

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Africa Regional
Program Title:	Environmental Assessment for Sound Development
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	698-023
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$500,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$39,000 DA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$690,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1999
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2004

Summary: Consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act and the principles of environmentally sound development, this program ensures that USAID's regional program for Africa complies with USAID regulations requiring the environmental review of all USAID activities (22 CFR 216) as well as the Foreign Assistance Act, which requires USAID staff to use country-level environmental analyses as a basis for developing Country Strategic Plans (FAA Sections 117-119). This program's purpose is to ensure that USAID programs avoid causing environmental harm. USAID also builds awareness across sectors (agriculture, health, education, etc.) about the principles of environmentally sound project design and implementation; develops local capacity to conduct environmental impact assessments (EIAs), benefiting USAID programs as well as those of other development agencies and the private sector; and helps host countries to implement their own environmental review procedures.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Environmental procedures oversight (\$450,000 DA): USAID's Africa Regional program will continue to conduct environmental reviews of USAID projects. This is about 30 reviews for the year. In addition, USAID will continue to provide analytical, policy and editorial guidance as well as training to the Mission Environmental Officers. It will also continue to backstop the Regional Environmental Officers. Principal agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Analytical processes (\$50,000 DA; \$39,000 prior year DA): Continue to provide analytical support for USAID projects dealing with urban environment/energy issues, pest management programs to enhance food security in Africa, and cleaner production for small-scale industries. USAID will also provide environmental assessment support for the Presidential Initiative on Water.

A new strategy is being developed, and new notifications will be provided for FY 2005 funds once the strategy is approved.

FY 2005 Program:

Environmental procedures oversight (\$550,000 DA): This core activity is expected to continue at approximately the same level as in FY 2004. Principal contractors and grantees: Same as above.

Analytical processes (\$140,000 DA): USAID expects to continue providing analytical support to the Africa regional activity as needed, particularly for EIAs involving urban areas, water, forestry, pesticides, and public-private partnerships.

Performance and Results: In FY 2003, USAID provided drafting assistance, review and clearance for 58 Initial Environmental Examinations (IEEs) and other program and activity-level environmental assessments in 17 countries and regional offices across sub-Saharan Africa. The program also provided guidance for the preparation of five country-level environmental analyses, which are required for the development of new Country Strategic Plans, in Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, DRC, and Ghana.

USAID also made progress by establishing procedures for the environmental assessment of large-scale public-private partnership activities funded under the agency's Global Development Alliance (GDA). USAID was thus able to develop a process for ongoing environmental audits of projects which meets USAID environmental compliance needs while creating responsibility for assuring the long-term environmental soundness of the investment--and leaving that responsibility in the hands of the private partner and local environmental authorities.

This SO was also active in addressing the environmental assessment training needs of the region's staff and partners. Though the Environmental Assessment Capacity Building Program (ENCAP) was transferred to EGAT in FY 2003, USAID Africa Bureau continued to assist with the program's management and implementation during this transition year. Of note, ENCAP finalized an updated version of the "Environmental Guidelines for Small-Scale Activities in Africa" in English and began its translation into French.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Africa Regional

698-023 Environmental Assessment for Sound Development	DA	DFA
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	3,438	50
Expenditures	2,644	50
Unliquidated	794	0
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	247	0
Expenditures	621	0
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	3,685	50
Expenditures	3,265	50
Unliquidated	420	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	39	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	500	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	539	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	690	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	4,914	50