

TITLE <b>Human Rights Fund for Africa</b>		FUNDS <b>Selected Development Activities</b>	PROPOSED OBLIGATION (in thousands of dollars)		
NUMBER Various		PRIOR REFERENCE <b>None</b>	FY 81 <b>100</b>	LIFE OF PROJECT <b>Continuing</b>	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF PROJECT <b>FY Continuing</b>
GRANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOAN <input type="checkbox"/>		INITIAL OBLIGATION FY 1979	ESTIMATED FINAL OBLIGATION FY Continuing	
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**Purpose:** The project purpose is to promote observance of civil and political rights. Civil and political rights are identified in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Among the civil/political rights are those involving freedom from torture or cruel or inhuman or degrading treatment; freedom of expression, association, religion, and the press; the right to follow one's cultural traditions; and freedom of movement and residence.

**Background and Progress to Date:** The program was initiated in FY 79 and funded projects in 12 African countries, including those funds provided under the Sahel Development Program. The average grant was for \$10,000, but an exception was made for the Dakar Institute for Human Rights Education. That grant was treated as a regional grant, because the Institute, Africa's first for the promotion of human rights, serves the entire Francophone community of Africa. The grant provided the Secretariat which materials to enable it to begin operating, and also funded the first seminars organized by the Institute.

Additional projects in FY 79 were providing Human Rights materials to a new law school for civil servants in Guinea-Bissau and a three-month law graduate course on cooperative human rights problems, at the University of Togo.

The Human Rights Fund enables the U.S. Ambassadors to fund projects quickly to respond to host country initiatives for promoting civil and political rights. By beginning with relatively small grants, AID can fund "seed money" projects which will encourage host countries to develop and build upon already established activities.

**Host Country and Other Donors:** All African countries eligible for U.S. bilateral development assistance can participate. An important component is the self-help element, either financed

or in kind, in order to demonstrate local support, either government or private, for the activity. We hope as a result of these demonstration projects, it will encourage local financing.

**FY 81 Program:** In FY 81 \$300,000 is planned for human rights activities in approximately 30 African countries. Approved projects will establish dynamic, continuing activities for promoting civil and political rights.

**Major Outputs:** The overall output is the promotion of civil and political rights in the countries participating. The overall specific outputs are: increasing contact among those who are interested in human rights and development, increasing knowledge and information on human rights; developing interest in human rights, furthering advocacy, especially of minorities and disadvantaged groups; obtaining or maintaining human rights under development programs. Some specific examples of activities to be funded are seminars, conferences, and educational programs, local research or scholarship, training of those who want to encourage better human rights, assistance to local organizations which encourage better human rights observance, and ombudsman programs.

**A.I.D. Financed Inputs:** (\$ thousands)  
 FY 81  
 Other Costs: 100

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U.S. FINANCING (in thousands of dollars)				PRINCIPAL CONTRACTORS OR AGENCIES
	Obligations	Expenditures	Unliquidated	
Through September 30, 1979	86	-	86	N/A
Estimated Fiscal Year 1980	300	150		
Estimated through September 30, 1980	386	150	236	
		Future Year Obligations	Estimated Total Cost	
Proposed Fiscal Year 1981	100	Continuing	Continuing	

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FY 81 Human Rights Fund, to date

Benin:	<del>FY 80 cost overrun</del> <i>travel expense</i>	\$ 2,000
Ghana:	Legal assistance for farmers	10,000
Kenya:	(a) Travel and per diem for three East African lawyers to attend Inter-African Union of Lawyers follow-up meeting in Nairobi	3,100
	(b) Travel/Study of High Court Justice Z.R. Chesoni	12,500
<u>Sudan:</u>	Research materials for Sudanese Bar Association	
Tanzania:	FY 80-81 Academic expenses for a degree candidate studying the role of human rights in international relations	12,650
Uganda:	Election material	\$150,000
Zaire:	Conference on Fundamental Rights of Working Women sponsored by the Women's Bureau of the National Workers Association	10,000