

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Caribbean Regional Program
<b>Program Title:</b>	Disaster Rehabilitation and Preparedness
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	538-011
<b>Status:</b>	New in FY 2005
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$42,287,000 IDA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$0
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2005
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2005

**Summary:** The 2004 hurricane season was a particularly active one for the Caribbean region, culminating in Hurricane Ivan, which left in its wake immense destruction on a number of islands, including Grenada, which was unprepared for its strength and subsequent devastation. The storm directly affected 100% of the population and damaged over 90% of homes. Estimated damages on the island were nearly twice the national gross domestic product (GDP). Grenada's capacity to respond to the disaster and finance its recovery was virtually non-existent. In October 2004, the U.S. Congress approved \$100 million of International Disaster Assistance (IDA) supplemental funding for hurricane recovery efforts in the Caribbean. The programs that have been developed to utilize these funds will restore people's livelihoods and shelter while reducing vulnerabilities to similar events in the future. Although the primary focus is on Grenada, bilateral assistance is being provided to the Bahamas, Tobago, and a regional risk mitigation initiative is being carried out with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

**FY 2005 Program:** Protect and Increase the Assets and Livelihoods of the Poor during Periods of Stress (\$32,337,382 IDA) USAID's Hurricane Reconstruction and Recovery Program on the island of Grenada aims to restore people's livelihood and shelter while reducing vulnerabilities to similar events in the future. It focuses on three key areas: community revitalization, business and agriculture rehabilitation, and school rehabilitation and resupply.

USAID's community revitalization effort uses an approach that maximizes local ownership of and participation in the program as well as facilitates community-based income opportunities. Activities include housing repairs, new housing construction, repair of tourist sites and attractions, repair of community centers, and repair of water and sanitation works. The self-help housing repair and new housing construction activities will restore houses to pre-hurricane or better conditions and are in compliance with local building codes and hurricane resistance standards.

The business and agriculture rehabilitation initiative works to restore the livelihoods of those affected by the hurricane. USAID's programs are rapidly rehabilitating the agricultural, agri-business, fishery, and tourism sectors. The program provides vocational skills training and apprenticeships to hurricane affected persons to help them obtain much needed employment. USAID also provides technical assistance and access to credit to small and medium-sized businesses to revitalize local economic activity.

The school rehabilitation and resupply activity focuses on the repair, rehabilitation, and resupply of a more than 12 public schools, including 9 schools that participate in the Centers for Excellence in Teacher Training (CETT) initiative.

USAID's implementing partners for these activities include the Planning and Development Collaborative International (PADCO), the CARANA Corporation, local non-governmental

organizations, grassroots community groups, and various ministries and offices within the Government of Grenada.

**Strengthen Democratic National Governance Institutions (\$8,000,000 IDA):** Hurricane Ivan's winds and rain destroyed much of the productive capacity of the Grenadian economy, eliminating much of the Government of Grenada's (GOG) tax and revenue base. USAID funding helps the GOG to maintain key governmental operations in view of the significant revenue shortfall by assisting the government to pay various utility bills so that they can carry-out day-to-day business and provide key social services. USAID will also provide support to the GOG's Agency for Reconstruction and Development to ensure that it has the technical and managerial expertise needed to successfully fulfill its mandate to coordinate and oversee Grenada's recovery effort. Legal and financial advisory services are also being supported to help the GOG develop a debt restructuring plan. Partners include the GOG's Agency for Reconstruction and Development, Wingerts Consulting, the Ministry of Finance, a Grenadian audit and accounting firm, and others.

**Improve Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Mitigation (\$1,950,000 IDA):** Throughout the region, the housing sector was the most severely affected by the many storms of 2004, with aggregate losses in the hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands made homeless or left with homes in shambles. In Tobago, USAID supports efforts to stabilize vulnerable hillsides in order to mitigate further damage and destruction of houses and other community infrastructure, including roads, especially in underserved communities. In the Bahamas, USAID supports housing construction and community revitalization efforts. USAID's assistance to CARICOM is helping to spur risk reduction efforts as an integral part of disaster mitigation and sustainable development planning across the broader Caribbean. USAID's partners include PADCO, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Secretariat, the Caribbean Community Secretariat, and the Governments of Trinidad and Tobago and the Bahamas.

**FY 2006 Program:** No funds will be obligated in FY2006.

**Performance and Results:** This program began in early FY 2005 and will end on December 31, 2005. By the end of the program, more than 1675 damaged houses will have been repaired and an estimated 150 new houses will have been built, with approximately 5,750 people benefiting from new or repaired housing. More than 1,000 people will have received skills training in order to re-enter the work force. An estimated 200 small and medium-sized businesses will have received assistance and resumed operations. Grenadian children will have access to rehabilitated and well supplied classrooms. With disaster preparedness and mitigation firmly on the regional agenda, the region's vulnerability to catastrophic damage from hurricanes and other natural disaster, especially within the housing sector, will be significantly reduced.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

### Caribbean Regional Program

538-011 Disaster Rehabilitation and Preparedness	IDA
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	42,287
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>	
Obligations	42,287
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>	
Obligations	0
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	42,287