

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Pakistan
Program Title:	Economic Growth
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	391-006
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$7,000,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$6,000,000 DA; \$11,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2003
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2007

Summary: USAID will help reduce poverty and increase income and employment opportunities for poor Pakistanis, especially women and young adults. The program will help micro-entrepreneurs start or expand businesses and bring microenterprise credit to some of the poorest and most isolated parts of Pakistan. USAID support will also increase incomes of poor farmers in Balochistan, by improving crop yields and access to local markets. Finally, USAID will help poor Pakistanis attend leading local universities to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in business and agriculture through merit- and need-based scholarships.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Increasing access to micro-credit and micro-finance services in the rural economy (\$5,000,000 DA). USAID will provide credit to about 58,000 borrowers, through established micro-finance institutions.

The program will also offer larger loans to successful micro-entrepreneurs to expand their businesses. USAID will provide technical assistance and training to local micro-finance institutions to increase services for these borrowers throughout Pakistan. Principal grantee: The Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF).

USAID will support a leading micro-finance bank to expand micro-credit and microfinance services to Sindh and Balochistan. This program will establish four new branches, which will bring micro-credit and micro-finance services to poor Pakistanis for the first time. This assistance will also improve services at 10 existing branches, including mobile branches to reach remote areas. In addition, the program will provide technical assistance and training to improve client services. Principal grantee: Khushhalibank.

Agriculture and business studies scholarship program (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will help establish and fund a national merit- and need-based scholarship program for students in agriculture and business studies. The program will enable poor Pakistanis to study at leading local universities that would not otherwise be affordable. Principal grantee: The Higher Education Commission (HEC).

Increasing rural incomes and employment opportunities (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID is designing a technical assistance and training program to help small farmers in arid Balochistan. The program will increase farmer access to local markets and increase household incomes by promoting the selection of appropriate crops and use of modern agriculture production practices that save water and vary crops. Principal grantee: The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

FY 2005 Program:

Increasing access to micro-credit and micro-finance services in the rural economy (\$6,000,000 DA). USAID will continue to provide micro-credit loans and financial services.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Pakistan

	DA	ESF
391-006 Economic Growth		
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	5,000	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	5,000	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	5,000	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	7,000	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	7,000	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	6,000	11,000
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	18,000	11,000