

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Armenia
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Global Development Alliance
Strategic Objective:	111-0420
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$6,300,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$2,198,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$5,000,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1999
Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's cross-cutting objective encompasses efforts that are limited in time and scope to address targets of opportunities outside of the Mission's strategic framework, emphasizing a broad impact without a predominant contribution to a single strategic objective. USAID's program includes: human and institutional capacity development; private sector development; good governance and strengthened civil society; media and communications capacity; dialogue among the countries of the region regarding sustainable water management; and the Global Development Alliance (GDA) initiative.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Participant Training Program (\$2,000,000 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to participants needed for the achievement of USAID's strategic objectives and to enhance their professional leadership role. USAID support will include the introduction of the Human and Institutional Capacity Development concept throughout the Mission's portfolio. Principal contractor: Academy for Educational Development (Prime).

Eurasia Foundation Grant and Loan Program (\$2,000,000 FSA). USAID will continue to assist small businesses and professional associations and will fund initiatives promoting a stronger civil society. In FY 2004, the program will emphasize support for business advocacy initiatives, a countrywide network of Chambers of Commerce, grassroots community action mechanisms, institutional development, expansion of existing municipal information centers, and media strengthening. Principal contractor: Eurasia Foundation (Prime).

Global Development Alliance (\$1,210,000 FSA, \$1,649,202 FSA prior year recoveries). To promote the GDA initiative, USAID will support public-private alliances to carry out activities under the USAID/Armenia strategy for FY 2004-2008.

Logistical and administrative support (\$1,090,000 FSA, \$548,978 FSA carryover). Logistical and administrative support for the Mission's portfolio will be funded under this cross-cutting objective.

FY 2005 Program:

Participant Training Program (\$1,200,000 FSA). USAID will continue to support this program, with emphasis on human and institutional strengthening in support of its strategic objectives. Principal contractor: Academy for Educational Development (Prime).

Eurasia Foundation Grant and Loan Program (\$1,878,788 FSA). USAID plans to continue assistance to the Eurasia Foundation to support development of the private sector and democracy and governance in Armenia. Principal grantee: Eurasia Foundation.

Global Development Alliance (\$1,200,000 FSA). USAID plans to continue its support to public-private alliances under its strategy.

Logistical and administrative support (\$721,212 FSA). USAID plans to utilize resources to support the USAID portfolio's logistical and administrative expenses.

Performance and Results: Participant Training Program (PTP). In FY 2003, 4,506 trainees (52% women) participated in US-based, third-country, and in-country programs. Training on procurement was organized for public sector employees, supporting the implementation of the legal, regulatory and procedural framework established for public procurement. PTP supported USAID efforts in WTO accession. PTP contributed to the achievement of the Water strategic objective by implementing a National Park Management Capacity Building program, leading to development and implementation of a plan to improve management of national park ecosystems. Providing support for the Mission's democracy and governance program, PTP conducted a number of democratic leadership programs for NGOs, women, and youth. Contributing to Mitigation of Adverse Effects of the Transition objective, a Social Work Program built capacity and professionalism in the field by training 720 social workers employed in 55 Regional Social Service Centers and 60 social case workers employed by NGOs. Trainees gained practical skills, knowledge and information to deliver social, health and educational outreach services to vulnerable population in all 11 regions of Armenia. To supplement the Earthquake Zone (EQZ) Recovery Program, a place-making approach, emphasizing community participation in planning, was applied for the development of All-Savior-Freedom Square in Gyumri. Due to the success of this event, similar approaches will likely be duplicated in other regions of Armenia.

In FY 2003, the Eurasia Foundation disbursed over \$ 1 million through 48 grants, including eight civil society grants, 16 private enterprise grants, and 24 public administration and policy grants. These grants supported strengthening of Armenian business associations, increasing citizens' legal awareness and participation in political and economic decision-making. The South Caucasus Cooperation Program continued its programs aimed at overcoming political and economic obstacles to regional integration in the South Caucasus and increase in stability and prosperity of the region. Under the Izmirlian-Eurasia Small Business Loan Program (SBLP) (jointly funded by the Izmirlian Foundation) 40 loans totaling almost \$2 million were extended in FY 2003. The sectors addressed include food processing, farming, consumer products, business products, and services. The SBLP created 345 new jobs in FY 2003. With major funding from Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Caucasus Resource Research Center was established at the Yerevan State University, the goal of which is to build domestic capacity for applied social science research through provision of research and library facilities, virtual information dissemination, training, and fellowships.

USAID/Armenia recently made establishment of public-private alliances a priority and has been working towards leveraging its funds with additional funds from the private sector and other donors. Alliances were formed under the EQZ (Earthquake Zone) Recovery Program, health partnerships, and the commercial leasing activity. In addition, the Mission started four Development Credit Authority activities in FY 2003, which effectively leverage U.S. resources and are GDA activities. In FY 2003, four more alliances were formed: Eurasia Foundation's American University of Armenia loan program; IBM Business Consulting's work in non-bank financial institutions with the Cafesjian Foundation; Eurasia Foundation's Network Media Program with the Open Society Institute; and Eurasia Foundation's electronic translator project, also with the Open Society Institute. To further support public-private alliances, USAID/Armenia developed a GDA Annual Program Statement under which funds are made available to carry out activities responsive to critical development needs in the sectors where USAID/Armenia works. USAID/Armenia reaches out to the American, especially the Armenian-American, community actively engaged in Armenia, to foster GDA partnerships. The Mission initiated a series of meetings and forums with local businesses to introduce the concept of corporate social responsibility and to explore opportunities for future cooperation. Successful integration of Armenian businesses into development efforts will be a major step toward self-sustaining progress in Armenia.