

The Challenge

USAID's objectives in Albania are to strengthen Albania's integration into the Euro-Atlantic community and to promote Albania's contribution to ethnic integration in the region. Albania's significant challenges, exacerbated by a history of isolation and poverty, include corruption and high unemployment. Weak rule of law, low business competitiveness and poor infrastructure further characterize Albania's impediments. USAID/Albania's programs support rule of law, economic growth, democratic development, and social stability. Rule of Law programs have a strong anti-corruption focus, targeting state and national governments. Other USAID programs focus on reforming the primary health care system, on strengthening the competitive capacity of Albanian enterprises, on anti-trafficking initiatives focused on prevention, protection and reintegration of victims, and on reforming the energy sector.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Mission Director: Harry Birnholz

MCA Status: Threshold Eligible

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: Received

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance		Direct SO Admin. Cost Ratio
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)		Score	Score	
182-0130 Economic Restructuring and Agriculture	6,413	6,438	5,630	4,550	-29.1%	1.19	Exceeded	0.15
182-0210 Civil Society	4,727	4,133	4,027	3,254	-31.2%	0.95	Met	0.18
182-0220 Rule of Law	2,150	2,200	1,900	1,535	-28.6%	1.03	Met	0.18
182-0320 Improving Primary Health Care (PHC) in Albania	2,450	2,966	2,250	1,818	-25.8%	1.44	Exceeded	0.16
182-0410 Special Initiatives	3,180	3,074	2,280	1,843	-42.0%	1.36	Exceeded	0.18
182-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	2,683	2,955	2,814	2,273	-15.3%			0.11
182-0510 Millennium Challenge Support	14,820	0	0	0	N/A	N/A		N/A
Transfer to Other US Government Agency	6,525	6,500	5,849	4,727	-27.6%			
Country Total	42,948	28,266	24,750	20,000	-53.4%			

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	
Asst. for E. Europe and the Baltic States	28,128	28,266	24,750	20,000	-28.9%
Millennium Challenge Account	14,820	0	0	0	N/A
Total	42,948	28,266	24,750	20,000	-53.4%

Program Budget by Sector and Account	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	
Agriculture and Environment AEEB	2,700	1,970	2,450	2,200	-18.5%
Higher Education & Training AEEB	1,696	3,153	900	820	-51.7%
Economic Growth AEEB	6,225	5,820	6,314	4,684	-24.8%
MCA	3,570	0	0	0	N/A
Human Rights AEEB	2,200	1,780	1,530	1,343	-39.0%
Democracy and Governance AEEB	12,857	12,577	11,306	9,135	-28.9%
MCA	11,250	0	0	0	N/A
Family Planning / Reproductive Health AEEB	300	300	300	300	0.0%
HIV / AIDS AEEB	525	600	100	100	-81.0%
Child Survival and Maternal Health AEEB	1,525	1,816	1,750	1,318	-13.6%
Other Infectious Diseases AEEB	100	250	100	100	0.0%
Total	42,948	28,266	24,750	20,000	-53.4%

Workforce	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
US Direct Hires	4	5	6	6	50.0%
US Non Direct Hires	11	7	7	7	-36.4%
Foreign Nationals	21	27	27	27	28.6%
Total	36	39	40	40	11.1%

Operating Expense	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	
Salaries and benefits	608	524	523	523	-14.0%
Travel	180	229	136	135	-25.0%
Transportation of things	86	11	60	28	-67.4%
Rent	253	219	0	25	-90.1%
Security	0	9	0	0	N/A
Equipment	183	66	107	107	-41.5%
ICASS - Operating Expense only	137	144	138	146	6.6%
Other Operating Expense	450	501	480	480	6.7%

Total OE Budget	1,897	1,703	1,444	1,444	-23.9%
US direct hire salary and benefits	713	480	551	611	
Program Funded Administrative Expenses				750	
Country Total Administrative Budget				2,805	
Percent of Bureau OE Total				3.7%	

Mission Summary

	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Program per US Direct Hire (\$000)	10,737	5,653	4,125	3,333
Program per All US (\$000)	2,863	2,356	1,904	1,538
Program per Position (\$000)	1,193	725	619	500
Operating Expense as % of Program Funding				7.2%
Program Funded Admin Expense as % of Total Admin				26.7%
Total Admin Expense as % of Program Funding				14.0%

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: Italy, Greece, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, United Kingdom, the Netherlands

Multilateral: The World Bank, International Monetary Fund, European Commission, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development, European Investment Bank, United Nations Development Program, Food and Agriculture Organization, World Health Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development, and United Nations Children's Fund