism, and agriculture institutions of the three countries - Angola, Namibia, and Botswana - that share the Okavango River Basin. USAID supports the creation and establishment of an operational OKACOM Secretariat and is conducting analyses of laws and regulations that govern the ability of OKACOM to be an effective decision-making body for water use in the Basin. Further, USAID is supporting community-based water and natural resource management enterprises that are compatible with sound river basin management objectives. Principal contractors: Associates in Rural Development, Inc. (prime); the Association of Preserving the Environment of Integrated and Rural Development; the Kalahari Conservation Society; and the Namibian Nature Foundation (all subs).

FY 2006 Program: Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$2,240,000 DA). USAID activities will strengthen the ability of river basin commissions and relevant institutions to develop, negotiate, and implement river basin management plans. USAID plans to further strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of OKACOM as a regional river basin institution through training and technical assistance. Based on results of community assessments, USAID also plans to support the development and introduction of effective techniques to increase water productivity in household and farm use, and to facilitate the devolution of responsibility and authority over local watershed management to the community level. Principal contractors: Associates in Rural Development, Inc. (prime); the Association of Preserving the Environment of Integrated and Rural Development; the Kalahari Conservation Society; and the Namibian Nature Foundation (all subs).

Performance and Results: Program implementation has just begun under the new USAID strategy; therefore, there are no substantive results to report at this time. By the end of the strategy, USAID expects OKACOM to be transformed into a fully operational entity, supported by a technically competent secretariat, with demonstrated capacity to coordinate projects and make consensual decisions that improve the management of the river basin. The "best practices" and lessons learned will be shared regionally so that there will be multiple river basins in the region with multi-national river basin commissions established and showing a marked improvement in their effectiveness. The commissions will be forums for resolving water-related disputes and focal points for managing the implementation of approved river basin management plans based on sound technical analysis and involvement of stakeholders (including local communities).

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Regional Center for Southern Africa

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| 690-017 Improved Management of Selected River Basins | DA |
| Through September 30, 2003 | |
| Obligations | 0 |
| Expenditures | 0 |
| Unliquidated | 0 |
| Fiscal Year 2004 | |
| Obligations | 2,583 |
| Expenditures | 4 |
| Through September 30, 2004 | |
| Obligations | 2,583 |
| Expenditures | 4 |
| Unliquidated | 2,579 |
| Prior Year Unobligated Funds | |
| Obligations | 0 |
| Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA | |
| Obligations | 2,023 |
| Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005 | |
| Obligations | 2,023 |
| Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA | |
| Obligations | 2,240 |
| Future Obligations | 13,817 |
| Est. Total Cost | 20,663 |