

# 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
<b>Country Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	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
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	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
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	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.