

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Yemen
Program Title:	Increased Income Opportunities and Food Security
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	279-007
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$1,770,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$2,142,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$4,089,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	2004
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2006

Summary: The USAID program in this sector is focused on increasing income opportunities and food security in the five remote and underserved governorates of Amran, Shabwa, Al-Jawf, Saada, and Marib. The program focuses on three Intermediate Results: (7.1) Expanded Sustainable Production of Rural Economic Products for the Market and Home Consumption; (7.2) Expanded Markets for Rural Economic Products; and (7.3) Improved Framework for Economic Growth. The Mission has decided to prioritize the funds available in this strategic objective on much needed agricultural development activities. Limited ESF funds will be complemented by P.L. 480 resources to strengthen the impact of the Mission's goals.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Agricultural Productivity (\$1,270,000 ESF, \$1,600,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). USAID/Yemen will focus on assisting small farmers, especially women involved in agriculture, in remote rural areas to improve their ability to grow crops and raise animals, and to gain access to markets for their agricultural products. The Mission will also assist Yemeni agricultural colleges and the Ministry of Agriculture in providing farmers with improved and more effective extension information, and private sector businesses engaged in agricultural with marketing and inputs distribution. Technical assistance will also be provided to the Ministry of Agriculture at the national and local levels to increase their capacity to assist poor farmers. Assistance will also be used to rationalize livestock imports from the Horn of Africa, clarify livestock marketing channels in Yemen, assist in eliminating the smuggling of illegal animals into Yemen, establish veterinary services and protocols for imported livestock at point of entry, and provide credit for businesses and households working in agriculture. Principal Contractors: New Mexico State University and Associates for Rural Development.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) P.L. 480 funds will complement ESF resources and will focus on achieving the following goals recommended in the USAID assessment of the agriculture sector in Yemen: (1) Restructuring the Ministry of Agriculture and establishing a Planning Unit; (2) increase access to credit for small farmers and agriculture related businesses through assistance to the Agriculture Credit Bank; (3) improved livestock and horticulture marketing; 4) improved extension services; (5) support agriculture research authority; (6) assistance to community based organizations in rural areas; and (6) rural infrastructure projects such as building roads and water facilities, such as small water retention dams, for human and livestock usage.

Enhance Participation in Global Trade and Investment (\$500,000 ESF, \$542,000 Prior Year Unobligated ESF). USAID's economic growth activities will assist Yemen identify new products and markets and expand access to regional and international trade. USAID, in partnership with the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), is currently considering options for potential trade capacity building and macro economic growth activities in Yemen. An example of this partnership is a project to develop a customs valuation system that is in full compliance with the Customs Valuation System of the World Trade Organization and to train customs officials so that they can implement the new customs laws and systems.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Agricultural Productivity (\$2,668,000 ESF). Projects undertaken in FY 2006 will strengthen and build upon activities implemented in FY 2005. Activities will continue to assist small farmers, especially women in agriculture, in remote areas to improve their ability to grow crops, raise

animals, and gain access to markets for agricultural products. The Mission will also continue to assist Yemeni agricultural colleges to effectively support small farmers and the Ministry of Agriculture provide improved extension services to these farmers. Private sector businesses will be engaged to participate more fully in the agricultural sector especially in marketing and expanded agricultural inputs and feed distribution. Greater emphasis will be placed on activities to improve livestock marketing, address animal health issues, and provide improved veterinary services to the livestock sector. Pilot production projects will be developed at key sites in rural areas to introduce new agricultural techniques of production and improved varieties of fodder for livestock and food crops for both household consumption and the market.

Enhance Participation in Global Trade and Investment (\$1,421,000 ESF). Projects undertaken in FY 2006 will strengthen and build upon activities implemented in FY 2005. Partnership activities with MEPI addressing customs and trade issues will be the focus.

USDA P.L. 480 funds are likely to compliment activities being implemented by USAID/Yemen in both the agriculture and economic growth sectors. The Mission's resources in economic growth are also likely to be leveraged by funds from MEPI. Agricultural development, livestock improvement, and marketing of primary agricultural products from rural areas are foreseen to take on greater importance based on needs and an assessment carried out in 2004.

Performance and Results: USAID/Yemen's agriculture and economic growth activities are still in the early phases of design and implementation. Emphasis will continue to be placed on activities and projects in the five target areas of Amran, Saada, Al-Jawf, Marib, and Shabwa that address income generation and nutrition improvement to rural households. Targets and indicators will be established in FY 2005.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Yemen

279-007 Increased Income Opportunities and Food Security	ESF
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	197
Expenditures	70
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	197
Expenditures	70
Unliquidated	127
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	2,142
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	1,770
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	3,912
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	4,089
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	8,198