

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Romania
<b>Program Title:</b>	Child Welfare and Women's Health Care Reform
<b>Pillar:</b>	Global Health
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	186-0340
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$5,535,000 AEEB
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$853,000 AEEB; \$500,000 CSH
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$5,294,000 AEEB
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY2002
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2006

**Summary:** USAID's program to reform child welfare and women's health care includes training and technical assistance to: improve policies, legislation and quality of services; train a professional cadre in child welfare and reproductive health; and educate the public and decision-makers. USAID programs will improve community service delivery in child welfare, reproductive health, and infectious disease prevention with greater benefit to recipients than costly institutional care and at a lower cost to the Government of Romania (GOR).

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Reform of the Child Welfare System (\$3,185,000 AEEB, \$200,000 AEEB carryover, \$500,000 CSH carryover). The development of local community child welfare services is far from complete. USAID will continue funding 50 existing sub-grants that implement community-based child welfare services. USAID will award five additional grants to close the worst of the remaining institutions for disabled and HIV-infected children. These grants will also support the social integration of at-risk youth. The training of mayors, which has been completed, will be extended to about 50 members of four new community boards in order to encourage officials to provide local preventive services. Community Service Standards, which were drafted with USAID assistance, will be legislated and disseminated nationwide and used by the GOR to monitor service quality. Development of a national monitoring system will be completed which will allow the GOR to monitor the provision and cost of services, improve financial planning, and enhance transparency of the child welfare system. All activities will be implemented locally and nationally by public-private partnerships. Implementing Partners: World Learning, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Primes); International Orthodox Church, Bethany Christian, and SERA Romania (Subs).

Increase the Use of Reproductive Health Services (\$1,850,000 AEEB, \$613,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will continue the nationwide expansion of the reproductive health services to improve the access to and the quality of primary care services. To facilitate the provision, management, supervision, and evaluation of primary community care, technical assistance and training will be provided to more than 1,100 family doctors and 800 nurses in 900 additional rural and urban communities, 41 health authorities, and over 200 Roma mediators, community nurses, and health promoters. The national strategy to prevent sexually transmitted infections will be finalized and implemented. The contraceptive security plan will be updated to meet the increased demand for contraceptives. A three-year plan for the new Behavior-Change-Communication (BCC) campaigns will replace the Information-Education-Communication (IEC) public awareness program. Campaigns for unwanted pregnancy, marketing of reproductive services at primary care level, and early detection of breast cancer will be conducted. Safe motherhood programs in two districts will increase the quality of and access to pre- and post-natal primary care and reduce the rate of hospitalization and the average length of stay. One program for youth-friendly reproductive health services will be developed in Bucharest, serving 13,000 clients per year. USAID will begin a national early detection program for cervical cancer and finalize standards and protocols. Implementing Partners: John Snow International (Prime); Societatea de Educatie Contraceptiva si

Sexuala, Asociatia Romana (SECS) anti-SIDA, Population Services International, and, the Youth-for-Youth Foundation (Subs).

Prevent HIV/AIDS (\$500,000 of AEEB, \$40,000 AEEB carryover). The National AIDS strategy will be revised and technical assistance will be provided to strengthen the national HIV/AIDS surveillance system. USAID will support a national campaign to prevent HIV transmission and combat stigma and discrimination. USAID will provide technical assistance for implementation of the Global Fund Program to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria. Five outreach programs for high risk groups, such as prison inmates, street children, Roma, poor-rural underserved, and youth will be continued. Voluntary Counseling and Testing Centers, a successful NGO/public partnership, will be supported in Bucharest, Iasi, and Constanta. Implementing Partners: John Snow International (Prime); Societatea de Educatie Contraceptiva si Sexuala, Asociatia Romana (SECS) anti-SIDA; Population Services International; and, the Youth-for-Youth Foundation (Subs).

**FY 2005 Program:**

Reform the child welfare system (\$2,960,000 AEEB). USAID will provide policy guidance, fund small grants, and advocate for the development of improved standards and training of professionals and officials. Programs and training will focus on the municipal and community level. More local preventive programs will be developed as local officials develop a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities for protecting children. To remove the current incentive to place children in institutions, USAID will support the development of a new formula for funding child welfare. USAID will continue to fund grants to close the worst residential facilities and to increase the proportion of children using community services, rather than being institutionalized. To ensure sustainability of these activities, USAID will support the efforts of organizations such as the United Way and the ProChild Federation. Implementing Partners: World Learning, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Primes); International Orthodox Church, Bethany Christian, and SERA Romania (Subs).

Increase the Use of Reproductive Health Services (\$1,834,000 AEEB). Assistance will ensure legislative coherence and increased allocations from the public health budget for enhanced primary reproductive health services. National training will continue and the reproductive health curriculum will be implemented in medical schools. Several national public campaigns about reproductive health will be organized. Implementing Partners: John Snow International (Prime); Societatea de Educatie Contraceptiva si Sexuala, Asociatia Romana (SECS) anti-SIDA, Population Services International, and, the Youth-for-Youth Foundation (Subs).

Prevent HIV/AIDS (\$500,000 AEEB). USAID will continue assistance and training to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS through national awareness campaigns, voluntary counseling and testing centers, and outreach activities to high-risk groups. Implementing Partners: John Snow International (Prime); Societatea de Educatie Contraceptiva si Sexuala, Asociatia Romana (SECS) anti-SIDA; Population Services International; and, the Youth-for-Youth Foundation (Subs).

**Performance and Results:** USAID assistance in FY 2003 contributed directly to reducing the number of children in institutional care by 8,550 (17%), closing 43 institutions with over 100 children each, creating over 200 alternative community services, and drafting legislation for standards of adoption, life skills, case management, child abuse, and neglect. USAID-funded advisors supported the development of the national reproductive health strategy and the integration of primary reproductive health services into 1,738 primary care clinics, of which 77% are in rural areas. USAID-funded programs helped close institutions for disabled children, reintegrate the most vulnerable children into communities, and leverage over \$3,000,000 from the business community and another \$6,000,000 from governmental programs. Mayors in all of Romania's 41 counties were trained in child welfare services. USAID assistance helped create a permanent GOR budget line item (\$650,000 in FY2002) for reproductive health services. USAID supported national awareness campaigns for unwanted pregnancy, reproductive services, early detection of breast cancer; prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, and to fight discrimination of HIV/AIDS victims. USAID support led to the implementation of three special programs for hard-to-reach populations including Roma and those at risk for HIV/AIDS transmission.