

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Albania
Program Title:	Special Initiatives
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	182-0410
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$3,130,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$870,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,130,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1992
Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: The Anti-Trafficking program in Albania addresses prevention, reintegration, rehabilitation and repatriation of trafficked women and children; research and information management; strategic planning; monitoring; and, bilateral and international cooperation. The Energy program is focused on technical assistance (TA) and training that supports the implementation of the national strategic action plan and participation in the South East European Regional Energy Market (REM). The faith-based initiative will focus on strengthening inter-faith tolerance within selected communities through multi-faith-based development activities. The Global Development Alliance (GDA) activity gauges the impact of the implementation of the GoA's poverty reduction strategy at the village level and reports on progress.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Child trafficking (\$500,000 AEEB, \$200,000 AEEB carryover). USAID's Transnational Action Against Child Trafficking (TACT) project will work to decrease the trafficking of children along five axes: prevention, protection, assisted voluntary return, reintegration, and coordination. TACT will conduct school educational activities and provide the third installation of prevention toolkits. Summer camp activities for "at-risk" children of being trafficked or re-trafficked who are not attending school will continue to provide a source of identification, prevention, and intervention. The contractor is: Terre des hommes (prime).

Trafficking in women and girls (\$1,500,000 AEEB, \$670,000 AEEB carryover). The Albania Umbrella Anti-Trafficking Initiative focuses on prevention, reintegration, coordination and NGO capacity building. Rapid Response Grants and short-term grants with immediate impact on already established anti-trafficking activities will be distributed to local and international NGOs in Albania. These grants are expected to include prevention and public awareness components tailored to reaching urban and rural populations in the country. Long-term grants may be utilized for TA and institution building, advocacy, and implementation grants. These latter grants will focus on the distribution of prevention and reintegration grants to assist in the successful reintegration of returned victims of trafficking.

Through this initiative, USAID will also fund the development of a national, and potentially regional, database of victims/survivors of trafficking and the creation of an Anti-Trafficking Alliance that brings together the multiple local and international players including involved GoA Ministries. The contractor is: Creative Associates International, Inc. (prime).

Energy sector (\$800,000 AEEB). USAID will provide technical assistance and training in the areas of: legal and regulatory development; design and implementation of a national energy market; and, managerial capacity building. With the increasing complexity and diversity of the power sector, technical assistance and training in the area of legal and regulatory matters will be provided to the Albanian regulatory agency (ERE). The USAID-supported partnership between ERE and the Indiana State Utility Commission will continue as will the partnership between the U.S. Energy Association (USEA) and KESH, the Albanian state-owned power company. In keeping with the terms of the Athens Memorandum

of Understanding, technical assistance and training will enable the GoA to develop an effective national energy market and become an effective participant in the Regional Energy Market program. Contractors include: Pierce Atwood, CORE Int. (prime), USEA, and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (sub).

Faith-based initiative (\$250,000 AEEB). This initiative will focus on bringing the four main faiths in Albania together through community development efforts, which will bridge the gulf among them and potentially resolve problems raised at the municipal level. Technical assistance will be provided as well as a small grants program to expedite projects. Inter-faith councils will be established in each municipality assisted.

GDA (\$80,000 AEEB). The Mission entered into its first Global Development Alliance with a leverage rate of one to one. This activity is based upon previous efforts of the decentralization and citizen forum programs, building upon the increasingly close alliance between citizen groups and commune (village) level governments. TA is provided to citizen forums to periodically score the performance of local government units. The contractor is: World Learning (prime).

FY 2005 Program:

Child trafficking (\$517,000 AEEB). USAID plans to fund activities to increase the number of Civil Society Organizations, including Parents/Teachers Associations, parents and education personnel who are actively engaged in preventing child trafficking. USAID plans to use funds to increase the percentage of trafficked and high-risk children who benefit from physical, psychological, legally coordinated, and effective protection. This will be done in conjunction with strengthening government officials and international partners' response to the Children Rights Convention and its implementation of assisted voluntary return of trafficked minors.

Trafficking in women and girls (\$1,283,000 AEEB). USAID plans to provide counseling, job training and placement services to victims/survivors of trafficking and assist those working in this sector (social workers, advocates, etc.) to strengthen job skills and avoid secondary trauma. Funds will be used to increase collaboration and advocacy through the strengthening of the Anti-Trafficking Albanian Alliance and the distribution of long-term grants to local and international NGOs in Albania. The ongoing development of the National Trafficking Database will increase the output of better information on trafficking and assist those in the field in tailoring responses to this problem.

Energy sector (\$800,000 AEEB). USAID plans to continue its technical assistance and training support as well as adding to FY 2004 activities, support and training for the commercialization of the unbundled distribution and generation enterprises of KESH and provide TA to the transmission enterprise in the implementation and operation of the NEM.

Faith-based initiative (\$530,000 AEEB). USAID plans to continue this initiative and to create linkages between the municipal inter-faith councils with a newly organized national inter-faith council.

Performance and Results: Both anti-trafficking efforts and the GDA initiative began at the end of FY 2003. USAID will provide performance results in the next reporting cycle.

In June 2003, with significant input from USAID's energy sector program, the GoA adopted a comprehensive National Energy Strategy (NES) which, among other things, reaffirmed the GoA's commitment to establish a secure and financially self-sustaining power sector to provide reliable, environmentally sound electric power at prices based on full economic costs. In July 2003, again with USAID's assistance, the GoA passed a Power Sector Reform law that established the independence of the ERE and provided unification of the legal framework for integration into the REM. Incremental progress was made in several areas including: continued capacity building within the ERE; development of the unbundling plan for KESH; Albania's membership in the UCTE; updating of the Action Plan for the Power Sector Policy statement; and updating of the Action Plan for the NES.