

USAID PORTFOLIO

1. DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (SO5)

1.1 Basic Information

- Amount : 19,957,148 \$
- Donors : USG/USAID
- Government Contribution: -
- Signature date : 25th June 2004
- Starting date / Effectiveness date: 25th June 2004
- Initial closing Date: 30th September 2009
- Extended date (I): 30th September 2012

1.2 Main objectives:

To assist the efforts of the Government of Rwanda (GOR) in decentralizing services and authorities through supporting the development of decentralized fiscal management skills and procedures, and to support the delivery of locally managed and funded health services as a model for other local government services.

1.3 Project components / Elements:

Starting in FY 2007, the United States Government Foreign Assistance moved from Intermediate Results (IRs) to Standard Program Elements. Below are the Standard Program Elements for the Democracy and Governance program:

- **Justice System:** Element for the area of Rule of Law and Human Rights program;
- **Local Government and Decentralization:** Element for the area for Good Governance program;
- **Consensus Building Processes:** Element for Political Competition and Consensus Building;
- **Civic Participation:** Element for the area of Civil Society Program.; and
- **Basic education:** Element for the area of Education program.

1.4 Main physical achievements

Following is a summary of the major achievements of the Democracy and Governance program covering the period of July-September 30, 2009 by major program areas.

Major Projects / Elements overview:	Activities to be carried out and projects Objectives	Achievements from July-September 2009 (Highlights)	Observations/Comments/Issues
<p>1. USAID - Twubakane Decentralization and Health Project</p> <p>Start date: 2005 End date: 2010</p> <p>Twubakane Decentralization and Health program is implemented in 12 districts by IntraHealth International and its partner organizations</p>	<p>Activities to Central level with MINALOC</p> <p>To organize regular meetings in order to review the project activities progress.</p>	<p>Meetings in which the Twubakane Project Progress was presented to MINALOC and NDIS were organized on monthly basis.</p> <p>Prepared and submitted to MINALOC and NDIS documentation and budget information in preparation for the MINALOC JSR and DCPETA mini-budget reviews and reporting.</p> <p>Provided NDIS with examples of write-ups of decentralization success stories in order to advance best practices and innovations in the districts, sectors and cells.</p> <p>Supporting RALGA to carry out its mandate. Meetings and trainings were organized in order to support RALGA members and local government officials.</p>	
	<p>To carry out an assessment that will show Twubakane's efforts in supporting the decentralization of Rwanda's health system.</p>	<p>An assessment of the impact of DIF-grants-funded ICT equipment, medical supplies, and renovated infrastructure on the functioning and capacity of local government officials and technicians to carry out their duties and improve service delivery was carried out.</p>	
	<p>District level activities</p> <p>To carry out different activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings to different beneficiaries; - To assure capacity building and to provide technical assistance to districts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing supervision of the District Incentive Funds/DIF grants program in 12 districts and Kigali City, verifying districts financial and technical reporting. - "Standard Operations and Procedures" manual for handling victims of Gender-Based Violence cases (women and children) for use by the National Police and health facilities providers was produced and published. - Trainings to health care providers, community members, and police representatives in the 3 districts of Kigali, at five health facilities in GBV interventions. - The DIF grants program provides districts with direct budget support and capacity building. - Participated in on-going activities of the Districts' Joint Action Development Forums. Provide to MINALOC, NDIS, and SNV information and tools on all JADF activities that Twubakane program has supported. - So far 9 Districts had used DIF Grants funding while organizing JADFs. - Kirehe District was given a technical assistance in order to manage and evaluate a Best Practices 	

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		<p>Competition among the 64 cells of the District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide on-going capacity building of district auditors and local district councils on the internal controls and audit function. 64 participants from various Districts were trained. - Three-day workshop and exchange of experiences and best practices amongst the Districts officials were organized in Rusizi and Nyamasheke in the Western Province and the Districts of Kayonza, Gasabo and Kamonyi. <p>Technical support was provided to several districts and sectors to evaluate Imihigo contracts and performance.</p>	
<p>2. USAID Political Party Strengthening Project</p> <p>Start: October 2008 End: October 2010</p> <p>The goal of this project is to help Rwandans build a political system that offers meaningful political choices to Rwandan citizens while maintaining a spirit of national unity.</p>	<p>This project is implemented by the National Democratic Institute (NDI)</p> <p>The project has the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support and reinforce mechanisms that promote interparty dialogue; and - Build political parties' capacity to organize, communicate and reach out to constituents at the grass-roots level. 	<p>The project Institute successfully finished the activities plan developed in collaboration with the registered political parties of Rwanda in January 9 and 10, 2009 in an open conference held in Kigali where practitioners, academics, political leaders and civil society organizations discussed about the functions, perceptions of performance and future of political parties in Rwanda.</p> <p>On August 1 and 2, 2009 the project organized a two-day seminar on Information Communications Technology (ICT), with an emphasis on how to use ICT in order to strengthen communications between parties with constituents to promote transparency, and manage party membership: 41 individuals representing each of the ten officially registered political parties in Rwanda attended this training.</p> <p>From August 15 to 16, the project in partnership with the Forum for Political Organizations in Rwanda organized a two-day seminar on campaign management. This workshop provided training for 40 high ranking political party representatives on how to develop a campaign structure, calendar, and fundraising and how to reach out to diverse constituent groups.</p> <p>On September 2, the project also provided a technical and financial assistance to redesign the Party Forum's website and the micro sites of nine political parties: 18 political party representatives attended.</p>	
<p>3. Legislative Process Strengthening</p>	<p>To put into actions the activities that permit to achieve the following goal:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A three-day training workshop was organized on legislative drafting on September 16, 17 and 18, 2009. Around 25 drafters from Ministries, Agencies and president's Office were trained. The topics covered included: Constitutional and legislative background; the purpose of legislation; the 5 stages 	

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<p>Project (LPS)</p> <p>Start: 2008 End: September 2009</p> <p>USAID's partner, ARD, Inc., is implementing this project. Legislative process refers to the overall process of law-making as it involves the executive and legislative branches of the Government of Rwanda as well as the civil society and private sector.</p>	<p>- To help strengthen Rwanda's legislative process, with special reference to President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR) target populations.</p>	<p>of legislative drafting; qualifying the draft and the role of the drafter; words, expressions, style and numbering in the Trilingual Rwandan Legal Framework; standards, forms and procedures;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A meeting was held on September 25, 2009 to launch the Legislative Initiative Task Force and about 20 local civil society organizations attended and elected leaders for this task force. - A meeting to wrap up the project and provide certificates to trainees was held on September 30, 2009. - A Legislative Process Handbook was developed and handed over to MINIJUST and the Institute of Legal Practice and Development. - A Legislative Tracking Tool was developed and handed over to MINIJUST and the Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD). - The curriculum for Legislative Drafting was developed and presented to MINIJUST and the ILPD. - A Legislative Drafting Handbook was developed and handed over to MINIJUST and the ILPD. 	
<p>4. Rwanda Case Backlog Reduction Project</p> <p>Start: 2009 End: 2010</p>	<p>Support to the National Public Prosecution Authority (NPPA)</p> <p>The project is implemented by RCN Justice & Democracy aims to assist the National Public Prosecution Authority and the Rwandan judicial system to reduce the backlog of court cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring that prosecutors are present at criminal trials: - The project provided logistical support to the NPPA mobile prosecutor groups so that cases can proceed more quickly. - This has made it possible for the courts involved to reduce their backlogs by 713 files in the month of July, 609 files in the month of August and 331 files in the month of September, which amounts to a total of 1,653 judgments rendered. - Investigation and completing case files: since the beginning, 1 250 case files have been completed. This means that 6,929 of the 8,992 backlogged cases found at the start of the project remain to be dealt with at the level of the NPPA - Of the 1,250 case files completed during this three month period, 448 have been sent to court and 802 have been dismissed. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informing the parties and verifying that detainees are released: After a file has been completed, which may result either in its dismissal or transfer to court, the parties are informed by the members of the mobile group themselves or via the local authorities. The activity of informing parties has been carried out in 7 IC jurisdictions: Nyarugenge, Nyamagabe, Ngoma, Rubavu, Musanze, Huye, and Gasabo during this quarter. - Development of tools to monitor the evolution of backlogs at the NPPA: The project provides assistance to the NPPA by analysing the monthly reports. This enabled the NPPA to learn how the backlog evolves and to respond quickly where necessary 	
	<p>Activities concerning the Judiciary</p> <p>To give support to the Supreme Court (SC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of monthly backlog reports at the level of the Judiciary: The project provides support to the Supreme Court (SC) by analysing the monthly reports that it receives from the tribunals concerning the impact of all incoming and outgoing cases on the total backlog at the level of the Judiciary and the progress made in addressing the fixed number of arrears identified at the start of the project. - Recommendations from this analysis help the SC to adopt preventive measures to deal with court arrears. - Supporting the IC in summoning parties. 	
<p>5. Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Threshold</p> <p>Start : June, 2009 End: June, 2011</p> <p>This is a two-year project that aims at strengthening Rwanda's media sector.</p>	<p>The project focuses on: Building the capacity and skills of media owners, managers, editors, professional media associations, and individual journalists to increase the sustainability and professionalism of private media outlets; and establishing two independent community radio stations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multiple consultation meetings with key GOR media stakeholders (including the National University of Rwanda School of Journalism [NUR/SJC], the Great Lakes Media Center [GLMC], the Media High Council, and the Ministry of Information), along with representatives of public and private print and radio media houses; - The project hosted a well-attended meeting for journalists to learn about the project and provide input into the work plan. - The acting Chief of Party of IREX (International Research and Exchange Board), conducted a rapid assessment of community radio in Rwanda, in anticipation of establishing two community radio stations. - The project initiated planning meetings with NUR/SJC and GLMC faculty on reviewing existing curricula, and developing a robust teacher training program. - The project initiated planning meetings with all media associations to identify key needs and plan targeted activities that respond to these needs, and that are within the scope of the overall project. 	
<p>6. Millennium Challenge</p>	<p>The activities of this project consist on providing trainings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident Advisor worked closely with the Office of Inspectorate Services (OIS) Director and the Acting Commissioner General of the RNP to identify activities that align with the RNP's annual and 	

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<p>Corporation (MCC) Threshold program Rwanda National Police Strengthening Project</p> <p>Start: May, 2009 End: April, 2011</p> <p>This project is implemented by the United States Department of Justice, the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) on behalf of USAID.</p>	<p>and Technical Assistance to the following beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officers in investigation techniques; - Inspectorate; - Trainers on the role of Inspectorate; 	<p>long-term strategic plans, and with the Program Description. These activities will be integrated into a work plan that will be finalized early next quarter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He also worked with the Director of OIS to identify capacity gaps and training opportunities. Training courses will focus on internal investigative techniques, internal audit, and public relations next quarter. - In partnership with OIS, the "Police Citizen Partnership Project", a country-wide initiative that gives the general public an opportunity to provide confidential input on the general conduct of police officers was developed. - RNP Management was assisted in the development of the "Police Citizens Partnership Project" which focuses on the regular use of local print and radio media to strengthen relations between the RNP and the general public. The following five inter-related activities comprise this public relations project. Two activities commenced this quarter ("In Full View" and "Every Voice Counts"). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Police Corner": RNP will regularly provide emergency phone numbers, public notices, and basic information on how to report a complaint or compliment about police services. This information will be published in the country's major newspapers. 2. "In Full View: The Acting Commissioner General has begun holding monthly press conferences that enable journalists to engage in regular dialogue with the RNP. The Acting Commissioner provides opening remarks, which are followed by a Q&A session with journalists in attendance. 3. "Tell it to the Commissioner": The Acting Commissioner General will host a weekly one-hour radio talk show that will enable the general public to ask questions. 4. "The RNP Word of the Month": Each month the Acting Commissioner General will choose a "word of the month" that describes key police officer character traits. These words will be displayed in all police stations in Rwanda. 5. "Every Voice Counts": The RNP developed a public process that enables citizens to provide input into general police conduct. 	
<p>7. Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Threshold Program Justice Strengthening</p>	<p>The project is implemented by Chemonics International Inc, and will address two objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the professionalism, impartiality, 	<p>A work plan workshop was organized on September 23, 2009. It was designed to enable local partners to provide input into the development of the annual work plan and it was attended by the following people: (i) representatives from the Ministry of Justice (Minijust); (ii) the Secretary General of the Chamber of Deputies; (iii) the Principal State Attorney; (iv) the Institute for Legal Practice and Development (ILPD) Rector and Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs; (v) the Commercial Court Vice-President, and (vi) Chemonics staff.</p>	

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Project Start: August, 2009 End : August, 2011	effectiveness, and independence of the judiciary by building its institutional capacity; and Facilitate and extend the GOR's legislative reforms to promote judicial independence and to enhance civil liberties, voice and accountability, and political rights in Rwanda.	A justice sector assessment team was in country on September 21, 2009 to initiate meetings with key justice sector stakeholders. To this result a workshop was organized on September 22, 2009 to enable participants to provide input into the proposed assessment methodology. Representatives from the following institutions attended this workshop: Minijust; Supreme Court, High Court, National Prosecution Authority; National University of Rwanda Law School; Free University of Kigali Law School; Kigali Bar Association; Development Partners; ILPD. A draft of the assessment will be submitted to key stakeholders in early November 2009.	
8. USAID Rwanda Peacebuilding Project Start: August 2008 – End: August 2010 The project, implemented by the Institute of Research and Dialogue for Peace (IRDP), is designed to: - Stimulate dialogue and build trust among Rwandans; - Allow the priorities and aspirations of the population to	Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruited a new employee to replace the researcher in charge of participation in democratic governance. 	
	Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trained researchers to use a software that help in collecting qualitative data. - Reviewed "Ethnicity and social cohesion" work done by Center of Conflict Management (CCM), National University of Rwanda (NUR) and Catholic Church. Conducted focus group discussions on "Participation in democratic governance" and interviewed districts, stakeholders and government institutions selected for the research.	
	Debate spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organized a national forum on the issue of "Participation in democratic governance". - Presented the intermediary results of the ongoing research on the issue of "Ethnicity and social cohesion" to the National Forum. - Collected views on possible strategies to strengthen social cohesion. - The dialogue club of Cyanzarwe was selected by the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC) for its role in engaging the people of the area in reconciliation efforts. - The dialogue clubs have been primarily discussing the issue of "Ethnicity and social cohesion" and the taboo surrounding this subject and unexpressed rancor. - Created new dialogue clubs for women leaders in Butare, Karongi and Kigali. - Selected new women leaders in "Biba Amahoro" project and will start their training in the institute in October and exchange trips to Burundi and Liberia in November-December. - Started competitions for schools participating in the School of Debate Project. The competitions aim at rewarding students who will present the best art work related to peace. 	

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<p>be taken into account in national decision-making and policy development;</p> <p>Assist in the implementation of consensus solutions to problems that threaten peace building; and</p> <p>Develop a democratic culture and respect for human rights among Rwandan youth.</p>	Implementation of recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacted members of steering committees that will implement recommendations from the third phase research topics. 	
	Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An IRDP Bulletin on the debates IRDP organized last year and earlier this year on the issue of the gacaca process and how it is seen by the people is in progress. 	
	Audiovisual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The audiovisual team captured the debates organized by IRDP on the issue of "Ethnicity and social cohesion" and produced a video that was shown at the National Forum in September. 	
	Radio Broadcasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organized a radio debate on the topic, "Participation in democratic governance", in which three guests were invited: The mayor of Gasabo district, the Director of RALGA (association of district mayors), a professor in political sciences, and a researcher from IRDP. The discussions were also followed by 80 members of the diaspora online. 	
<p>9. USAID Land Conflict Transformation Project.</p> <p>Start: June 2009 End: December 2010</p> <p>This project, implemented by Search For Common Ground (SFCG), is to promote</p>	Baseline study:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project continued with the baseline that began in June which was the first month of the implementation of project activities. The baseline was completed and a report is expected soon. 	
	Magazine on land tenure and land conflict and Live call in radio program on land rights and land policy:	<p>The project is working towards the overall goal of encouraging a culture of collaboration and dialogue around land conflicts and land rights issues in key prone areas in Rwanda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A total of eleven magazines and live weekly call in shows on land tenure, land conflict, land rights, and land policy were broadcast. <p>The topics in the shows included the role of abunzi in land conflict resolution, land conflicts related to expropriation, land conflicts related to marriage and divorce, land law, and land registration. Adding to this, a total of thirty one individuals called in during these radio talk shows.</p>	
	Training of local mediation actors – abunzi:	<p>An assessment of NGOs working with Abunzi in Rwanda was carried out with the following objectives a) know the type of trainings carried out, content and methods used b) to identify the gaps and if there is, to determine how the project will intervene without duplicating other existing or planned activities.</p>	

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collaborative land conflict transformation in contemporary Rwandan society.	Participatory theatre for conflict transformation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eight theatre performances were held to strengthen understanding among conflict affected groups. A total of 2,260 spectators attended. A total of 49 community members participated actively in the performances. 	
10.USAID Rwanda Youth Project Start: October 2008 End: 2013	The Rwanda Youth Project, implemented by Education Development Center (EDC).	<p>Through a combination of education, training, and support services, the project will help Rwandan young people develop the skills and attitudes necessary to find jobs or create their own employment, as well as maintain healthy lifestyles and participate constructively in their communities. It will also build the capacity of local youth workforce development organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No chore activities have been undertaken in this project. - Vacancy announcement for key staff published in 2 major newspapers and shared with a broad network of the project's stakeholders. 	
11.USAID Legal Aid Project Start: : May, 2008 End: May, 2012 The project, implemented by Avocats Sans Frontières (ASF), aims to improve access to justice for vulnerable individuals in Rwanda and contribute to the emergence of the rule of law.	Build the capacity of civil society organizations working in the justice sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broadcasted six radio programs on child protection, child rights, gender-based violence, and explained the appeal's process; 	
	Reduce the vulnerability of specific categories of individuals such as women, minors, and orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC).	<p>Educate beneficiaries about their rights and supporting them to obtain them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local residents were sensitized on various laws; 	
	Advocate for the installation of a sustainable system of free legal aid for vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raised the awareness of primary school students about child abuse and drug crimes; - Provided legal aid services to 161 Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) and 430 other vulnerable people who came to the Legal Advice Center located in Rubavu District; 	
	Demonstrate that the rule of law is accessible and works equitably for all accused.	<p>Assist those who are the subject of charges such as discrimination, sectarianism, revisionism, and negationism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provided legal aid services to 1044 inmates in Gisenyi, Miyove and Lilima Prisons <p>Visited and provided legal advice to beneficiaries of local NGOs serving people living with HIV/AIDS.</p>	

1.5 Financial Execution (FY 2009)

Donor	Total allocation	Cumulative disbursement	Current Fiscal Year Budget (FY2009-Actual)	Effective FY 2009 Expenses from October 1, 2008- September 30 , 2009”
USAID	19,957,148	12,466,760	4,570,000	3,134,064
TOTAL	19,957,148	12,466,760	4,570,000	3,134,064

1.6 Implementation progress of procurement plan (January to June 2009)

The progress status of the procurement plan was not reported on

1.7 Disbursement rate

Cumulative: **62.46 %**
Annual (2009): **68.6 %**

2. Health and HIV/AIDS Project (SO6)

2.1 Basic information

- Amount: \$ 405,815,841*
- Donor/Financier(s): USAID
- Government Contribution: -
- Date of signature of credit/grant agreement: 08/03/2004
- Date of effectiveness: 08/03/2004
- Date of initial closure: Sep. 30, 2009
- Date extended: Sept 30, 2012

*The amount above is inclusive of all the funds that were applied to activities for Health and HIV/AIDS through mechanisms that are centrally managed by USAID/Washington and implemented in Rwanda.

2.2 Main objectives

To increase the use of community health services including HIV/AIDS by reinforcing all levels of the decentralized health care system – central, district, community- , and to promote demand for, access to, and sustainability of quality community health services.

Project Components/ Elements

The following are the standard program elements for the HIV/AIDS and Health program:

- HIV/AIDS (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief-PEPFAR)
- Malaria (President's Malaria Initiative-PMI)
- Maternal and Child Health (MCH)
- Family Planning and Reproductive Health (FP/RH)

2.3 Main physical achievements

Following is a summary of the major achievements of the Health and HIV/AIDS Program covering the period of July-September 30, 2009 by major program areas.

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MCH/FP (Maternal & Child Health & Family Planning) program	To put into actions the activities that permit to achieve the planned objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAID funded a Community Based Distribution (CBD) Rapid Assessment of Injectables to investigate, how CBD of Family Planning Injections (Depo-Provera) can be introduced in Rwanda at community level. - The Ministry of Health approved a national roadmap to accelerate the reduction of maternal and infant mortality. The roadmap was developed by the Government of Rwanda with technical assistance from UNFPA and USAID. - This national plan of action stems from East Africa's 2008-2013 Regional Strategic Plan on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. 	
Malaria (President's Malaria Initiative-PMI) Program:	Activities that permit to achieve the planned objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAID-funded MSH/SPS Project organized a four days Training of Trainers (TOT) on Pharmaco-vigilance. 25 participants from various institutions including medical specialists from university teaching hospitals, supply chain partners, CAMERWA and BUFMAR, were trained as trainers. - The 4th round of Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) that started on August 20th in 7 districts is still going on. It is targeting 275,000 households, and is intended to protect 1.3 million Rwandans from malaria. Over 3,200 spray operators and 4,000 communication agents are carrying out the campaign in the seven PMI-funded districts. - With USAID support, JHPIEGO trained 158 Maternal Health agents (Agent de Santé Maternelle) in Rubavu district. These Community Health Workers will assist in maternal and new born mortality reduction by following up on pregnant women, post partum and newborns, and facilitate in referrals for hospital deliveries. 	
PEPFAR -HIV/AIDS (USAID implemented portion) program	Activities that allow the planned objectives to be achieved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rwanda Interim Demographic and Health Survey (RIDHS) 2007, was disseminated in July. USAID funded MACRO/Measure DHS III Project provided technical support for the survey. - Planning for DHS 2010 has been initiated with support from the USG PEPFAR funds. - Kibagabaga Hospital in Gasabo District officially opened a Pediatric Palliative Care 	

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		<p>Center. The USG- PEPFAR supported Pediatric Palliative Care Center will provide HIV-affected children with specialized HIV/AIDS care and treatment. The Center will also provide training for medical personnel at all levels in pediatric palliative care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ARV costing for the next five years was completed by Futures Group with support from USG PEPFAR funds. - Rwandan President, Representatives from the Ministry of Health (MOH), and community health workers gathered at Rwanda's Amahoro Stadium in Kigali for Iterero, to mark the completion of three-week country wide training for community health volunteers. Through this program 60,000 volunteers were trained. - 75% of USAID assistance supports the government of Rwanda's health priorities in HIV/AIDS, malaria, family planning and maternal and child health. - Ministry of Youth launched the second phase of the USG PEPFAR-supported "SINIGURISHA" (I am not for sale) campaign: The second phase "True Friends Don't Put Me at Risk!" will combat peer pressure as a key driver of cross-generational sex. It draws upon studies conducted last year in Rwanda, indicating that peer pressure is a key factor encouraging young girls and boys to engage in cross-generational sex. - The Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion (MIGEPROF) held an "Open Day," to launch key documents on Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) on their new website. The documents included Kurana Ijabo Ugire Ijambo, a life skills booklet for upper primary school children (10-12 years of age) produced by USAID-funded CHF/CHAMP project. - The Ministry of Health hosted the Health Sector "Big Lines" meeting for all USG health partners to share and discuss the strategic goals of all health programs for FY2009. The meeting, also attended by major health donors, provided an opportunity to strengthen the integration and joint prioritization of programs across the health sector. 	
Commodities and Logistics	Activities that permit the implementation of planned activities to be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAID funded Deliver Project implemented by John Snow, Inc. organized a one day workshop on "Pre Service Training for Logistics" to build the capacity of health personnel in health commodity logistics management. 15 participants including staff 	

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	well executed.	from the Ministry of Health/Pharmacy Task force; nurses from various nursing schools, and the Nursing Association participated in the training. - With USAID funded Technical Assistance, CAMERWA team has received initial support for the development of a plan to address key areas for improvements; and tasks to strengthen the organizational warehousing strategic and financial management, and overall performance.	

2.4 Financial Execution (FY 2009)

Donor	Total allocation In US\$	Cumulative disbursement	Current Fiscal Year Budget (FY2009-Actual)	Effective FY 2009 Expenses from October 1, 2008- September 30, 2009"
USAID	\$246, 470,934	166, 320,439	112, 456,776	66, 011,063
Total	\$246, 470,934*	166, 320,439	112, 456,776	66, 011,063

*This amount is less than the total amount allocated because it does not include the field support portion

2.5 Implementation progress of procurement plan (January to June 2009)

Procurement for these projects is handled by the USAID/Acquisition and Assistance Office per our signed agreements with MINECOFIN.

2.6 Disbursement rate

- Cumulative: 68.2 %
- Annual (2009): 58.7 %

3. Rural Economic Growth (S07)

3.1 Basic information

- Total Amount: \$22,432,726
- Government Contribution: -
- Signature date: 08/03/2004
- Starting date/Effectiveness date: 08/03/2004
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3.2 Main objectives:

To expand economic opportunities in rural areas by promoting value added agriculture such as specialty coffee, working on value chains such as dairy, and increase tourism revenues around Nyungwe National Park.

3.3 Project components / elements:

Assistance in Rural economic growth program was organized around two following intermediate results (IRs):

- Expanded adoption of improved agricultural and business practices (IR 7.1)
- Rural Finance more accessible (IR 7.2)

The following are the standard program elements for the Rural Economic Growth Program:

- **Business Enabling Environment and Private Sector Productivity:** Elements in the area of Private Sector Competitiveness Program;
- **Agricultural Sector Productivity:** Element in the area of Agriculture Program;
- **Natural Resources and Biodiversity:** Element in the area of Environment Program.

3.4 Main physical achievements

Following is a summary of the major achievements of the Rural Economic Growth Program covering the period of July-September 30, 2009 by major program areas.

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<p>1. The Sustaining Partnerships to enhance Rural Enterprise and Agribusiness Development- SPREAD- project</p> <p>A U.S. \$ 6million (USD), five-year project, which began implementation in January 2007.</p> <p>The project focuses on assisting Rwanda to strengthen and grow the number of cooperatives and private enterprises in coffee and other high value chain commodities that will lead to the creation of a powerful engine for</p>	<p>The Coffee sector</p> <p>SPREAD is designed as an integrated project combining both agribusiness and health aspects.</p> <p>It conducts different activities that support cooperatives to improve.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPREAD continued to support RWASHOSCCO Coffee Cooperative to produce high quality coffee and to increase the volume of specialty coffee. This support was done by placing Production Officers paid by SPREAD in some of the RWASHOSCCO Cooperatives that have shown weakness to achieve the targeted production. - RWASHOSCCO cooperatives have shown a tremendous improvement in the management of their coffee business whereby 70% of the loan has been utilized to purchase cherries and the rest went into administration cost. - SPREAD worked together with TRANSFAIR US and during this quarter they trained 300 cooperatives members on FLO rules and regulations to help continue maintaining for FLO-Certificates. - In partnership with two American Coffee Companies : Intelligentsia and Counter Culture, SPREAD continued to support the local coffee consumption campaign project initiated in Maraba. This project was named "Brew Your Own". 200 animators have been trained in their zones on how to use local materials to prepare coffee at home. - SPREAD continued to assist OCIR-Café to perform more science-based regulatory decisions regarding washing station placement, affluent management and environmental control, geo-referenced statistical analyses on production data, quality data, sales date, etc. - The 2009 coffee map is available now and also data on number of coffee trees in each zones and district can be found. - SPREAD in partnership with NUR-CGIS project continued to support OCIR-Café to develop a Rwanda Appellation system for marketing purpose and trace-back. An American team will be coming in November 09 to taste coffee attributes and transform them into unique profiles using coffee samples that have been collected from 3 different regions of Rwanda (North, Center, South). This activity will help to increase the value of the Rwandan coffee at the market. - SPREAD continued to improve the health of SPREAD-supported farmers and their families through increased access to health information and services related to HIV/AIDS, 	

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rural economic growth.		<p>maternal and child health and family planning. The health component is primarily focusing on BCC activities, building capacity for health-seeking behaviors within cooperatives and reinforcing linkages to local health service providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the southern regions health activities were done, 134 animators have been trained and now they are transferring the knowledge in 3 Districts. Today the health program expanded its activities in the Northern and Western regions of Rwanda (Musanze, Rubavu, Mudende, Bugeshi and Nyabihu districts) where there is a community that grows Pyrethrum. 	
	<p>The chili pepper value chain program</p> <p>To undertake activities that will help the objectives to be achieved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPREAD continued to support PROMAGRI to produce high quality Chili pepper by organizing its suppliers (Cooperatives from CHAMP, Women for Women and Organization). - A training to all extension agents is being prepared to demonstrate the transplantation, harvest and post harvest about the best practice which will increase the quality of the chili pepper. The number of new chili growers has multiplied through the sensitization. - SPREAD is also continuing helping PROMAGRI setting up a chili purchasing system that will be uniform to all suppliers. The drying system is also being installed in all areas that produce a lot of chili peppers. - SPREAD started a new project, in partnership with SOPYRWA and SC Johnson an American global manufacturer of household insecticides and other consumer products. This project was initiated under GDA to increase production and improving the quality of pyrethrum produced by SOPYRWA. 24 cooperatives that will supply SOPYRWA with dry flowers have been created; trainings and equipments were provided to them. - SPREAD research program has been actively working with different partners OCIR Café, Techno-serve, ISAR, Coffee buyers from Europe and US, NUR, etc, on different experiment programs that will help to improve coffee quality at the same time to reduce coffee processing cost. Those programs are fermentation time, Eco-pulping machines using Pinhalense and Penagos versus Mc Kinnon which is the most used in Rwanda, presence of potato taste in coffee beans, and vermin-culture in production of highly nutritive organic fertilizers at CWS, etc. - All these experiment will bring to the table every year advices and solutions to challenges that the coffee industry is facing everyday. 	
2. The Natural Resources and	The Destination Nyungwe Project		

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<p>Biodiversity project and the Destination Nyungwe project</p> <p>- Destination Nyungwe project (DNP) aims at profitable ecotourism development through improved biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>- Implemented by IRG (International Resource Group), this contract worth of \$3.8 million over a five year period was signed on September 30, 2006</p> <p>- The primary objective of the project is to</p>	<p>- The Project has three integrated components: (i) Ecotourism development, (ii) biodiversity conservation, and (iii) public health.</p>	<p>- At the ecotourism level, the project intends to transform the Nyungwe National Park into a real tourism destination by increasing the number of park visits from 3,088 in 2006 to 25,000 by 2010, while increasing tourism receipts by 50% each year.</p> <p>- Linked to biodiversity conservation and ecotourism development, the health component of the project will increase the number of individuals reached by HIV/AIDS and malaria prevention and care activities, as well as by family planning and child and maternal health programs.</p>	
	<p>Biodiversity Monitoring</p> <p>Under the biodiversity conservation component, the project will demonstrably mitigate threats to biodiversity in sites of biological significance identified around the Nyungwe National Park.</p>	<p>- Ranger Based Monitoring continues to be facilitated to monitor threats to the park's biodiversity. The highest number of snares (646) was destroyed this quarter following intensification of foot patrols.</p> <p>- DNP sustained the mentoring of Research & Monitoring staff based in Nyungwe National Park to ensure accurate data entry and analysis.</p>	
	<p>Tourism development</p> <p>Different activities to be carried out.</p>	<p>- Construction of campsites along the Congo-Nile is in final touches and expected to be completed by end of October 2009.</p> <p>- Construction of the Interpretation Center at Uwinka continues and is scheduled for completion in November 2009.</p> <p>- Graphic designs, Trail head and junction signage designed by EGAD for the Interpretation Center arrived at Rwanda and await customs clearance.</p> <p>- Grantees of Small Grants Project at PNPT completed construction of the second traditional house and campsite</p> <p>- First container of the Canopy Walkway towers was cleared from customs and delivered at the construction site. The second container is expected November 5, 2009 .</p>	
<p>Community health activities</p> <p>Different activities to be carried out.</p>	<p>- HIV/AIDS information was provided to 25,786 individuals; 55% female and 45% male. A 3% increase in female participation was registered. The general turn up was less due to community members' participation in Engando programs that were implemented around Nyungwe this quarter.</p>		

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<p>jointly accelerate rural economic growth and improve biodiversity conservation in Rwanda's Nyungwe Natural Forest and its buffer zones.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family Planning and Reproductive Health education was delivered to 17,005 individuals; 70% female and 30% male. Reduced male participation was due to their unavailability caused by engagement in Engando. - 19,327 individuals were reached with awareness messages on hygiene and primary healthcare. 63% of the reached individuals were female and 37% male. Female participation increased by 10%. - 6,364 individuals were given ANC services, 6,274 seen for respiratory infections, educated on prevention of respiratory infections, Antenatal Care, 10,370 infants were attended to and 5,291 received postpartum support and care. 	
	<p>Rural enterprise promotion through the Small Grants Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small Grants component was completed and supervision was handed to RDB/ORTPN for continuity of monitoring and support. - Key achievements per grantee association stand as follows: (i) SDA Iriba construction of artisan sales center was completed; (ii) PNPT completed their campsite; (iii) APIR have collected all artifacts for future sale; (iv) KAGENO completed establishment of a community demonstration garden; (v) Cooperative Ikijega completed their sales centre; (vi) Cooperative twite ku Buzima began milking their cows and supplying the community; (vii) IBC purchased honey packing containers for all sites; (viii) while Friends of Nyungwe hit their target of constructing 2000 energy saving stoves and purchased a grass grinding machine to process manure for mushroom nursery sheds. 	
<p>3. The Essential oils project</p> <p>This project is implemented by World Relief in partnership with IKIREZI Natural Product SARL.</p> <p>Start: June 2006</p>	<p>The World Relief –Essential Oil Project:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harvested 29,624 kg of geranium leaves from Gahara, Kiyombe and Gasabo and produced 53.12 kg of geranium oil. - Planted 125,000 geranium plantlets from South Africa in Gahara and Kiyombe, and 32,000 plantlets from Gasabo to Kiryango (Ruhango) - Distributed plots to 43 members of Geranium Growers Cooperatives in Gahara. - Shipped 100 kg of geranium oil to South Africa and 400ml to the USA/Thistle Farms. - Hosted a group of students from Baylor University at Gasabo Site. - Meeting with the members of the Rwandan Parliament Commission on Agriculture (The Commission has visited Gahara Site) 	<p>An extension period of 30 days was provided to World Relief in order to complete the final evaluation of the project.</p>

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<p>End: June 1, 2009 Extended date: End July 2009.</p>			
<p>4. The PL 480 Title II: Development Activity Programs (DAPs)</p> <p>The DAP programs are implemented by World Vision, ACDI/VOCA, and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).</p>	<p>The WORLD VISION: Rwanda Livelihood Security program</p> <p>The programs are made possible by the selling of U.S. vegetable oil through closed bid auctions to wholesale traders through the country.</p> <p>Using the proceeds of the U.S. vegetable oil sales, the above implementers engage in various developmental activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8,010 farmers were trained on progressive terracing and constructed terraces across 2,620 hectares of land through food for work activities. - 102 cooperative members (47% of participants are women and 53% men) were trained on post harvest crop handling, book keeping, financial management, marketing, savings and credit. - 13 bridges constructed on a 26.7km feeder road - 51 farmers harvested 38MT of watermelon (new product) - 7, 396 health promoters and mothers were trained on hygiene and sanitation, prevention and management of child illnesses. - 9,812 children under five years of age were monitored during the period under review. - 468 beneficiaries were trained opportunistic infections in HIV/AIDS patients on behavior change and communication, hygiene and sanitation. - A total of 2,000 PLWHA received supplementary food rations. 	
	<p>The ACDI/VOCA Title II: Rwanda Monetization Program</p> <p>Activities that support the already created cooperatives.</p>	<p>Grants activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many cooperatives held umuganura events - Ngwinurebe cooperative harvested a total of 22 Metric Tonnes (MT) of soy bean and Duhuzibokorwa Cooperative harvested 31 MT. - ACDI/VOCA provided DAP and Urea fertilizer as well as training in agriculture production techniques and cooperative management to IMPUYAKI cooperative. It also received various post harvest equipment including weighing scale, winnower and thresher and a gunny bag sewing machine in an effort to decrease post harvest losses and they achieved a record harvest of 139 MT of wheat. - Construction of drying areas for rice continued, along with completion of repairs on 50 winnowers and 30 threshers as part of the grant given to COCURIRWA, a rice cooperative in Rwamagana district. - Four drying areas with an area of 8 x 40 meters of concrete drying area each were 	

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	To organize trainings for different beneficiaries.	<p>constructed so as to improve the post harvest drying of rice for farmers. The drying areas are expected to reduce labor and paddy losses during the post harvesting operations for 1,556 beneficiaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post harvest equipment was delivered for COIMU, an Irish potato producers' cooperative in Nyabihu District. A total of 40 storage pallets, a motorcycle for use by the agronomist and 4 weighing scales were purchased and delivered to the cooperative. - 4 associations received cuttings and fertilizer and they were able to achieve productivity of 34MT/Ha which is almost 140% of the national average. <p>Trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACDI/VOCA's partner, Development Management Services (DMS), continued to provide training in three areas namely: Cooperative Leadership, Cooperative Management and Business Plan Development. A total of 791 people were trained. - Also 160 people were trained on Improved Agriculture Production Techniques, 218 people were trained in cooperative management and business plan development and 40 nurserymen received continued training on good management practices while 107 community leaders including leaders of cooperatives and local authorities received training on agroforestry practices. 	
	The ACDI/VOCA/AFRICARE: HEALTH/NUTRITION /HIV PROGRAM (Africare is a sub-grantee of ACDI/VOCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africare distributed 442.34 MT (composed of 23.19 MT of Vegetable oil, 141.04 MT of CSB and 278.11 MT of Bulgur) of food commodities to 3,395 beneficiaries. - 34,368 Parents participated in nutritional education sessions (Nutrition and IEC activities) conducted by volunteers in collaboration with Kigeme and Kaduha hospitals. - A total of 6,346 youth visited the Africare youth Center. Discussions at the youth center included (i) importance of genocide remembrance in the context of behavior change for Rwandan youth. (ii) Consequences of taking alcohol (iii) importance of circumcision; (iv) impact of money on economic, social and psychological behavior of youth (v) Evaluation of topics discussed during the week. - Members of 2 PLWHA Cooperatives (Koranawe and Abisunzimana) were trained in leadership and cooperatives management. - 1,898 kg of yellow sweet potatoes have been harvested on 27 square meters and benefited to 7 FARN sites with 477 direct beneficiaries. 	

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	<p>CRS- Safety Net Centers program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued assistance to 14 Safety Net Centers (SNC) (Orphanages, Street kids, handicapped and elderly persons) through food distribution to 2 453 beneficiaries and on going-technical support. - Provision of financial support in the amount of 35 639 US \$ to 4 SNC IGAS - Training to SN partners on drug addiction and on Thoughts Field Therapy techniques used to treat trauma, stress and other similar issues. 	
	<p>The CRS – TITLE II: HEALTH/NUTRITION PROGRAM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CRS organized successively workshops with Karongi, Ngororero, Gisagara and Huye districts authorities at sectors levels in September 2009, in order to inform them that COSA program which focused particularly on people living with HIV/AIDS is coming to an end as of September 2009. It was also an opportunity to discuss lessons learned and sustainability issues after the end of the COSA - 2784 vulnerable farmers received seeds through seed fairs. - 1591 beneficiaries received small animals through small livestock fairs. <p><u>Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training of 66 leaders of farmer field school on bio-intensive agriculture techniques, small livestock raising and mushroom production. - 2 739 vulnerable farmers (800 from Nyundo/Kibuye Diocese and 1939 from Butare diocese) participated in the training organized on the field in FFS demonstration plots by FFS leaders. - Training to the two COSA Dioceses staff (Butare and Kibuye) on infant and young child feeding in August 09. 	
<p>5. The Rwanda Dairy Competitiveness Sector Project</p>	<p>In partnership with CHAMP, training in Good Governance, registration requirements to qualify as a cooperatives, and internal lending activities was conducted in 5 pilot PLWHA associations in Nyagatare and Gatsibo districts</p>	<p>Good Governance training: 335 Women and 198 men participated Internal lending training: 317Women and 178 men participated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An additional 332 livestock owners were identified from PLWHA associations forming 15 additional associations bringing the total number of households in the program to 429. - As was done in the first 5 associations, farmers were placed in categories relating to loan experience, cattle ownership, milk disposal channel (home consumption only or home consumption and sale), and lactation status (in milk or dry). - 18 farmers identified potentially good credit risks and eligible for assistance in developing business plans bringing the total to 25. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 49 persons participated in a three-day course in cattle management. Trainers were from 20 PLWHA associations. - Two people began a three-week long course on construction of masonry type biogas units. - Six PLWHA cattle owners developed business plan through Land O'Lakes mentoring and applied for loans. 	
6. Ibyiringiro Project:	Activities were undertaken through ACDI/VOCA	<u>Food Security and nutrition PLWA</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9,962 individuals were provided with HIV/related palliative care. - 3,826 OVCs received care and support through OVC programs - 5,019 OVCs received food and nutritional supplementation in a PMTC setting - 5,019 HIV positive lactating mothers and pregnant women received counseling on breast health and proper lactation and on weaning and young child feeding best practices - 1,910 positive pregnant women and lactating mothers received food and nutritional supplementation in a PMTCT setting. 	

3.5 Financial Execution (1st quarter 2009-2010)

Donor	Total allocation	Cumulative disbursement	Current Fiscal Year Budget (FY2009-Actual)	Effective FY 2009 Expenses from October 1, 2008- September 30 , 2009”
USAID	32,027,873	15,195,411	5,000,000	4,337,702
Total	32,027,873	15,195,411	5,000,000	4,337,702

3.6 Implementation progress of procurement plan (January to June 2009)

Procurement for these projects is handled by the USAID/Acquisition and Assistance Office per the signed agreements with MINECOFIN

3.7 Disbursement rate

- Cumulative : 67.763 %
- Mini budget 2009 : 86.75 %