

## PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT (PMR) #4

**TO:** Joseph Lieberson, CTO, USAID  
**FROM:** Jack Sullivan, Development Associates  
**RE:** USAID Evaluation IQC (#AEP-I-OO-00-00023-00)  
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### A. NEW TASK ORDER SUMMARIES

- ▶ **Ghana/Evaluation of the Natural Resource Conservation & Historic Preservation Project.** *Contract No. AEP-I-00-00-00023-00, Task Order No. 803, Evaluation IQC, Period of Performance: 5/4/01 - 6/16/01, Amount: \$140,332.*

Since 1991 USAID/Ghana had supported with grants a series of activities aimed at conservation of natural resources and preservation of the historic heritage of the country. Under our Evaluation IQC Development Associates and our consortium partners were asked to field a team of three expatriates and a local professional to evaluate the project. The team concentrated on three major questions: 1) the capacity of an NGO established under the activity, the Ghana Heritage Consolidation Trust (GHCT), to assume the full responsibility to manage the endowment created by USAID, 2) the effectiveness of an attempt to consolidate activities within the program during its second phase (1998-2001) and 3) the economic impact and effects of the entire project from 1991-2001. Our team included a Chief of Party economist, a financial analyst, an eco-tourism specialist and a local tourism professional. By reviewing documents, interviewing stakeholders and participants and through site visits they arrived at an assessment of the project and stated their conclusions about its economic impact in Ghana.

***Problems Encountered and Remedial Action:*** No problems.

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- ▶ **Macedonia/Evaluation of the Democracy Network (DemNet) Program.** *Contract No. AEP-I-00-00-00023-00, Task Order, Period of Performance: 6/11/01 - 8/03/01, Amount: \$55,323.*

The DemNet Program in Macedonia is part of a USAID regional program targeted at building sustainable, indigenous, public policy related non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Central and Eastern Europe. When the program in Macedonia was nearing completion after six years of operation, the USAID Mission awarded a task order contract under our Evaluation IQC to Development Associates. Our scope of work called for us to 1) assess the progress of the DemNet Program toward achieving stated program objectives, to document its progress and lessons learned, 2) to analyze the key problems

and the overall conditions of the NGO sector in Macedonia, and 3) to consider and discuss options for follow-on assistance by the U.S. to support Macedonian NGOs and foster their further development. As a result of the outbreak of conflict in Macedonia, however, it became impossible for the firm's expert on DemNet evaluations and his Macedonian professional team member to proceed with the assignment.

***Problems Encountered and Remedial Action:*** Because of armed conflict in Macedonia, the field work for the assignment has been postponed indefinitely.

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## **B. COMPLETED TASK ORDERS**

- ▶ **Ukraine/Assessment of the Regional Community Humanitarian Assistance Program (CHAP).** *Contract No. AEP-I-00-00-00023-00, Task Order No. 800, Period of Performance: 2/2/2001 - 4/13/2001, Amount: \$93,173.*

***Problems Encountered and Remedial Action:*** Because of circumstances beyond their control, the team was not able to visit Belarus as envisioned in the original SOW. Through telephonic interviews, however, they were able to receive a substantial amount of information on the program in Belarus.

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- ▶ **Ukraine/Evaluation of the Banking Sector** *Contract No. AEP-I-00-00-00023-00, Task Order No. 801, Period of Performance: 2/20/2001 - 4/13/01, Amount: \$76,648.*

***Problems Encountered and Remedial Action:*** None.

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- ▶ **Evaluation of the Institutional Strengthening and Grant-Making (ISGM) Program of the Horn of Africa Support Project (HASP).** *Contract No. AEP-I-00-00023-00, Task Order No. 802, Period of Performance: 3/6/01 - 4/14/01, Amount: \$113,893.*

***Problems Encountered and Remedial Action:*** None.

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