Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Afghanistan

Program Title: A better educated and healthier population

Pillar: Global Health Strategic Objective: 306-007

Status: New in FY 2005

Planned FY 2006 Obligation: \$41,449,000 CSH; \$35,762,000 DA; \$31,877,000

ESF

Prior Year Unobligated: \$2,415,000 CSH; \$57,721,000 ESF

Proposed FY 2007 Obligation: \$42,800,000 CSH; \$28,000,000 DA; \$80,500,000

Year of Initial Obligation: 2005 Estimated Year of Final Obligation: 2007

Summary: USAID, in collaboration with the Ministries of Education (MoE) and Higher Education (MoHE), will expand comprehensive teacher training; build capacity of the MoE and faculties of education at universities; strengthen community-based education; introduce integrated literacy training focused on productive skills; fund the printing of textbooks; rehabilitate education infrastructure; and strengthen the advocacy capacity of the Ministry of Women's Affairs. The program will also focus on increased girls' enrollment, increased female teacher employment, and inclusive education aimed at special-needs children. USAID's health program will continue to focus on increasing access to high-quality health services at the primary and secondary levels, including community workers at health posts, Basic Health Centers, Comprehensive Health Centers, and District and Provincial Hospitals. In addition to service provision, USAID will support health worker capacity building, including targeted recruitment and training of female health workers; mass media geared toward public health behavior change; enhanced Ministry and non-governmental organization (NGO) capacity to provide services to people with disabilities; and support the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) in policy development, disease surveillance, information management, and health systems management.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education (\$35,762,000 DA; \$7,877,000 ESF; \$21,500,000 ESF Prior Year Supplemental). The Afghanistan Primary Education Program is continuing to work in accelerated learning, reintegrating out-of-school children into the formal educational system. School construction and rehabilitation activities are providing students access to education facilities. The new Basic Education Project (BEP) is providing training for primary school teachers in subject matter and modern teaching practices; capacity building for the MoE to develop systems that support and sustain quality teaching; and support for annual printing and distribution of textbooks. USAID is also implementing a Community-Based Education Project (CBEP) to expand and improve the quality of community-based education where government schools are not available. The Literacy for Community Empowerment and Integrated Skills (L-CEIS) program is supporting the development of a flexible and adaptable approach to literacy, numeracy, and life skills. Principal Implementers: Creative Associates Inc. International and the Education Development Center.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$33,808,500 CSH; \$6,000,000 ESF; \$2,415,000 CSH Prior Year Unobligated; \$7,370,099 ESF Prior Year Unobligated; \$12,475,901 ESF Prior Year Supplemental). In conjunction with building the capacity of the MoPH, the Rural Expansion of Afghanistan's Community-based Healthcare Program (REACH) is emphasizing improved access to basic health services in 13 provinces, capacity building for health workers, community health education, and community involvement and empowerment. USAID is supporting the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization to conduct polio and measles immunization campaigns and maintain polio surveillance. Additionally, USAID is assisting the National Program for Action on Disability to effectively advocate and provide services to persons with disabilities. Principal Implementer: Management Sciences for Health (MSH) and others To Be Determined (TBD).

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$7,640,500 CSH; \$4,000,000 ESF; \$7,175,000 ESF Prior Year Supplemental). USAID is undertaking behavior change activities to increase knowledge, access, and use of services by women for an improved health status for the entire family. The MoPH is continuing to receive technical assistance in diagnosis, treatment, and surveillance of tuberculosis. REACH is continuing to support capacity building for health workers, including midwives and female community health workers, and quality improvement at all levels of the health service delivery system. Principal Implementer: MSH and others TBD.

Increase Capacity of Higher Education to Contribute to Development (\$14,000,000 ESF; \$9,200,000 ESF Prior Year Supplemental). USAID is continuing support for the National Women's Dormitory and the American University of Afghanistan (AUAf). Since AUAf construction is financed by other donors, future USAID funding will primarily support operating expenses and equipment. The new Higher Education Project (HEP) will begin to provide training to improve teacher education for future secondary school teachers at 16 four-year post-secondary institutions. Principal Implementers: The Asia Foundation and United Nations Office of Project Services.

FY 2007 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education (\$28,000,000 DA; \$33,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue the BEP, CBEP, and L-CEIS activities. School construction and rehabilitation activities will continue to provide students access to education facilities. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition (\$25,384,000 CSH; \$25,384,000 ESF). USAID's health program will continue to support provision of basic child health services with increased management and oversight from MoPH. Health worker capacity building and health system quality improvement will continue to be supported through USAID implementers. Behavior change activities initiated in FY 2006 will continue to improve family knowledge, access, and use of services for improved child health. The MoPH will receive support from USAID implementers in the management of NGO service delivery grants and contracts. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Improve Maternal Health and Nutrition (\$17,416,000 CSH; \$10,116,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support health worker capacity building, prioritizing recruitment and training of female health workers and health system quality improvement. Behavior change activities will continue to target family and community decision makers. USAID will address issues related to gender in all programs to increase use of health services by women. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Increase Capacity of Higher Education to Contribute to Development (\$12,000,000 ESF). The key component will be the continuation of the HEP to support university-level teacher education and faculty development. Support will continue for the National Women's Dormitory and the AUAf. Principal Implementer: TBD.

Performance and Results: Although new, this strategic objective incorporates activities initiated under a previous strategic plan. Accomplishments under the old strategic objective include providing training for 10,496 teachers, 525 nurses and doctors, and 3,500 community health workers. At the completion of FY 2007, women and children will have increased access to quality basic health services, as provider performance will be enhanced and quality assurance systems will be developed and implemented. The MoPH will be better prepared to take on full management of government health systems and planning and policy development. USAID will expand the number and quality of schools in Kabul and rural areas, emphasizing gender equity, overcoming resistance to school enrollment, and reaching underserved areas. Teachers' subject knowledge will have improved along with community support for teachers, and the MoE will have the capacity to sustain quality teaching.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Afghanistan

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Through September 30, 2004	1		
Obligations	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0	0
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	0	0	62,650
Expenditures	0	0	0
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	0	0	62,650
Expenditures	0	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0	62,650
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	2,415	0	57,721
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	41,449	35,762	31,877
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	43,864	35,762	89,598
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	42,800	28,000	80,500
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	86,664	63,762	232,748