

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	El Salvador
Program Title:	Investing in People
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	519-023
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$0
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$8,500,000 CSH; \$4,029,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2005
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2008

Summary: USAID plans to promote policies and programs that will produce improvements in maternal, child, and infant mortality; help Salvadorans achieve more educationally; and strengthen responses to HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases under its new strategy. These activities will help El Salvador participate more fully and actively in a free trade agreement and work to ensure that benefits are shared broadly among its citizens.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

This program will begin in FY 2005.

FY 2005 Program:

Increased and improved social sector investments and transparency (\$1,500,000 CSH, \$350,000 DA): El Salvador has among the lowest per capita educational expenditures in Central America. USAID will assist the Government of El Salvador to: (1) increase per capita investments in basic education and health; (2) better manage public investment; and (3) adopt improved management strategies to achieve greater effectiveness, efficiency, and coverage of basic education and health services, including water and sanitation services and contraceptive methods. USAID will provide assistance to improve Salvadoran government capability to identify cost effective interventions in education and health that demonstrate the long-term benefits of increasing investments; improve the efficiency and equity of health and education expenditures, and increase decentralized decision-making and control over budgets. USAID also will promote alliances with the private sector, and increase accountability by assisting the Government of El Salvador to institutionalize policies that broaden participation of local groups and private sector entities. Implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

Increased and improved basic educational opportunities (\$3,679,000 DA): El Salvador needs greater and more effective per capita expenditures in education combined with educational reforms focused on improving student performance by the end of the third and sixth grades. The approach to improving student performance during the first six years of school includes: a) in-service training to upgrade teaching skills; b) modernizing curricula to focus on reading, writing, and math; c) providing more appropriate classroom teaching materials; d) improving skills of school principals to better guide teachers; e) increasing the role of local community associations and parents in student learning; f) establishing better monitoring and testing systems; and g) supporting applied policy reform research. USAID will seek alliances with the private sector and international financial institutions to leverage assistance for materials and infrastructure as a complement to USAID's technical assistance and training. Implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

Improved child and reproductive health (\$6,500,000 CSH): USAID will provide technical assistance and training to improve essential child and reproductive health services, promote decentralized decision-making and institutionalize quality assurance systems to sustain results. This assistance would likely be provided to the Ministry of Health and NGOs that are part of a national network, with a focus on the

SIBASI (basic integrated health system) level. Efforts may promote increasing coverage of health services for women, youth and children, concentrating on the poor and those with the highest incidence of malnutrition, the highest rates of infant and maternal mortality, and the highest total fertility rates. USAID-supported strategies to improve child and reproductive health would likely include the successful Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses and Integrated Nutrition Care strategies, while incorporating field-tested strategies to improve: a) practices and services related to water and sanitation; b) birthing practices; c) antenatal and postpartum care; d) maternal mortality surveillance; e) communication campaigns; f) service provision; g) contraceptive security; and h) supervisory and management systems. Family planning agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive restoring the Mexico City policy. Implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

Reduced transmission of HIV/AIDS (\$500,000 CSH): Seroprevalence levels among general population groups indicate that the HIV/AIDS epidemic in El Salvador is concentrated in high prevalence, at-risk groups. The demographic group with the fastest growing transmission rate is adolescent girls. USAID will likely focus HIV/AIDS prevention activities on these most vulnerable groups to prevent HIV transmission from "bridging" into the general population. Through proven strategies—including media campaigns, training, mentoring, and the ABC approach to HIV/AIDS prevention (abstinence, be faithful and condoms)—USAID will support the expansion of voluntary counseling and testing services (VCT) and behavioral change interventions. USAID will coordinate both bilateral and regional activities to maximize impact. Implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

Performance and Results: This new strategic objective is scheduled to begin in FY 2005. Therefore the Mission has no results to report.

Successful completion of this strategic objective will result in increased primary education completion rates, increased immunization rates, reduced total fertility rates, a decrease in infant mortality, and increased knowledge and practices in HIV/AIDS prevention.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

El Salvador

	CSH	DA
519-023 Investing in People		
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	8,871	3,679
Future Obligations	25,500	11,971
Est. Total Cost	34,371	15,650