

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Albania
<b>Program Title:</b>	Cross-Cutting Programs
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	182-0420
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$2,830,000 AEEB
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$1,421,000 AEEB
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$2,955,000 AEEB
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 1992
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2006

**Summary:** This program is primarily focused on serving the participant training needs of all USAID-funded activities under other Strategic Objectives. A small grants program is available which is used by returning participants to implement activities related to their training. Also an audit, evaluation, and program support component provides resources for designs, evaluations, and program support.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Cross-cutting programs (\$2,830,000 AEEB, \$660,000 AEEB carryover, \$761,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). Training and small grants activities under this strategic objective benefit all Mission activities. USAID will continue its training efforts in support of the growth of private enterprise, strengthening citizen participation and rule of law, and improved health care. Over 820 participants will be trained this year.

In support of the growth of private enterprise, several training events and follow-on grants are planned to improve the ability of institutions to better implement land registry and serve the real needs of small- and medium-sized enterprises. Tourism will also be addressed. In this regard, 105 people will receive training under the rubric of growth of private enterprise. In the field of agriculture, several programs will assist agribusiness, food inspection and policy makers regarding biotechnology. In total, 80 people will receive training in agricultural-related activities.

USAID will work on strengthening citizen participation and legal systems by providing training or grants to assist local governments with mayoral functions, tax administration, anti-corruption efforts, water management; political parties with party strengthening; rural citizens with methods to become engaged effectively and local election officials with the opportunity to discuss election procedures. Over 175 participants will be trained under this rubric. The judiciary will be assisted with training or grants to improve court security, transparency, case documentation and relations with the public as well as skills in the functioning of the national judicial council. Agencies involved in asset declaration monitoring and the civil service will also receive training. Over 260 participants will be trained in judicial activities.

Training programs and grants will be utilized to improve primary health care in selected areas while improved health center management, lab technology and awareness of family planning options will be expanded into remote rural areas. Approximately 150 participants will receive training for health-related activities. Contractor: World Learning (prime).

Training programs and grants will also focus on issues related to energy, human trafficking, and religious harmony. A total of 175 participants will be trained in these fields.

The Audit, Evaluation, and Program Support (AEPS) program serves as the principal resource for activity design, evaluation and program support. AEPS continues to fund Foreign Service National Personal Service Contractors and USPSC positions as related costs in support of specific strategic objectives. The

Mission also uses these funds to train staff and implement the Agency's performance-based management policies.

**FY 2005 Program:**

Training and small grants programs (\$2,955,000 AEEB). Work in private enterprise is planned to support next step efforts in small- and medium-sized enterprise development and agricultural access to credit. Training programs and small grants in support of informed citizen participation and strengthened legal systems in FY 2005 are planned to strengthen the ability of institutions and organizations to fight corruption, conduct free and fair elections, and offer improved services to citizens at the municipal level. Training resources are also targeted on strengthening the quality of primary health care and access to family planning.

**Performance and Results:** In FY 2003, 39 training programs were organized in direct support of USAID's strategic objectives. Forty-two Albanians took part in training or conferences in the U.S. while another 179 took part in training programs or conferences in other Western or Eastern European countries. Of those participating in programs abroad, 38% were women. USAID also sponsored 11 in-country training programs, in which 652 Albanians were trained. In addition to training programs, USAID administered 11 grants to former training program participants to implement training related to follow-on activities. Whether through carrying out grant activities or in-country training programs, many inexperienced local organizations and institutions improved their ability to organize and financially manage effective training and development activities.

Among the small grants, over 300 women candidates for local elections were trained; 30 greenhouse owners learned production techniques using few chemicals; 55 non-profit organizations were trained on registration procedures; and over 100 rural communities received training in local tax and fee administration.

Tangible results were achieved due to training programs and grant activities conducted during this period. Nearly 3,000 villagers in remote and semi-remote areas of the northern district of Shkoder participated in awareness raising activities regarding HIV/AIDS and family planning. The Albanian Association of Insurers developed the basis for an Insurance Training Institute and greatly strengthened its capacity as an association. The National Energy Agency mastered an energy planning software, which resulted in a strong National Energy Strategy approved by the government. Tax and fee administration in nine municipalities has improved. Loans in one major USAID-assisted bank are now being made on the basis of solid market information gained through a newly established in-house database.

Of special interest is the success of a six-month training program in community development techniques for faith-based organizations. Leaders from the four traditional faith-based communities have begun to work together and with members of local communities to identify the priorities of local communities.