

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Cuba
Program Title:	Civil Society Developed
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	516-001
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$7,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$9,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1996
Year of Final Obligation:	2005

Summary: USAID's Cuba program seeks to develop civil society on the island. The program: 1) builds solidarity with democratic activist's groups on the island and funds visits to Cuba by international human rights monitors; 2) gives voice to Cuba's independent journalists by disseminating their reports on human rights violations within Cuba; 3) develops independent nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Cuba; 4) defends the rights of Cuban workers; 5) provides direct outreach to the Cuban people, providing information on democracy, human rights, and free enterprise; and 6) plans for assistance to a future transition government in Cuba, and communicates the plans to the Cuban people.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Build solidarity with democratic activists (\$4,000,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide humanitarian aid to political prisoners, their families, and other victims of repression; promote information-sharing and other assistance to Cuba's human rights activists; and support visits to Cuba by international human rights monitors. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Give voice to independent journalists (\$1,000,000 ESF). USAID will provide information and training to Cuban independent journalists and publish their reports worldwide. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Help develop independent Cuban nongovernmental organizations (\$600,000 ESF). USAID will help independent NGOs to provide humanitarian assistance to victims of repression. USAID support will also help build the institutional capability of independent libraries and strengthen independent groups so they can evolve into stronger and more effective civil society organizations. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Defend the rights of Cuban workers (\$200,000 ESF). The program will continue to denounce Government of Cuba violations of worker rights, and will fund activities to strengthen independent labor organizations on the island. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Providing direct outreach to the Cuban people (\$700,000 ESF). USAID will transmit information on democracy, human rights, and free market economics directly to the Cuban people in hard copy and by electronic means. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Planning for transition (\$500,000 ESF). USAID will expand on-line data bases, publish transition studies, and sponsor seminars that discuss study findings and make policy recommendations. USAID will also provide training for future Cuban leaders in democracy and enterprise. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

FY 2005 Program:

Build solidarity with democratic activists (\$5,000,000 ESF). In FY 2005 the program will continue to support humanitarian aid to political prisoners, their families, and other victims of repression; information-sharing and other assistance to Cuba's human rights activists; and visits to Cuba by international human rights monitors. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Give voice to independent journalists (\$1,300,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide information and training to Cuban independent journalists and publish their reports worldwide. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Help develop independent Cuban nongovernmental organizations (\$800,000 ESF). USAID will continue to help independent NGO's provide humanitarian assistance to victims of repression. USAID support will also continue to help build the institutional capability of independent libraries and strengthen independent groups so they can evolve into stronger and more effective civil society organizations. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process

Defend the rights of Cuban workers (\$300,000 ESF). The program will continue to denounce Government of Cuba (GOC) violations of worker rights, and will fund activities to strengthen independent labor organizations on the island. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Providing direct outreach to the Cuban people (\$900,000 ESF). USAID will continue to transmit information on democracy, human rights, and free market economics directly to the Cuban people. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Planning for transition (\$700,000 ESF). USAID will expand on-line data bases, publish transition studies, and sponsor seminars that discuss study findings and make policy recommendations for approaches to Cuba's transition. USAID will also provide training for future Cuban leaders in democracy and enterprise. Implementing NGOs are selected through a competitive process.

Performance and Results: In FY 2003, USAID provided food and medicine to political prisoners, their families, and other victims of repression; information sharing and other assistance to Cuba's human rights activists; and supported visits to Cuba by international human rights monitors. Cuba On-Line sent copies of its newsletter, and reports by independent journalists, directly to the Cuban people. The program also supported the training of Cuban NGO leaders in the management and delivery of social services. Books, pamphlets and magazines on democracy, human rights, and free enterprise were procured and shipped to support Cuba's growing independent library network. The program also continued to denounce Government of Cuba (GOC) violations of workers' rights, and funded activities to strengthen independent labor organizations on the island. To support the plan for transition, the University of Miami expanded on-line databases, published transition studies, and sponsored seminars. Two Washington-based seminars and one Miami-based seminar discussed study findings and make policy recommendations. A grant to Georgetown University trained future Cuban leaders in private sector development and democratic principles.

Successful implementation of this objective will result in the development of a Cuban civil society increasingly knowledgeable of their civil and legal rights and responsibilities under a freely elected Cuban government. It will provide understanding of the function and benefits of a free market enterprise system. It will help to alleviate the suffering of political prisoners and their families. It also will strengthen the role and delivery capacity of independent Cuban NGOs and provide transition scenarios on the development of economic, financial, and legal institutions required in a post-Castro democratic and free-market Cuban society.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Cuba

516-001 Civil Society Developed	ESF
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	19,245
Expenditures	12,956
Unliquidated	6,289
Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	19,245
Expenditures	12,956
Unliquidated	6,289
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	6,959
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	6,959
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	9,000
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	35,204