

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Brazil
Program Title:	At-Risk Youth Program
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	512-010
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$800,000 CSH; \$600,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$978,000 CSH; \$400,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2003
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2008

Summary: An estimated 53 million Brazilians, 30% of the population, live in poverty. Of these, 22 million are youth. The youth national unemployment rate for those of legal working age has steadily increased from 9.1% in 1991 to 14.7% in 2000; this surpasses the overall unemployment rate which has edged up from 4.8% in 1991 to 7.5% in 2000. However, in some major urban areas of the Northeastern region, the youth unemployment rate is nearly 26%. One of the major challenges facing disadvantaged youth is the lack of skills training programs to help them successfully enter the mainstream economy. USAID's At-Risk Youth Program is providing disadvantaged youth with access to employment opportunities through technology-based and other market-driven training that enhance employment skills. USAID seeks to build life and employability skills by working in partnership with the private sector, NGOs, and federal and local government to identify formal employment and internship opportunities for participating youth. USAID will continue to assist at-risk youth by extending its network of cooperation with the Brazilian Government and the International Labor Organization (ILO) to provide psycho-social and legal support to victims of trafficking in persons (TIP) and sexual abuse, and exploitation.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Marketable skills training for at-risk youth (\$500,000 CSH). USAID will provide basic, intermediate, and advanced medium-to long-term information and communication technology (ICT) training to disadvantaged youth in Northeast Brazil, through an existing network of ICT schools operated by the local Committees for Democracy in Information Technologies (CDI). Participants will also be engaged in market survey task forces aimed at identifying technology-based sectors that provide strong entry-level employment potential. Implementing agencies: American Institutes for Research, Committees for Democracy in Information Technology, Brazilian Institute for Development, Counterpart International, and the Hospitality Institute.

Increased access to formal employment opportunities for at-risk youth (\$300,000 CSH). USAID, in coordination with the private sector, supports the establishment of mentoring programs for young entrepreneurs, the creation of a job placement and applicant preparation program, the identification of on-the-job internships and other mechanisms that support disadvantaged youth employment and entrepreneurship. Implementing agency: American Institutes for Research.

Improved policies and programs to curb trafficking in persons (\$600,000 DA). USAID helps non-governmental organizations (NGOs) improve social and psychological support to TIP victims, and assist the Government of Brazil to implement policies to prevent internal and international trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and youth. Activities will be expanded to selected Brazilian municipalities that report high rates of TIP and sexual exploitation. USAID funds train multidisciplinary teams to identify TIP cases, and provide legal and psychosocial assistance to victims. Implementing agencies to be determined.

FY 2005 Program:

Marketable skills training for disadvantaged youth (\$600,000 CSH). The Mission will expand the ICT focus of at-risk youth training to include other promising technology-based employment markets. These areas may include the tourism industry, renewable energy generation (e.g., solar panel maintenance), and environmental conservation. Implementers: American Institute for Research, Committees for Democracy in Information Technology, and Brazilian Institute for Development.

At-risk youth increased access to formal employment opportunities (\$378,000 CSH). With a significant cadre of youth completing the initial program training courses, USAID will intensify efforts to identify internship/employment opportunities for disadvantaged youth within the formal sector. USAID will continue to work closely with the private and public sectors. USAID activities complement the Government of Brazil's First Employment Program which subsidizes the employment of youth hired by businesses. USAID-funded participants will be able to take advantage of this program. Implementing agency: American Institutes for Research.

Improved policies and programs to curb trafficking in persons (\$400,000 DA). Working in close collaboration with the Government of Brazil, USAID will expand the number of municipalities using proven methodologies to assist TIP victims. In addition, USAID plans to strengthen the participation of Brazilian women's rights movements in programs to curb trafficking in children and adolescents for sexual exploitation purposes, and to intensify campaigns to raise awareness on TIP. Implementing agencies to be determined.

Performance and Results: Activities under this program were initiated in October of 2003. The main outcomes expected are a 30% decrease in the unemployment rate of program-assisted youth, and the establishment of youth intern and mentor programs as a corporate policy of private sector partners. Additionally, USAID will expand access to and improve the quality of assistance for trafficking victims, most of whom are children and adolescents, in 10 municipalities where TIP and sexual exploitation are high.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Brazil

	CSH	DA
512-010 At-Risk Youth Program		
Through September 30, 2002		
Obligations	0	0
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	0	0
Fiscal Year 2003		
Obligations	1,000	826
Expenditures	0	0
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	1,000	826
Expenditures	0	0
Unliquidated	1,000	826
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA		
Obligations	800	600
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	800	600
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	978	400
Future Obligations	3,100	1,327
Est. Total Cost	5,878	3,153