

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Paraguay
<b>Program Title:</b>	Economic Growth
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	526-007
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$1,485,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:</b>	\$0
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2003
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2006

**Summary:** The economic growth program consists of business development services provided to individual firms to expand sales and generate employment, and technical assistance to the private and public sectors to reduce constraints to trade and investment.

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

#### **FY 2006 Program:**

Improve Private Sector Competitiveness (\$1,485,000DA). USAID continues to provide business development services such as marketing assistance for agricultural products and supply chain management to help firms expand their sales and generate employment. Through technical assistance provided to companies in the poorest areas of the country, the program plans to generate over \$5,400,000 in additional sales of Paraguayan products. It is anticipated that at least one third of these sales will be exports. The generation of this amount in sales is expected to lead to the creation of at least 450,000 labor days of additional employment during the year and additional investment of \$250,000. Principal contractor: Chemonics and various Paraguayan subcontractors.

#### **FY 2007 Program:**

No obligations are planned in FY 2007.

**Performance and Results:** The program generated more than \$9 million in sales from firms in Paraguay in FY 2005. Exports were more than three-fourths of these sales contributing to a greater insertion of Paraguay in global markets. The employment generated by these sales is estimated to be almost 1.3 million labor days of employment in FY 2005 alone. The program also contributed to reduce constraints to formal trade in the tri border area with Brazil and Argentina. By supporting private sector demands for reforming the regulations and policies for cross border trade for information technology products, the program contributed to private-public dialogue enabling this sector to pursue the formalization of their economic activities.

By the end of this program, USAID expects to have significantly strengthened the capacity of Paraguayan firms to participate in international markets as suppliers, clients, and competitors, and thus, has fostered market led growth and employment generation in Paraguay.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Paraguay

526-007 Economic Growth	DA
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>	
Obligations	2,233
Expenditures	841
Unliquidated	1,392
<b>Fiscal Year 2005</b>	
Obligations	990
Expenditures	1,694
<b>Through September 30, 2005</b>	
Obligations	3,223
Expenditures	2,535
Unliquidated	688
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>	
Obligations	1,485
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006</b>	
Obligations	1,485
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA</b>	
Obligations	0
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	4,708