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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Support for Economic Growth and Analysis and Mandela Economics Scholars Program II (SEGA II) began on August 27, 2004 and continues through August 26, 2007. SEGA II has been designed to support the Economics Capacity Strategic Objective of the USAID South Africa results framework. This first quarterly report 2007 documents progress made towards achieving USAID's objectives for this program as reflected in the Statement of Work:

- Working with public sector agencies and civil society organizations to perform analyses that will improve the policy and regulatory environment; and contribute towards a reduction in poverty and unemployment within a supportive macro-economic environment.
- Working with these same institutions, and employing both formal and informal training mechanisms, to develop economic research and policy capacity in South Africa.
- Collaborate with other donors, in particular the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), in achieving these results.

## **SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

A number of large research activities were completed and the results disseminated during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2007. SEGA II has also begun to implement a range of new activities in the areas of credit finance and small business development. Highlights from this quarter include:

- Two large SIPP (Support for the Implementation of Pro-Poor Policies) projects were completed. Final presentations and reports on the PLAAS poverty and vulnerability study and the HSRC case studies on economics of land reform in South Africa were delivered to the Treasury.
- The National Credit Act came into effect on 1 June 2006 and the responsibilities of the Micro Finance Regulatory Council have now been assumed by a new National Credit Regulator (NCR). A batch of new activities designed to assist the NCR in the implementation of the new Act began this quarter.
- SEGA II will be providing support to the Presidency, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Provincial Government of Mpumalanga in the area of small business development and three new tenders were issued in these area. The focus of this assistance will be on the impact of crime, regulations and competition on small businesses.

## **TECHNICAL AREAS**

While the SEGA II statement of work is diverse, it is clearly unified by its focus on capacity development and a strong orientation towards poverty and unemployment. It identifies 10 technical areas covering a wide range of issues and clients. In each area, activities have been designed to enhance the capacity of government, its regulators, NGO's and universities to design and implement economic policy in South Africa. This is to be achieved through policy research, technical advice and a variety of short and longer term training modules. Progress, by each technical area and activity, is described below and summarized in Annex A.

## **TA I: STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF PRO-POOR PROGRAMS (SIPP)**

SIPP is co-funded by DFID and was established to assist the National Treasury (NT) to incorporate pro-poor concerns into its tax and spending programs. Specific projects are identified by the Treasury and submitted to NT's research committee (a panel of four Deputy Director Generals) for approval.

The following SIPP projects have been completed to date:

- a desktop analysis of the importance of the child support grant within different households and for household members and its possible impact on poverty alleviation.
- a discussion paper on the calculation of poverty lines and the implication of different estimates for the measurement of poverty in South Africa.
- a discussion and policy paper on the eligibility of people with chronic illnesses for disability grants.
- a modelling workshop to assist the Government in planning, budgeting, and evaluating the economic impact of the World Cup 2010 soccer tournament.
- the development of a demographic model to assist the National Treasury in projecting the long-term size and distribution of the government’s major social grants.
- a baseline study of the reach, targeting and effectiveness of the primary school nutrition program.
- An extensive and qualitative analysis of the patterns and determinants of poverty and vulnerability in rural South Africa (see Box 1).

Two new SIPP projects were initiated this quarter. The first study, to be undertaken by the Business Map Foundation, will document and evaluate the main black economic empowerment (BEE) programmes funded by national government departments that form part of the economic cluster. This information will help the Treasury in planning for future expenditure in this area. The second project, a review of the costs and benefits of different kinds of subsidies for affordable housing, was completed in November 2006. SEGA commissioned a desk-top study of the experiences of other countries and provided funding for two international housing experts to attend a workshop in South Africa on 17 November.

A number of new SIPP projects are expected to commence in the second quarter of 2007. The National Treasury and SARS have asked SEGA II to fund a firm-level survey to further investigate the causes and cost of tax compliance among small businesses as well as propose legislative and administrative amendments. This tender has been awarded to Citizen Surveys. Contract negotiations have also begun on a range of research studies to evaluate different aspects of South Africa’s current social safety net and recommend changes or improvements to it.

Finally, SEGA II has contributed a fixed amount of funding to a capacity building facility to enable National Treasury employees to participate in targeted economic training events in the USA and South Africa. To date, six employees have received financial assistance from this facility to undertake short-courses in the United States; nine received assistance to undertake short courses locally and the facility contributed towards the costs of the Treasury’s representation at the CABRI (Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative)<sup>1</sup> workshop in Mozambique.

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<sup>1</sup> CABRI is a professional and autonomous network of senior government officials in ministries of finance *and* planning which aims to improve the efficacy of public finance management in Africa. The CABRI secretariat is located in the National Treasury of South Africa. For more detail see: <http://www.africa-sbo.org/cabri>

### **Box 1. Vulnerability and Social Protection at the Margins of the Formal Economy**

The objective of this large, qualitative study was to investigate the livelihood strategies and ‘coping mechanisms’ among poor people in the Cape Town township of Khayelitsha, and one impoverished district in the Eastern Cape. The main findings are summarised below.

- The report suggests that it is necessary to go beyond the limitations of the concept of the ‘second economy’ in explaining or accounting for poverty and vulnerability. Far from poor areas being characterised by disconnection from the ‘mainstream economy’, they seem in many ways highly integrated – but on adverse terms.
- The report argues that self-employment (and in the rural areas, informal agriculture) still plays a crucial role in ameliorating poverty and contributing to food security – but these activities are also strikingly fragile and marginal.
- A corollary of this is the suggestion that important as the informal sector is, poverty eradication needs to be a central focus also in mainstream economic policy making. Job creation and formal employment must be a central plank in any sustainable poverty eradication programme.
- The report highlights the central role of private social protection and complex networks in ameliorating the consequences of poverty and vulnerability.
- The report however argues that, as important as this system of ‘distal social welfare’ or ‘private social protection’ is, it has fundamental limits. In the first place, these networks are fragile. The failure of the mainstream economy to create appropriate jobs, and the rising crisis of HIV & AIDS impose insupportable burdens on them. Secondly, these networks and practices work in very uneven ways. Unemployed youth, single female household heads and women are more likely to be marginalized, ostracized, exploited or punished.
- Within this context, the report describes the complex ways in which people made use of social grants. Findings offer support to other studies that have argued that social grants — particularly pensions and disability grants — play a crucial role in enabling survival, not only for direct recipients, but also for other household members and sometimes even for distant connections.

**Source: PLAAS, December 2006**

## **TA 2: PARLIAMENTARY TRAINING**

SEGA/MESP (implemented by Nathan Associates) provided extensive formal economic training to South African parliamentarians and this support was continued by SEGA II. This activity came to an end in December 2006. SEGA II is still waiting for the results for the final group of 13 Parliamentarians that completed their Honours in Economics Degrees in 2006.

### **TA 3: MICROFINANCE POLICY REFORM**

SEGA II (with funding from PRIME) has a long-standing relationship with the Microfinance Regulatory Council (MFRC) of South Africa. Most recently, the project has assisted the MFRC in preparing for a new National Credit Bill and Act. In December 2005 this Bill was approved by Parliament and the new Act and National Credit Regulator (NCR) came into force on 1 June 2006.

Current and future activities focus on the implementation of this legislation and the transformation of the responsible regulators. This includes:

- An evaluation of credit conditions and interest rates in different consumer credit markets.
- Identifying possible indicators that can be used by the NCR to evaluate and monitor levels of indebtedness in South Africa.
- Assistance with the establishment of the National Credit Register, from inception and design, through technical specification and testing to full operation.
- The design of appropriate policies and business procedures for various new divisions in the NCR.
- The implementation of a communications and stakeholder relations campaign for the NCR.
- The development of information booklets, explaining the objectives and implications of the new act for creditors, debt counsellors and consumers.
- The appointment of a specialist IT consultant to adapt and convert the MFRC's systems to comply with the new structure and needs of the NCR.

In this quarter we received progress reports from three of the subcontractors working for the NCR:

- The situational assessment and scoping exercise for the National Credit Register has been completed and procurement documents have been drafted for the analysis and design part of the project.
- The IT specialist has played a crucial role in developing and maintaining an acceptable level of data and system integrity during the inception of the NCR, enabling the approval and registration of more than 500 credit providers.
- The communications consultant has developed a comprehensive strategic plan for the Education and Communication Division, the first draft of the final MFRC annual report and a media relations guide.

A large proportion of future funding to the NCR will go towards the training of magistrates to understand the terms and implications of the National Credit Act; and to help build capacity within the NCR through specialised training and visits to overseas regulators. These activities are expected to begin in the third quarter of 2007.

### **TA 4: AGRICULTURE AND LAND REFORM**

SEGA II has supported two large studies on land-related issues with funding from ESF.



Social Surveys and Nkuzi Development Association concluded their survey and analysis of land evictions in South Africa last year. According to the survey, 4,183,427 people were displaced from farms over the last 21 years. Approximately 40% of those displaced were evictees. Women and children comprise 77% of all evictees (women 28% and children 49%) and are identified as most vulnerable. This work will contribute to the Department of Land Affairs's policy on land evictions and help Government to identify and assist the most vulnerable communities.

The Human Sciences Research Council together with the Programme for Land and Agrarian Affairs was contracted to evaluate the interactions between land reform and rural development in South Africa. The two case study reports were completed late last year and demonstrated that, from a rural development perspective, land reform is having a very limited economic impact. There is some possibility that the Treasury will ask SEGA II to fund additional case studies in another 2 provinces.

## **TA 5: HIV/AIDS**

SEGA II tackles two broad areas of work on the economics of HIV/AIDS. Firstly, the program supports analysis of the impact of HIV/AIDS on the macro-economy and different industry sectors. A comprehensive macroeconomic analysis of the impact of HIV/Aids under alternative intervention scenarios was completed last year (with co-funding from DFID).

Secondly, SEGA II assists government in costing and monitoring the impact of HIV/AIDS on health care workers and the delivery of basic care and treatment to HIV/AIDS patients, orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). A study on stress and burnout among professional nurses in the Free State Province was completed in December 2006 (see Box 2) and work continues on two PEPFAR-funded projects that will contribute towards the development of a data system for OVCs in South Africa. This includes a review of lessons learnt from previous studies and policy interventions in the area of OVC in South Africa and internationally; and an evaluation of existing government and non-governmental databases and systems to record OVCs in South Africa and select developing countries.

### Box 2. Burnout and compassion fatigue among professional nurses.

The University of the Free State, in cooperation with the Provincial Government of the Free State, recently completed a study on burnout and compassion fatigue among professional nurses (PNs) providing ARV treatment in the Free State Province. The main objectives of this study were to:

- Determine the prevalence of burnout and compassion fatigue among a sample of public health professional nurses;
- Compare the levels of burnout experienced by professional nurses responsible for delivering the ART programme with those of professional nurses working in PHC facilities not rendering ART services; and
- Determine the influence of different work related stressors on the levels of burnout and compassion fatigue experienced by professional nurses in PHC settings.

#### Summary of results:

- High levels of *burnout* and *compassion fatigue* were identified. Likewise, the levels of *emotional exhaustion* reported by participants were very high.
- A large number of the participants frequently experience *emotional depletion*, *reduced capacity for emotional control* and *negative feelings*, such as anxiety, depression, irritability and anger.
- The high level of *compassion fatigue* reported by PNs can be associated with frequent feelings of helplessness, confusion and isolation, which may result in a reduced capacity or interest in being empathetic towards patients.
- The levels of *depersonalisation* and *reduced personal accomplishment* are indicative of moderate burnout. The manifestations of these components of burnout are seen in detachment from patients and colleagues, and in a cynical attitude towards colleagues, patients and the organisation, as well as in a diminished sense of personal accomplishment. This is often accompanied by negative feelings towards the self and gradual deterioration in work performance.
- *Chief professional nurses* and *night-duty nurses* reported the highest levels of emotional exhaustion.
- The reported level of emotional exhaustion in nurses working in *ART facilities* was slightly higher (although not statistically significant) than those of nurses working in non-ART facilities.
- No *differences* were found regarding levels of burnout and compassion fatigue in the three population groups (black, white and coloured).
- *Marital status* did not influence the levels of burnout and compassionate fatigue.
- Participants reported a moderate level of *compassion satisfaction*. This was supported by a large number of qualitative statements that emphasise the positive impact of the opportunity to relieve the suffering of patients and the sense of fulfilment experienced by the participants in their daily contact with patients.

Overall, the results of the research clearly indicate and emphasise that the well-being of professional nurses in this study are detrimentally affected by chronic *work overload* and *occupational stress*.

University of Free State, Centre for Health Systems Research and Development, November 2006

## TA 6: REGULATORY REFORM (AND SMME POLICY)

Three tenders have been issued to initiate a range of new work in the area of SMME development. The focus of this assistance will be on the impact of crime, regulations and competition on small businesses.

The first of these activities began this quarter. The main task of this particular study is to synthesize the existing body of completed and ongoing work in the area of SMME development in South Africa and to make it accessible for policy-makers. This extensive literature and policy review will contribute towards the development of a longer-term SMME research program with the Department of Trade and Industry. Four out of the eight thematic reviews were completed this quarter.

SEGA II has also received a request from the Department of Trade and Industry to appoint a long-term adviser to assist with South Africa's corporate law reform process. The role of this adviser will include conducting research on company law and international best practice, managing consultation and information dissemination, and undertaking research to enable the implementation of the new policy framework and institutions. An appropriate adviser has been identified and is likely to begin work in January 2007.

### **TA 7: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS POLICY**

There is unlikely to be any work in this TA over the duration of the project. SEGA II will continue to monitor developments in this area and will inform USAID if any prospective activities arise for future consideration.

### **TA 8: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

There is unlikely to be any work in this TA over the duration of the project. SEGA II will continue to monitor developments in this area and will inform USAID if any prospective activities arise for future consideration.

### **TA 9: SUPPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

SEGA II funds and manages the Mandela Economic Scholarship Program (MESP) which provides bursaries to South African students to undertake advanced degrees in economics at foreign (MESP I) and local (MESP II) universities.

SEGA II has provided bursaries to four MESP I students to enable them to complete their PhDs in Economics through the Universities of Rhode Island, Michigan State, Massachusetts and Colorado. Two of these students completed their degrees last year and the remaining two plan to return to the USA to defend their theses before July 2007.

The last intake of MESP II students is located at the Universities of Stellenbosch, Kwa-Zulu Natal (UKZN) and Cape Town (UCT). Most of these students (23) completed their course work in 2005 and were awarded a supplementary bursary to write-up their theses. Eight of these students graduated in December 2006. An additional two students completed their course work at the University of Stellenbosch, but not their theses. Support for MESP II ended in 2007 and in total, 17 of the MESP II students assisted by SEGA II had not graduated by the end of the program.

### **TA 10: COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES**

The above technical areas cover most of the key aspects of poverty and unemployment in South Africa, but not all. Notable exceptions include private sector issues and the impact of globalization on trade, investment, employment and the poor.

SEGA II has worked with South Africa's largest trade union federation (COSATU) to provide training workshops for shop stewards and to undertake a research program to understand the impact of trade reform on the poor. DFID and the DTI contributed significant funding to this research program, which included 16 sub-components and about 20 different

researchers. The research work is complete and the results have been presented to COSATU and DTI and disseminated widely.

To assist private sector development, SEGA II is providing ongoing advice to the National Treasury on the costs and benefits of different kinds of industrial policy instruments. This includes a review of sector specific interventions as well as proposals on a number of cross-cutting economic constraints. A final paper by Frank Flatters and Matthew Stern has been delivered to the Treasury. This activity was co-funded by USAID/RCSA in Botswana. An indicator of the value placed on this analysis is the fact that the South African National Treasury has retained Frank Flatter's services as a policy and capacity building advisor within the economic policy division of National Treasury for the remainder of the contract.

## BENCHMARKS

The following table provides a summary of the key objectives and results for SEGA II. Existing targets, taken from the Performance Monitoring Plan for USAID/South Africa's Economics Capacity Building Strategic Objective, have been added to show the contribution of SEGA II and to facilitate USAID monitoring of the progress of the project.

	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>2005 (Aug-27-2004 to Aug-26-2005)</b>		<b>2006: Quarter 4</b>	
		<i>Anticipated results</i>	<i>Proposed Targets</i>	<i>Cumulative Performance</i>	<i>Comment</i>
<b>Sustainable capacity-building</b>	<b>Strengthen human resources in economics and policy</b>	Number of historically disadvantaged people completing long term advanced degrees and placed in jobs as economists	N/A	N/A	MESP ended
		Number of people selected for training	N/A	N/A	MESP ended
		Gender Equity – percent women trained	N/A	N/A	MESP ended
		Proportion of graduates working for government	N/A	N/A	MESP ended
	<b>Strengthen centres of economic excellence in teaching and research at historically disadvantaged universities.</b>	Full-time equivalent students	N/A	N/A	Program ended
		Outreach programs with govt, Parl., bus., NGOs	N/A	N/A	Program ended
		Quality Research papers	N/A	N/A	Program ended
<b>Assessments and analyses</b>	<b>Strengthen government departments that deal with policy matters.</b>	Number of directorates strengthened	5	7	
		Number of quality policy studies completed	30	2	
		People in economics training	150	1	
		Gender Equity – Women in Training	40%	100%	1/1
	<b>Strengthen think tanks to formulate and deal with economic policy options.</b>	Number of quality studies produced	10	2	
		Number of seminar, conferences, and workshops attended by think tanks.	4	0	
		Black professionals working on assisted activities	20	2	
		Gender equity – professional women working on assisted activities	12	7	

It is important to recognise that the indicators and targets applied above were developed to monitor the performance of the SEGA/MESP (Nathan Associates) contract and are not all reflective of type and scale of work done by SEGA II. In the absence of a more accurate and appropriate PMP, SEGA II will continue to report against these indicators.

## DELIVERABLES

The following deliverables were prepared during the period October 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

Technical Area	Activity	Date	Document title. type
SIPP	Land based vulnerability, labour markets and social protection	December 2006	Vulnerability and Social Protection - PLAAS report - Final (2006 12).pdf
SIPP	Housing Tax Incentives	November 2006	Housing Subsidies.doc
SIPP	Reference Panel	October 2006	Land reform studies evaluation.doc
HIV/AIDS	Roll-out of ARV treatment in the Free State Province	December 2006	ARV Free State.doc
Regulatory Reform / SMME Policy	SMME Literature and Policy Review	December 2006	segainfecon2.doc segaled.doc segabds2.doc segapsmme.doc
MFRC/NCR	Feasibility and Design of the National Credit Register	December 2006	Tracy vd Heijden Progress Report.doc
MFRC/NCR	IT Technical Assistance	December 2006	Progress Report G Z Stander.doc
MFRC/NCR	Communications advisor	December 2006	Progress Report Bertha Dlamini.doc
Complementary	Economic Analysis	December 2006	Economic Advisor Public Policy.doc

## ANNEX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Activity No.	Project	Description	Objective	Indicative Budget \$	Status	Start date	End data
<i>TA1: Strengthening the Impact of Pro-poor Programs (SIPP)</i>							
8	Intra-household dynamics in resource allocation	Analysis of the flows of social grants to different types of households and the impact of these grants on household members	To evaluate the allocation and effectiveness of social grants	30 000	Completed	Feb 2005	May 2005
30	Poverty line	Review of methodologies for calculation of poverty lines and the implications of different estimations for the measurement of poverty in South Africa	To assist Government in the determination of an appropriate methodology and measure	15 000	Completed	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
3, 45 & 50	CGE Micro-simulation	Technical assistance to National Treasury modelling unit	To assist NT in the development of a CGE Micro-simulation model	120 00	Ongoing	Nov 2004	Mid-2007
10	Land-based vulnerability, labour markets and social protection	Analysis of the patterns and determinants of vulnerability and food security in rural South Africa; and a review of government policies in these areas	To inform government on the livelihoods of the most poor and recommend policies to assist them	295 000	Completed	Feb 2005	Dec 2006
17	Primary School Nutrition Program	Baseline study and evaluation of the reach and effectiveness of the government's school feeding scheme	To provide baseline data and a possible methodology for future M&E	175 000	Completed	Aug 2005	Jul 2006
12	Social grants projections	Examination of population dynamics and the likely evolution of the economic position of welfare beneficiaries	To estimate the cost and improve targeting of social grants	80 000	Completed	Jun 2005	Apr 2006
18	Rural municipality case studies	Analysis of the economic impact of land reform projects in four pilot sites.	To clarify the economic case for land reform	200 000	Completed	Aug 2005	Nov 2006
33	Economic Analysis	Work with NT officials to develop analytical spreadsheets and develop a set of tools to evaluate policies	To build capacity for economic cost-benefit analysis within NT	240 000	Ongoing	Apr 2006	End 2007
28	FIFA Workshop	Workshop to assist NT to evaluate the potential economic impact and develop appropriate models for the 2010 World Cup.	To engage world experts to present and advise the NT modelling unit.	10 000	Completed	Nov 2005	Dec 2005

<b>Activity No.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Indicative Budget \$</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End data</b>
29	Disability Grants	A desktop policy review of the main problems experienced in the delivery of the disability grant and a description of the policy options available to government.	To assist NT in developing a national policy for the delivery of disability grants	11 000	Completed	Dec 2005	Jan 2006
48	Housing Tax Incentives	A desk top study and workshop with international experts on on the experience and appropriateness of different kinds of housing subsidies and support in middle-income countries	To advise government on possible housing finance support programmes.	41 000	Completed	Nov 2006	Nov 2006
44	BEE Review	Documentation and evaluation of main BEE expenditure programmes initiated by national government departments that form part of the economic cluster.	To understand similarities, synergies, and areas of cooperation and duplication.	41 000	Ongoing	Sep 2006	Early 2007
53	SMME Tax Compliance	A national survey of tax compliance costs impacting on small businesses operating in both the formal and informal sectors.	To assist government and SARS to reduce the cost and raise the incidence of tax compliance.	300 000	Contracting	Jan 2007	Dec 2007
n/a	Poverty Reduction and Social Security	Analyses of various models for social security benefit schemes: UIF, Retirement, Workman's Compensation, death, disability and survivor benefits.	To assist government in the review and revision of the social security system.	500 000	Design	Jan 2007	Dec 2007
40	Reference Panel	A technical and policy review of completed SIPP projects.	To improve the accuracy and relevance of SIPP research.	75 000	Ongoing	Jul 2006	Dec 2007
<b><i>TA2: Parliamentary training</i></b>							
19	Parliamentary training	Formal economic training and support to Parliamentarians, especially the Budget Committee.	To improve economic knowledge and capacity in Parliament	150 000	Completed	Sep 2005	Nov 2006
<b><i>TA3: Microfinance policy reform</i></b>							
7	Consumer Credit Act	Evaluation of credit conditions and interest rates in different consumer credit markets	To recommend methodology for determination of interest rate ceilings	60 000	Completed	Feb 2005	Sep 2005
13	Long-term adviser on	Design and implementation of National Credit	To assist in the design of a	100 000	Completed	Sep 2005	Mar 2006



Activity No.	Project	Description	Objective	Indicative Budget \$	Status	Start date	End data
	Microfinance Policy	Regulator (NCR) and development of framework for credit providers	regulatory regime for the NCR				
38	Consumer Education and Awareness	A marketing and research organization will design and publish easily comprehensible booklets on the National Credit Act for distribution to debt counsellors and creditors.	To educate debt counsellors and creditors on the new Act.	70 000	Ongoing	Aug 2006	Feb 2007
39	Feasibility and Design of the National Credit Register	Technical adviser to assist with the design and implementation of a national credit register.	To guide NCR staff through the establishment of the Register.	135 000	Ongoing	July 2006	Jun 2007
43	Communications Advisor	Communications expert to initiate stakeholder relations and develop a marketing campaign for the NCR	To implement a corporate communications strategy.	82 000	Ongoing	Oct 2006	Jun 2007
42	Policies and Procedures	Analysis of existing policies and procedures and the design and implementation of new procedures to address changes to the organisation and the Act.	To establish new and appropriate policies and business procedures for the NCR.	191 000	Ongoing	Oct 2006	Apr 2007
32	IT Technical Assistance	Specialist adviser appointed to check and revise specifications for system, arrange feedback between users and evaluate and test system.	To support the IT Infrastructure as the MFRC transforms in NCR	70 000	Ongoing	Apr 2006	Jan 2007
49	Indebtedness indicators	Review and quantification of possible indicators to be used to measure consumer credit indebtedness	To propose measures of consumer credit indebtedness to be tracked by the NCR	12 000	Ongoing	Jan 2006	Apr 2007
<b>TA4: Agriculture and land reform</b>							
9	Evictions - national survey	National survey of incidence and socio-economic impact of farm evictions	To inform policy on land evictions and highlight vulnerable communities	150 000	Completed	Mar 2005	Nov 2005
<b>TA5: HIV/AIDS</b>							
4	Home and Community Based Care (HCBC)	Assessment of characteristics, cost and efficiency of different HCBC models	To recommend appropriate models for scaling up HCBC programs	190 000	Completed	Jan 2005	Nov 2006

Activity No.	Project	Description	Objective	Indicative Budget \$	Status	Start date	End data
15	Impact of HIV/AIDS on health care workers	Analysis of the prevalence of HIV/AIDS amongst professional nurses its impact on attrition and productivity	To assist in human resource development and planning	85 000	Completed	Sep 2005	May 2006
20	Macroeconomic impact study	Evaluation of the economic impact of HIV/AIDS, by sector	To demonstrate the economic cost of HIV/AIDS	20 000	Completed	Sep 2005	Apr 2006
n/a	SA Journal of Economics	Publication of special edition focusing on the economics of HIV/AIDS	To publicize research in this area	20 000	Completed	Dec 2005	Dec 2005
27	HIV/AIDS and Poverty Workshop	Conference on the relationship between HIV/AIDS and poverty	To improve data and research on HIV/AIDS	20 000	Completed	Dec 2005	Dec 2005
23	Health Economics Roundtable	Forum for health economists to present research and identify research priorities.	To improve research coordination and collaboration	10 000	Completed	Feb 2006	Feb 2006
26	Roll-out of ARV treatment in the Free State Province	Monitoring and evaluation of the roll-out of ARV treatment and the impact on nurses at specific pilot sites	To highlight progress and obstacles to ARV roll-out	150 000	Completed	Dec 2005	Nov 2006
34	OVC –Media Stories and Documentary	Documentation of 5 OVC case studies and the preparation of presentations and a short documentary film of one selected site	To assist OVC organizations to document and share their 'stories' at a national conference.	35 000	Completed	Jun 2006	Oct 2006
36	OVC – Lessons learnt	Review of research done, policies in place and interventions implemented on OVCs in Southern Africa	To assist DSD in the development of an OVC data system	35 000	Ongoing	Aug 2006	Feb 2007
35	OVC – Data systems	Review information on OVC data systems established in South Africa and internationally	To assist DSD in the development of an OVC data system	90 000	Ongoing	Aug 2006	Mid 2007
54	Effective Intervention for OVC	Documentation of all PEPFAR OVC partners in SA to identify program models, cost them, and evaluate outcomes.	To determine best practices for providing services to OVCs	300 000	Tendering	Early 2007	Late 2007

***TA6: Regulatory reform (and SMME Policy)***

Activity No.	Project	Description	Objective	Indicative Budget \$	Status	Start date	End data
41	SMME Literature and Policy Review	A desktop scan of available literature on SMME development and policies in S.A. and the identification of research gaps.	To assist DTI to develop an SMME research strategy.	70 000	Ongoing	Sep 2006	Feb 2007
52	Company Law Reform	Long-term adviser to manage the process of Corporate Law Reform in the Department of Trade and Industry	To assist the DTI to successfully conclude the law reform process through research and consultation.	160 000	Contracting	Jan 2007	Aug 2007
<b>TA9: Support for higher education</b>							
16	MESP 1	Provision of bursaries and support to South African students to undertake post-graduate studies in the USA	To facilitate post-graduate education in economics amongst historically disadvantaged students	100 000	Ongoing	Nov 2005	Mid 2007
24	MESP 2	Provision of bursaries and support to select academic departments and courses	To facilitate post-graduate education in economics amongst historically disadvantaged students	130 000	Ongoing	Aug 2004	Early 2007
11	UWC / Centre of Economic Excellence (CEE)	Financial support and assistance to the economics department at UWC	To develop and sustain a CEE at UWC	35 000	Completed	Jul 2005	Jun 2007
25	Placements and internships	Assistance to MESP graduates in finding employment in Government departments or agencies	To help graduates find permanent and appropriate employment	10 000	Completed	Dec 2005	Dec 2005
<b>TA10: Complementary activities</b>							
5	Development through trade	Provision of support to South African Institute of International Affairs' (SAIIA) trade research and advocacy program	To inform policy makers and business leaders on trade policy developments	35 000	Completed	Jan 2005	Mar 2005
1 & 22	Trade training for union leadership	Facilitation of two workshops on trade theory and policy for union leadership	To inform union members and leaders on trade policy developments	50 000	Completed	Oct 2004	Oct 2005
37	Southern Africa Tax Institute (SATI)	Support to SATI training courses	To enhance tax knowledge amongst policy makers	10 000	Completed	Jun 2006	Jun 2006

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6	Industrial policy and incentives	Analysis of the relative impact of investment incentives and other industrial policy initiatives	To inform policy makers on the design and impact of industrial policy	60 000	Completed	Mar 2005	Jun 2006
21	Trade and poverty	Various household and case study analyses of the relationship between trade and poverty	To understand the way in which trade impacts upon poverty in SA.	50 000	Completed	Nov 2005	Mar 2006
46	National Income Dynamics Survey (NIDS)	Experts to provide technical assistance and guidance to the project team for the first year of the NIDS survey.	To provide oversight of the NIDS project.	100 000	Ongoing	Nov 2006	Dec 2007
51	NIDS Qualitative Study	Qualitative study to provide a deeper understanding of the data collected for the NIDS Survey	To augment the design of the NIDS survey questionnaire.	100 000	Contracting	Jan 2007	Dec 2007
47	Overseas Development Institute	Assistance to the deployment of two long-term advisers to the National Treasury	To enhance economic capacity within the Treasury	15 000	Contracting	Dec 2006	Dec 2006
14	Economic growth analysis	Four reviews of key issues relating to economic growth and development in South Africa	To inform future USAID strategy in this area.	15 000	Completed	Jun 2005	Nov 2005