

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Sierra Leone
Program Title:	Reintegration
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	636-001
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$300,000 CSH; \$1,910,000 DA; \$2,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,927,000 DA; \$3,260,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2001
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2006

Summary: USAID's post-war reintegration program facilitates the process through which war-torn populations (women, ex-combatants, internally displaced persons and returnees) in the targeted areas resettle into their communities, work together to rebuild their shattered lives and communities, encourage reconciliation, and build mutual respect between ex-combatants and communities. The ultimate objective is to improve the livelihood of the common people and prevent the reoccurrence of war in Sierra Leone. USAID supports social, economic and physical resettlement and reintegration activities by providing ex-combatants and war-affected youth with job skills and income-earning opportunities, as well as "peace education" for war-affected communities in conflict management, peace-building and nation-building. In addition, USAID also provides support for rebuilding vital public infrastructure in devastated communities. The evolving environment necessitates a shift in future tactics to rebuild war-affected communities, with a new emphasis on reviving the economy and generating economic opportunities for the targeted districts.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Foundation for Viable Communities Established (\$300,000 CSH, \$400,000 DA, \$1,500,000 ESF). USAID will utilize DA and ESF resources to stimulate local economies, support the re-establishment of productive enterprises, and rebuild sustainable livelihoods. Activities will include micro-credit to entrepreneurs, particularly women and youth; business skills building; agro-processing enhancement; and/or strengthening market linkages. USAID will continue to use DA and ESF for conflict management efforts through the Skills Training and Employment Promotion (STEP) program, focusing exclusively on helping the Tongo Fields community to identify and implement reintegration priorities. Using successful techniques tested in neighboring districts, the STEP program will bring together representatives of all segments of the community to discuss and set development priorities. The program will offer skills training and temporary construction employment to the youthful population of Tongo Fields, which today is home to the country's largest concentration of ex-combatants. CSH resources will be used to continue USAID support to the World Health Organization (WHO) Polio Eradication Program and for expansion of nutrition/Vitamin A programs in targeted communities. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Agricultural Production Stimulated (\$1,510,000 DA). In FY04, the USAID/Sierra Leone program will start to facilitate agricultural development and economic growth through the involvement of a range of stakeholders, such as: private sector entrepreneurs, public sector entities, local farmers' organizations or cooperatives, and small-scale processors. The provision of agricultural-related services through additional stakeholders in the private sector will increase productivity, add value, and contribute to a multiplier effect. "Reintegration" in the agricultural sector will focus on market-led and community-based approaches. Planned activities will include: improving agricultural production of staple and cash crops; improving access to appropriate agricultural technologies, improving market information dissemination through media systems; building local capacity to provide agricultural and related services (e.g., rural finance), particularly by the private sector; and supplying improved tools, seed, farming inputs, and other means of production on a grant basis. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Public Infrastructure Rehabilitated (\$500,000 ESF). Rehabilitation of infrastructure under this Transition Strategy will shift away from the social sectors and begin to address economic-sector needs such as rural roads, bridge repair, wells, small-scale irrigation systems, market facilities, agricultural production storage facilities, small-scale processing plants for agricultural products, and/or warehouse facilities. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

FY 2005 Program:

Foundation for Viable Communities Established (\$427,000 DA, \$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue the planned activities to stimulate local economies, support the re-establishment of productive enterprises, and rebuild sustainable livelihood under the reintegration special objective. Activities will include micro-credit to entrepreneurs, particularly women and youth; business skills building; agro-processing enhancement; and strengthening market linkages.

Agricultural Production Stimulated (\$1,500,000 DA; \$1,260,000 ESF). Community-based reintegration efforts will continue, but it is anticipated that they will continue to move further away from post-conflict, emergency-oriented activities toward reconstruction and development. This will be especially true in the agricultural sector. Activities such as micro-enterprise lending, agricultural marketing, agricultural processing, and related income generation activities will be funded.

Public Infrastructure Rehabilitated (\$1,000,000 ESF) Continued infrastructure rehabilitation in the economic sector through small- and large-scale projects will be necessary. Rehabilitation of infrastructure will continue to address economic sector needs such as rural roads, bridge repair, wells, drying floors, small-scale irrigation systems, market facilities, agricultural production storage facilities, small-scale processing plants for agricultural products, and/or warehouse facilities.

Performance and Results: This program has been successful in improving not only the mutual acceptance and peaceful co-existence now enjoyed between ex-combatants and war-affected persons, but also strengthened targeted community structures in identifying, designing and implementing community development activities. Resources and technical inputs were provided to rebuild the physical, social and financial infrastructure of targeted villages, towns, chiefdoms and districts. Peace education for ex-combatants/war-affected youth, as well as rehabilitation of physical infrastructure of health and educational facilities helped to advance the peace and stability in the regions of Sierra Leone targeted by USAID. By the end of 2003, over 50,000 people benefited directly from USAID assistance; over 150,000 people were reintegrated and resettled, in part, due to USAID assistance; over 90% of project communities showed strong indications of peaceful co-existence; over 650 communities benefited in the targeted districts; 243 micro-enterprise groups were financially supported; 5,088 ex-combatants participated in civic works projects; 144 community organizations effectively managed development projects; 26,180 participants were provided reintegration skills training; 118 broad-based community management/development committee organizations were formed; 183 participants with nation building skills were empowered; 34 high-visibility, high-impact community infrastructure rehabilitation projects were completed; over 400 temporary jobs for target beneficiaries were created; and 810 farm families were provided with seeds or small ruminant (sheep and goat) animals for agricultural rehabilitation.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Sierra Leone

636-001 Reintegration	CSH	DA	DFA	ESF
Through September 30, 2002				
Obligations	2,500	3,820	1,710	5,850
Expenditures	1,357	746	1,710	2,739
Unliquidated	1,143	3,074	0	3,111
Fiscal Year 2003				
Obligations	874	2,899	0	0
Expenditures	1,054	4,518	-81	2,982
Through September 30, 2003				
Obligations	3,374	6,719	1,710	5,850
Expenditures	2,411	5,264	1,629	5,721
Unliquidated	963	1,455	81	129
Prior Year Unobligated Funds				
Obligations	0	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA				
Obligations	300	1,910	0	2,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004				
Obligations	300	1,910	0	2,000
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA				
Obligations	0	1,927	0	3,260
Future Obligations	1,500	2,000	0	2,000
Est. Total Cost	5,174	12,556	1,710	13,110