

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	LAC Regional
Program Title:	Special Development Opportunities
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	598-021
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$623,000 CSH; \$8,290,000 DA; \$16,944,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$487,000 DA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,752,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2001
Year of Final Obligation:	Continuing

Summary: Advancing Development Cooperation Opportunities in the Hemisphere (ADCOH) provides the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) with the flexibility to respond to special development opportunities and foreign policy issues. Technical and training assistance will support: innovative approaches to promoting cooperation among regional partners; organizational strengthening efforts designed to improve the regional capacity to carry out development efforts; special initiatives that respond to foreign policy issues but do not fall under an approved strategic plan; and organizations with the objective of expanding the USAID network of partners working on development problems in LAC.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Access to microfinance (\$2,000,000 DA). Through the PRIME program, USAID will continue to support microenterprise development institutions in the region. Principal implementers are Development Alternatives, Chemonics, and IBM Consulting.

Expansion of labor unions (\$3,000,000 DA). USAID will continue to promote labor unions in Latin America. Principal grantee: American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS).

Trafficking in persons and protection of victims (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will support activities in the LAC region that document and analyze the extent of trafficking; increase public awareness; train local agencies to assist victims; and provide technical assistance to improve the legal framework to curb trafficking. Grantees are to be determined.

Victims of torture (\$1,000,000 DA). USAID will assist treatment centers and organizations to extend mental health counseling to torture victims and provide training for health care providers to improve the quality of services. Grantees are to be determined.

Other development opportunities (\$1,290,000 DA; \$623,000 CSH; \$237,000 DA prior year funding). USAID will identify additional opportunities to support innovative approaches to promoting cooperation among regional partners, strengthen regional capacity to carry out development efforts, and network with partners. For example, USAID may expand on the successful Haiti/Dominican Republic cross-border conflict mitigation pilot activity by establishing a second set of "twinned communities" and introducing health, education and agricultural trade school activities in those communities. USAID will continue to respond to special foreign policy concerns identified by Congress and the Administration. Implementers are to be determined.

Democracy in Venezuela (\$497,000 ESF). USAID will provide technical assistance to strengthen democratic institutions and promote the rule of law and respect for human rights in Venezuela. Implementer will be the National Electoral Commission.

Argentina (\$250,000 DA prior year funding). USAID will provide funds to further empower non-governmental organization (NGO) involvement in democratic and economic reforms in Argentina. Grantee to be determined.

Hemispheric cooperation (\$9,941,000 ESF). USAID will provide trade negotiation-related technical assistance and training to improve the capacity of governments and civil society to better understand and participate in negotiation of the Free Trade Areas of the Americas and other bilateral/sub-regional trade agreements with the United States. Technical assistance and training will also support implementation of the Central American Free Trade Agreement, thereby helping countries to strengthen their capacity to compete in new markets. Generally, funds will be allocated to USAID operating units based on each country's national trade capacity building strategy. Implementers are to be determined.

FY 2005 Program:

Access to microfinance (\$2,000,000 DA). Through the PRIME program, USAID will continue to support microenterprise development institutions in the region. Implementers are the same as above.

Expansion of labor unions (\$600,000 DA). USAID will continue to promote labor unions in Latin America. The principal grantee is ACILS.

Trafficking in persons and protection of victims (\$400,000 DA). USAID will continue to implement the activities described above. Grantees are to be determined.

Other development opportunities (\$752,000 DA). USAID will continue to support activities described above. Implementers are to be determined.

Democracy in Venezuela (\$500,000 ESF). USAID will continue to strengthen democratic institutions and promote the rule of law and respect for human rights. Implementer will be the same as above.

Trade capacity building (\$8,500,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the activities described above. Implementers are to be determined.

Performance and Results: ADCOH responded to numerous development opportunities in the region, and in many cases transferred funding directly to the respective USAID Mission. USAID support to the International Development Partnerships linked five historically black colleges and universities with higher education institutions in the LAC region.

USAID provided support for the Haiti/Dominican Republic Cross-Border Conflict Mitigation pilot activity. The pilot activity "twinned" Haitian and Dominican communities on the border, promoting dialogue and cooperative problem solving with a focus on increasing trade, employment, and income.

Research to clarify domestic and cross-border (Haiti to Dominican Republic) trafficking patterns and identify high incidence areas and populations most at risk has been completed. This research will position USAID to target its resources toward the most vulnerable groups and geographic areas.

At the end of this program, USAID will have contributed to the creation of innovative approaches that respond to regional social and economic issues that are critical to the U.S. national interest. These efforts will strengthen hemispheric coordination and dialogue and expand the network of partners working throughout the region to enhance economic growth and promote prosperity.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

	CSH	DA	ESF
598-021 Special Development Opportunities			
Through September 30, 2002			
Obligations	0	5,542	0
Expenditures	0	150	0
Unliquidated	0	5,392	0
Fiscal Year 2003			
Obligations	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0
Through September 30, 2003			
Obligations	0	5,542	0
Expenditures	0	150	0
Unliquidated	0	5,392	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	487	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA			
Obligations	623	18,240	10,438
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004			
Obligations	623	18,727	10,438
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA			
Obligations	0	3,752	9,000
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	623	28,021	19,438