

South Asia Regional

The Challenge

Improved energy security is vital to South Asia's economic growth and stability given that demand for energy in the region is expected to double over the next 15 years. South Asian nations rely heavily on imported energy, yet the region has large amounts of untapped energy resources. The lack of regional energy cooperation and trade compounds the problem. Energy cooperation has the potential to be mutually beneficial for all regional players, with some countries acting as net suppliers, some as net consumers, and some as net distributors of energy. A paucity of capacity, awareness, development of regional energy resources, and sustained regional dialogue are barriers to increased regional energy cooperation and, therefore, economic growth and could lead to instability. The South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy (SARI/Energy) focuses on regional approaches to meet South Asia's energy security needs through increased trade, investment, and access to clean energy.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Advisory Board Chair: George Deikun

MCA Status:

PEPFAR Focus Country:

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions:

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent	2005 SO		Direct SO
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	Change	Performance	Admin.	Cost Ratio
					FY 04-07	Score		
398-001 Promote Energy Security in South Asia	0	0	5,931	5,000	N/A	N/A		N/A
398-ZZZ Department of State Programs	0	0	0	2,000	N/A	N/A		N/A
Country Total	0	0	5,931	7,000	N/A			

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	Change
					FY 04-07
Development Assistance	0	0	4,941	5,000	N/A
Economic Support Fund	0	0	990	2,000	N/A
Total	0	0	5,931	7,000	N/A

Program Budget by Sector and Account	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	Change
					FY 04-07
Agriculture and Environment DA	0	0	4,941	5,000	N/A
ESF	0	0	990	0	N/A
Economic Growth ESF	0	0	0	2,000	N/A
Total	0	0	5,931	7,000	N/A

Workforce	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent
					Change
					FY 04-07
US Direct Hires	0	0	0	0	N/A
US Non Direct Hires	0	1	1	1	N/A
Foreign Nationals	0	2	2	2	N/A
Total	0	3	3	3	N/A

Mission Summary	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Program per US Direct Hire (\$000)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Program per All US (\$000)	N/A	0	5,931	7,000
Program per Position (\$000)	N/A	0	1,977	2,333

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: The United States is currently the sole donor working at the regional level on energy security in South Asia.

Multilateral: No traditional multilateral donors are engaged in energy security on a regional level in South Asia. The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has recently launched its first regional energy security program, which incorporates many of SARI/Energy's recommended initiatives. USAID is coordinating its programs closely with SAARC to ensure program synthesis, increase effectiveness, and eliminate duplication.