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DJIBOUTI

COUNTRY PROFILE

Djibouti is a key strategic partner to the United States in the Horn of Africa. Djibouti faces many challenges, including chronic drought and food insecurity; a lack of skilled workers; high unemployment; high electricity costs; poor health indicators; and a growing influx of refugees from throughout the region. Combined, these challenges severely strain the already limited resources of the Djiboutian government. Sustained assistance to this small, but strategically important, country is critical to stability across the Horn of Africa.

Our Work

BASIC EDUCATION

USAID's work to improve primary education focuses on reinforcing basic literacy to improve reading skills in grades 1-5. We also work with the Ministry of Education to build its capacity to teach French as a second language. A new activity is due to start later this year.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE

USAID supports the work of civil society organizations and the Government of Djibouti to foster accountable governance, and improve service delivery. We also strengthen civil society organizations to better provide key services to, and advocate on behalf of, their constituents.

HEALTH/PEPFAR (USAID)

USAID/Djibouti's health programs focus on HIV/AIDS. Current activities consist of linking integrated networks of Key Populations to prevent HIV/AIDS through global evidence-based services. Interventions include prevention, counseling and testing, care and referral for treatment. In addition to direct health interventions, as outlined above, USAID plays an important representation role through its participation in Djibouti's Country Coordinating Mechanism for the Global Fund.

POWER AFRICA

USAID provides support and technical assistance to the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MERN) and the Office of Geothermal Development (ODDEG) under the Office of the President. Two Power Africa activities are being implemented: the Power Africa Transaction and Reform Program (PATRP) and the East Africa Geothermal Partnership (EAGP). USAID technical assistance consists of training, transaction and regulatory support as well as drilling supervision and data management

WATER, SANITATION AND HEALTH (WASH)

Through our Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH) activity, USAID contributes to the reduction of mortality and morbidity of the most vulnerable children and women in rural areas. The activity's focus is to increase access to potable water, sanitation and hygiene and to raise awareness on key basic hygiene practices.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

In support of the Ministry of Women and Family, USAID is implementing an activity to empower poor, vulnerable women living in suburban and rural areas. The activity has three main objectives: 1) Institutional capacity building for the Ministry of Women and Family; 2) Strengthening women's income-generating skills so that they can create new economic opportunities; 3) Promotion of new women's cooperatives.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Through our Workforce Development activity, we support the Djiboutian government's strategy of reducing unemployment. The objective of the Workforce Development activity is to increase the number of active members of the Djiboutian workforce by working closely with the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFOP), the Chamber of Commerce and ANEFIP (National Agency for Job Placement) to: 1) Expand quality workforce readiness programs (particularly technical and vocational institutions); 2) Create sustainable, productive linkages between the public sector (workforce supply) and the private sector (workforce demand); and 3) Strengthen job placement, retention, and advancement services.

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