

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Nicaragua
<b>Program Title:</b>	Investing in People
<b>Pillar:</b>	Global Health
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	524-023
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$7,699,000 CSH; \$5,940,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:</b>	\$6,661,000 CSH; \$4,734,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2003
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2008

**Summary:** USAID's program will help strengthen social sector government ministries through better governance and management practices, procurement integrity, decentralization and public oversight. Activities will improve access to and quality and efficiency of basic education and educational opportunities. Health interventions will improve reproductive, maternal, and child health services, expand HIV/AIDS prevention and counseling activities, and support improved nutrition and hygiene practices. USAID will continue leveraging private sector contributions for public social investments through alliances and corporate social responsibility. All family planning assistance agreements will incorporate clauses that implement the President's directive restoring the Mexico City Policy.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2006 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education: (\$5,940,000 DA). USAID technical assistance to the Ministry of Education is helping improve teacher effectiveness, increase access to quality education, and promote community participation in education. USAID is funding 110 new municipal resource and mentoring centers for teacher excellence. USAID programs are expanding active teaching approaches to include learning-groups, integration of civic education and greater community parental participation and involvement in approximately 1,040 new schools. In addition, USAID is funding training in literacy, numeracy, and other basic skills for adults and out of school youth, including those likely to be drawn to gang membership. Principal contractors or grantees: Academy for Educational Development, American Institutes for Research, and Save the Children.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition: (\$2,210,000 CSH). USAID continues to provide assistance for community based health promotion and to strengthen the ability of the Ministry of Health to support and extend service delivery coverage in 1,000 additional vulnerable communities. USAID is strengthening the clearinghouse and coordination mechanism for nongovernmental organizations that are collaborating with the Ministry of Health. With P.L. 480 Title II resources, USAID is providing technical assistance to increase breastfeeding, immunization, infant feeding, and growth monitoring in the poorest areas. The Pediatric Hospital Improvement project is being extended to two more hospitals to cover 15 of the country's 20 hospitals that serve children. USAID is funding a demographic and health survey to assess improvements in maternal and child health status and service delivery coverage since 2001. Principal contractors and grantees: Adventist Development Relief Agency, Catholic Relief Services, Center for Disease Control, NICASALUD Federation, Project Concern International, Quality Assurance Project, and Save the Children.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function: (\$1,000,000 CSH). USAID is providing technical assistance, training, and targeted investments to the GON social service ministries and entities, and to selected local governments. Activities are improving planning, financial management, and procurement systems. This program promotes government policies that broaden participation of private entities to ensure availability of quality health, education, and other social services. USAID continues working with the Nicaraguan Social Security Institute (INSS) and a group of 50 private sector health service providers, to expand access to quality health care. Under the Development Credit Authority, USAID is extending loans to private health care providers to improve and expand services. USAID is promoting public-private

partnerships for corporate social responsibility to strengthen social sector programs. Principal grantee: Management Sciences for Health.

Support Family Planning: (\$4,489,000 CSH). USAID continues support for maternal and child health and reproductive health care provided through local health care systems, a national network of 1,000 public health clinics, and 15 key hospitals and emergency rooms. USAID funds are helping the Ministry of Health to develop quality standards and integrate voluntary counseling and testing for HIV within its family planning program. Assistance continues to nine private medical clinics and to the NGO ProMujer for gynecological services and family planning for some 14,000 clients. To reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS, USAID is funding outreach and behavioral change information campaigns targeted at groups with higher risk behaviors in more than 1,000 communities, and ensuring the availability of condoms. USAID continues to procure public sector contraceptives and will promote a national contraceptive security plan to increase Nicaraguan government resources for contraceptives. Principal contractors and grantees: John Snow Inc., NICASALUD, and other implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

**FY 2007 Program:**

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education: (\$4,734,000 DA). USAID will continue support to the Education Ministry to expand quality education to more public primary schools through 200 new mentor resource centers of excellence in 120 municipalities. At least another 650 schools will be reorganized to apply the active teaching method, civic education, and community participation. USAID expects to help the Education Ministry devise a plan for sustainability of the Centers of Excellence for Teacher Training presidential initiative. USAID training in literacy, numeracy, and other basic skills for adults and out of school youth will result in learners able to function effectively in a democratic society and free market economy. Principal contractors or grantees: Academy for Educational Development, American Institute for Research, and Save the Children.

Improve Child Survival, Health and Nutrition: (\$1,000,000 CSH). Activities in support of community and household health interventions are expected to continue, focusing on maternal and child services. Activities that support increased breastfeeding, immunization, infant feeding, and growth monitoring in the poorest municipalities are expected to continue under the P.L. 480 Title II program. Principal contractors and grantees: Adventist Development Relief Agency, Catholic Relief Services, Project Concern International, Save the Children, and other implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

Strengthen Public Sector Executive Function: (\$2,000,000 CSH). Technical assistance to the social sector government ministries in the areas of accountability, governance, management and leadership and to the INSS and private sector health providers is expected to continue. USAID anticipates that at least half of the loans under the Development Credit Authority will have been made, providing credit to private health investors to help shift the burden of service delivery away from the Ministry of Health. Principal grantee: Management Sciences for Health.

Support Family Planning: (\$3,661,000 CSH). USAID plans to continue programs to improve and expand maternal and reproductive health care and reduce transmission of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. Procurement of public sector contraceptives is expected to continue slowly. Principal contractors or grantees: John Snow Inc., NICASALUD Federation.

**Performance and Results:** Since this program began, USAID's activities have achieved important results since the program began, including a 32% decrease in the number of children dying from pneumonia over the last year, decreased infant deaths in hospitals participating in USAID programs, and a 25% increase in use of Ministry of Health family planning services. School completion rates in USAID supported model schools were 20% higher over other schools, and academic achievement increased 8% in Spanish and 12% in math since the program began. By program completion, the Nicaraguan education and health systems, and the social sector as a whole will be more efficient, with more capable, standardized, accountable and decentralized administrations.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Nicaragua

524-023 Investing in People	CSH	DA	PL 480
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>			
Obligations	8,138	8,899	9,671
Expenditures	89	48	9,671
Unliquidated	8,049	8,851	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2005</b>			
Obligations	6,703	6,755	4,536
Expenditures	4,449	2,684	4,536
<b>Through September 30, 2005</b>			
Obligations	14,841	15,654	14,207
Expenditures	4,538	2,732	14,207
Unliquidated	10,303	12,922	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>			
Obligations	0	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>			
Obligations	7,699	5,940	5,129
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006</b>			
Obligations	7,699	5,940	5,129
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA</b>			
Obligations	6,661	4,734	5,691
Future Obligations	5,524	0	3,228
Est. Total Cost	34,725	26,328	28,255