

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Cuba
Program Title:	Civil Society Developed
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	516-001
Status:	Continuing
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$6,000,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$776,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$7,000,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1996
Estimated Completion Date:	FY 2005

Summary: USAID's Cuba program seeks to develop civil society on the Island. The program: 1) builds solidarity with democratic and human rights groups on the Island and funds visits to Cuba by international human rights monitors; 2) gives voice to Cuba's independent journalists by disseminating their reports on human rights violations within Cuba; 3) develops independent nongovernmental groups in Cuba; 4) defends the rights of Cuban workers; 5) provides direct outreach to the Cuban people, giving them information on democracy, human rights, and free enterprise; and 6) develops transition plans for a future democratic Cuba, and communicates the plans to the Cuban people.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

Build solidarity with democratic and human rights groups (\$3,000,000 ESF). Funding will support five continuing grantees and one new grantee. USAID, through grantee assistance, will provide food and medicine to political prisoners, their families, and other victims of repression; information sharing and other assistance to Cuba's human rights activists; and visits to Cuba by international human rights monitors. This assistance contributes immediately to USAID's goal of promoting the development of a politically active civil society.

Encourage and cultivate pro-democracy materials to Cuban citizens and violations of human rights reported worldwide (\$1,500,000 ESF). Twenty five percent of program funds will support three grantees. Cuba On-Line will send copies of its newsletter, and CubaNet reports by independent journalists, directly to the Cuban people. Florida International University's International Media Center will continue to train and assist Cuba's independent journalists. This assistance has a direct and immediate impact on its beneficiaries, the Cuban people, through helping to develop civil society through information dissemination.

Help develop independent Cuban NGOs (\$800,000 ESF). The program will support one continuing and one new grantee, training Cuban NGO leaders in the management and delivery of social services. Program grantees will also continue to provide Cuba's growing independent library network with books, pamphlets and magazines on democracy, human rights, and free enterprise; and provide other material support. This will enable the libraries to develop into community centers, offering a wide range of social services.

Defend the rights of Cuban workers (\$200,000 ESF). During FY 2003, the program will continue to denounce Government of Cuba (GOC) violations of workers' rights, and will fund activities to strengthen independent labor organizations on the island.

Plan for transition (\$500,000 ESF). The University of Miami will expand on-line databases, publish transition studies, and sponsor seminars. The studies will examine economic and financial institutions required for free-market reforms; labor policy reforms; role of the state in a democratic Cuban society; budgetary, fiscal, and commercial policy reforms; and the welfare system and social safety net in a free-

market society. Two Washington-based seminars and one Miami-based seminar will discuss study findings and make policy recommendations. A grant to Georgetown University will train future Cuban leaders in private sector development and democratic principles.

FY 2004 Program:

Build solidarity with democratic and human rights groups (\$4,000,000 ESF). FY 2004 program funds will continue to provide food and medicine to political prisoners, their families, and other victims of repression; information-sharing and other assistance to Cuba's human rights activists; and visits to Cuba by international human rights monitors.

Provide pro-democracy materials provided to Cuban citizens and human rights violations reported to NGOs worldwide (\$1,500,000 million ESF). Additional funding will support Cuba On-Line publications and the training of Cuban journalists.

Help develop independent Cuban NGOs (\$600,000 ESF). Funding will remain constant under this objective. Two grantees will provide training in the delivery of independent social services to Cuban NGO leaders.

Defend the rights of Cuban workers (\$200,000 ESF). Activities will continue to promote free labor development in Cuba.

Plan for transition (\$700,000 ESF). Studies and seminars with the University of Miami and leadership training with Georgetown University will continue.

Performance and Results: During FY 2002, USAID grantees generated major increases in the flow of accurate information on democracy, human rights, and free enterprise to, from, and within Cuba. U.S. NGO partners exceeded their goals in the level of humanitarian assistance supplied to political prisoners and their families and to other victims of repression. Their support encouraged development of Cuban civil society, increasing visits to Cuba by independent human rights monitors. To help prepare and ensure that any future post-Castro transition government in Cuba will be rapid, peaceful, and democratic, the program made a major investment in establishing the University of Miami Cuban Transition Project. During 2001, in spite of Government of Cuba repression, the Cuban democratic opposition increased its numbers and strength. It carried out over 600 coordinated, peaceful, and non-violent actions of civil resistance.

Successful implementation of this objective will result in the development of a Cuban civil society increasingly knowledgeable of their civil and legal rights and responsibilities under a freely elected Cuban government. It will provide understanding of the function and benefits of a free market enterprise system. It will help to alleviate the suffering of political prisoners and their families. It also will strengthen the role and delivery capacity of independent Cuban NGOs and provide transition scenarios on the development of economic, financial, and legal institutions required in a post-Castro democratic and free-market Cuban society.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Cuba

516-001 Civil Society Developed	ESF
Through September 30, 2001	
Obligations	12,019
Expenditures	8,693
Unliquidated	3,326
Fiscal Year 2002	
Obligations	7,226
Expenditures	4,263
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	19,245
Expenditures	12,956
Unliquidated	6,289
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	776
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA	
Obligations	6,000
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	6,776
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	7,000
Future Obligations	2,984
Est. Total Cost	36,005