

Data Sheet

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| USAID Mission: | Guinea |
| Program Title: | Improved Natural Resource Management |
| Pillar: | Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade |
| Strategic Objective: | 675-001 |
| Proposed FY 2004 Obligation: | \$4,747,000 DA |
| Prior Year Unobligated: | \$0 |
| Proposed FY 2005 Obligation: | \$4,859,000 DA |
| Year of Initial Obligation: | FY 1998 |
| Year of Final Obligation: | FY 2005 |

Summary: USAID assists Guinea to conserve its natural resource base, improve food security, and achieve economic growth by providing training and technical assistance to: develop and strengthen the natural resource management capacity of community-based organizations; promote appropriate agricultural production and marketing technologies; expand opportunities for the development of small enterprise; promote business competitiveness and generate trade opportunities; and foster a favorable policy environment.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Strengthen the Capacity of Local Communities to Sustainably Manage the Natural Resource Base (\$1,100,000 DA). USAID will provide training and technical assistance to local communities to sustainably manage seven state-owned forest reserves, totaling over 100,000 hectares, as well as 53 community forests. USAID will assist these communities in developing plans for rational non-timber product exploitation so that tangible profits can be realized through sustainable forest management. Principal contractors and grantees: Winrock International (prime); Volunteers in Technical Assistance (VITA) (sub); Agricultural Input Production and Commercialization Society (AIPCS) (prime); Project Primate (prime); and others to be determined.

Improve Agricultural Productivity and Competitiveness (\$2,650,000 DA). USAID will fund training to assist over 6,500 farmers to improve their crop production and market their produce. USAID funds will also ensure that more high-value seeds are available to farmers, and will support the development of post-harvest storage and processing to maximize farmer income. USAID will promote economic growth in the agricultural sector through improved agricultural marketing information and service, better local, regional and international trade opportunities for agricultural products, and support of the Guinean Africa Growth and Opportunity Act network. Principal contractors and grantees: Winrock International (prime), VITA (sub), and Land O'Lakes (sub); (AIPCS) (prime); and Opportunities Industrialization Centers International (OICI) (prime).

Increase Access to Financial and Management Services and Enterprise Opportunities (\$847,000 DA). USAID will strengthen its existing tree crops public-private alliance through the addition of U.S. commercial interests. Training and technical assistance will be provided to 74 village savings and loan programs to strengthen their capacity to extend credit to rural families. USAID will also increase access to business development and planning services to facilitate the establishment and viability of an estimated 1,800 rural non-farm enterprises. Principal contractors and grantees: OICI (prime); Winrock International (prime); VITA(sub); AIPCS (prime); and the Guinean Agricultural Research Institute (prime).

Foster Enabling Policy Environment (\$150,000 DA). USAID will continue to provide training and technical assistance to increase access of the rural poor to land for farming, and to remove barriers to trade by strengthening the institutional capacity of the Guinean Agriculture, Finance, and Commerce Ministries to

implement policy reform. Principal contractors and grantees: Winrock International (prime); VITA (sub); and Land O'Lakes (sub).

P.L. 480 assistance will help families in food-insecure areas of Guinea maintain nutrition levels using monetization proceeds to increase their food production and cash incomes. Through assistance from cooperating sponsors implementing the P.L. 480 Title II program, USAID will contribute to food security in Guinea by increasing the availability of food and family income.

FY 2005 Program:

Strengthen the Capacity of Local Communities to Sustainably Manage the Natural Resource Base (\$900,000 DA). USAID will continue to consolidate and strengthen local community capacity to better manage the natural resource base. Focus will be on capacity-building and providing business development services to make resource management endeavors more profitable and sustainable. Implementers remain the same as in FY 2004.

Improve Agricultural Productivity and Competitiveness (\$2,640,000 DA). USAID plans to continue to provide technical assistance and training to consolidate and expand efforts that increase farm production and incomes through: promoting improved farming techniques; introducing new high-value seeds and cash crops; and improving marketing and trade opportunities. Implementers remain the same as in FY 2004.

Increase Access to Financial and Management Services and Enterprise Opportunities (\$1,069,000 DA). USAID intends to provide training and technical assistance to establish and diversify over 1,700 new enterprises and to enhance the capacity of local micro-finance institutions and business development services providers to strengthen rural business capacity. Implementers remain the same as in FY 2004.

Foster Enabling Policy Environment (\$250,000 DA). USAID plans to continue to increase opportunities for access to land by the rural poor through legal agreements with landowners, facilitation of an environment conducive to the sustainable management of natural forest and other resources, and promotion of local and international trade opportunities for entrepreneurs. Implementers remain the same as in FY 2004.

P.L. 480 activities to improve nutrition and food security are expected to continue at the same implementation level as FY 2004 activities and funding.

Performance and Results: Significant progress has been made toward the achievement of this Strategic Objective. Over 92,000 hectares of forests and tree plantations are under sustainable management, and the Government of Guinea has devolved the management of 87,247 hectares in five classified forests to local communities, who now share the responsibilities for and the benefits of sustainable management of the forests with the Guinean Forest Service. Villagers have taken actions to protect these forests, which are important watersheds for three major West African rivers that serve eight countries in the sub-region. USAID has assisted more than 25,000 farmers in improving agricultural production through sustainable management practices, and has helped establish over 2,100 new enterprises.

A total of 25,905 small and micro-loans for a total disbursement of \$4,575,975 were made to support enterprise development activities, including forestry management and agricultural production.

By program completion, over 100,000 hectares of tropical forest and 50,000 hectares of farmland will be under sustainable management as the capacity of community-based organizations to manage their own natural resources is improved, farm productivity is raised, and off-farm enterprises are developed.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Guinea

| 675-001 Improved Natural Resource Management | DA | DFA | ESF |
|--|--------|--------|-----|
| Through September 30, 2002 | | | |
| Obligations | 27,543 | 33,823 | 700 |
| Expenditures | 16,843 | 33,784 | 449 |
| Unliquidated | 10,700 | 39 | 251 |
| Fiscal Year 2003 | | | |
| Obligations | 5,717 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditures | 6,078 | -8 | 0 |
| Through September 30, 2003 | | | |
| Obligations | 33,260 | 33,823 | 700 |
| Expenditures | 22,921 | 33,776 | 449 |
| Unliquidated | 10,339 | 47 | 251 |
| Prior Year Unobligated Funds | | | |
| Obligations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA | | | |
| Obligations | 4,747 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004 | | | |
| Obligations | 4,747 | 0 | 0 |
| Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA | | | |
| Obligations | 4,859 | 0 | 0 |
| Future Obligations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Est. Total Cost | 42,866 | 33,823 | 700 |