

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Armenia
Program Title:	Earthquake Zone Recovery Program
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	111-0411
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$3,052,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$0
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2001
Year of Final Obligation:	Year of Final Obligation is MISSING

Summary: USAID's Earthquake Zone (EQZ) Recovery Program assists the Government of Armenia (GOAM) to compensate families who lost housing in the 1988 earthquake and still live in temporary shelters. Through provision of housing certificates and housing improvement grants (HIGs), USAID's program operates within the context of a comprehensive, integrated approach to redevelopment in the target area.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Improve access to housing for earthquake victims (\$1,398,250 FSA carryover, \$1,600,000 FSA prior year recoveries). USAID expects to issue 1700 housing certificates, to complete total program issuance of 6563. Two thousand five hundred ten housing certificates will be redeemed for the purchase of permanent housing by beneficiary families, bringing the total redeemed under this program to 5579, an 85% success rate. An important follow-on activity will be the continued removal of the temporary shelters vacated as a result of program beneficiaries moving into permanent housing. Principal contractor: The Urban Institute (Prime).

Improve homes of earthquake victims (\$40,000 FSA carryover). The completion, turn-over, and occupancy of the 150 remaining houses completed under the rural HIG component took place by the end of December 2003. Total number of houses completed under this component will be 664. Principal contractor: Catholic Relief Services (Sub).

Strengthen the role of modern urban planning principles and practices in the redevelopment of the region (\$13,310 FSA carryover). USAID will continue to support public participation in community planning and development activities, donor program coordination, and, through the Shirak Development Center, business investment and tourism promotion in Shirak Marz. Principal contractor: The Urban Institute (Prime).

FY 2005 Program:

This program will be completed in FY 2004.

Performance and Results: In FY 2003, 2,298 housing certificates were issued, bringing the total number of beneficiary families to 4,863. In FY 2003, 1,541 housing certificates issued were used to purchase permanent homes, bringing the total to 3,069. As beneficiary families have relocated to permanent housing, substantial tracts of urban land have been freed up for redevelopment by other donors, local governments and private investors for housing, public use such as parks and schools, and commercial use. A pilot project to partially renovate urban, multi-family buildings was successfully completed and resulted in improved housing conditions for 60 beneficiary families in the pilot building. The rural HIG pilot component was rolled out, providing homes for 424 families in FY 2003 for a total of 664 families in nine communities. Coordination with other donors and implementers in the EQZ resulted in more effective assistance activities, clearly visible in the significant redevelopment now underway in the city of Gyumri.

At the completion of this three-year program, USAID will have significantly helped the GOAM meet its obligation to re-house earthquake victims, thus freeing government resources and attention to focus on other pressing needs. The recovery of the earthquake zone, in particular the country's second largest city of Gyumri, is well underway, and a number of Armenian officials, urban planning professionals, and community leaders now possess greater knowledge and experience in modern urban planning principles and practices and have the capacity to incorporate them into other development activities.