

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Lebanon
Program Title:	Improved Environmental Policies and Practices
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	268-ZZZ
Status:	New in FY 2007
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$10,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2007
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2009

Summary: This Strategic Objective (SO) is part of the new country strategy for FY 2007-2009 that is being developed. Specific activities have not yet been identified, however the objective will be built on the achievements of the closing SO 268-005 and will continue focusing on pollution mitigation, improvement of water quality, and water management at the policy as well as the local levels.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

This objective is new in FY 2007 and builds on the activities under SO 268-005 that will close in FY 2006.

FY 2007 Program:

Improve Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (\$2,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to expand work under the water policy program aimed at strengthening regional water management units and improving water use efficiency by increasing cost recovery and decreasing the rate of unaccounted for water. USAID plans to achieve this goal by providing the needed financial and administrative tools to one additional water establishment, the Bekaa Water Establishment, and by establishing a reformed and unified financial and accounting system at the Beirut and Mount Lebanon Water Establishment. Principal Implementer: To Be Determined (TBD).

Reduce, Prevent and Mitigate Pollution (\$8,000,000 ESF). USAID plans to use proposed funding to initiate activities aimed at alleviating pollution on the Litani watershed by focusing on the upper Litani basin. As the Litani River is the major outlet in the Bekaa Valley for domestic, industrial, and agriculture waste water, USAID intends to contribute to the reduction in the level of wastewater directly discharged into the river by addressing the sources of pollution. With initial funding, two additional wastewater treatment plants may be built and an assessment of the industrial waste discharged in the river and means to treat this waste may be conducted. In addition, USAID intends to initiate an agricultural extension program that aims at improving farming practices related to the extensive use of pesticides that are causing high concentrations of phosphorous in the underground waters and in the Litani River. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Performance and Results: As this objective will be launched in FY 2007, no performance can be reported at this time.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Lebanon

268-ZZZ Improved Environmental Policies and Practices	ESF
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	10,000
Future Obligations	10,000
Est. Total Cost	20,000