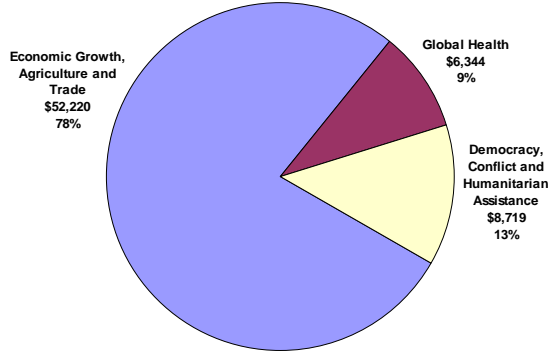
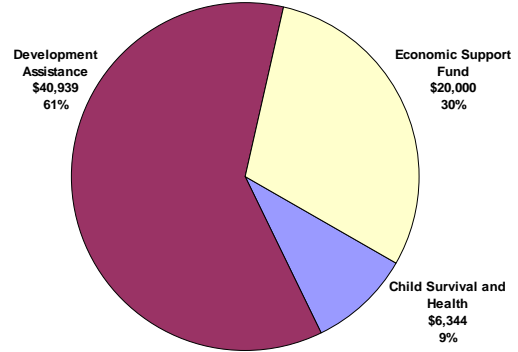


# LAC Regional

**FY 2006 Assistance by Sector**



**FY 2006 Assistance by Account**



## Objectives and Budget

Objective	SO Number	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Regional Democracy Initiatives	598-005	4,971	2,491	3,800
Market Access	598-017	3,067	3,500	5,584
U.S.-LAC Environmental Partnership	598-018	646	500	500
Program Development and Learning	598-020	5,738	728	1,969
Special Development Opportunities	598-021	12,825	40,612	31,667
Conservation of Biological Resources	598-022	9,682	3,370	4,418
Improve Equity and Quality of Education	598-023	16,985	14,380	14,000
Health Advancement	598-024	7,926	9,662	5,345
Transfer – ESF		4,005		
<b>Total (in thousands of dollars)</b>		<b>65,845</b>	<b>75,243</b>	<b>67,283</b>

**Mission Director:** Adolfo Franco





## LAC Regional PROGRAM SUMMARY

(in thousands of dollars)

Accounts	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Current	FY 2006 Request
Child Survival and Health Programs Fund	11,194	12,687	10,513	6,344
Development Assistance	36,734	40,696	39,930	40,939
Development Credit Authority	35	0	0	0
Economic Support Fund	5,470	12,462	24,800	20,000
<b>Total Program Funds</b>	<b>53,433</b>	<b>65,845</b>	<b>75,243</b>	<b>67,283</b>

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE SUMMARY

598-003 Health Priorities				
CSH	6,007	0	0	0
598-005 Regional Democracy Initiatives				
DA	4,538	3,211	2,491	3,800
ESF	5,000	1,760	0	0
598-017 Market Access				
DA	3,126	3,067	3,500	5,584
DCA	35	0	0	0
ESF	470	0	0	0
598-018 U.S.-LAC Environmental Partnership				
DA	172	646	500	500
598-020 Program Development and Learning				
CSH	1,187	4,138	451	499
DA	867	1,600	277	1,470
598-021 Special Development Opportunities				
CSH	4,000	623	400	500
DA	3,340	5,505	15,412	11,167
ESF	0	6,697	24,800	20,000
598-022 Conservation of Biological Resources				
DA	4,746	9,682	3,370	4,418
598-023 Improve Equity and Quality of Education				
DA	19,945	16,985	14,380	14,000
598-024 Health Advancement				
CSH	0	7,926	9,662	5,345
TRANSFER				
ESF	0	4,005	0	0

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## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	LAC Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	Regional Democracy Initiatives
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	598-005
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$2,491,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$3,800,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	1996
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2006

**Summary:** The Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) regional democracy and governance program supports the deepening of democracy in LAC by strengthening regional institutions, networks and initiatives to: 1) enhance human rights protections and advance justice sector modernization and reform; 2) reduce violent conflict and crime; 3) improve public sector legitimacy through good governance and accountability; and 4) increase civil society capacity to facilitate citizen participation and oversight of government.

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

**FY 2005 Program:** Promote and Support Anticorruption Reforms (\$996,000 DA). USAID will share lessons learned and support networks to more effectively engage civil society participation local budget process and the review of country submissions for the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption. Principal contractor and grantee: Casals and Associates, Partners of the Americas.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$500,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to regional and local networks to promote human rights, prevent trafficking in persons, encourage civil society advocacy, and improve public security. Principal grantees include Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Partners of the Americas, and the Organization of American States.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$500,000 DA). Technical assistance will be provided to regional associations of electoral commissions to enhance the independence of electoral systems and assess openings and opportunities to promote political party reform. Principal grantee: Center for Electoral Assistance and Promotion.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$495,000 DA). Technical assistance will support the development of methodologies that measure advances in local government capacity for participatory planning and service delivery. This will be shared through a donor coordination forum. E-Government and distance-learning strategies will be expanded to improve local government capacity in financial management, citizen participation, and knowledge management. Principal grantee: International City and County Management Association.

**FY 2006 Program:** Promote and Support Anticorruption Reforms (\$300,000 DA). USAID will continue to provide assistance for formulating strategies that integrate anticorruption measures across sectors. USAID will also develop new approaches for dealing with grand corruption with a specific focus on extractive industries. Principal contractor: Casals and Associates.

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$400,000 DA). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance and training to support regional networks to bring innovative solutions to human rights protection, violence prevention and crime reduction while addressing trafficking in persons. USAID will also pursue opportunities to expand successful strategies for conflict prevention at the local, national and regional levels. Principal grantees include Inter-American Institute, Inter-American Coalition for the Prevention of Violence, and the Organization of American States.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$600,000 DA). Technical assistance to enhance the independence of electoral systems will continue to promote political party reform. Principal grantee: Center for Electoral Assistance and Promotion.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$1,400,000 DA). Technical assistance will continue to be provided to develop methodologies to measure the advances in local government capacity in the areas of financial management and citizen participation. Principal contractor and grantee: Casals and Associates, International City and County Management Association.

**Performance and Results:** The LAC Regional program advanced U.S. national security and foreign policy interests in helping LAC governments deepen their commitment to democratic governance and human rights. The USAID-supported anticorruption website ([www.respondanet.com](http://www.respondanet.com)) receives a million hits per quarter. In El Salvador, a new USAID-financed emergency 911 service for police led to a 300% increase in calls, an indication of a rise in public confidence in the police. The Justice Studies Center of the Americas, created under the Santiago Summit, has disseminated information on best practices on legal reform, which in turn has generated a major debate in Mexico over updating its criminal justice system. The USAID-assisted Inter-American Democracy Network expanded its membership and advocated for policy and law reform for greater transparency and inclusion through its sub-grant program. LAC programs promoted initiatives toward reaching Summit of the Americas goals and has upheld U.S. Government commitment to the summit process. This includes USAID's promotion of transparency and participation of civil society and local governments in the Summit of the Americas. Strategic analysis and guidance were provided to countries on trafficking in persons. Working through the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, USAID fostered new psychological assistance programs for victims of torture and created Public Defenders offices in Dominican Republic and Paraguay. Following a Quebec Summit mandate, USAID contributed support to the Inter-American Coalition for the Prevention of Violence. To make local governments more effective, USAID joined with the Central American Federation of Municipalities to promote electronic networking and increased participation in local government decision-making, taking advantage of best practices and internet connectivity. USAID continued its efforts to improve the capacity of Central American municipalities to respond effectively to the needs of its citizens.

By FY 2007, the LAC Regional democracy program will have contributed to strengthened regional institutions, networks, and initiatives to deepen democracy in the LAC region.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

	DA	ESF
598-005 Regional Democracy Initiatives		
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	72,314	117,531
Expenditures	71,096	112,652
Unliquidated	1,218	4,879
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	4,724	4,924
Expenditures	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	77,038	122,455
Expenditures	71,096	112,652
Unliquidated	5,942	9,803
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	2,491	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	2,491	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	3,800	0
Future Obligations	7,229	36,790
Est. Total Cost	90,558	159,245



The Alliance has developed a plan of action that includes legislative outreach and training events. USAID continued its on-going program of analysis and technical assistance to help countries strengthen their interventions on property rights and land market development. In Colombia, for example, USAID support led to a fresh and in-depth understanding of land tenure aspects of internal displacement that affect households that are victims of Colombia's long period of violence. This will help develop a more effective prevention strategy. USAID also provided guidance on effective property taxation in relation to Colombia's need to improve both local fiscal finance and land market access.

USAID supported pilot activities in microfinance to develop innovative financial services related to remittance flows. Remarkable progress has been made in gaining a better understanding of the broader financial market issues that affect expansion of access to financial services and lower transmission costs of remittances. This effort inspired a new quarterly newsletter, *Migrant Remittances*, by USAID's Economic Growth and Trade Bureau that has worldwide circulation. USAID also provided technical assistance to identify the issues facing a country and what options make sense for USAID programming.

Public-private alliances are linking trade and rural development to improve farmer incomes, increase rural employment, and enhance participation in global markets. USAID continued to support the launch of the Andean Regional Cocoa Alliance, linking existing cocoa activities in the participating countries to the technical expertise and market opportunities of the major U.S. Chocolate Manufacturers (as well as other World Cocoa Foundation member companies).

USAID played a key role in the trade capacity building components of CAFTA, the on-going U.S.-Andean negotiations, and other free trade agreements, participating in both the negotiations and the U.S. government inter-agency process. Support for the design and implementation of civil society outreach activities is strengthening mechanisms for the private sector and civil society to provide input into the process. This, in turn, helps to keep the trade negotiation processes moving in a positive direction. USAID support also contributed to fostering increased responsiveness to country trade capacity building priorities and coordinating a focused response from resource partners.

Continued progress in this objective will mean that by FY 2007, small producers and businesses in LAC will have greater access to markets, ultimately leading to increased incomes and greater opportunities for trade.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

	DA	DCA
598-017 Market Access		
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	15,915	31
Expenditures	13,167	0
Unliquidated	2,748	31
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	4,276	0
Expenditures	3,750	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	20,191	31
Expenditures	16,917	0
Unliquidated	3,274	31
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	3,500	0
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	3,500	0
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	5,584	0
Future Obligations	2,759	0
Est. Total Cost	32,034	31





## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

598-018 U.S.-LAC Environmental Partnership	DA
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	2,895
Expenditures	2,709
Unliquidated	186
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	270
Expenditures	300
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>	
Obligations	3,165
Expenditures	3,009
Unliquidated	156
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	500
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>	
Obligations	500
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>	
Obligations	500
Future Obligations	2,108
Est. Total Cost	6,273

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	LAC Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	Program Development and Learning
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	598-020
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$451,000 CSH; \$277,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$499,000 CSH; \$1,470,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2001
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	

**Summary:** USAID's Program Development and Learning (PD&L) funded activities include: 1) technical advice and recommendations on sectoral issues; identification of trends that have regional implications; and analysis of regional, sub-regional, and cross-border issues; 2) development of new strategies or the refinement of existing strategies; improved quality of USAID country strategic plans; and identification and integration of cross-cutting themes into Operating Units' programs for enhancing complementarities among programs and overall program synergy; 3) identification of more effective ways to implement programs; analysis of performance, problems, and lessons-learned; 4) assessments to inform decisions regarding emergency responses; 5) increased integration of U.S. Government assistance provided bilaterally or regionally; and 6) compliance with Agency and U.S. Government regulations.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Program Development and Learning (\$451,000 CSH; \$277,000 DA): USAID resources will support a wide variety of activities including 1) studies, analyses, assessments and evaluations; 2) program design and development; and 3) learning efforts for proposed activities and/or programs that are under consideration but do not yet fall within an existing strategic plan or objective. Resources will support Washington International Cooperative Administrative Support Services (ICASS) costs as well as technical assistance for Bureau webpage oversight, and research and economic analyses. Examples include the studies and analyses needed to develop a new country strategy, design of a new program, or the evaluation of a completed program. In other cases, it may be too cumbersome and inefficient to include a particular activity within the construct of a single program. For example, a USAID Country Mission might need to access technical assistance for work covering multiple programs, cross-border or regional analyses, design work, or evaluations. The grantees, contractors and/or implementing agencies are determined after specific tasks are identified.

**FY 2006 Program:** Program Development and Learning (\$499,000 CSH; \$1,470,000 DA). FY 2006 resources will be used to support PD&L activities in order to fund studies, analyses, assessments, and evaluations; facilitate new strategy designs and supporting analyses; undertake program design and development; and develop learning efforts. Resources will also be used to provide ICASS support in Washington and technical assistance for the maintenance of the Bureau's webpage, research and economic analyses. The grantees, contractors, and/or implementing agencies are determined after specific task are identified.

**Performance and Results:** In FY 2004, PD&L resources benefited countries region-wide to either analyze constraints or develop new programs critical to the achievement of regional development objectives. For example, as a result of the Office of Management and Budget's Performance Assessment Rating Tool exercise, resources were used to continue the development of bureau-level performance indicators. In addition, USAID funded research and development services in support of various congressional earmarks and directives. PD&L resources were used to support trade and economic capacity building conferences attended by Haiti Diaspora businessmen, addressing poverty alleviation issues and Haiti's need for economic stability. USAID planned and conducted a workshop to facilitate Central America and Mexico Missions to strategize how to integrate health and education sectors. USAID also funded a trends analysis of reproductive health surveys in Central America and Mexico; an

assessment of the health needs in Ecuador; and payment for Washington ICASS support costs.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

	CSH	DA
598-020 Program Development and Learning		
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>		
Obligations	843	1,152
Expenditures	0	597
Unliquidated	843	555
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>		
Obligations	2,847	4,169
Expenditures	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	3,690	5,321
Expenditures	0	597
Unliquidated	3,690	4,724
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>		
Obligations	451	277
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	451	277
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	499	1,470
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	4,640	7,068





network of partners working throughout the region to enhance economic growth and promote prosperity.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

598-021 Special Development Opportunities	CSH	DA	ESF
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>			
Obligations	0	5,542	0
Expenditures	0	150	0
Unliquidated	0	5,392	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>			
Obligations	0	9,830	10,438
Expenditures	0	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>			
Obligations	0	15,372	10,438
Expenditures	0	150	0
Unliquidated	0	15,222	10,438
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>			
Obligations	0	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>			
Obligations	400	15,412	24,800
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>			
Obligations	400	15,412	24,800
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>			
Obligations	500	11,167	20,000
Future Obligations	0	0	0
Est. Total Cost	900	41,951	55,238

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	LAC Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	Conservation of Biological Resources
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	598-022
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$3,370,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$4,418,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2001
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2006

**Summary:** The Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region contains nearly half of the world's biodiversity. Despite their importance, biological resources are under severe threat due to increased urbanization, increased demand for forest resources and expansion of agricultural lands. The LAC Regional biological resources conservation strategy works to improve the conservation of the LAC region's globally significant biological resources.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Improved Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$2,870,000 DA). Through the Parks in Peril program, technical assistance and training will be provided to strengthen the conservation capacity of selected threatened parks and reserves, with an emphasis on trans-border ecosystems and marine ecosystems. Technical assistance will also be provided to support national and regional systems of conservation areas, promote strategic public-private conservation alliances, and develop innovative conservation finance models. USAID support for the Amazon Basin Conservation Initiative will help improve the capacity of indigenous groups, local environmental organizations, regional cooperation organizations, and civil society to protect biodiversity in the Amazon Basin and harmonize national policies. USAID will also support three Washington-based environment advisors that oversee LAC environmental programs and three regional environmental advisors that provide coordination and technical support to USAID programs in the LAC region, while assisting with environmental training and compliance. Regional conservation initiatives may also be supported. Principal grantees and contractors are the Nature Conservancy; in-country nongovernmental organizations (The Friends of Nature Foundation, Bolivia; Defenders of Nature, Guatemala; ProNaturaleza, Peru; Pronature, Mexico); United States Forest Service; and others to be determined under a competitive process.

Improved Access to Clean Water and Sanitation (\$500,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance to advance long-term financing of source water protection throughout the LAC region through payment for environmental services via water funds and critical watershed debt swaps. Principal grantee: The Nature Conservancy.

**FY 2006 Program:** Improved Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation (\$3,900,000 DA). USAID will continue to provide technical assistance and training to strengthen the conservation capacity of selected threatened parks and reserves, multi-site strategies, strategic public-private conservation alliances, and innovative conservation finance models. USAID will continue to improve protection of the Amazon Basin through capacity building and policy harmonization. Washington-based technical advisors and regional environmental advisors will continue to be supported. Regional conservation initiatives and environmental compliance training may also be implemented. Principal contractors/grantees will be the same as above.

Improved Access to Clean Water and Sanitation (\$518,000 DA). USAID will continue to advance long-term financing of source water protection throughout the LAC region through payment for environmental services via water funds and critical watershed debt swaps. Same implementers as above.

**Performance and Results:** USAID continues to improve the conservation of the LAC region's globally significant biological resources. In FY 2004, the highly successful site-based Parks in Peril program increased management capacity of 12 parks in the areas of personnel, financial management, operations, and strategic planning and development. In addition, the extensive network of sites and partners established under the Parks in Peril was used to leverage higher-level conservation achievements throughout LAC. While achieving conservation objectives, priority trade initiatives were advanced in the LAC region by increasing market opportunities, enhancing productivity and competitiveness, strengthening management across international borders developing, promoting public participation in decision-making, and promoting flexible and voluntary financial mechanisms. For example, in Guatemala, the program is increasing rural prosperity and empowering communities in the Atitlan region's conservation buffer areas through enhancing productivity of coffee, the most important agricultural crop of the region. The result is increased fair trade and market share through higher value shade and organic coffees and value added processing.

In addition to its contribution to trade initiatives, the Parks in Peril program is advancing the Agency's alternative development priorities, strengthening indigenous territories, and leveraging public/private alliances. For example, in the Palcazu valley of Peru, the program is working with the Yanasha indigenous group to establish a strong presence through agroforestry systems compatible with the San Matias-San Carlos Protection Forest. To date, 500 seedlings have been propagated, and family group participation will ensure appropriate management for approximately 30% of the otherwise vulnerable buffer area of the reserve.

The program has also made advances in the areas of clean water and sanitation. Through negotiations with stakeholders and technical assistance, the long-term financing of source water protection was advanced throughout the LAC region through payment for environmental services via water funds and critical watershed debt swaps. For example, in Jamaica, the Parks in Period program multiplied USAID's investment tenfold through a Debt for Nature Swap. In recognition of the critical role that Jamaica's forests play in protecting the country's water source and its economically valuable reef systems, the program negotiated and secured a \$16 million Tropical Forest Conservation debt swap with the Jamaican government which will provide funding for critical watershed protection over the next 20 years.

Continued progress in this objective will mean that by 2007 USAID will have significantly improved the conservation of the LAC region's biological resources. Twelve additional parks, reserves and conservation areas will have adequate management capacity.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

598-022 Conservation of Biological Resources	DA
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	14,729
Expenditures	9,546
Unliquidated	5,183
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	2,765
Expenditures	4,750
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>	
Obligations	17,494
Expenditures	14,296
Unliquidated	3,198
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	3,370
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>	
Obligations	3,370
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>	
Obligations	4,418
Future Obligations	3,972
Est. Total Cost	29,254











