

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Europe Regional
Program Title:	Social Sector Reform
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	180-0340
Status:	Program Support Objective
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$800,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,490,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$450,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: Continued stagnation and deterioration in key areas of human capital and social services threaten to undermine the sustainability of economic and democratic transition in certain parts of Europe. Therefore, USAID is placing increased attention on social sector issues through ongoing analytical work, technical assistance, and dissemination of best practices. These are intended to promote programs to protect vulnerable groups, especially through youth and anti-trafficking activities; improve labor market functioning; encourage education system reform, especially at the primary and secondary levels; and inform strategic approaches taken by USAID Missions to mitigate adverse social conditions and trends.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Improve Quality of Workforce (\$146,407 AEEB carryover, \$1,283,593 AEEB prior year recoveries). USAID will work with U.S experts and experts within the region to carry out critical strategic analysis on social sector topics. A primary focus will be on ways to reduce poverty and vulnerability, especially via workforce improvement and increased employment. USAID will continue to work in collaboration with U.S. and regional experts and think tanks to more deeply analyze problems initially identified by the social sector hotspots analyses that were recently updated. The output of this analysis will be recommendations regarding critical USAID investment in the social sector as well as specific program ideas for countries to implement. Results of these analyses will also be used to inform the proceedings of a workshop involving regional think tanks and researchers that will be convened in early 2005. FY 2005 funds will be used to conduct and disseminate this research, provide technical support to USAID Missions, and to fund expert technical staff. Contractor: Aguirre International (prime).

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$800,000 AEEB, \$60,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). Trafficking in persons (TIP) has become a major social, economic and moral problem in the region. President Bush has made a major commitment to reduce TIP. USAID will support a regional program to build a network of governmental and non-governmental agencies, organizations, and leaders to reduce the conditions leading to TIP, provide assistance to those who have been trafficked, and get better information on alternatives and help to those most vulnerable. FY 2005 funds will also be used to provide technical support on developing anti-trafficking programs to Missions and to fund expert technical staff. Contractors/grantees: to be determined.

FY 2006 Program: Improve Quality of Workforce (\$150,000 AEEB). Analytic work on the social sector in the region will continue and will provide strategic guidance and technical assistance to mitigate social sector problems. Funds will continue to be used to support expert technical staff. Contractor: to be determined.

Reduce Trafficking in Persons (\$300,000 AEEB). Work on building the anti-trafficking network and technical assistance to Missions will continue. Funds will continue to be used to support program staff. Contractor/grantees: to be determined.

Performance and Results: The results achieved under this objective will improve sustainability of USAID's assistance in countries in Europe by helping to halt and eventually reverse the declines in social welfare experienced by citizens in the transition countries. In addition to reducing human suffering and deprivation, strategic assistance in the social sectors increases public support for reform among citizens who have seen deterioration in their access to social services.

A program of assessments, technical consultations, and review of lesson learned and best practices in social transition has permitted USAID to better take account of social constraints in its programs, including how best to promote social transition objectives via stand-alone or synergistic programs. In-depth social sector hotspots analyses of the status of the education, labor, pension, and health sectors were conducted. The status of vulnerable and strategic groups in the region was also ascertained. An analysis of the status of social services in the region was completed, as was an in-depth examination of best practices in social services in Romania. Work was also completed on a regional labor market study.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Eurasia Regional

110-0340 Social Sector Reform	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	2,932
Expenditures	2,176
Unliquidated	756
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	725
Expenditures	683
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	3,657
Expenditures	2,859
Unliquidated	798
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	335
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	436
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	771
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	700
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	5,128