

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Colombia
Program Title:	Internally Displaced Persons
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	514-009
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$32,000,000 ACI
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$22,500,000 ACI
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) humanitarian assistance program provides economic and social assistance to vulnerable groups, including child ex-combatants, youth at risk of recruitment by illegal armed groups, host communities, and persons displaced by civil strife and violence. USAID-funded activities are focused on medium and longer term solutions leading to the sustainable re-integration of IDPs and former child combatants into mainstream Colombian society through programs at the national and local levels that help prevent displacement and illegal recruitment of children.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Develop and Expand Alternative Development (\$32,000,000 ACI). USAID will provide technical assistance, training, and other resources to assist the thousands of IDPs and vulnerable groups resulting from the years of civil strife and conflict caused by the production and trafficking of illegal drugs. USAID's assistance will benefit at least 170,000 IDPs during FY 2005. This assistance will enable IDPs and host communities to improve community infrastructure, attend to those who need emotional counseling to cope with extraordinarily traumatic incidents, ensure educational access for children, address critical and chronic health requirements, assist in providing shelter and housing solutions, promote vocational training tied to job acquisition, generate income, and develop micro and small businesses. Whenever possible, the Government of Colombia (GOC) prefers that IDPs return to their original places of residence.

Special emphasis will be placed on strengthening the institutional capacity of Colombian organizations that benefit IDPs and other vulnerable groups. IDPs are encouraged to participate actively at the municipal level, both with other displaced persons and with local authorities. Technical assistance will continue to strengthen coordination among donor institutions and Colombian governmental entities at the national and local levels. It is expected that a growing number of former child combatants will significantly increase the ranks of those seeking assistance. The program will benefit at least 350 children (up to 18 years of age) during FY 2005. USAID will continue to support GOC programs for former child combatants and will implement a prevention strategy that seeks to diminish the participation of children in the armed conflict. Pending a formal U.S. Government policy determination, USAID is prepared to support a program for the social and economic reintegration of demobilized adult ex-combatants. Principal grantees and implementing partners include Cooperative Housing Foundation, International Organization for Migration, Pan American Development Foundation, Profamilia (a Colombian nongovernmental organization), Organization of American States Trust, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, and World Food Program.

FY 2006 Program: Develop and Expand Alternative Development (\$22,500,000 ACI). USAID plans to continue providing technical and other assistance to strengthen national and local capacity to provide an integrated package of services to IDPs and other vulnerable groups.

USAID plans to help approximately 150,000 IDPs gain access to job training and placement, health care and counseling, improved nutrition, shelter and housing, income generation, and educational opportunities by strengthening Colombian humanitarian assistance institutions. USAID also plans to provide technical assistance to benefit at least 350 former child combatants. Additionally, assuming resolution of legal and policy issues, USAID plans to support the implementation of the GOC's demobilization and reinsertion programs for former adult combatants. Principal grantees: same as above and others to be determined.

Performance and Results: During FY 2004, USAID's program benefited 591,163 IDPs and 774 former child combatants. In addition, USAID assisted other vulnerable groups in host communities to ensure IDP access to assistance programs. With input from all key IDP implementing partners, a major lessons learned study was completed in late FY 2004, the key findings of which will be incorporated into future programming.

By the end of FY 2008, USAID will have helped more than 2.6 million displaced persons and at least 3,400 ex-combatant and other vulnerable children. This represents a serious effort to address Colombia's displaced population of more than 2.5 million people and the estimated 11,000 child combatants. This program will also assist in providing licit economic alternatives to deter people from participating in illicit narcotics-related activities.