

Middle East Regional

The Challenge

The most pressing issues facing the Middle East region include economic stagnation, failed governance, rapid population growth, inadequate education, and depleted natural resources, particularly water. This region is at the heart of U.S. national interests and foreign policy priorities. The Middle East regional program will work to address these challenges by implementing development activities focused on regional dimensions of creating jobs for the 21st century, launching a "Blue Revolution" to promote water security, and training open-minded leaders. The programs will help the region overcome a lack of successful institutions, the lack of employment opportunities for young people, and the crisis in leadership by developing innovative programs in partnership with the USAID bilateral programs in the region, the U.S. Department of State, and other concerned donors.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Office Director: David Barth

MCA Status:

PEPFAR Focus Country:

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions:

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)		FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance Score	Direct SO Admin. Cost Ratio
298-XXX US Foreign Policy		0	0	0	5,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Country Total		0	0	0	5,000	N/A		

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)		FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Development Assistance		0	0	0	5,000	N/A
Total		0	0	0	5,000	N/A

Program Budget by Sector and Account		FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Agriculture and Environment	DA	0	0	0	2,500	N/A
Higher Education & Training	DA	0	0	0	2,500	N/A
Total		0	0	0	5,000	N/A

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: The United States is one of the major donors in the region. The United Kingdom has a Middle East Regional Action Plan that supports a number of development activities. Japan, Canada, and Germany are also all active in the region.

Multilateral: The World Bank Group has been working in the Middle East North Africa region for many years and has activities throughout the region in many different sectors. The European Union has programs promoting stability and economic growth. The United Nations agencies are all active in the region. The International Monetary Fund has a variety of regional programs and a regional headquarters in Beirut.

At the June 2004 Sea Island Summit, the G8 countries and the countries of the region launched the Partnership for Progress and a Common Future, a multi-national development program to support the region's political, economic, and social reform efforts. Agreement has been reached at successive conferences called the Forum for the Future to work together on these regional reform efforts.

Middle East Regional PROGRAM SUMMARY

(in thousands of dollars)

Accounts	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Current	FY 2007 Request
Development Assistance	0	0	0	5,000
Total Program Funds	0	0	0	5,000

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE SUMMARY				
298-XXX US Foreign Policy				
DA	0	0	0	5,000

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Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Middle East Regional
Program Title:	US Foreign Policy
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	298-XXX
Status:	New in FY 2007
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$5,000,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2007
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: Support for U.S foreign policy in the Middle East will be strengthened by regional programs to promote new leaders by providing scholarships and training opportunities for qualified candidates in the United States or in affiliated programs in the region. Improving access to reading materials for youth and university students is a vital component of activities designed to better prepare young people to compete for jobs in the 21st century. Providing water security throughout the region will alleviate sub-regional tension and assure access to safe water and sanitation for millions of people. These activities will support the vital interests of the United States in the region by promoting democratic principles, ensuring greater peace and stability, and providing a better educated workforce with greater opportunities.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Programs and activities under this objective will begin in FY 2007.

FY 2007 Program:

Improve Access To Clean Water and Sanitation (\$2,500,000 DA). The regional water initiative, the "Blue Revolution," will promote water security by ensuring greater access to clean water and sanitation services throughout the region, encourage conservation and non-traditional supplies through water demand management and reuse, and help resolve conflict by strengthening the ability of regional institutions to help mitigate conflict. The program will emphasize non-traditional technologies and solutions. Principal Implementers: Development Alternatives Inc. and others To Be Determined (TBD).

Increase Capacity of Higher Education to Contribute to Development (\$2,500,000 DA). This regional program will send qualified candidates to vocational training, community college, undergraduate degree training, or graduate programs in the United States or at the American Universities of Beirut and Cairo. The program will assist in all facets of the training, from the selection of the candidates and English language testing to travel logistics and return assistance. USAID also intends to promote new initiatives designed to increase the availability of contemporary texts books in local Arab markets by stimulating the book publishing industry. Historically, very few books have been written, translated, and/or published by the Arab press for use by universities, students, and professionals. Principal Implementers: TBD.

Performance and Results: As FY 2007 will be the first year for regional programming, there are no results to report at this point.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

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298-XXX US Foreign Policy	DA
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	5,000
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	5,000