

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Paraguay
Program Title:	Economic Growth
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	526-007
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$1,250,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,282,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2005

Summary: USAID's economic growth program comprises technical assistance to develop and implement business development strategies, expand trade, and improve the business environment for local businesses and farmers. The impact will bring economic relief to one of the poorest regions in Latin America.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Business development services (\$1,250,000 DA). USAID plans to provide business development services such as marketing assistance for agricultural products and feasibility analyses of marketing and processing facilities to expand trade. It is estimated that \$900,000 in additional sales of Paraguayan products will be generated. These sales will be mostly domestic, although, it is estimated that approximately one-third will be exports. The generation of this amount in sales is expected to lead to the creation of at least 250 jobs and an additional investment of \$100,000. Technical assistance will be provided to companies in selected rural areas to increase sales through improved marketing; improved efficiency in producing specific products; and to improved organizations of producers resulting in the sale of products in larger bulk quantities. The implementers are Chemonics (prime) and various local subcontractors.

FY 2005 Program:

Business development services (\$1,282,000 DA). USAID plans to continue to provide business development services that are expected to increase sales of Paraguayan products leading to increased employment and investment.

Performance and Results: Implementation of the economic growth program began in late 2003. Three cities were identified where activities will take place. One of them, Ciudad del Este, is located in Paraguay's border region with Brazil and Argentina, an area noted for illicit activity, including smuggling, drug transshipment, money laundering, and funding of terrorist activities. A work plan has been developed to begin to help businesses improve their sales.

The successful completion of this program will contribute to economic growth and trade expansion. Economic improvements will also help maintain political stability and help preserve democracy in Paraguay.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Paraguay

526-007 Economic Growth	DA
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	1,000
Expenditures	2
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	1,000
Expenditures	2
Unliquidated	998
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	1,250
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	1,250
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	1,282
Future Obligations	6,500
Est. Total Cost	10,032