

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Africa Regional
Program Title:	Improved Regional HIV/AIDS Programs
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	698-021
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$8,700,000 CSH
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$5,800,000 CSH
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$8,700,000 CSH
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1999
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2004

Summary: This activity will support USAID and its partners in implementing innovative approaches to HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and mitigation. Activities cover several areas, such as multisectoral approaches to confronting the HIV/AIDS pandemic; community and faith-based programs; care and support for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their family members; community support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC); increased African commitment and capacity to plan, manage, and implement HIV/AIDS programs; monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs; donor coordination for partners, and strengthening African capacity and African institutions.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

USAID will use these funds to improve African capacity to design, manage, and evaluate HIV/AIDS programs, policies, and strategies. The regional program aims to support innovative approaches to HIV/AIDS prevention in the African context, working in the education, health and agricultural sectors.

Mitigating the Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$1,237,500 CSH; \$5,800,000 prior year CSH): USAID will continue to mobilize a multi-sectoral response related to the HIV/AIDS crisis. It will also advocate for, and facilitate the development of, increased public-private partnerships. These include efforts to mitigate the effects of HIV/AIDS on the education sector in Africa, and to implement community-based care programs for orphans and vulnerable children in several countries, including Zambia, Namibia, Uganda and Rwanda. A new and emerging area of focus will be the relationship of HIV/AIDS to the food and drought crises of Africa. Principal contractors and grantees: University of Natal (South Africa) Health Economics and Research Division (HEARD).

Developing Tools to Fight HIV/AIDS (\$137,500 CSH): Among other activities, USAID will conduct analysis on emerging issues that directly affect Africa, and disseminate this knowledge to strengthen HIV/AIDS programs. These include the development and distribution of life skills materials for use in the education sector; the distribution of "Building Blocks" resource tools for designing and implementing OVC programs; and HIV/AIDS toolkits to assess the impact of the epidemic on the health sector. Principal contractors and grantees: Family Health International (FHI).

Southern Africa Regional Program for HIV/AIDS (\$5,950,000 CSH). This program provides support and funding for projects and activities to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on transient populations (e.g., truck drivers, migrant workers) in cross-border areas in the Southern Africa region, in particular Botswana and South Africa. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

African Capacity Building (\$1,237,500 CSH): In addition to developing tools to help Africa fight HIV/AIDS, other activities to be supported in FY 2004 will enable African communities and governments to plan and manage their own programs. These activities include providing support to the Economic Community of West African States, the West African Health Organization and the Commonwealth Regional Health Community Secretariat for East and Central Africa to implement improved HIV/AIDS programs and to

work with HEARD to improve the ability of education and health care policy-makers and leaders to confront the crisis in their sectors. Principal contractors and grantees: Academy for Educational Development (AED), International HIV/AIDS Alliance, and CARE.

Partner and Donor Coordination (\$137,500 CSH): USAID will continue to work with other international donors and organizations, such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), UNAIDS and UNICEF, to ensure that the international community's resources are used effectively in helping Africa confront the crisis. Principal grantee: UNICEF.

A follow-on strategic objective will begin in FY 2004 and will be notified separately upon approval.

FY 2005 Program:

Mitigating the Impact of HIV/AIDS (\$1,237,500 CSH): Activities will continue and build on FY 2004 programs to develop and implement multisectoral approaches to HIV prevention and mitigation.

Developing Tools to Fight HIV/AIDS (\$137,500 CSH): Activities will continue and build on FY 2004 programs to develop, assess and distribute tools supporting HIV prevention and mitigation.

Southern Africa Regional Program for HIV/AIDS (\$5,950,000 CSH). This program will continue to support projects and activities to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on transient populations in the Southern Africa region.

African Capacity Building (\$1,237,500 CSH): USAID will also continue the effort to build African capacity to deal with the pandemic at all levels and in a variety of sectors.

Partner and Donor Coordination (\$137,500 CSH): USAID will continue to work with other donors and organizations to coordinate efforts and prevent overlaps and gaps in the international struggle against HIV/AIDS.

Performance and Results: USAID's HIV/AIDS team continued to focus on mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS on Africans--especially orphans and vulnerable children (OVC)--during FY 2003 and on creating the tools and capacity necessary to confront the pandemic on the continent.

USAID organized and facilitated a meeting of senior government officials from Eastern and Southern Africa on strengthening activities providing support for children afflicted with HIV/AIDS. Held in Namibia, the meeting reviewed regional and national progress towards the UN's goals for mitigating the effects of HIV/AIDS, and planned future activities and strategies for helping OVCs in the region. USAID also carried out country reviews of OVC policies in Kenya and Benin, to strengthen national policies for support of children afflicted by HIV/AIDS.

Ensuring that African governments, NGOs and institutions have the capacity and the tools to respond to HIV/AIDS was also an important aspect of USAID's activities in FY 2003. USAID facilitated meetings of African finance and planning ministers in January and December 2003 to plan multilateral responses to HIV/AIDS and ensure that adequate resources are devoted to the fight against it. USAID also provided material, technical and intellectual support to African NGOs and institutions--such as the National Association of People Living With HIV/AIDS (in South Africa) and the Society for Women and AIDS in Africa--to support public outreach activities, organizational capacity building, and research to help them actively respond to the pandemic. USAID also began distribution of "Building Blocks" in 2003. This is a practical tool to facilitate community-based activities for work with OVCs. The Building Blocks provide a set of guidelines and best practices for strategic planning and to confront the HIV/AIDS crisis at the local level. These include strategies for building partnerships, designing and implementing activities, finding technical support, developing strategic plans and advocacy activities, and properly managing and evaluating activities to ensure the best use of resources.

Finally, USAID provided data sheets on 14 African countries for the President's Emergency Plan for HIV/AIDS Relief, as well as research and information on the subregional distribution and situation of OVCs for the Presidential initiative against HIV/AIDS.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Africa Regional

698-021 Improved Regional HIV/AIDS Programs	CSH	DFA
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	21,878	825
Expenditures	11,479	455
Unliquidated	10,399	370
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	8,715	200
Expenditures	9,588	395
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	30,593	1,025
Expenditures	21,067	850
Unliquidated	9,526	175
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	5,800	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	8,700	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	14,500	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	8,700	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	53,793	1,025