

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Albania
Program Title:	Cross-Cutting Programs
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	182-0420
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$2,814,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$172,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$2,273,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	1992
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: This program is primarily focused on serving the human and institutional capacity development needs of participants across all USAID-funded activities. The expanded scope of the program allows for training, technical assistance, institutional performance assessments, small grants, and commodities related to such interventions. The small grants program is available to participants of tailored training programs to implement activities related to their training. An audit, evaluation and program support component provides resources for activity designs, evaluations, and program support.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Program Support (\$2,814,000 AEEB, \$171,806 AEEB carryover). These activities benefit the total USAID program. USAID will continue its training efforts in support of the growth of private enterprise, strengthening citizen participation, the rule of law, improved health care, and initiatives in support of energy provision, anti-trafficking and religious harmony. Nearly 900 participants will be trained this year in-country and abroad. Technical expertise will be provided to assist institutions in the sectors of energy, anti-trafficking, local governance, economic growth and health.

Several training sessions will improve the technological and marketing capacity of private firms in sectors such as tourism and agro-business. Training will also assist institutions dealing with agricultural extension and those offering loans to the micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. Approximately 275 people will receive training that contributes to the growth of private enterprise.

USAID will increase citizen participation and strengthen the legal system by providing training, technical assistance, or grants. Assistance will be provided to nearly 200 participants: to the Association of Municipalities and local governments with the aim of providing better local services; to political parties and local candidates to improve campaign management skills; and to rural citizens in order to increase advocacy skills. Training will be provided for over 30 participants in support of the bodies responsible for judicial inspection, the National Chamber of Advocates, and the Ombudsman's office.

Training programs and grants will be utilized to improve primary health care with interventions designed to assist the Albanian Health Insurance Institute with its health information systems, rural health centers with contract negotiation and management and health promotion, as well as flow of data for contraceptives. Approximately 150 participants will receive training for health related activities.

Training programs and grants will also focus on issues related to energy, human trafficking, and religious harmony. Nearly 300 people will benefit from training or technical assistance in these fields. Principal contractor: World Learning (prime).

The Audit, Evaluation and Program Support (AEPS) program serves as the principal resource for activity design, evaluation, and program support. AEPS continues to fund Foreign Service National and U.S. Personal Service Contractors positions in support of specific strategic objectives. The Mission also uses these funds to train staff and implement the Agency's performance-based management policies. In addition, these funds will be used for the lease and services related to the relocation of USAID offices.

FY 2007 Program:

Program Support (\$2,273,000 AEEB). USAID plans to continue its training, technical assistance, institutional performance assessment and small grants programs. Work in private enterprise is planned to support next step efforts in small and medium enterprise development including tourism, meat-processing and other agro-business, access to credit and improved business environment. Training programs and small grants in support of informed citizen participation and strengthened rule of law in FY 2007 are planned to strengthen the ability of institutions and organizations to fight corruption and offer improved services to citizens at the municipal level. Resources will also continue to focus on strengthening the quality of primary health care and access to family planning as well as initiatives in anti-trafficking and energy. Principal contractor is: World Learning (prime).

Performance and Results: In FY 2005, 34 training programs were organized and 15 small grants were implemented in direct support of USAID's strategic objectives. In total, 3,781 Albanians participated in training, whether tailored programs, conferences or grants. Seventeen Albanians took part in training or conferences in the U.S. while another 163 took part in training programs or conferences in other Western or Central European countries. Of those participating in programs abroad, 53% were women. USAID also sponsored 11 in-country training programs in which 448 Albanians were trained and 2,289 benefited from support to attend conferences. In addition to training programs, USAID awarded 15 grants to former training program participants to implement training related to follow-on activities. Whether through carrying out grant activities or in-country training programs, many inexperienced local organizations and institutions improved their ability to organize and financially manage effective training and development activities.

Through grants, 60 court clerks were trained on freedom of information, 100 farmers observed a demonstration of locally developed hybrid corn seed, and 335 women were trained to encourage their political participation.

Tangible results were achieved due to training programs and grant activities conducted this period. Citizens of Erseke are now enjoying an increase in the number of hours of drinking water, thanks to water meters that reduce the amount of water wasted. Businesspeople in Kucove are now able to take care of their annual tax and registration obligations in 30 minutes rather than 10 days, and 85 families benefited from increased agricultural production as a result of the building and repairing of irrigation canals for 133 hectares.

More than 5,800 villagers in remote and semi-remote areas of the district of Elbasan participated in HIV/AIDS and family planning awareness raising activities. The National Energy Agency is gathering more accurate data to update its national energy strategy. The new system of centralized ballot counting went relatively smoothly in all 100 voting zones during the July 2005 elections. Tour agencies are able to attract and accommodate more tourists, and Greek and Albanian nongovernmental organizations combating child trafficking agreed on improved procedures for the voluntary return of minors.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Albania

	AEEB	ESF
182-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs		
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	17,110	120
Expenditures	14,810	120
Unliquidated	2,300	0
Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	2,986	0
Expenditures	2,931	0
Through September 30, 2005		
Obligations	20,096	120
Expenditures	17,741	120
Unliquidated	2,355	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	172	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	2,814	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006		
Obligations	2,986	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA		
Obligations	2,273	0
Future Obligations	2,955	0
Est. Total Cost	28,310	120