

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Kosovo
Program Title:	Special Initiatives
Pillar:	Global Health
Strategic Objective:	167-0410
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$1,816,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$200,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$300,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1999
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2008

Summary: Three important activities will be implemented as special initiatives. All are vitally important to the development of Kosovo, but fall outside of the Mission's core objectives. These activities address U.S. Government priorities, such as anti-trafficking and HIV/AIDS. The activities are often limited in scope and implemented as part of a larger donor effort.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Anti-Trafficking (\$300,000 AEEB). USAID will use these funds to incrementally fund the anti-trafficking program focusing on the reintegration of Kosovar victims of trafficking. This program is designed to address the specific phenomenon of trafficking of local victims. The program will also provide training on prevention and awareness measures. The activity aims to establish a governmental and non-governmental referral system to protect the trafficked victims. Implementer: International Organization for Migration.

Energy (\$816,000 AEEB, \$200,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will continue to assist in fully implementing and utilizing the billing and collection system at the Kosovo Electric Corporation (KEK), as well as supporting the development of the legislative framework for the energy sector. In addition, support will continue to be provided to complete the tender for turnaround management, which is expected to be in place in 2004. Prior year unobligated funds were previously notified under 167-0130, Private Enterprise Growth. Under the Mission's new strategy, energy will be implemented as a special initiative and these funds are being re-notified under 167-0410. Contractors: Chemonics; Pierce Atwood.

Health and Vulnerable Populations (\$700,000 AEEB). With these resources, USAID will continue limited support to the Ministry of Health's Tuberculosis (TB) Control Strategy in building internal management capacity, strengthening monitoring systems and data quality control, and preparing concomitant policies and protocols to ensure proper infection control within TB outpatient facilities. Grantee: Doctors of the World, USA.

Building on previous HIV/AIDS assistance, support will be provided to the Kosovo AIDS Committee and Institute of Public Health for the institution of a viable STI-HIV surveillance system as the essential foundation for the successful implementation of recently approved Kosovo Strategy for HIV/AIDS Prevention (2004 - 2008). This initiative comes as results of successful implementation of the USAID sponsored HIV/AIDS Prevention program that brought the strategy to its fruition and established three Voluntary Counseling and Testing Centers (VCT) in concert with a comprehensive awareness campaign. Grantee: To Be Determined.

Support will be provided for the Initiative for Inclusion, a civil society support program for citizens with mental disabilities and their families. This initiative will bring about an increased integration of people with mental disabilities in present-day Kosovar society, ensure effective and inclusive policy-making that builds

on the participation of people with mental disabilities and family members, and establish human rights oversight for people with mental disabilities. Grantee: Mental Disability Rights International.

FY 2005 Program:

Anti-Trafficking (\$300,000 AEEB). A second phase of the Anti-Trafficking will be designed and implemented with lessons learned from the initial 18-month program. Grantee: International Organization for Migration.

Performance and Results: Anti-Trafficking: USAID assistance contributed to the establishment of the Kosovar Inter-Ministerial Governmental Commission to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings. The Governmental Commission will take ownership and coordination of current counter-trafficking activities and be the predominant factor in preparation of Kosovo's anti-trafficking strategy.

Health: The Ministry of Health (MOH) surveillance reporting indicates a drop in tuberculosis incidence from 78/100,000 in 2001 to 67/100,000 in 2002. With USAID support, in FY 2003 Kosovo has secured a three-year agreement with Global Drug Facility (GDF) for the provision of first line drugs. As result of laboratory strengthening, more than 40% of TB diagnosis is now done through direct smear and culture in seven regional TB laboratories. To date the health partnerships provided training in hypertension screening, treatment and clinical practices to 61 general practitioners and 152 nurses, which includes over 95% of family medicine centers in the USAID targeted region. Two Women Wellness Centers (WWC) were established in the USAID targeted regions and are providing continuous health care and support services to approximately 1,600 women a month in both regions. Both WWCs are now part of the Ministry of Health primary health care services network.

As result of USAID support for HIV/AIDS prevention, Kosovo has recently developed a comprehensive five-year HIV/AIDS strategic plan (2004-2008). In FY 2003, USAID support enabled the opening of two Voluntary and Counseling Centers, with more than 150 people receiving confidential counseling and testing services. In cooperation with the Kosovo AIDS Committee, the USAID HIV/AIDS prevention project produced a high-profile media campaign on HIV/AIDS prevention that has reached over 100,000 youth and a considerable segment of the general population.

Energy: The automated customer billing and collection system, known as Customer Care Package (CCP), was installed in all seven electric distribution districts. In the process, 110,000 new customers were added to the system. The CCP data underscores the need for continued improvements to be made within KEK's management structure to enable the utility company to assume the appropriate responsibilities for infrastructure rehabilitation, maintenance, and expansion in the future. The tendering process for turnaround management for KEK was initiated with the solicitation of interest from potential bidders.