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UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE ON TRADE FACILITATION

This submission provides an overview of some key trade facilitation-related technical assistance activities, along with annexes that set forth US technical assistance on a country-by-country basis and describe the level of assistance and the nature of the activities.

I. SUMMARY

1. Between 2000 and 2005, US Trade-Related Technical Assistance (TRTA) more than doubled from $504 million to $1.3 billion. Trade facilitation assistance is the fastest growing and largest share of total United States support for TRTA, comprising $368 million in FY05. Since 2000, the United States has carried out activities in 101 countries worldwide[1] in all areas of trade facilitation to simplify, standardize, and harmonize customs and other border procedures; improve customs cooperation at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels; and develop and strengthen cooperation and consultation between customs administrations and stakeholders. This includes work in transparency, administrative practice and organization, risk management, customs valuation, harmonized system classification, rules of origin, intellectual property rights, importer audit, integrity awareness, and automation.

2. Assistance is conducted in a coordinated fashion through key agencies such as the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the US Trade and Development Agency, the Commercial Law Development Program of the US Department of Commerce, US Customs and Border Protection, the US Patent and Trademark Office and many others.

II. THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT (MCA)

3. The MCA is a new program that will significantly increase US contributions to Trade Capacity Building (TCB) by channelling grants to developing countries that demonstrate a strong commitment to investing in their people, ruling justly and encouraging economic freedom. Based on country demands, much of the MCA assistance will likely focus on infrastructure and trade facilitation issues. For example, part of the $215 million MCA program with Honduras improves the condition of the CA-5 Norte Highway that links the Atlantic port of Puerto Cortes to Pacific ports and major production centres in Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua. In another example, the MCA program in Georgia has reserved close to $300 million for activities such as building roads and rehabilitating a gas pipeline. Annex D provides examples of MCA contributions to trade facilitation.

[1] Annexes A - D provide detailed information on US trade facilitation programs worldwide. US assistance related to trade facilitation is generally defined as assistance in lowering the costs of engaging in, or eliminating obstacles to, international trade flows. More information on US assistance can be found at http://qesdb.cdie.org/tcb/index.html

III. PROVIDING INNOVATIVE AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

4. US partnerships in development achieve practical results when recipient countries identify their precise needs, taking into account input from all government agencies, private sector, and civil society. Success is highly dependent on local commitment and intense collaboration with our developing country partners.

5. One example of this type of innovative collaboration is the TRTA provided to US partners under the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). In a first for any free trade agreement, the CAFTA-DR created TCB Working Groups that operated in parallel to negotiating groups. The TCB groups, comprised of the United States and its CAFTA-DR partners, discussed assistance needs, particularly those related to trade facilitation, at each round of negotiations. CAFTA-DR partners developed an assessment, or "National Strategy", that defined their TCB needs. The National Strategy provided US agencies and other donors with a guide to focus their assistance, while at the same time helping partners prioritize and coordinate their needs with internal stakeholders. In order to maximize resources and avoid duplication, CAFTA-DR trading partners invited non-governmental organizations, representatives from the private sector, and international institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank to participate. Additionally, the TCB working groups attracted the participation of organizations as diverse as the Humane Society International and the Business Coalition for Capacity Building.

6. In their National Strategies, CAFTA-DR countries identified improving customs administrative processes and procedures and increasing the use of risk management for cargo selectivity as their primary needs. After identifying these priorities, the group acted quickly to put together a comprehensive, multi-year TRTA Action Plan to address these areas. Building on the success of the CAFTA-DR TCB Working Group, parties institutionalized the TCB Working Group as part of the CAFTA-DR agreement. This Working Group continues to coordinate trade-related assistance. The US-Andean Free Trade Agreement also has a TCB working group that has identified the needs of the Andean countries, including technical assistance on implementing a valuation regime and modernizing the Andeans' National Customs Administrations. The US-SACU FTA negotiations also have a TCB working group.

7. The approach used has been a new type of undertaking. It is our aim to share the practical experiences gained by the United States as providers and by our partners as recipients to help inform our work to address our mandate in the Trade Facilitation negotiations.

IV. ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF UNITED STATES SUPPORT (2003 TO PRESENT)

A. ANDEAN REGION

8. The United States has assisted Andean countries with implementation of the WTO Customs Valuation Agreement through individual country assessments and four training modules delivered to senior customs officials from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela. Training enhanced the skills of Andean countries' customs officers who are or will be responsible for the development and functional implementation of WTO consistent customs valuation policies and procedures. This included headquarters and field personnel who possess the authority to determine the customs value of merchandise based on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade GATT/WTO Value Code.

B. ARMENIA

9. United States assistance aided Armenia in the reorganization and modernization of customs, in particular by developing the State Customs Committee's (SCC) capacity to appropriately administer and improve the Customs Code and related regulations; developing internal customs manuals; and implementing automated systems for customs data (ASYCUDA) at all customs points.

C. GUATEMALA

10. Within the CAFTA-DR TCB Working Group framework, the United States assisted these countries in establishing public/private partnerships, or "pro-committees", on a regional and national basis to identify concrete reforms and assistance needs, improve communication, and facilitate public/private sector cooperation in implementing new procedures and systems. In one case, the Latin American Association of Express Companies, through a pro-committee, provided technical support and industry perspectives to the Government of Guatemala in putting an express shipment regime into practice. This work has supported changes such as Guatemala's express customs and general air cargo facility operating 24 hours per day, clearance times being only 6 hours, and traders submitting a single, electronic manifest for customs clearance.

D. INDONESIA

11. A US-supported initiative identifies the technical and financial requirements for a new Information Technology (IT) and telecommunications infrastructure at the Port of Tanjung Priok, in Jakarta. The project will lead to improved customs procedures and security measures at the port.

E. JAMAICA

12. US technical assistance supported the Jamaica Customs Department's drive towards creating an e-payment system. The E-Payments Project was a successful collaboration that included the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Fiscal Services Limited, Scotia Bank, Customs Brokers Association, and Grace Kennedy Cable and Wireless. Prior to establishing the E-Payment system, duty payments were made to cashiers at Customs House and took at least 2 to 3 days. The process can now take 1 to 2 hours. As a result of the project, an importer or broker may use a credit card to make customs duty payments and can check the status of entries on-line.

F. JORDAN

13. The United States provided extensive assistance to the Jordanian National Customs Department to overhaul its operations. First, legal advisors from the program reviewed Jordan's Customs Code and helped draft amendments to bring it into compliance with WTO requirements. To improve Jordan's ability to process goods, the United States provided technical assistance and equipment to install the ASYCUDA system. In 2000, before utilization of ASYCUDA, the average wait time for shipments clearing customs was 2.1 days. In 2003, 77 per cent of shipments cleared in 24 hours or less, even as the number of shipments to process rose 37 per cent. The United Nations recognized Jordan's rapid and efficient implementation of the ASYCUDA system as exemplary and today Jordanian Customs officers provide technical assistance on ASYCUDA to neighbouring countries.

G. KENYA/UGANDA BORDER POST

14. The United States is providing technical assistance to support the One Stop Joint Border Control Project at the Malaba, Kenya/Uganda border post, which seeks to increase transparency and harmonize customs, immigration, and cargo tracking. Officials chose Malaba as the flagship border post to introduce both infrastructure in support of a joint juxtaposed facility and IT solutions to facilitate more efficient trade procedures. The initial phase will refurbish the Malaba railway station, which the Uganda Revenue Authority and the Kenya Revenue Authority will share, and include road and rail transport. The

next phase will design and implement a solution for an "IT corridor" to span the trade route of the Northern Corridor from Mombasa, Kenya, to Kampala, Uganda.

H. MAGHREB (TUNISIA, ALGERIA AND MOROCCO)

15. A United States supported seminar for Tunisian, Algerian and Moroccan Customs and private sector shipping officials highlighted changes in customs work brought on by new technologies with particular emphasis on a Tunisian-developed electronic customs payment system. The seminar was held in coordination with the World Customs Organization, US Customs, and the World Bank. This was the first time that the three customs organizations had come together to discuss their work and ongoing projects in each country.

I. NEPAL

16. Technical assistance has assisted Nepal Customs with establishing and implementing an efficient and effective customs valuation system compliant with the WTO Valuation Agreement. Specific assistance provided an effective risk management/cargo selectivity unit under the existing ASYCUDA system. Technical assistance also helped develop indigenous training capability (e.g. curriculum development and training of trainers).

J. PHILIPPINES

17. The United States helped the Government of the Philippines to standardize and simplify processes and procedures for clearing goods at the border. As a result, the Philippines developed a new customs valuation law, which implemented the WTO customs valuation rules, established an invoice value basis, and decreased customs officials' discretion.

K. SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

18. In Southeastern Europe, the United States funded technical assessments of customs procedures, infrastructure, and legal frameworks and made corresponding recommendations for changes in those areas. The Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) and the Trade and Transport Facilitation in Southeast Europe (TTFSE) program reduced non-tariff trade and transport costs. Since the TTFSE project began, volumes of trade in the TTFSE countries have increased by 45 per cent, customs revenues have swelled by 88 per cent and savings from reduced cross-border transit time have exceeded $14 million.

L. SOUTHERN AFRICA: TRANS-KALAHARI

19. The United States has supported a range of activities aimed at reducing the transaction costs of trade through increasing efficiency of cross border movement of goods in Southern Africa. Work focused on the simplification and rationalization of customs documentation through the introduction of the Single Administrative Document (adopted on the Trans Kalahari Corridor (TKC) and subsequently adopted on the Maputo Corridor) and technical support to Corridor Management Committees. The number of trucks using the TKC has increased by 400 per cent since its establishment and approximately 200 customs officials have completed training on risk management techniques.

M. UGANDA

20. The United States helped establish Fresh Handling Ltd., an export management company Ugandan exporters own and manage, to improve delivery systems and improve the poor infrastructure agricultural exporters utilize. Fresh Handling has refurbished airport facilities, purchased needed equipment (dollies, pallet insulating covers, and temperature monitoring equipment) and established an office space. Since Fresh Handling was established, average exports have grown from 180 metric tonnes in 2002 to over 500 metric tonnes in 2005, a 177 per cent increase. Fresh Handling Ltd currently handles 67 per cent of all Uganda's fresh produce exports.

N. VIETNAM

21. The United States worked closely with the Vietnam Customs Department to develop a circular that would require import duties to be based on a good's transaction value. Approved in early December 2003, the circular applied at first only to imports from the United States and ASEAN, but soon thereafter it extended to most of Vietnam's trading partners. Additionally, the minimum price list was eliminated in mid-2004. The United States is now working with customs to develop a handbook on valuation to provide information on specific procedures for customs officers and businesses. Vietnam has made considerable progress in implementing an effective valuation system that implements the US-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement, facilitates WTO accession and, most importantly, promotes trade.

O. ZAMBIA

22. United States support for the Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement Project (ZAMTIE) has three objectives, to reduce barriers to trade and investment, to build capacity in public and private sector organizations and to foster linkages between and among producers, suppliers, processors, traders, service providers, and consumers within and outside of Zambia. The project assisted the GRZ to justify the implementation of schedule B under its Southern African Development Community commitments, which had been delayed by the Ministry of Finance and National Planning due to anticipated revenue losses.

ANNEX A

United States Trade Facilitation Assistance Funding (By Country)

(US$)

Countries	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Afghanistan	.	.	.	3,107,781	22,205,000	13,146,998
Albania	.	386,000	395,000	1,801,500	1,945,000	1,347,784
Algeria	.	.	.	215,750	117,215	70,159
Angola	.	.	23,914	.	150,000	160
Argentina	17,000	.	.	5,000	.	55,565
Armenia	.	.	1,332,500	2,135,622	300,000	1,741,124
Azerbaijan	.	3,799,500	1,057,500	.	8,000	367,391
Bangladesh	1,200,200	1,098,000	1,734,800	1,700,000	1,200,000	1,173,404
Belarus	.	.	.	.	.	360,000
Benin	.	.	23,913	.	.	.
Bolivia	143,750	650,500	4,725,000	2,900,000	3,495,000	6,363,152
Bosnia and Herzegovina	.	.	648,000	1,455,222	350,850	2,570,000
Botswana	.	.	.	147,000	.	.
Brazil	.	386,000	704,782	69,000	795,727	150,000
Bulgaria	385,200	997,490	1,957,952	1,579,600	781,000	585,000
Cambodia	.	.	50,000	.	.	3,326,796
Cameroon	.	.	330,250	16,000	2,100	.
Cape Verde	.	.	.	145,825	.	.
Chad	.	.	500,000	500,000	2,100	.
Chile	.	.	.	19,801	.	112,838
China (PRC)	.	.	588,305	585,250	189,963	966,471
Colombia	.	1,046,000	75,980	.	23,382,500	29,565,510
Congo (Brazzaville)	.	.	.	.	2,100	.
Costa Rica	.	.	136,658	172,105	.	128,500
Cote d'Ivoire	.	.	125,000	.	.	.
Croatia	1,915,450	4,580,500	3,119,000	3,167,081	3,747,800	5,458,546
Czech Republic	.	.	619,000	.	.	.
Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa)	.	.	108,222	.	.	.
Djibouti	.	.	.	.	1,214,860	600,000
Dominican Republic	599,870	619,200	.	325,575	1,489,500	1,070,000
Ecuador		.	343,091	1,033,365	2,142,300	2,710,016
Egypt	5,637,300	7,612,500	33,645,250	40,650,000	37,171,052	37,178,000
El Salvador	.	712,710	3,002,460	4,691,345	5,174,142	5,450,000
Equatorial Guinea	.	.	.	.	2,100	.
Eritrea	.	.	108,222	.	34,749	.
Ethiopia	.	.	23,913	89,610	.	765,000
Gabon	.	.	.	.	2,100	.
Georgia	4,861,000	5,125,000	.	1,881,690	561,000	356,000
Ghana	5,113,940	1,326,361	3,950,606	2,116,000	1,907,376	1,448,700
Guatemala	.	.	167,907	4,839,611	1,878,855	348,400
Guinea	.	.	23,913	300,000	900,000	100,000

Countries	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Guinea-Bissau	.	.	.	.	438,208	300,000
Guyana	931,770	1,504,000	525,000	587,290	500,000	864,000
Haiti	1,750,000	2,044,000	25,000	650,000	1,550,000	942,500
Honduras	912,054	994,100	1,577,160	1,947,585	4,193,545	2,033,640
Hungary	.	386,000	125,000	.	.	.
India	50,000	386,000	686,400	50,000	.	750,441
Indonesia	539,330	380,762	815,418	933,459	565,281	3,584,300
Iraq	.	.	.	.	20,500	46,856,000
Jamaica	.	609,000	742,700	293,913	346,750	372,500
Jordan	4,654,720	12,888,801	3,862,058	10,080,000	9,300,000	10,206,000
Kazakhstan	1,891,000	3,522,000	2,925,213	4,927,428	4,212,550	2,938,984
Kenya	25,000	30,000	233,222	812,500	2,529,507	819,200
Kosovo	.	.	2,795,000	3,079,000	322,750	729,000
Kyrgyzstan	3,981,000	3,048,600	2,975,000	3,030,000	3,667,000	2,790,148
Laos	.	.	.	.	.	100,000
Lebanon	19,640	72,160	125,000	.	.	.
Liberia	.	.	23,913	.	.	.
Macedonia	156,000	971,000	1,676,500	5,705,650	3,267,000	6,613,647
Madagascar	216,650	125,000	348,913	900,000	1,190,000	9,599,150
Malawi	496,320	384,000	108,222	2,043,296	925,000	345,000
Malaysia	.	.	.	.	.	52,800
Mali	336,000	77,000	477,956	4,378,015	3,219,462	2,935,000
Mauritius	.	.	.	16,000	.	.
Mexico	.	386,000	290,238	2,175,900	10,457,500	1,034,465
Moldova	.	.	225,000	950,888	.	4,991,071
Mongolia	1,201,149	2,141,456	1,041,000	500,000	952,500	1,011,260
Morocco	170,000	140,000	1,271,153	2,652,810	5,197,768	9,886,825
Mozambique	2,752,000	469,000	1,873,913	1,241,800	5,000,604	2,352,500
Namibia	2,760,000	348,000	1,498,913	644,230	414,000	995,000
Nepal	.	.	20,000	12,500	100,000	37,500
Nicaragua	25,000	30,000	1,102,460	3,943,485	5,535,507	21,848,421
Nigeria	892,050	1,979,120	548,913	80,462	.	.
Pakistan	.	.	.	145,000	1,600,000	1,005,000
Panama	.	.	.	.	.	1,076,800
Paraguay	.	.	.	900,000	1,015,000	1,288,310
Peru	5,550,000	3,600,000	2,881,000	1,656,000	3,540,000	2,630,000
Philippines	1,380,000	549,650	1,027,100	1,305,494	1,413,979	1,914,000
Poland	.	.	.	.	.	.
Romania	2,199,928	2,160,952	2,827,400	2,618,025	1,295,000	668,000
Russia	4,663,000	4,882,500	11,739,900	10,326,464	7,758,250	835,000
Rwanda	.	.	2,608,222	150,000	246,000	75,000
Sao Tome and Principe	.	.	.	.	2,100	.
Senegal	.	.	330,913	934,984	.	837,500
Serbia and Montenegro (FRY)	.	478,000	10,739,000	3,611,752	2,154,427	1,738,178
Sierra Leone	.	.	.	662,500	.	.
Somalia	.	.	23,913	.	135,000	.

Countries	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
South Africa	.	.	725,633	862,000	997,920	3,627,673
Sri Lanka	675,840	2,000,800	1,160,000	320,000	540,000	2,576,000
Sudan	.	.	50,000	124,000	552,000	2,000,000
Swaziland	.	.	.	22,000	.	.
Tajikistan	602,000	305,000	1,000,000	1,857,041	1,229,750	982,317
Tanzania	.	.	421,870	651,000	320,000	965,875
Thailand	.	.	125,000	285,000	1,629,500	1,362,299
Timor Leste	.	.	.	166,500	1,327,740	1,320,000
Tunisia	563,000	386,000	225,000	171,850	459,999	.
Turkmenistan	479,000	340,000	300,000	298,500	342,000	607,594
Uganda	1,740,000	547,000	1,987,472	1,456,052	2,620,764	2,470,004
Ukraine	1,671,500	1,671,500	1,100,828	3,584,018	7,552,821	5,609,004
Uzbekistan	925,000	875,000	1,615,000	3,012,896	1,941,209	1,598,854
Vietnam	.	.	1,195,777	3,540,750	1,294,187	2,158,842
West Bank/Gaza	7,545,300	3,481,140	3,382,500	6,121,596	5,124,955	19,096,938
Yemen	.	.	.	210,000	.	73,000
Zambia	2,128,000	1,402,266	798,913	451,440	1,339,803	750,000
Zimbabwe	.	.	148,913	.	.	.
Tunisia	563,000	386,000	225,000	171,850	459,999	.
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Other Groups**	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
APEC Secretariat	.	.	.	240,400	.	.
Andean ns	.	412,787	550,000	.	6,429,150	.
Asia ns	661,000	661,000	4,029,700	3,948,301	3,823,900	4,491,432
COMESA Secretariat	.	250,000	.	1,950,000	500,000	819,000
Caribbean ns	772,701	598,957	2,860,000	4,306,750	3,609,108	4,287,500
Central America ns	.	.	.	14,432,331	6,841,511	8,050,000
Central and Eastern Europe ns	936,000	715,000	3,787,010	1,415,100	7,635,446	3,555,750
Eastern and Central Africa ns	240,000	341,500	830,000	1,800,000	2,610,000	3,341,250
Former Soviet Republics ns	790,000	865,000	.	83,783	49,900	8,656,500
Global ns	10,987,120	11,831,130	2,832,500	1,416,000	2,555,400	6,633,544
Latin America and Caribbean ns	5,470,000	2,090,000	1,124,163	5,930,950	4,153,100	2,925,541

Countries	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Middle East and North Africa ns	421,000	421,000	2,000,000	497,000	100,000	2,277,150
SACU Secretariat	.	.	.	210,000	.	.
SADC Secretariat	.	.	402,000	1,193,880	.	.
South America ns	.	.	1,250	.	.	.
Southern Africa ns	4,004,451	140,000	2,805,000	3,261,980	2,798,536	3,900,960
Southern Asia ns	.	.	4,050,000	310,000	307,914	630,000
Sub-Saharan Africa ns	4,257,500	7,571,000	5,594,000	5,052,500	9,160,100	1,928,800
Western Africa ns	246,000	1,504,520	3,066,750	5,531,814	6,139,703	6,600,788
Total	**102,541,733**	**111,337,461**	**167,787,129**	**224,311,593**	**278,203,991**	**367,869,266**

** These are activities not targeted to a specific country.
ns = not specified

The USAID Development Information Services (DIS) collects trade capacity-building information from US government agencies. DIS maintains and furnishes the information through the Online TCB Database at http://qesdb.cdie.org/tcb/index.html. This work is carried out for USAID by DevTech Systems, Inc. under subcontract to HFM-C-00-01-00015-00.

ANNEX B

United States Trade Facilitation Assistance Funding (By Region)

ASIA
(US$)
TABLE 1: TCB by Category

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Trade Facilitation	7,217,668	16,523,500	16,910,035	37,149,964	39,607,542
Customs Operation and Administration	.	298,890	3,318,611	15,267,740	822,627
E-Commerce and IT	.	2,284,871	2,397,616	2,241,528	2,382,946
Export Promotion	.	2,004,043	1,961,000	4,610,811	5,351,703
Business Services and Training	.	7,750,987	5,111,425	11,961,515	16,946,628
Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	.	23,529	3,985,700	2,280,950	4,588,982
Other Trade Facilitation	.	4,161,179	135,684	787,420	9,514,657

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
(US$)
TABLE 2: TCB by Category

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Trade Facilitation	10,674,942	28,688,862	24,432,929	21,499,273	23,265,904
Customs Operation and Administration	.	5,217,000	2,385,400	3,772,251	530,363
E-Commerce and IT	.	1,414,552	1,733,475	1,206,096	1,626,237
Export Promotion	.	6,038,943	8,150,457	6,745,861	7,802,789
Business Services and Training	.	15,429,868	6,548,467	8,670,685	11,620,499
Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	.	423,500	5,615,130	550,074	264,000
Trade Facilitation	10,674,942	28,688,862	24,432,929	21,499,273	23,265,904
Customs Operation and Administration	.	5,217,000	2,385,400	3,772,251	530,363
E-Commerce and IT	.	1,414,552	1,733,475	1,206,096	1,626,237
Export Promotion	.	6,038,943	8,150,457	6,745,861	7,802,789
Other Trade Facilitation	.	165,000		554,306	1,422,017

FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS
(US$)
TABLE 3: TCB by Category

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Trade Facilitation	24,434,100	24,270,941	32,088,330	27,622,480	31,833,987
Customs Operation and Administration	.	1,867,500	3,720,230	1,714,000	735,685
E-Commerce and IT	.	2,227,500	814,974	668,250	2,184,319
Export Promotion	.	3,151,500	5,422,678	4,309,992	5,836,110
Business Services and Training	.	16,837,441	21,913,557	20,909,238	17,174,359
Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	.	112,000	216,890	21,000	680,000
Other Trade Facilitation	.	75,000	.	.	5,223,513

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
(US$)
TABLE 4: TCB by Category

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Trade Facilitation	15,683,254	20,834,849	50,880,006	86,529,194	93,307,658
Customs Operation and Administration	.	717,818	1,795,649	5,127,427	1,749,333
E-Commerce and IT	.	661,963	4,066,249	2,311,471	1,205,878
Export Promotion	.	3,644,898	17,230,871	32,269,660	31,892,711
Business Services and Training	.	14,113,019	17,435,171	23,018,264	41,466,702
Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	.	1,485,950	10,244,548	22,611,346	14,642,583
Other Trade Facilitation	.	211,200	107,518	1,191,027	2,350,451

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
(US$)
TABLE 5: TCB by Category

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Trade Facilitation	25,001,601	44,510,961	60,599,006	57,491,490	125,644,072
Customs Operation and Administration	.	8,698,959	7,366,694	2,163,006	11,229,134
E-Commerce and IT	.	13,775,365	14,504,490	12,482,702	30,835,447
Export Promotion	.	8,898,575	22,834,506	23,418,086	30,346,731
Business Services and Training	.	8,188,787	14,254,124	17,474,643	48,080,710
Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	.	.	1,502,063	1,418,750	3,778,050
Other Trade Facilitation	.	4,949,275	137,130	534,303	1,374,000

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
(US$)
TABLE 6: TCB by Category

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Trade Facilitation	16,494,767	30,125,517	37,744,887	45,356,191	47,576,560
Customs Operation and Administration	.	2,500,000	2,479,274	3,207,160	1,762,811
E-Commerce and IT	.	2,271,251	3,780,761	3,999,919	4,117,851
Export Promotion	.	5,954,508	11,814,005	15,503,620	13,952,971
Business Services and Training	.	11,229,824	10,012,718	12,295,889	16,472,065
Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	.	7,404,469	7,458,130	5,259,108	4,145,772
Other Trade Facilitation	.	765,464	2,200,000	5,090,495	7,125,090

ANNEX C

United States Trade Facilitation Activity Descriptions (By Category)

The six categories which the US uses to classify Trade Facilitation Assistance are: Customs and Operation Administration, E-Commerce and IT, Export Promotion, Business Services and Training, Regional Trade Agreements, and Other TF.

TCB Category: Customs Operation and Administration
Year: 2005
Total Funding: $17,004,953

(Note: Funding values are not necessarily activity totals, but represent the proportion of the activity allocated to this trade category.)

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
Albanian Centre for International Trade	The Albanian Centre for International Trade (ACIT) is a three-year programme started in September 2003 by the Institute for Contemporary Studies through a cooperative agreement with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The main objective of ACIT is to improve the quality of trade policies as important instruments for growth and development, as well as for increasing the economic benefits from trade opportunities created by globalization trends and integration processes. ACIT serves as: (1) a research centre for improvement of trade policies and their implementation; (2) a forum for informed public debates and dialogue between different actors and stakeholders to promote formulation and implementation of sound trade and fiscal policies; (3) a resource centre for trade information; and (4) a capacity-building centre for strengthening the professional capacities of the government, private businesses and civil society in dealing with trade-related issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	25,000
Oil Spill Response and Port Security	This $145,000 Oil Spill Response and Port Security Orientation Visit (OV) will familiarize a delegation of Algerian officials with US policy and practices in the area of oil spill response and port security, including the US Container Security Initiative, oil spill prevention standards, rapid response procedures, and the implementation of a National Response Plan. The delegation will also improve their knowledge of US oil spill response and port security practices and technologies, including state-of-the-art containment and cleanup equipment and gamma-ray scanners and transportation security technology for port applications. Delegates will meet US suppliers, national associations, and	**Algeria**	70,159

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
	federal agencies such as Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Homeland Security and the US Coast Guard during the visit. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.		
Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference Briefing Book	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will provide $100,000 for development of a Briefing Book in support of a Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference for South Asia in India in the Fall 2005/Winter 2006. The Conference will bring together US and South Asian policy and industry leaders to discuss policy and project opportunities in the transportation and trade facilitation area. The World Bank, Asian Development Bank and developing countries are making transportation infrastructure and trade facilitation a priority sector for investment because of its impact on trade and development. This region and sector represents significant opportunities for US exports and for creating relationships between US companies and South Asian business and government entities. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Asia ns**	50,000
Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference Organizer	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will provide $200,000 for a conference organizer to support the Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference for South Asia in India in the Fall 2005/Winter 2006. The Conference will bring together US and South Asian policy and industry leaders to discuss policy and project opportunities in the transportation and trade facilitation area. The World Bank, Asian Development Bank and developing countries are making transportation infrastructure and trade facilitation a priority sector for investment because of its impact on trade and development. This region and sector represents significant opportunities for US exports and for creating relationships between US companies and South Asian business and government entities. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Asia ns**	100,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
Chittagong Port Secure Trade and Container Scanning	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is providing a $293,615 Technical Assistance Grant for the Chittagong Port Secure Trade and Container Scanning System Project. The National Board of Revenue (NBR), under the Ministry of Finance of Bangladesh, will serve as Grantee. The Government of Bangladesh has prioritized improved secure trade facilitation and revenue collection at the Port of Chittagong to comply with international standards and to improve efficiency. In coordination with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Chittagong Port Trade Facilitation Project, this Technical Assistance will assist the NBR to assess technology options, define procurement needs, and recommend suitable training to improve its operational processes and business procedures related to container scanning. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Bangladesh**	73,404
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is a regional organization of 19 sovereign African Member States. The Strategic Objective Agreement with COMESA has three main areas of focus: (1) strengthening COMESA's institutional capacity by improving human resources, information technology, financial, procurement and other key management systems; (2) increasing intra-COMESA trade by developing the Common Investment Area, harmonizing telecommunications regulations, creating a Regional Customs Bond Guarantee scheme, facilitating a regional approach to Biosafety legislation, and implementing a COMESA gender policy; (3) increasing US-COMESA trade through programmes such as the AGOA Linkages in COMESA project, and funding for COMESA delegations to attend events such as the Corporate Council on Africa Summit and the AGOA Forum. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**COMESA Secretariat**	91,000
Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS)	Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS) is a programme designed to provide support to countries in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean Countries (OECS) to enhance national level competitiveness through the creation of models which can be replicated throughout the region. The programme will focus on reducing impediments to trade as well as improving market access conditions, working with governments as well as the private sector to achieve its goals. In addition, the programme will provide some support at the	**Caribbean ns**	295,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
	subregional and regional levels in areas which would positively impact on the ability of individual countries to succeed in an open trade environment, and under the conditions of trade stipulated by the various international trade regimes. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.		
Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance (CARTAC)	Supports the removal of trade related taxes on goods and services within the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and replaces them with a value-added tax system in which taxes will now be applied to the cost of inputs into the production of goods and services. This will facilitate greater trade through a process of simplification. The programme will also provide support to relevant public sector entities to create greater efficiencies in the collection of customs data relating to trade within the OECS region. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Caribbean ns**	160,000
CAFTA Trade and Commercial Assessment (Seldon) - G-CAP funded	This activity conducted one trade and law assessment in Central America in the fall of 2004, and then put on a workshop/simulation in Guatemala City in January 2005. Follow on work is expected to take place. The project assesses trade and commercial laws and institutions through studies, short visits, and round tables to discuss results at the national and regional levels. The CAFTA Trade and Commercial Assessment analyzes laws, systems and networks from the following perspectives: framework laws, implementing institutions, supporting institutions, and social dynamics. The regional scope allows intra-regional and subject matter comparisons of commercial legal frameworks and associated institutions. Expected results include: (1) better understanding of constraints that hamper growth within countries; (2) prioritized recommendations on strengthening the environment for trade and economic growth; and (3) participatory discussions, at the national and the regional level. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Central America ns**	50,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
Economic Prosperity for the Central American Region	Under the Regional Strategy for Central America and Mexico (CAM), the USAID E-CAM Regional Programme will provide TCB to improve the capacity to negotiate and implement trade agreements to reduce barriers to trade, investment and market integration and to develop commercial laws and regulations more consistent with international commitments and prevailing practice. To this end, E-CAM will provide assistance to support public-private dialogue on the Central American and Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) to implement it and other trade agreements, and to address bottlenecks or policy analysis needs. The programme will also provide TA and training for compliance with CAFTA requirements, for customs union and trade facilitation, for harmonization of product norms, standards, measurements and commercial codes, to support private certification of sustainable and environmentally friendly products and for capacity-building for meeting sanitary, phytosanitary (SPS), and food safety standards. In addition, the programme will provide support for the revision, harmonization and distribution of commercial codes, laws and regulations, labour modernization and voluntary compliance with la	**Central America ns**	730,000
Customs Trade Facilitation Southeast Europe Initiative (SEI)	The Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Programme (CLDP) supports the harmonization of customs regulations and procedures throughout the region. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	289,850
Regional Competitiveness Initiative	This activity advances new competitiveness initiatives (regional sector clusters, corridor clusters, and market chains) that unite the bilateral efforts of US Agency for International Development (USAID) Missions in the Europe and Eurasia Region. The Missions, public and private sector participants, form communities of practice to advance these regional initiatives. Through these communities they will achieve more effective implementation of their programmes, which in turn, will augment trade and productive employment in host countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	150,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
Port of Valparaiso Secure Supply Chain	This $451,350 feasibility study will help the Empresa Portuaria Valparaiso (EPV), the state-owned port company, improve the efficiency and security of its logistics chain. EPV is planning the new infrastructure projects to improve access to the port and is also modernizing the port community systems, the computer networks that link the port with its users, including truckers, rail companies, shipping lines, feeder ports, shippers, customs agents and customs officers. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Chile**	112,838
Customs Modernization Capacity Building	This $76,333 Technical Symposium (TS) is designed to help the Government of Colombia understand the positive impact that customs modernization initiatives would have as Colombia prepares to conclude and implement a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States. The TS would support human capacity-building and trade capacity-building (TCB) objectives of US Trade and Development Agency and would pave the way for customs modernization efforts in Colombia. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Colombia**	76,333
Djibouti Regional Livestock Export Facility	The Regional Livestock Export Facility in Djibouti is being implemented by the African-Union/Inter-African Bureau of Animal Resources. The objective of the Facility is to certify the health of camels, goats and sheep to be exported from the Horn of Africa countries to importing nations on the Arabian Peninsula. The construction of the facility has advanced over the past year and the facility should be operational in July 2005. The first group of animals has entered the Facility to test the quarantine and health inspection processes. The goal is to be fully operational by the Haj in early 2006. This facility is fully supported by the Djiboutian Government and co-managed by AU-IBAR and the Djibouti Chamber of Commerce. This is a private sector initiative supported by all the interested countries with the common goal of creating a sustainable, private-sector, market-driven facility that will export over one million head of livestock per year from Djibouti to the Gulf States. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Djibouti**	200,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
Technical Assistance on Custom Trade Databases	This activity will assist the Government of the Dominican Republic (GODR), specifically the Customs Department, in organizing trade statistics to improve their accuracy, consistency and presentation. This will allow the Dominican Republic to comply with WTO notifications and with transparency requirements of the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA). Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	35,000
East and Central Africa Global Competitiveness Hub	The East and Central Africa (ECA) Global Competitiveness Hub based in Nairobi is one of three Hubs working on the Presidential Trade for Africa Development and Enterprise Initiative. Last year, the ECA Hub organized three trade missions to the United States for textiles and apparel, and for handicrafts and gifts. Collectively, 23 companies from the ECA region participated in these shows and completed deals worth more than $3.5 million dollars and two-thirds of those 23 companies are owned and operated by women. The ECA Hub is working with COMESA and its member states to improve understanding of the operations of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The ECA Hub along with the Northern Corridor Transit Transport Co-ordination Authority and COMESA has been promoting the One-Stop-Border Post pilot project at Malaba which should reduce the transit time for cargo in the region. The World Bank has also agreed to co-fund elements of this project along with USAID. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Eastern and Central Africans**	600,000
African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) - Ethiopia	The African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Ethiopia is joint USAID/Ethiopia and ECA Hub (REDSO) Project with one full time professional based here in Ethiopia. USAID/Ethiopia will coordinate the first ever AGOA Meeting to be held in Ethiopia between 22-25 October. Two hundred and fifty East and central African business representatives will come to Addis Ababa to make AGOA deals and to learn from practical example how other African nations have succeeded with AGOA led exports to the United States. The Mission can report a more than doubling of Ethiopian AGOA exports to the US in the last 12 months (non-coffee exports only, from $2 million to $4.8 million). These products included Niger sees (Bird seed), handicrafts,	**Eastern and Central Africans**	11,250

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
	beverages (specialty bottled water and beer), and some spices. This activity is funded with FY04 money. Funded by USAID/REDSO and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.		
Technical Assistance to Customs Authority in Ecuador	This activity seeks institutional strengthening through technical assistance. Activities include: review of models of best practices in customs management and reform in the United States and Latin America to determine which are applicable in Ecuador. It aims to establish efficient procedures to reconcile import-export data, determine sources of error and fraud, and to strengthen its internal audit function. This assistance will, in the medium to long term, increase income generation sources for the Government of Ecuador, and improve the business environment for the private sector, facilitating investment and trade opportunities. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	17,137
Technical Assistance for Servicio de Rentas Internas in Ecuador	Training and technical assistance to the Servicio de Rentas Internas (SRI) in Ecuador, which is the internal revenue agency for the government. This activity fosters the institutionalization of progress achieved in the past four years, supports a refinement of SRI policies and operations, improves its internal audit function, and helps to reduce tax evasion and fraud. This assistance will, in the medium to long term, increase income generation sources for the Government of Ecuador, and improve the business environment for the private sector, facilitating investment and trade opportunities. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	9,026
FASTrade - Trade Facilitation and Customs Reform	FASTrade provides technical and financial support to a range of regional and bilateral TCB projects globally. It focuses on strengthening customs and other trade facilitation institutions in order to increase their absorptive capacity for traditional training and infrastructure projects, with the objective of achieving greater sustainability. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	175,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
Enabling Environment for Sustained Growth of Value-added Exports Strength	The activity seeks to position the country to participate effectively in trade negotiations by strengthening the negotiating architecture and, to enhance the competitiveness of firms through the provision of business development services (BDS), and establishment of linkages with non-traditional international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Guyana.	**Guyana**	24,000
Port-au-Prince International Airport Security	This $150,000 training grant will support the training of ten security officials from the Port-au-Prince International Airport (PAPIA) in Haiti. The objective of the training is to build the capacity of PAPIA security officials with respect to modern security systems and procedures at the main international airport in Haiti, and will familiarize PAPIA security officials with US security standards and equipment. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Haiti**	37,500
Trade-Related Iraq Economic Governance	The USAID Economic Governance program continues reforms in tax, fiscal, legal, institutional, and regulatory frameworks. USAID continues efforts with the Ministry of Finance to further enable policy makers to formulate and implement policy decisions based on international best practices. Capacity building efforts at the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) will expand the ability of the CBI to develop and monitor an effective monetary policy, strengthen its supervisory role, and modernize banking operations. At the same time, assistance is provided to the electricity and communications industries and other relevant government ministries. USAID also supports the development of a reliable social safety net, ensuring assistance to displaced workers and the provision of sustainable pension benefits. This trade-related assistance is part of a much larger and broader program of USAID assistance for good economic governance in Iraq. Funded and implemented by USAID/Iraq.	**Iraq**	7,800,000
Business Environment Improved in Jamaica	Assistance to the Government of Jamaica in its efforts to achieve fiscal and macroeconomic stability, improving regulatory, legislative and policy frameworks including business processes, reducing constraints to economic growth and investment, and promoting the establishment of a national social partnership. In stimulating a business environment that is more conducive to	**Jamaica**	20,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
	innovation and investment, this activity will encourage trade, development and commercial viability in a formal and sustainable way. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.		
Competitive Clusters Developed in Jamaica	Assistance to competitive industry clusters as the principal framework for industry sector and firm-level assistance aimed at improving competitiveness. It will also influence public policy, and facilitate regulatory and legislative reforms. The program will encourage both public/private partnerships and private sector partnership throughout the value chain of firms. The goal will be to develop industry clusters and their individual members to ensure global competitiveness in a sustainable way by building the capacity of the private sector to benefit from global trade and investment opportunities. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	32,500
Freight Information System	This $600,000 grant to the Jordanian Ministry of Transport (JMOT) will fund the cost of a National Freight Information and Transportation Hub (NAFITH) pilot and feasibility study in Jordan. NAFITH is a countrywide freight information transportation system that supports efforts by Jordan to promote trade efficiency, security and global competitiveness through market-oriented reforms. It allows cargo to be catalogued and tracked across a supply chain via a web-based platform, providing system stakeholders with access to immediate information. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Jordan**	150,000
Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR 2.0)	The US Agency for International Development has been supporting Jordan's trade capacity through the Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR) Program for several years. This activity is designed to help Jordan cope with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as its Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. Much of it is capacity-building within various line ministries. There is also a tourism support component. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	2,400,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
Aqaba Zone Economic Mobilization	Aqaba Zone for Economic Mobilization (AZEM) was designed to help the Aqaba Special Economic Zone become a trade and investment model and hub in Jordan. Support is designed to help it achieve this goal. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	450,000
Trade Facilitation and Investment - Kazakhstan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Kazakhstan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) accession; and (4) supports SME trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues, improving customs systems and procedures, and increasing the level of coordination between customs and tax authorities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kazakhstan**	443,226
Ministry of Trade and Industry Program	The programmes objective is to increased the Ministry's trade capacity by: (1) building capacity of public and private sector to better understand WTO issues; (2) sensitizing small and medium entrepreneurs on opportunities under African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA); (3) increasing knowledge on counterfeit and substandard goods and developing a strategy with public and private sectors to fight the problem which causes loss of revenue and profits and threatens human and animal health; and (4) increase knowledge and application of investment codes by investors, policy makers, public sector, business lobby groups, professional organizations and the government and create an interactive forum to develop a strategy for improving investment. To date, two Workshops were held on AGOA and four on Counterfeit Goods. A counterfeit Goods Bill has been drafted	**Kenya**	3,800

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
	and presented to a Stakeholders' workshop. The Bills is being finalized for presentation to Attorney General (AG) for enactment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.		
Private Sector Growth	This programme is composed of two discrete but complementary components. It will consist of technical assistance, training, and limited grant financing of related activities to stimulate economic growth of the private sector, thus creating new sustainable employment opportunities. The General Business Support component is directed toward developing and putting into operation a program to overcome factors known to be inhibiting economic growth and employment. In this regard, the Contractor will serve as a facilitator in resolving government-placed constraints and strengthening business associations, indigenous business service consultants and business training providers so that they become established in the market. The Cluster and Enterprise Development component is directed toward working with and providing assistance to specific economic groupings and their individual enterprises that make up Clusters. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	**Kosovo**	18,000
Trade Facilitation and Investment - Kyrgyzstan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Kyrgyzstan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance issues; and (4) supports trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues and improving customs systems in the Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kyrgyzstan**	86,856

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
World Trade Organization (WTO) Compliance Activity	USAID assisted accession of Macedonia to the World Trade Organization (WTO) membership in 2003. Now the WTO Compliance activity supports participation of Macedonia in the work of WTO. The project supports public-private partnership in trade policy formulation, and in drawing benefit from the WTO membership. Work is also done on a new Electronic Communications Law and liberalized telecommunications services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	47,513
Critical Private Markets Expanded	This activity will build Madagascar's business and trade capacity, thereby encouraging investment through introducing more productive technology building links between producers, small and medium enterprises including agribusinesses, and external markets and improving economic and trade policies. Assistance will focus on improving business skills increasing access to domestic and international markets increasing business opportunities for new ventures creating favourable environment for trade through policy analysis and trade integration. Support will be provided to improve marketing and trade of selected agricultural and non-agricultural commodities using a supply-chain approach. It will also serve as a vehicle for developing public-private dialogue and partnerships. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.	**Madagascar**	33,850
Trade Facilitation - Border Crossing	This grant provides continued support for the transition to market-based economies in Southeast Europe by improving border crossing procedures in Moldova. Project activities include train-the-trainer workshops on such topics as business ethics, anti-corruption mechanisms, domestic statutes and international conventions, and professionalism website development public outreach to the local business community and public about transport and trade issues and exchanges between US trade and transport professionals and emerging leaders in the transport field in Moldova. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Moldova**	99,250
Free Trade Agreement Support	As part of its economic growth strategy, USAID assists Morocco in successfully responding to the challenges and opportunities of the more liberalized trading environment that will be brought about by the Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with the United States, the Association Agreement with the	**Morocco**	358,975

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
	European Union, other FTAs, the World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha Development Round, and Moroccan reform efforts. Results include: (1) increased productivity in agriculture and agribusiness; (2) creation of new business opportunities outside of agriculture and agribusiness; and (3) improved business environment. Funding reported here is part of the $7.2 million activity and the remainder of the funds are implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency. This activity is in support of the US-Morocco FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Morocco.		
Market Access	USAID provides direct assistance to the Ministry of Industry and Trade (one long-term adviser supported by short-term technical assistance) as well as various trade-related supports to other Ministries (e.g. Customs) as necessary. USAID/Mozambique, as Lead Donor for the Integrated Framework (IF) in Mozambique, successfully supported Mozambique's application in the IF and continues to provide support in implementing the IF, including in establishing an inter-ministerial coordinating mechanism. These actions are expected to lead to the integration of a trade action plan into Mozambique's overall development and poverty reduction strategy. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mozambique.	**Mozambique**	170,000
Improved Policy Environment	The Improved Policy Environment activity supports a policy program to enhance and facilitate export promotion, and address policy and administrative constraints related to trade capacity-building. This activity also focuses on promoting bilateral and multilateral agricultural trade. USAID Nepal is providing technical assistance to the government of Nepal in the areas of customs in support of recent World Trade Organization accession and the Integrated Framework for Least Developed Countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nepal.	**Nepal**	25,000
Competitive Market Oriented Private Enterprises Environmental Management	The purpose of this activity is to improve the competitiveness of Nicaraguan micro, small and medium (MSME) enterprises by expanding sales to local, regional, and international markets. Technical assistance and training will be used in this activity. Key results are expected to include $60 million in new sales, 100 increase in sales of	**Nicaragua**	150,000

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
	specialty coffee, 20,000 new jobs, increased adherence to labor laws and the hiring of people with disabilities and disadvantaged groups, $5 million in resources leveraged from the private sector through Global Development Alliances (GDAs), local institutions strengthened to facilitate trade, 300,000 hectares under improved environmental management, increase in the number of firms producing or offering services under environmental certifications, increased use of cleaner production and cleaner energy technologies, and an increase in biodiversity conservation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.		
Economic Modernization through Efficient Reforms and Governance Enhancement (EMERGE)	The Economic Modernization through Efficient Reforms and Governance Enhancement (EMERGE) Program focuses on policy reform related to trade, investment, and fiscal reforms that are essential for accelerated and sustainable growth. In particular, one of the main themes of the project is improving competitiveness and expanding trade and investments by enhancing trade liberalization and facilitation as well as reducing policy-induced restrictions and transactions cost of investments. Funded and implemented by USAID/Philippines.	**Philippines**	200,000
Institutional Grants for Policy Development (IGPD)	The Institutional Grant for Policy Development (IGPD) Program focuses on trade, investment and competitive structure, World Trade Organization (WTO) technical assistance, tariff and non-tariff barrier reduction, agriculture, competition policy, telecommunications development, fiscal policy tax administration, and Local Government Units (LGU) financial management and planning. Funded and implemented by USAID/Philippines.	**Philippines**	78,800
Commercial Port Restructuring	The main study for this activity was co-funded by the United Kingdom's Department of International Development (DFID), USAID's Regional Program for Southern Africa and USAID. This year USAID funded a re-analysis to the answer some specific questions. This was the last year of USAID support for the South African Department of Public Enterprises and their work to concession, one part of the Durban Container Port. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	15,000

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Southern African Tax Institute (SATI)	This activity brings together tax policy specialists and tax administrators from throughout Africa to coordinate taxes, learn about new developments in the field and changes in international agreements on taxation. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	42,000
Trade Facilitation and Capacity Building	This activity is in support of the implementation of the Presidential Trade Initiative for Southern Africa. The physical actions are the operation of the Trade Hub and provision of technical services in support of improving trade competitiveness and accessing African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) opportunities. Under this activity, RCSA foster Trade negotiation capacity for regional economic communities such as Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and their respective members, provide policy assistance on improving business environments and implement regional transport and customs integration and investment. The activity has two focus areas: one is more engaged in transactions and work with firms, clusters and trade connections as well as improving the Trade ability of the private sector and the other is more engaged with the public sector and improving the doing business climate. Funded and implemented by USAID/RCSA.	**Southern Africa ns**	270,900
Trade Facilitation and Investment - Tajikistan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Tajikistan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance issues; and (4) supports trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues and improving customs systems in the Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Tajikistan**	36,927

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Transportation Logistics Technical Workshop	This activity funds a series of three technical workshops focused on improving transportation logistics along the trade supply chains in Thailand. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Thailand**	9,500
Post Importation Audit Training in Ukraine	This training program covers aspects of customs post importation audit, including voluntary compliance, risk management, assessments, verification of an import declaration, and valuation review. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Homeland Security/Customs.	**Ukraine**	15,000
Trade Facilitation and Investment - Uzbekistan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Uzbekistan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance issues; and (4) supports trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues and improving customs systems in the Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Uzbekistan**	54,427
Support for Trade Acceleration (STAR) Project	The program aims to assist the Government of Vietnams (GVN) efforts to undertake trade and investment reforms consistent with the commitments the GVN made in the US-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). The Support for Trade Acceleration Program (STAR) program is designed with a wide range of technical assistance, including: (1) legal and economic analysis and recommendations regarding changes in laws and policies needed to comply with the BTA and the related WTO requirements; (2) training workshops and policy seminars to advance understanding of the technical issues; (3) study tours carefully targeted key GVN officials to advance policy reforms; and (4) publication and translation of key reference materials. The program technical	**Vietnam**	285,923

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	assistance has helped build human and institutional capacity of the GVN to benefit more from international rule-based trade, and support initiatives that facilitate BTA implementation. So far, the program has produced good results and impacts. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.		
West Africa Trade Hub	The objective of West African Trade Hub (WATH), headquartered in Accra, Ghana, is to encourage West African businesses to take advantage of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and to develop capacity for better engagement in the multilateral trading system. The West African Trade Hub opened in 2003. The Hub activities support four key areas: Trade Capacity Building, AGOA Export Development, AGOA Support Services and Information Dissemination. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	325,011

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Albanian Centre for International Trade	The Albanian Centre for International Trade (ACIT) is a three-year programme started in September 2003 by the Institute for Contemporary Studies through a cooperative agreement with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The main objective of ACIT is to improve the quality of trade policies as important instruments for growth and development, as well as for increasing the economic benefits from trade opportunities created by globalization trends and integration processes. ACIT serves as: (1) a research centre for improvement of trade policies and their implementation; (2) a forum for informed public debates and dialogue between different actors and stakeholders to promote formulation and implementation of sound trade and fiscal policies; (3) a resource centre for trade information; and (4) a capacity-building centre for strengthening the professional capacities of the government, private businesses and civil society in dealing with trade-related issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	25,000
Enterprise Development and Export Market Services	The Enterprise Development and Export Market Services project (EDEM) is a three-year activity initiated in October 2003. It aims to promote the competitiveness of Albanian businesses in the domestic and foreign markets and boost the export capability of Albania firms while at the same time supporting their efforts to capture more of the domestic market. Working with industry clusters, EDEM helps selected industries design and implement strategies for removing obstacles to competitiveness in the markets and taking advantage of market opportunities. These obstacles include unsound trade and investment policies, administrative barriers, and corruption which increase the cost of doing business. EDEM also assists Albanian enterprises in improving efficiency and upgrading product quality to meet the standards established for the US and the EU. EDEM has been working primarily with four industry groups: meat processing, herb and spices, specialty tourism, and leather goods and shoes. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	82,342

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Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation - DOT funded	The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was created in 1989 to increase trade and development of the Asian Pacific region. The Department was successful in making a major breakthrough in trade liberalization in APEC, having tabled and developed an aviation liberalization initiative in APEC that led to the multilateral Open Skies aviation accord. To date APEC has a total of 21 membership economies. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in inter-modal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	**Asia ns**	175,000
Peace Corps - Asia	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Asia ns**	136,300
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Phase II	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Phase II is supporting cybersecurity efforts that enable e-commerce and e-transactions in a secure environment. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/ANE.	**Asia ns**	310,000
International Business Linkage IT Programme	The International Business Linkage Information Technology (IT) Programme will assist IT companies to understand the US business market, improve their international business practices (e.g. elevator pitches, gathering market information, etc.) and then meet like-focused US companies that could potentially form business alliances (e.g. Venture Capitalists, US Entrepreneurs) through business networking events and individualized meetings. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	**Asia ns**	210,000

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Last Mile Initiative	The Last Mile Initiative will enable people to engage in global e-commerce/trade through buying and selling of goods and services. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	**Asia ns**	300,000
Telecommunications Sector Ministry of Communications and IT Strategic Restructuring	This Technical Assistance will aid the development of Azerbaijan via the creation of a favorable environment that will expedite the transition to a more market-oriented legal, regulatory policy framework through the wide application of information and communication technologies and practices. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Azerbaijan**	367,391
Competitive Export Development Project (CEDP)	The Competitive Export Development Project (CEDP) will assist several high potential sectors such as light engineering, electrical/electronics and information technology to improve domestic and international competitiveness and increase Bangladesh exports. Currently, Bangladesh exports primarily (75 per cent of export earnings) depend on the ready-made garments sector. In addition, institutions such as chambers of commerce, trade promotion bodies, and government institutions will be strengthened. Policy reforms relevant to the selected sectors will be encouraged. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bangladesh.	**Bangladesh**	200,000
Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA) in Yungas Region	The Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA) programme in the Yungas region has successfully revitalized the tea and coffee sectors. MAPA has supervised the repair and upgrade of tea plants in Caranavi and Chimate and also overseen construction of infrastructure projects that will facilitate processing and roasting of coffee. Both sectors have also received technical assistance in export promotion and business services. In Coroico, MAPA has supported community efforts to identify, prioritize, and implement projects that will support the tourism sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	172,878
Commercial Law Reform Programme	The project aims to: (1) Improve practices with the courts designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of company registry operations and to speed the processing of registration (administratively and judicially); (2) New or improved work processes including document	**Bulgaria**	112,500

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	processing, work scheduling, intake and court practices, information availability, communication techniques, management techniques, workload distribution and/or recordkeeping; (3) Other procedures and practices which would expedite processing of registrations (including registration amendments) through use of IT, establishing a centralized company registry database; (4) Develop a training modules programme for Government of Bulgaria officials, private sector, and other stakeholders; and (5) Identify key individuals in government, business, academia, NGOs and think tanks, and lead an effort involving as wide a group as possible, to create public support for changes leading to enhanced corporate governance. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bulgaria.		
Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS)	Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS) is a programme designed to provide support to countries in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean Countries (OECS) to enhance national level competitiveness through the creation of models which can be replicated throughout the region. The programme will focus on reducing impediments to trade as well as improving market access conditions, working with governments as well as the private sector to achieve its goals. In addition, the programme will provide some support at the subregional and regional levels in areas which would positively impact on the ability of individual countries to succeed in an open trade environment, and under the conditions of trade stipulated by the various international trade regimes. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Caribbean ns**	295,000
Peace Corps - Central and Eastern Europe	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	116,200

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Export Competitiveness Study on Information and Communication Technology	The objective of this study is to prepare a strategic report on the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector in the Dominican Republic (DR), in the form of a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) that will present to public sector and industry leaders a clear picture of where the DR is positioned at this time to compete in the global ICT market place (including niches and competitors in these niches). Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	75,000
African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) - Ethiopia	The African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Ethiopia is joint USAID/Ethiopia and ECA Hub (REDSO) Project with one full time professional based here in Ethiopia. USAID/Ethiopia will coordinate the first ever AGOA Meeting to be held in Ethiopia between 22-25 October. Two hundred and fifty East and Central African business representatives will come to Addis Ababa to make AGOA deals and to learn from practical example how other African nations have succeeded with AGOA led exports to the United States. The Mission can report a more than doubling of Ethiopian AGOA exports to the US in the last 12 months (non-coffee exports only, from $2 million to $4.8 million). These products included Niger sees (Bird seed), handicrafts, beverages (specialty bottled water and beer), and some spices. This activity is funded with FY04 money. Funded by USAID/REDSO and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Eastern and Central Africans**	45,000
Commodity Import Programme	The Commodity Import Programme (CIP) provides Egyptian private sector importers with foreign exchange to finance trade and investment. The purpose of CIP is to stimulate private sector investments by providing import financing through Egyptian commercial banks to Egyptian private businesses. Under the present private sector programme, financing is available for transactions valued as low as $10,000, thereby encouraging small or emerging private sector businesses to participate. Preferential lending terms are available for investments in Upper Egypt, businesses that are increasing their exports, and investments that benefit the environment. Repayments of CIP loans by private sector importers revert to the Egyptian government and are used to support numerous development projects as well as general budget expenditures.	**Egypt**	7,500,000

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	Since the beginning of the private sector programme, over 1,400 Egyptian private sector importers have used CIP resources. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.		
Information Communication Technology	The purpose of this activity is to establish the legal and regulatory framework necessary to strengthen E-commerce and information and communication technology. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	500,000
Global Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (GIPP)	The Global Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (GIPP) programme has two elements - the Nuclear Cities Initiative (NCI) and the Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (IPP) - that advance both US nonproliferation objectives and, as a side effect, trade capacity-building in the former Soviet Union. NCI has enjoyed notable success in helping redirect Russian displaced nuclear weapons experts by: (1) developing physical and business infrastructure in the closed cities; (2) helping to establish sustainable enterprises with business plans and marketing; and (3) furthering economic diversification. Two IPP projects in Kazakhstan have resulted in the creation of two new businesses - reprocessing scrap from nuclear fuel manufacture production of copper-beryllium alloy for electronic use - involving US, Russian, and European customers, resulting in $11 million of annual sales and 800-900 new or sustained jobs at this former part of the Soviet nuclear weapons complex. Funded and implemented by Department of Energy.	**Former Soviet Republics ns**	369,050
Peace Corps - Former Soviet Republics	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Former Soviet Republics ns**	277,750

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Business Facilitation Incentive Fund	The State Department established the Business Facilitation Incentive Fund (BFIF) to encourage and accelerate business facilitation initiatives at posts where the Department leads the commercial function. In FY2005, State funded activities at more than 40 posts in developing countries, including catalyzing establishment of bilateral or local chambers of commerce and industry business education seminars for local entrepreneurs and seminars and outreach events to increase entrepreneurial capacity using IT tools. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Global ns**	63,338
Support for Trade Capacity Building - Global	This activity provides technical and financial support to a wide range of regional and bilateral TCB projects, including, but not limited to support of the Integrated Framework process. The activity has strong focus on improved interministerial coordination and public-private sector consultation with the objective of ensuring that TCB priorities have strong support and are sustainable. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	50,000
Enabling Environment for Sustained Growth of Value-added Exports Strength	The activity seeks to position the country to participate effectively in trade negotiations by strengthening the negotiating architecture and, to enhance the competitiveness of firms through the provision of business development services (BDS), and establishment of linkages with non-traditional international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Guyana.	**Guyana**	120,000
Indonesia Trade Assistance Project (ITAP)	The purpose of this activity is to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Trade (MOT) in advancing the trade commitments of Indonesia. Tangible expectations include the following: Implementation of an enhanced career development and remuneration system, a functioning secretariat for the MOT, the development of the Legal Office to function with improved skills at the Directorate General Level, Government of Indonesia's increased participation in bilateral (such as a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement, or TIFA), regional (ASEAN) and/or multilateral (WTO) trade negotiations through the medium of the MOT, TREDA is upgraded to operating at full capacity and providing analytical data, integration of the information technology (IT) system with	**Indonesia**	250,000

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	intellectual property rights (IPR) compliant system and website, increasing public-private sector dialogue and greater understanding by public and media. Funded and implemented by USAID/Indonesia.		
Trade-Related Iraq Economic Governance	The USAID Economic Governance programme continues reforms in tax, fiscal, legal, institutional, and regulatory frameworks. USAID continues efforts with the Ministry of Finance to further enable policy makers to formulate and implement policy decisions based on international best practices. Capacity building efforts at the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) will expand the ability of the CBI to develop and monitor an effective monetary policy, strengthen its supervisory role, and modernize banking operations. At the same time, assistance is provided to the electricity and communications industries and other relevant government ministries. USAID also supports the development of a reliable social safety net, ensuring assistance to displaced workers and the provision of sustainable pension benefits. This trade-related assistance is part of a much larger and broader programme of USAID assistance for good economic governance in Iraq. Funded and implemented by USAID/Iraq.	**Iraq**	16,120,000
Business Environment Improved in Jamaica	Assistance to the Government of Jamaica in its efforts to achieve fiscal and macroeconomic stability, improving regulatory, legislative and policy frameworks including business processes, reducing constraints to economic growth and investment, and promoting the establishment of a national social partnership. In stimulating a business environment that is more conducive to innovation and investment, this activity will encourage trade, development and commercial viability in a formal and sustainable way. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	20,000
Competitive Clusters Developed in Jamaica	Assistance to competitive industry clusters as the principal framework for industry sector and firm-level assistance aimed at improving competitiveness. It will also influence public policy, and facilitate regulatory and legislative reforms. The programme will encourage both public/private partnerships and private sector partnership throughout the value chain of firms.	**Jamaica**	32,500

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	The goal will be to develop industry clusters and their individual members to ensure global competitiveness in a sustainable way by building the capacity of the private sector to benefit from global trade and investment opportunities. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.		
Aqaba Science and Tech Incubator	In May of 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) approved a grant of $256,000 to fund a Feasibility Study (FS) on a Science and Technology Incubator project in Jordan. The FS will focus on development of the Jordan Science and Technology Incubator (JSTI) in conjunction with IC2, a research and education institute at the University of Austin, TX. JSTI seeks to become a technology innovation centre. The JSTI will combine end-to-end incubation services, entrepreneurial education, development and training, and a multinational technology-hosting centre. Sector projects focus on IT with additional consideration for the pharmaceutical/healthcare, agriculture, water, and energy industries. The project is supported by the King Abdullah fund and the Ministry of Planning, the latter of which will serve as the grantee. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Jordan**	128,000
Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR 2.0)	The US Agency for International Development has been supporting Jordan's trade capacity through the Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR) Programme for several years. This activity is designed to help Jordan cope with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as its Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. Much of it is capacity-building within various line ministries. There is also a tourism support component. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	1,600,000
Aqaba Zone Economic Mobilization	Aqaba Zone for Economic Mobilization (AZEM) was designed to help the Aqaba Special Economic Zone become a trade and investment model and hub in Jordan. Support is designed to help it achieve this goal. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	150,000

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Jordan US Business Partnership (JUSBP)	The Jordan US Business Partnership Programme (JUSBP) is a firm level assistance project designed to help businesses cope with the competitive pressures of joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. It works directly with businesses to help them improve production and export outside of Jordan. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	750,000
Enterprise Development Project - Kazakhstan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), accounting reform, and quality management centre (QMC): (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams; (4) QMC promotes the benefits of Quality Management and assists companies with ISO 9001-2000 implementation and certification. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kazakhstan**	112,124
Kenya Dairy Development Programme (KDDP)	The dairy programme aims to increase milk demand and improve efficiencies in the value chain (from farmers to consumers). Proposed interventions will improve the benefits along the four key stages of the value chains - production, processing, marketing/trade and consumption. Farmer organizations and human resources capacity will be strengthened. The trade component in the programme is expected to have: (1) increased agricultural trade through creating a policy environment that promotes trade and competition; (2) improved performance of agricultural marketing systems; (3) improved delivery of services necessary to facilitate agricultural trade; (4) improved performance of agricultural marketing systems; and (5) improved delivery of services necessary to facilitate	**Kenya**	30,000

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	agricultural trade. To date percentage increase in dairy products grew by 32 in volume while value grew up by 29. Training of informal traders to increase product quality, packaging and diversification is going on. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.		
Kenya Horticulture Development Programme (KHDP)	The goal of the Kenya Horticulture Development Programme (KHDP) is to increase incomes of 35,000 smallholders. The programme supports development and use of market information, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS), and increases the use of integrated pest management regimes to decrease pesticide use levels. It also increases small farmer's access to technologies that will increase their ability to trade internationally, regionally and domestically. To date 913 small farmers have been trained in EUREPGAP requirements and 881 certified compliant. Local market expansion is being constrained by deficient and/or erratic supplies of fresh products related to production variations caused by weather and lack of organized marketing. Change in volume of agricultural products entering international markets was 302,720 metric tonnes while that domestic market was 4,410,000 metric tonnes. Their changes in value were $599.7 million and $817.9 million respectively. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	20,000
Kenya Maize Development Programme (KMDP)	The maize programme aims at increasing rural household incomes by increasing productivity of maize in target areas, linking farmers to markets more efficiently, providing sustainable services in marketing, trade, credit, and improving the capacity farmer organizations as businesses. It supports policy reform to address constraints, promotes opportunities to increase domestic, regional and, to a lesser extent, international trade. The programme has expanded maize products for trade, trained farmers on standards and grades, storage and assembly of product, bulked transport operations to meet larger volume contracts with large traders. To date, farmers in the project areas (86,520) have raised their productivity from a baseline of 8 bags (90kg) to 21 (90kg)/acre, by early 2005. Total value of maize sold per family last year was Kshs. 136,063 compared to Kshs. 46,800 the previous year. Change in volume of maize sold per trader was 17,000 90-kg bags compared to 4,887 the previous year. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	30,000

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Enterprise Development Project - Kyrgyzstan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; and (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kyrgyzstan**	129,374
Peace Corps - Latin America and Caribbean	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Latin America and Caribbeans**	305,500
World Trade Organization (WTO) Compliance Activity	USAID assisted accession of Macedonia to the World Trade Organization (WTO) membership in 2003. Now the WTO Compliance activity supports participation of Macedonia in the work of WTO. The project supports public-private partnership in trade policy formulation, and in drawing benefit from the WTO membership. Work is also done on a new Electronic Communications Law and liberalized telecommunications services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	59,391
e-BIZ Activity	e-BIZ provides assistance in strengthening and expanding small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to compete successfully in the global and domestic markets, by supporting SME access to relevant, value-added information and communications technologies (ICT). This enables them to attract and communicate with customers, employ efficient supply and distribution channels, and modernize their business processes. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	1,230,804

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Biologically Diverse Forest Ecosystems Conserved	The Biologically Diverse Forest Ecosystems conservation and sustainable economic development programme builds trade capacity through natural product promotion and ecotourism development. The programme will help promote and increase the market presence of Madagascar spices, essential oils and handicrafts. By promoting these products and developing more value-added innovative market linkages, the biodiversity of Madagascar can be protected. The promotion of natural products consists of assistance in product certification that provides buyers a guarantee of high quality products. USAID provides assistance in trade promotion through technical assistance to agribusiness associations and companies specializing in natural and biological products. Assistance also consists of support to environmentally sensitive site development, capacity-building for tour operators, development of norms and standards to ecotourism site development, and promotion of Madagascar as an ecotourism destination. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.	**Madagascar**	40,000
Critical Private Markets Expanded	This activity will build Madagascar's business and trade capacity, thereby encouraging investment through introducing more productive technology building links between producers, small and medium enterprises including agribusinesses, and external markets and improving economic and trade policies. Assistance will focus on improving business skills increasing access to domestic and international markets increasing business opportunities for new ventures creating favorable environment for trade through policy analysis and trade integration. Support will be provided to improve marketing and trade of selected agricultural and non-agricultural commodities using a supply-chain approach. It will also serve as a vehicle for developing public-private dialogue and partnerships. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.	**Madagascar**	33,850
Governance in Targeted Areas Improved	USAID Madagascar's governance programme contributes to better planning and more efficient use of scarce public resources that will have an impact on trade, investment and growth. Activities will enable an increased participation of the private sector in a more informed policy-decision making process that benefits economic actors in their businesses. Supporting the government efforts to combat corruption,	**Madagascar**	225,000

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	through assistance in the implementation of a national anti-corruption strategy will have an impact on growth. For example, addressing widespread corruption in the customs area will have a positive impact on trade capacity and trade flows. Finally, this programme will continue assisting the Government of Madagascar in improving its regulatory framework for information and communication technologies working with selected NGOs to increase the reach of these technologies into rural areas will improve access to markets and trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.		
Mali Trade Promotion Programme	The Mali Trade Promotion Programme (TradeMali) aims to increase Malian exports to the regional and global markets. The activity consists of: (1) improving the policy and institutional environment for trade and investment; and (2) improving the competitiveness of Mali's private sector. TradeMali assisted the export of 2,417 metric tonnes of mango to Europe in 2004. The programme focused on helping Malian exporters find markets, improving product quality, implementing traceability procedures, and alleviating supply chain constraints (cold chain, air freight and multimodal transport logistics, labeling and branding, etc.). New markets for Malian mango were penetrated (Germany and Belgium), and six new exporters entered into the mango export marketing channel. Thanks to the assistance of TradeMali, air freight cost was reduced by 100 franc per kilo, and foreign investment was attracted to Mali by the establishment of a Senegalese company in Bamako. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mali.	**Mali**	380,000
Training, Internships, Exchanges and Scholarships (TIES)	Training, Internships, Exchanges and Scholarships (TIES) advances the objective of the Partnership for Prosperity, an initiative of Presidents Bush and Fox. TIES facilitates pursuit of a common development agenda between the US and Mexico by enhancing the capacity of higher education institutions of both nations to examine mutual development problems, work in strategic alliances to develop solutions, and create the basis for Mexico's benefiting more fully from NAFTA and a planned Free-Trade Area of the Americas. Aim is to increase the Mexican competitive workforce through higher education. University partnerships establish relationships between US and Mexican	**Mexico**	135,000

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	universities to address common development problems identified by Mexican higher education institutions and their public and private partners. Community College Scholarships provide support for disadvantaged Mexicans to study in the US to improve their technical skills so that they can better address development problems. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mexico.		
Peace Corps - Middle East and North Africa	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Middle East and North Africa ns**	28,300
Trade Facilitation - Border Crossing	This grant provides continued support for the transition to market-based economies in Southeast Europe by improving border crossing procedures in Moldova. Project activities include train-the-trainer workshops on such topics as business ethics, anti-corruption mechanisms, domestic statutes and international conventions, and professionalism website development public outreach to the local business community and public about transport and trade issues and exchanges between US trade and transport professionals and emerging leaders in the transport field in Moldova. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Moldova**	99,250
Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development	The new Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development (CEED) Project by USAID/Moldova is expected to be awarded in late FY05. CEED will be a second generation small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) support project involving the development of business and industry clusters, financial and investment intermediation, and continued enhancement of the regulatory framework in Moldova for SME development. The overarching goal of CEED is to stimulate economic growth and to improve employment opportunities for Moldovan citizens over the long term. Efforts will be focused on increasing the competitiveness of Moldovan products on international markets and to create a	**Moldova**	680,000

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	business environment and investment climate that stimulates, supports, and rewards competitive enterprise performance. A Development Credit Authority (DCA) mechanism may also implemented under CEED. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.		
Education For a Better Future: Work Force Development	The purpose of this programme is to assist the Government of Morocco (GOM) to improve the quality of its workforce and the relevance of worker skills to the growing and changing demands of business and industry. USAID will assist training institutions and technical high schools in three regions in order to provide computer training and other skills in demand by the private sector. In addition, the project will improve job placement mechanisms and will establish a roster of private sector partners for student internships and job placements. This activity is in support of the US-Morocco FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Morocco.	**Morocco**	3,060,000
Free Trade Agreement Support	As part of its economic growth strategy, USAID assists Morocco in successfully responding to the challenges and opportunities of the more liberalized trading environment that will be brought about by the Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with the United States, the Association Agreement with the European Union, other FTAs, the World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha Development Round, and Moroccan reform efforts. Results include: (1) increased productivity in agriculture and agribusiness; (2) creation of new business opportunities outside of agriculture and agribusiness; and (3) improved business environment. Funding reported here is part of the $7.2 million activity and the remainder of the funds are implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency. This activity is in support of the US-Morocco FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Morocco.	**Morocco**	717,950
Private Sector Foundation in Nicaragua	Modeled after FUSADES in El Salvador. Promote public/private partnerships to change laws, policies, and regulations to increase trade and investment and improve the business climate. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	50,000

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Economic Modernization through Efficient Reforms and Governance Enhancement (EMERGE)	The Economic Modernization through Efficient Reforms and Governance Enhancement (EMERGE) Programme focuses on policy reform related to trade, investment, and fiscal reforms that are essential for accelerated and sustainable growth. In particular, one of the main themes of the project is improving competitiveness and expanding trade and investments by enhancing trade liberalization and facilitation as well as reducing policy-induced restrictions and transactions cost of investments. Funded and implemented by USAID/Philippines.	**Philippines**	200,000
Institutional Grants for Policy Development (IGPD)	The Institutional Grant for Policy Development (IGPD) Programme focuses on trade, investment and competitive structure, World Trade Organization (WTO) technical assistance, tariff and non-tariff barrier reduction, agriculture, competition policy, telecommunications development, fiscal policy tax administration, and Local Government Units (LGU) financial management and planning. Funded and implemented by USAID/Philippines.	**Philippines**	59,100
Digital Freedom Initiative	This activity supports the design and implementation of a distance learning programme for the University of the Sahel in Dakar, which aims to increase foreign enrollment and provide quality education over the internet. An IT volunteer recruited through the International Executive Service Corps assisted a local IT firm in the activity. Another activity is the Cyber Louma, an IT services centre in an informal sector business district in Dakar. The centre trains local entrepreneurs in e-business, marketing, accounting and other business skills. Funded and implemented by USAID/Senegal.	**Senegal**	450,000
Agricultural Financial Restructuring and Privatization Programme	The South African Agriculture Financial Restructuring and Privatization Programme (SARPP) assists historically disadvantaged farmers to gain ownership of productive rural assets through opportunities to buy into larger commercial farms and agribusinesses on a willing seller-willing buyer basis. The project focuses on the creation of viable shareholder trusts and thus includes development of business plans and expansion of both production and marketing for local and international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	33,952

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The Competitiveness Programme	The Competitiveness Programme supports the economic policy reform agenda of the Mission, the new workforce development initiative and focuses at increasing the ability of Sri Lanka to compete in the global market for tea, rubber, coir, spices, ceramics, gems, tourism and information and communication technology (ICT). Funded and implemented by USAID/Sri Lanka.	**Sri Lanka**	40,250
Peace Corps - Sub-Saharan Africa	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Sub-Saharan Africa ns**	745,900
Enterprise Development Project - Tajikistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform; (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Tajikistan**	44,500

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Tanzania Airports Authority Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Infrastructure	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is providing grant funding for an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Infrastructure study for the Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA). The purpose of the study is to allow the TAA to formulate a precise strategy for its ongoing ICT upgrades and prepare it to begin procurement in several priority areas. The study will also look at options for financing and for the TAA to structure parts of its strategy to finance through public-private structures in partnership with other airport stakeholders. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Tanzania**	185,875
Telecommuni-cations and IT Training - Thailand	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) approved $65,000 in funding for an Orientation Visit to the United States for eight Thai government officials responsible for telecommunications and information technology and regulation. These officials would participate in specialized training programmes provided by the US Telecommunications Training Institute in Washington, DC and Los Angeles. In addition, the Orientation Visit will facilitate trade through greater use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Thailand, helping the country to meet industry objectives outlined in the US-Thailand Free Trade Agreement. Specific priorities to be addressed include supporting communications networks, promoting and developing the domestic ICT industry, and enacting a proper legal framework to facilitate ICT growth. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Thailand**	26,917
Enterprise Development Project - Turkmenistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for	**Turkmenistan**	30,380

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	forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Enterprise Development Project - Uzbekistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Uzbekistan**	74,500
Support for Trade Acceleration (STAR) Project	The programme aims to assist the Government of Vietnams (GVN) efforts to undertake trade and investment reforms consistent with the commitments the GVN made in the US-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). The Support for Trade Acceleration Programme (STAR) programme is designed with a wide range of technical assistance, including: (1) legal and economic analysis and recommendations regarding changes in laws and policies needed to comply with the BTA and the related WTO requirements; (2) training workshops and policy seminars to advance understanding of the technical issues; (3) study tours carefully targeted key GVN officials to advance policy reforms; and (4) publication and translation of key reference materials. The programme technical assistance has helped build human and institutional capacity of the GVN to benefit more from international rule-based trade, and support initiatives that facilitate BTA implementation. So far, the programme has produced good results and impacts. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	**Vietnam**	142,962

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Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative	The Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative (VNCI) is a three to five year USAID economic growth project to improve the competitiveness of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Vietnam. Its activities are in three areas: (1) Improve Business Policy Environment through a Provincial Competitiveness Index (PCI) that ranks over 40 provinces on their economic governance, as well as through related policy studies and public-private dialogue events; (2) Assist the ICT, fruit and home furnishings industries through various catalytic, demonstration initiatives. These include increasing ICT usage in trade activities, adopting international standards for exporting products in accordance with WTO requirements, improving market access and distribution channels to foreign markets and better accessing into foreign market by promoting Vietnamese products in international trade shows and exhibitions; (2) Help joint stock banks in Vietnam to improve their capacity to lend more to SMEs. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	**Vietnam**	332,417
Development Credit Authority	The Bank of Jordan will issue loans, from its own capital, to eligible borrowers of up to a total portfolio of $5.5 million under this 5-year programme. The ceiling for individual loans is $150,000. At the point when actual losses from not repaying are reflected on the banks balance sheet, USAID is obligated to pay a claim and effectively share 50 per cent of such losses with the bank. We anticipate that 60 per cent of the lending will go to trade-related activities, 30 per cent to business services, and 10 per cent to industry. Funded by USAID/West Bank and Gaza and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	**West Bank/ Gaza**	42,955
Palestinian Information Communication Technology	This programme creates an institution as the anchor for the information technology cluster. The activity aims to provide business services to enable start ups and access to risk capital and to encourage innovation. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	238,242
Mission Support Costs to Trade Capacity Building	This activity relates to providing appropriate supervision, technical assistance, and support to trade capacity-building activities in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	181,689

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Regional Market Information System (MISTOWA)	The purpose of the Regional Market Information System (RMIS) project is to educate West African traders, producers and consumers about agricultural markets. Lack of understanding of agricultural markets is a significant barrier to trade. A better understanding of markets will lead to informed decision making, resulting in higher profits for producers and traders as well as lower prices for consumers. The end goal of this activity is to increase trade in agricultural products and trade based food security, by providing commercially relevant and timely information to those involved in cross-border trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	966,585
Regional Telecom	This new activity will leverage existing efforts to enhance the development of the telecommunications industry in West Africa while adopting a regional approach that engages the private sector. This activity will provide technical assistance to Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), West Africa Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), other regional organizations and the private sector. The activity will address regulatory, legal and other issues in order to improve industry performance. The result of this activity will be an improved environment for telecommunications service providers, increased investment in telecommunications assets, and increased diversity and penetration of telecommunications services. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	700,000
Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement (ZAMTIE) Project	The Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement Project (ZAMTIE) objectives are: (1) reduce barriers to trade and investment; (2) build capacity in public and private sector organizations to facilitate trade as a mechanism for poverty reduction; and (3) foster trade linkages and opportunities between and among producers, suppliers, processors, traders, service providers, and consumers within and outside of Zambia. During the year, the project helped the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry to establish a dedicated Department of Foreign Trade and provided support to the Zambian judiciary to develop a framework for a small claims court system that would assist in the speedy resolution of internal trade disputes thereby further aiding the development of the country's capacity for external trade. In addition, the project facilitated trade missions to countries in Zambia's regional neighborhood. Funded and implemented by USAID/Zambia.	**Zambia**	50,000

TCB Category: Export Promotion
Year: 2005
Total Funding: $97,755,987

(Note: Funding values are not necessarily activity totals, but represent the proportion of the activity allocated to this trade category.)

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Business Development for Women in Afghanistan	The WSOS Community Action Commission will cooperate with the Reconstruction Authority for Afghanistan to identify 20 Afghans who will travel to the US in three delegations focused on three distinct but related aspects of business development for women: improving the business environment, public-private partnership, and available support services business skills and managerial development of women and introducing Afghan products to the US and global market. Two teams of American business development specialists (five individuals) will travel to Afghanistan to participate in workshops and seminars, do consultancy and site visits, and identify Afghan products for introduction in the US market. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Afghanistan**	56,031
Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Programme	The Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Programme is a multi-year effort to promote the production, processing and marketing of high value crops in Afghanistan. The programme concentrates on providing the farm inputs, finance and expertise needed to produce crops that can be marketed both regionally and internationally. Trade-related infrastructure such as irrigation canals, farm to market roads and cold storage has been an integral part of the project. Over 840,000 hectares of farmland now have improved irrigation and 192 km of farm to market roads have been rehabilitated. $5 million has been provided to help establish a micro-credit facility that has delivered more than 9,500 loans to micro-enterprises. A $2 million commercial bank revolving credit facility that has issued about $700,000 in loans has been created. Other achievements include the creation of international market linkages. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	**Afghanistan**	1,838,940

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Albanian Centre for International Trade	The Albanian Centre for International Trade (ACIT) is a three-year programme started in September 2003 by the Institute for Contemporary Studies through a cooperative agreement with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The main objective of ACIT is to improve the quality of trade policies as important instruments for growth and development, as well as for increasing the economic benefits from trade opportunities created by globalization trends and integration processes. ACIT serves as: (1) a research centre for improvement of trade policies and their implementation; (2) a forum for informed public debates and dialogue between different actors and stakeholders to promote formulation and implementation of sound trade and fiscal policies, (3) a resource centre for trade information; and (4) a capacity-building centre for strengthening the professional capacities of the government, private businesses and civil society in dealing with trade-related issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	50,000
Enterprise Development and Export Market Services	The Enterprise Development and Export Market Services project (EDEM) is a three-year activity initiated in October 2003. It aims to promote the competitiveness of Albanian businesses in the domestic and foreign markets and boost the export capability of Albania firms while at the same time supporting their efforts to capture more of the domestic market. Working with industry clusters, EDEM helps selected industries design and implement strategies for removing obstacles to competitiveness in the markets and taking advantage of market opportunities. These obstacles include unsound trade and investment policies, administrative barriers, and corruption which increase the cost of doing business. EDEM also assists Albanian enterprises in improving efficiency and upgrading product quality to meet the standards established for the US and the EU. EDEM has been working primarily with four industry groups: meat processing, herb and spices, specialty tourism, and leather goods and shoes. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	823,417

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Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative - Armenia	The Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative (CADI) works with the public and private agricultural sectors in Armenia to increase product quality and marketability. Activities include technical and financial assistance to agro-processors to improve product quality as well as marketing assistance and information. To the public sector, CADI provides assistance in adopting food safety and quality standards compatible with the international agricultural trading system. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	**Armenia**	100,000
Agribusiness Small and Medium Enterprise Market Development Project	The Armenia Agribusiness Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME) Market Development Project (ASME) works with the business community to increase market opportunities for private companies. To achieve this goal, ASME identifies markets for existing and new products that can be sold, develops strategies by which Armenian companies can take advantage of these opportunities, and supports the efforts of individual firms to operate successfully in a market-based economy. ASME identifies and analyses constraints that limit the potential growth of Armenian firms in these markets and designs and implements strategies to address those problems. ASME provides training and technical assistance to agribusiness SMEs to improve their efficiency and market competitiveness. It builds their management and marketing capacity in order to increase the exports and the domestic sales of Armenian agribusiness products and create new jobs. Funded and implemented by USAID/Armenia.	**Armenia**	570,965
Agro-based Industries and Technology Development Project - Phase II	The agro-based Industries and Technology Development Project II (ATDP II) aims to promote competitiveness of private agribusiness enterprises in Bangladesh, which will help facilitate successful integration into the global market place. The project focuses on development of products and market competitiveness (both domestic and export), provision of trade information and analysis, capacity-building and human resources development, and institutional strengthening. It also helps create a favorable policy environment for investment and commercialization of agricultural value added products. One of the major initiatives is to build an industry-owned and regulated Seal of Quality programme for shrimp industry (the country's second largest export) to raise quality and food safety standards and improve the image and	**Bangladesh**	200,000

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	competitiveness of Bangladesh shrimp in world markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bangladesh.		
Competitive Export Development Project (CEDP)	The Competitive Export Development Project (CEDP) will assist several high potential sectors such as light engineering, electrical/electronics and information technology to improve domestic and international competitiveness and increase Bangladesh exports. Currently, Bangladesh exports primarily (75 per cent of export earnings) depend on the ready-made garments sector. In addition, institutions such as chambers of commerce, trade promotion bodies, and government institutions will be strengthened. Policy reforms relevant to the selected sectors will be encouraged. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bangladesh.	**Bangladesh**	200,000
Bolivian Forestry (BOLFOR) II	The Sustainable Forestry Management Project (BOLFOR II) aims to improve community based forest management to access better markets and promote commercial alliances between communities and private sector, improve forest management and business practices in the private sector, and facilitate forest exports. It is planned to work directly with at least 40 communities and 40 private companies, and reach another 60 through indirect activities. In fiscal year 2005 BOLFOR sponsored the "1st Business Roundtable of the Forestry Sector" in Bolivia, which had over 80 participants from Bolivia, USA, Germany, Mexico, Brazil, and Costa Rica, including timber and non-timber products manufacturers, community forestry organizations and indigenous community organizations, service providers, international institutions, and commercial forestry products companies. There were more than 400 business meeting requests far surpassed expectations, generating a total of $6.2 million of intended business deals. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	365,400

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Bolivian Trade and Business Competitiveness	The Bolivian Trade and Business Competitiveness Activity (BTBC) seeks to increase the competitive production of goods and services, facilitate trade, expand market access and attract foreign investment. Through this programme, USAID helps the private sector better take advantage of trade opportunities by providing direct assistance to firms in selected export sectors, connects producers and markets through regional competitiveness promotion hubs in El Alto, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz. In addition, BTBC trains trade negotiators, supports civil society outreach and feedback on trade, and promotes increased financing for exporters and trade-related activities. During the first two years of the project, Bolivian non-traditional exports increased by $47 million, to total $207 million. Forty-five per cent of this ($21 million) is directly attributable to BTBC assistance to exporting firms. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	800,000
Consolidation of Alternative Development Efforts (CONCADE)	The Consolidation of Alternative Development Efforts (CONCADE) project promotes the development of a licit and diversified economy in the tropics of Cochabamba, thus contributing to the reduction and eventual elimination of coca in the region. CONCADE assists Bolivian farmers and private businesses in improving the quality of crops and products to meeting international standards, as well as in identifying promising market segments and deal making. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	500,000
Market Access and Poverty Alleviation in Valley Regions	The Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA) agricultural programme reduces poverty by enhancing agricultural incomes and employment opportunities for the rural poor through a market-driven strategy. Assistance reduces constraints limiting access to technology, markets and other basic services. The programme promotes the formation and strengthening of enterprises, reducing production and transaction costs and increasing competitiveness of selected agricultural commodity chains, from inputs to final markets. As of June 2005, MAPA had significantly increased the incomes of almost 25,000 families. For example, incomes of families growing berries increased by 173 per cent and onion-grower income increased by 112 per cent. MAPA has created promising export opportunities for farmers in the	**Bolivia**	600,000

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	difficult altiplano environment. In 2004, farmers exported 64 tonnes of sweet onions from the altiplano and high valleys during the US winter season. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.		
Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA) in Yungas Region	The Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA) programme in the Yungas region has successfully revitalized the tea and coffee sectors. MAPA has supervised the repair and upgrade of tea plants in Caranavi and Chimate and also overseen construction of infrastructure projects that will facilitate processing and roasting of coffee. Both sectors have also received technical assistance in export promotion and business services. In Coroico, MAPA has supported community efforts to identify, prioritize, and implement projects that will support the tourism sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	592,725
Cluster Competitiveness Activity	The Cluster Competitiveness Activity aims at increasing the competitiveness of wood processing and tourism industries with an ultimate goal of increasing export of value-added wood products and promoting regional and international tourism. It provides technical and financial assistance firms, business associations, educational institutions, and government counterparts. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina.	**Bosnia and Herzegovina**	870,000
Linking Agriculture Markets to Producers and Processors	The activity aims at increasing the competitiveness of agribusiness in Bosnia and Herzegovina by facilitating markets linkages between agriculture production, processing and marketing. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina.	**Bosnia and Herzegovina**	560,000

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Economic Opportunities for Small Enterprises, Trade and Poverty	USAID activities have focused primarily on promoting a rational debate on the benefits of Free-Trade, while emphasizing opportunities for small business participation. Activities include the delivery of a series of Free-Trade events including training courses on Trade Map, Product Map, and Market Access Map, as well as panel discussions and roundtables with local and international trade specialists. To date, over 1,500 small entrepreneurs, industry association leaders, and state-level government representatives have participated in USAID-sponsored trade events. USAID assistance has particularly targeted state-level Federations of Industries. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Brazil.	**Brazil**	120,000
Business and Trade Development	This volunteer-based technical assistance activity is designed to help business support organizations (BSOs) identify the needs of the client firms help the BSOs develop an appropriate mix of fee-based services to respond to market demand train BSOs to access an array of sector and industry-specific services they could not otherwise provide to their clients on their own, including access to financing, Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) Volunteer Expert (VE) consultancies and aid trade networking, promotion and export facilitation support locally, regionally and internationally, including export support assistance. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bulgaria.	**Bulgaria**	160,000
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is a regional organization of 19 sovereign African Member States. The Strategic Objective Agreement with COMESA has three main areas of focus: (1) strengthening COMESA's institutional capacity by improving human resources, information technology, financial, procurement and other key management systems; (2) increasing intra-COMESA trade by developing the Common Investment Area, harmonizing telecommunications regulations, creating a Regional Customs Bond Guarantee scheme, facilitating a regional approach to Biosafety legislation, and implementing a COMESA gender policy; and (3) increasing US-COMESA trade through programmes such as the AGOA Linkages in COMESA project, and funding for COMESA delegations to attend events such as the Corporate Council on Africa Summit and the AGOA Forum. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**COMESA Secretariat**	182,000

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Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS)	Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS) is a programme designed to provide support to countries in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean Countries (OECS) to enhance national level competitiveness through the creation of models which can be replicated throughout the region. The programme will focus on reducing impediments to trade as well as improving market access conditions, working with governments as well as the private sector to achieve its goals. In addition, the programme will provide some support at the subregional and regional levels in areas which would positively impact on the ability of individual countries to succeed in an open trade environment, and under the conditions of trade stipulated by the various international trade regimes. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Caribbean ns**	295,000
Aid to Artisans, Handicraft Export Promotion	This activity is aimed at promoting exports of handicrafts through linkages to product developers, attendance at trade fairs, and access to business services. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/PR.	**Central America ns**	125,000
Regional Competitiveness Initiative	This activity advances new competitiveness initiatives (regional sector clusters, corridor clusters, and market chains) that unite the bilateral efforts of US Agency for International Development (USAID) Missions in the Europe and Eurasia Region. The Missions, public and private sector participants, form communities of practice to advance these regional initiatives. Through these communities they will achieve more effective implementation of their programmes, which in turn, will augment trade and productive employment in host countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	250,000
Agricultural Biotechnology Training Programme - Phase II	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) approved a grant for a technical assistant to the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) for the organization and implementation a technical assistance (TA) and training programme with the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture, its Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science, and other appropriate members of the Chinese State Councils Agricultural Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Joint-Ministry Conference	**China (PRC)**	312,500

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	System. Because of uncertainty in China about the implementation of new Ag-Biotech rules, it has caused new orders for US soybean exports ($1 billion) to be halted. The focus of the TA and training programme would be to help influence implementation procedures to minimize any negative impact on exports. The training initiative will have three two-week training modules over a period of one year in the various locations within the US. The proposal for the project was submitted by CAST of Washington DC and Ames, Iowa. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.		
Shuangdao Bay Petrochemical Complex	This $871,673 Feasibility Study will assist the Dalian Shide Group (DSG) to establish a large-scale and privately-owned refinery/petrochemical facility in the Shuangdao Bay area of northeastern China. The implementation of this project will lead to substantial economic development impacts through infrastructure development, market-oriented reform and the transfer of advanced technology in petrochemical production. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**China (PRC)**	523,004
Aid to Artisans in Colombia	The project promotes economic opportunities through artisan enterprise development, creating licit employment and income opportunities for Colombian artisans: (1) Strengthen the local capacity of artisans to produce marketable goods that generate increased orders; (2) Strengthen business skills and organizational development to enhance the ability of Colombian artisans and artisan-based enterprises to improve production capacity and quality, negotiate global markets, establish and maintain strong relationships with clients, and grow their businesses; (3) Develop domestic and international markets and promote Colombia as a source of innovative, high-quality handmade products among buyers in order to increase employment and income opportunities for artisans; (4) Increase income for 2,000 artisan households; and (5) Generate $1.75 million in sales during the project and an additional $3.8 million in the four years following the end of the project in 2006. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	800,000

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Colombia Agribusiness Partnership Programme (CAPP)	The Colombian Agribusiness Partnership Programme (CAPP) programme assists the Colombian agribusiness sector by providing resources to finance a number of processing and cultivation expansion activities, ultimately helping the Colombian agribusiness community to modernize and compete in global markets. The principal activity is the identification of qualified private sector partners, the careful evaluation of proposed projects and the application of mechanisms for assistance tailored specifically to the identifies project's requirements. Priority is given to projects proposed for those areas that offer reasonable access to existing markets, whether domestic or international. Each CAPP activity must have a technical assistance package managed by the CAPP enterprise at the producer level and every other level to make sure that all crops or livestock produced under the activity are handled properly at post harvest through sale in the marketplace. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	5,600,000
Colombia Enterprise Development	The programme provides an opportunity to rapidly and effectively provide integrated assistance to small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in secondary cities. Components include CEDMarketing to identify markets for SMEs using a "systems" approach that will most successfully launch companies into direct and indirect export markets, working in close collaboration with Expopyme and other capable institutions. Another component, CEDConsulting, creates integrated business development services (BDS) in tune with the specific needs of SMEs through the establishment of certifiable consulting methodologies with existing institutions, the introduction of certified diagnostic tools, and the indirect training of SME consultants. CEDFinance is establishing a financial services clearinghouse to introduce "bankable" SMEs to Colombian financial services providers and train the financial community on practices and instruments to profitably lend to such smaller enterprises. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	1,200,000

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Colombia Forestry Development Programme	One of the main goals of the Colombia Forestry Development Programme is to assist the private commercial forestry sector to improve efficiency through better technology and knowledge of their markets for their products. Equally important is better utilization of raw material, improved management of forest resources and partnering between suppliers of raw materials and producers of goods along the productive chain of forest products. The activity has been designed to improve or create more integrated production chains for the forest products industry in three geographically selected forest clusters. Four main thematic areas are forest policy improvement, support of Plan Colombia's forestry initiative, production improvement and income generation, and the creation of a Forestry Development Fund to provide technical assistance in the development of work plans, marketing and feasibility studies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	1,600,000
Colombia Forestry Development Programme (Midas)	The programme will be focused on the development and implementation of strategic management upgrading, technology transfer and market development/access programmes designed to facilitate the development of sustainable commercial forestry niches, reflecting significant employment and income generation potential in this Colombian sector. This will include a strategic focus on agro-forestry and wood product related value chain and cluster development opportunities, and related plantation forestry development and management initiatives. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	500,000
Colombian Agribusiness Partnership Programme (MIDAS Component)	The programme will focus on addressing critical management, technology transfer and market development/access constraints which limit the growth capacity of the Colombian agribusiness sector. The component should respond to and support private sector initiatives that benefit rural families in illicit production regions. This component will work to promote private sector agribusiness linkages with agricultural producers, encouraging a shift from illicit products to legal activities, or ensuring that rural producers and labour force participants have strong incentives to remain uninvolved in illicit production or related activities. It will also focus intensively on effectively addressing critical market development constraints at key value chain links and building market-based institutional networks which promote	**Colombia**	2,400,000

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	the sustainability of the employment and income generation impacts of these programmes. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.		
Establishment of SME Risks Capital Fund in Colombia	The Fund will invest in a wide array of industries, but will concentrate on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that export or have the potential to compete in the international arena. The purpose of the envisaged financial and technical support would be the establishment of such a fund in Colombia, and the utilization of the fund to channel medium and long-term financial capital and management and technology transfer expertise to high-potential Colombian SMEs. The fund would thus be expected play a critical role in providing an ample source of equity and subordinated debt investments in high-potential SMEs that would otherwise lack access to sustainable market-based financing. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	750,000
Infrastructure and Market Linkage-based Support Activities	The creation of sustainable job and income-generation opportunities in the growth poles targeted by the programme will require a liberalized trade and investment environment which creates more buoyant external markets for licit products and encourages an intensified flow of local and foreign private investment into key infrastructure and productive sectors of the economy. For the identified growth poles in particular, programme interventions will include technical support to remove policy/regulatory impediments to business formation and growth at the local level, technical cooperation and incentive-based financial support to increase infrastructure investment and improve management/regulation of key infrastructure sectors, and technical/training support for intensive public/private partnership efforts to identify and address technology transfer, market development, human capital development, and other institutional constraints limiting the growth potential of key productive subsectors. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	811,169

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Small- and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) Expansion - MIDAS Component	The programme will focus on the development and implementation of innovative support strategies and programmes designed to facilitate a strong expansion in investment, production, exports, and employment in the small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector. The core focus of the programme will be on defining and effectively addressing the core financial and operational management, technology transfer, and market development/access constraints which limit the competitive capacity of the Colombian SME sector. Particular focus will be given to the development of a network of institutions which are able to serve as catalytic agents for the expanded application of improved enterprise development skills on a systemic basis. This activity is part of the larger MIDAS (Más Inversión para el Desarrollo Alternativo Sostenible) project. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	600,000
Support for Specialty Coffee Exports	The activity includes a joint effort with the Government of Colombia to support a specialty coffee partnership that seeks alliances with the private and public sector. USAID, through this partnership, has leveraged more than $8 million in private investment for coffee activities. Coffee plantation renovation is supported by replacing low-yielding plants with new, high-yielding varieties and training farmers in pruning and other practices to raise yields. Production and processing infrastructure is improved with new or upgraded processing equipment, such as bean dryers, and introduce or reinforce better production, processing, storage and handling practices. The Coffee Quality Institute assists in training on cultivation, and processing and drying techniques to improve quality. Marketing is supported by participation in specialized fairs, trade shows and exhibitions. Training and advisory activities in organization and management strengthen cooperatives and associations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	1,920,000
Growth of a Dynamic and Competitive Private Sector	The activity aims to increase the capacity of public sector institutions, private sector business services associations, and private sector businesses to effectively access world markets for Croatian goods and services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Croatia.	**Croatia**	1,023,477

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Djibouti Regional Livestock Export Facility	The Regional Livestock Export Facility in Djibouti is being implemented by the African-Union/Inter-African Bureau of Animal Resources. The objective of the Facility is to certify the health of camels, goats and sheep to be exported from the Horn of Africa countries to importing nations on the Arabian Peninsula. The construction of the facility has advanced over the past year and the facility should be operational in July 2005. The first group of animals has entered the Facility to test the quarantine and health inspection processes. The goal is to be fully operational by the Haj in early 2006. This facility is fully supported by the Djiboutian Government and co-managed by AU-IBAR and the Djibouti Chamber of Commerce. This is a private sector initiative supported by all the interested countries with the common goal of creating a sustainable, private-sector, market-driven facility that will export over one million head of livestock per year from Djibouti to the Gulf States. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Djibouti**	400,000
Competitive Strategy and Action Plan for Mango Exports	A market study for the Eastern US will be performed to provide the basis for developing a competitive strategy for Dominican mangoes in the US market from which an Action Plan will be developed. This will assist the Dominican exporters to identify specific geographic targets in the US and buyers in those markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	75,000
Competitive Strategy and Action Plan for Oriental Vegetables Exports	The Development Association (APEDEVE) and the Association of Oriental Vegetable Exporters (ADEXVO) in La Vega were assisted in developing a strategy and work plan to export oriental fruits and vegetables to the US and Canadian markets. Currently, our assistance is now helping them to implement the strategy and action plan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	50,000

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Textile Sector Adjustment	An appropriate solution to the rapidly changing market for apparel is an accelerated upgrading of technical skills for pre-production apparel operations. By upgrading the skills of small- and medium-sized apparel firms, they will be able to better maintain their current customers, and in some cases to expand their sales to new customers and niche markets. The Parties to a Memorandum of Understanding, including USAID, and public and private sector organizations, will assist apparel firms wishing to upgrade their pre-production skills and adjust to evolving market conditions. Specifically, USAID will provide technical assistance in the form of consultants and technical advice. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	100,000
CAFTA-DR Impact on Dominican Manufacture Sector	This activity evaluates the potential impact of the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA) on the manufacturing sector, based on quantitative analysis. To measure the impact of DR-CAFTA on the manufacturing sector, the evaluation will carry-out the assessment of the impact by product categories, classifying them in accordance to their sensibility and export potential identify actions that need to be taken by the industrial sector in order to benefit from the advantages derived from the DR-CAFTA identify key subsectors in the industrial sector (sectors with higher-development capabilities of greater value added and identification of possible production chains) and design scenarios which include the industrial sector as a whole, assuming positions regarding the Free-Trade Zones and toward integration in the domestic market. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	60,000
Export Competitiveness Study on Harmonized Schedule Code 90-Medical	The objective of this study is to prepare a strategic report on the Harmonized Schedule (HS) Code 90 Products (Chemicals) sector in the Dominican Republic (DR), in the form of a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) that will present to public sector and industry leaders a clear picture of where the DR is positioned at this time to compete in the global market place (including niches and competitors in these niches). The consultant will outline steps required to enhance this competition at both a macro level but also concrete steps that can be taken over the short run. In effect, the consultant will recommend a strategy with specific initiatives to	**Dominican Republic**	75,000

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	resolve near-term barriers to growth and set the stage for accelerating industry export development. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.		
Export Competitiveness Study on Harmonized Schedule Code 85-Electronic	The objective of this study is to prepare a strategic report on the Harmonized Schedule (HS) Code 85 Products (Electronics) sector in the Dominican Republic (DR), in the form of a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) that will present to public sector and industry leaders a clear picture of where the DR is positioned at this time to compete in the global market place (including niches and competitors in these niches). The consultant will outline steps required to enhance this competition at both a macro level but also concrete steps that can be taken over the short run. In effect, the consultant will recommend a strategy with specific initiatives to resolve near-term barriers to growth and set the stage for accelerating industry export development. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	75,000
Export Competitiveness Study on Footwear	The objective of this study is to prepare a strategic report on the footwear sector in the Dominican Republic (DR), in the form of a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) that will present to public sector and industry leaders a clear picture of where the DR is positioned at this time to compete in the global market place (including niches, competitors in these niches). The consultants will outline steps required to enhance this competition at both a macro level but also concrete steps that can be taken over the short run. In effect, the consultant will recommend a strategy with specific initiatives to resolve near-term barriers to growth and set the stage for accelerating industry export development. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	70,000
Opportunities for the Dominican Republic due to CAFTA-DR Agriculture	The objective of this study is to identify opportunities to be created by the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA), emphasizing the top 10 sectors with growth potential where the Dominican Republic (DR) could be competitive with a clear picture of where the DR is positioned at this time to compete	**Dominican Republic**	85,000

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	in the global market place (including niches and competitors in these niches). This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.		
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Advisor	An advisor from the Animal and Plant Health inspection Service (APHIS) of the US Department of Agriculture will work in East Africa. In the past year, the advisor has done an excellent job and really has moved the Pest Risk Assessments (PRA) process forward in this region. His office is based in Kampala due to security concerns and NSDD-38 ceilings in Nairobi. He has interacted well with his government counterparts in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Madagascar (and soon Tanzania). He has also assisted his African colleagues in drafting PRAs for bananas from Uganda baby corn, baby carrots, and peas from Kenya and lychees from Madagascar. Another area of cooperation has been the use of the Cochran Programme to train African staff. Four people from this region went to the US for market assessments of their commodities in June 2005. Another group will go for PRA training in July or August of 2005. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Eastern and Central Africans**	30,000
African Womens Agribusiness Network (AWAN)	The African Women Agribusiness Network (AWAN) is a business support organization that promotes women's economic growth through facilitation or direct provision of need based services through advocacy aimed at creating a better business environment for women within East Africa. AWAN builds the capacity of women-owned and operated agribusinesses thus enhancing their competitiveness in international markets: (1) AWAN-EA has held three workshops on Implementation and Audit Techniques for International Standards with the first one being held in Nairobi from 13 to 17 September; (2) Regional Workshop on African Women's Leadership and Entrepreneurship (21-24 February, 2005). Twenty delegates from the region participated in this training; and (3) AWAN-EA held three networking forums in: Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. These meetings provided a forum for identifying country specific market needs and networking and information sharing opportunities for members and various service providers. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Eastern and Central Africans**	60,000

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East and Central Africa Global Competitiveness Hub	The East and Central Africa (ECA) Global Competitiveness Hub based in Nairobi is one of three Hubs working on the Presidential Trade for Africa Development and Enterprise Initiative. Last year, the ECA Hub organized three trade missions to the United States for textiles and apparel, and for handicrafts and gifts. Collectively, 23 companies from the ECA region participated in these shows and completed deals worth more than $3.5 million dollars and two-thirds of those 23 companies are owned and operated by women. The ECA Hub is working with COMESA and its member states to improve understanding of the operations of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The ECA Hub along with the Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination Authority and COMESA has been promoting the One-Stop-Border Post pilot project at Malaba which should reduce the transit time for cargo in the region. The World Bank has also agreed to co-fund elements of this project along with USAID. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Eastern and Central Africans**	600,000
Regional Agriculture Expansion Support programme (RATES)	The Regional Agriculture Trade Expansion Support (RATES) programme has proven to be a catalyst for regional growth of this key sector. In specialty coffee, the East and Central African Fine Coffees Association has held two successful World's Wildest Coffee Conferences – last year, in Nairobi and this year, in Livingstone – which resulted in several millions of dollars in new export orders. The "Maize without Borders" programme has been adopted by the COMESA Council of Ministers last year, and the Regional Agriculture Trade Intelligence Network and Trade Africa websites have helped to inform African grain traders about key pricing and market information. The Eastern and Southern Africa Dairy Association was formed last year, and a well-attended African Dairy Conference was held in May to encourage inter-regional trade. The first regional Cotton and Textile Summit was organized in Nairobi resulting in the formation of a regional body for the cotton and textile sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Eastern and Central Africans**	760,000
African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) - Ethiopia	The African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Ethiopia is joint USAID/Ethiopia and ECA Hub (REDSO) Project with one full time professional based here in Ethiopia. USAID/Ethiopia will coordinate the first ever AGOA Meeting to be held in Ethiopia between 22-25 October . Two hundred	**Eastern and Central Africans**	56,250

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	and fifty East and Central African business representatives will come to Addis Ababa to make AGOA deals and to learn from practical example how other African nations have succeeded with AGOA led exports to the United States. The Mission can report a more than doubling of Ethiopian AGOA exports to the US in the last 12 months (non-coffee exports only, from $2 million to $4.8 million). These products included Niger sees (Bird seed), handicrafts, beverages (specialty bottled water and beer), and some spices. This activity is funded with FY04 money. Funded by USAID/REDSO and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.		
Support for Competitiveness	This activity will identify competitive clusters of interconnected companies and institutions that are important to achieve and maintain competitiveness, economies of scale, and productivity. The activity will improve the efficiency of the perishable supply chain at the suppliers and supermarket outlets. The programme will be based on the principles of Total Quality Management: identification of customers and their requirements, a commitment to continuous improvement, benchmarking successful programmes, results measurement, and involvement of stakeholders in creating solutions. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	115,895
Support for Conservation of Galapagos Marine Reserve	This programme promotes the conservation of the Galapagos Marine Reserve by improving participation of communities in management, reducing over-fishing and illegal fishing, promoting sustainable tourism, implementing marine zoning, and facilitating public communication and outreach. Applied research funding to better inform decision making, increased capacity for collaborative decision making and local governance, improved application of the Galapagos Special Law, development of ecotourism as an alternative to fishing income, and promoting conflict management capacity-building. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	214,600
Assistance for Customs and Trade Facilitation project	This activity targets all aspects of trade building including customs, trade policy, trade facilitation, inspection, import and export procedures, trade agreements, competitiveness, port services, regulatory reform, and policy formulation. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	900,000

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Commodity Import Programme	The Commodity Import Programme (CIP) provides Egyptian private sector importers with foreign exchange to finance trade and investment. The purpose of CIP is to stimulate private sector investments by providing import financing through Egyptian commercial banks to Egyptian private businesses. Under the present private sector programme, financing is available for transactions valued as low as $10,000, thereby encouraging small or emerging private sector businesses to participate. Preferential lending terms are available for investments in Upper Egypt, businesses that are increasing their exports, and investments that benefit the environment. Repayments of CIP loans by private sector importers revert to the Egyptian government and are used to support numerous development projects as well as general budget expenditures. Since the beginning of the private sector programme, over 1,400 Egyptian private sector importers have used CIP resources. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	17,000,000
Information Communication Technology	The purpose of this activity is to establish the legal and regulatory framework necessary to strengthen E-commerce and information and communication technology. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	500,000
Export Activity and Competitive Intelligence Promotion (USAID/EXPRO)	USAID/El Salvador, the Ministry of Economy (MINEC), and the private sector have developed an Export Promotion Programme (USAID/EXPRO) to reactivate the economy and support the transition to trade as part of the efforts to spur the US-Central America-Dominican Republic FTA. Objectives are: (1) strengthening the Ministry of Economy's institutional export and trade policy capacity; (2) improving private sector access to trade information; (3) increasing the capacity of Salvadoran businesses to access new markets by providing technical assistance and matching funds for firms already exporting (with MINEC), firms almost ready to export (CENTROMYPE), and firms that need to be prepared for export (with business associations); (4) expanding business contracts and sales; (5) strengthening the Salvadoran export services sector; (6) establishing strategic business alliances with US companies; and (7) preparing a best-practices guide for businesses on how to export. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/El Salvador.	**El Salvador**	1,000,000

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Export Promotion and Technology (ExproTech21)	A new Export Promotion and Technology (ExproTech21) activity will continue working with Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), the private sector, business associations and the Government of El Salvador to strengthen business capacity and competitiveness, promote access to markets, increase sales and jobs, and expand access to appropriate technologies. Activity to start in 2006. This activity is in support of the US-Central America-Dominican Republic FTA. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/El Salvador.	**El Salvador**	4,450,000
Agricultural Cooperatives Ethiopia (ACE)	Agricultural Cooperative Ethiopia (ACE) strengthens primary farm cooperatives and forms cooperative unions in Ethiopia. This increases cooperative and coop union bargaining power to access agricultural inputs (better purchasing power) as well as increase sales and prices of farm products to the market-place. Farm products include coffee (some exported) but other food stuffs are traded internally. A recent (July) INTERNET-based auction with US buyers resulted in a doubling of producer prices paid to the Ethiopian coffee farmer. This is a direct link to the ACE activity. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Ethiopia**	75,000
Growing Ethiopian Markets (GEM)	The Growing Ethiopian Markets (GEM) project is designed to provide capacity-building, practical problem-solving and organizational support to Ethiopian agribusinesses, trade associations and their private sector members across several commodity groups. The project's main goal is to help the private sector (domestic and international) compete more effectively in local, regional, and world markets by facilitating exports. GEM work in the Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, Somali, and Southern Nations and Peoples regions of Ethiopia, focusing on food grains, coffee, meat, skins and hides and horticulture sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Ethiopia**	250,000
Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative - Georgia	Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative (CADI) works with the public and private agricultural sectors in Georgia to increase product quality and marketability. Activities include technical and financial assistance to agro-processors to improve product quality as well as marketing assistance and information. To the public sector, CADI provides assistance in adopting	**Georgia**	40,000

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	food safety and quality standards compatible with the international agricultural trading system. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.		
Georgia Enterprise Growth Initiative	The activity aims to create a free market business environment, further develop the financial sector infrastructure and to facilitate the rate of enterprise growth in Georgia. Its Demand Driven Policy Reform component supports business associations to work more effectively with their members and government to improve the business and investment environment which includes awareness to support compliance with World Trade Organization (WTO) obligations, as well as other governance issues. In addition, the Georgia Enterprise Growth Initiative (GEGI) focuses on improving implementation by the Government of Georgia (GOG) of market-oriented economic policy initiatives. The other, financial Institution Strengthening component includes support for a collateral registry, credit information bureau, and other institutional strengthening and training. Funded and implemented by USAID/Georgia.	**Georgia**	28,000
Private Sector Competitiveness Programme	The two main areas of focus are strengthening Ghana's policy and regulatory enabling environment so that it is more supportive of private sector competitiveness. This involves: (1) policies to maintain macroeconomic stability through improvements to expenditure management and strict monetary policy; (2) more efficient product and input markets through reforms to trade, agriculture and other private sector policies; (3) more efficient factor markets by increasing access to finance and land and making labour markets more flexible through the passage of the 2003 Labour Law; and (4) improving the regulatory frameworks for energy (especially gas), telecommunications and biosafety. The enabling environment component also includes support to private sector business associations and policy research institutes to strengthen the policy advocacy and policy analysis capacity. The Mission focus is on a limited portfolio of mainly non-traditional agricultural exports, especially horticulture. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ghana.	**Ghana**	790,200

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Business Facilitation Incentive Fund	The State Department established the Business Facilitation Incentive Fund (BFIF) to encourage and accelerate business facilitation initiatives at posts where the Department leads the commercial function. In FY2005, State funded activities at more than 40 posts in developing countries, including catalyzing establishment of bilateral or local chambers of commerce and industry business education seminars for local entrepreneurs and seminars and outreach events to increase entrepreneurial capacity using IT tools. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Global ns**	126,675
International Trade Centre (ITC)	The US contributes regularly to the International Trade Center (ITC) which is engaged in trade related capacity-building issues. The ITC is the technical cooperation agency of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) for operational, enterprise-oriented aspects of trade development. ITC supports developing and transition economies, and particularly their business sector, in their efforts to realize their full potential for developing exports and improving import operations. The ITC's technical assistance concentrates on: (1) helping businesses understand WTO rules; (2) strengthening enterprise competitiveness; and (3) developing new trade promotion strategies. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Global ns**	1,972,997
Partnerships for Food Industry Development - Fruits and Vegetables	The Partnership for Food Industry Development (PFID) activities focus on: (1) support the development of local, national, regional and international markets for developing country agricultural products; (2) expand the knowledge of trade practices, regulations and standards around the world; and (3) encourage the identification of locations for processing and manufacturing operations in developing countries. The program has demonstrated the effectiveness of a sound market-led strategy on promoting agriculture diversification that has dramatically improved income for small-scale farmers. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/AG.	**Global ns**	150,000
Partnerships for Food Industry Development - Meat, Seafood and Poultry	The Partnership for Food Industry Development (PFID) activities focus on: (1) support the development of local, national, regional and international markets for developing country agricultural products; (2) expand the knowledge of	**Global ns**	30,000

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	trade practices, regulations and standards around the world; and (3) encourage the identification of locations for processing and manufacturing operations in developing countries. In addition, training on meat and seafood Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) is provided to regulatory officials. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/AG.		
Trade Capacity Building to Achieve Sanitary and Phytosanitary Compliance	The Rural and Agricultural Income with Sustainable Environment (RAISE) helps missions identify and pursue investments in natural resource-based industries. Principal sectors include sustainable agribusiness, tourism and other marine and land-based industries. RAISE Sanitary and Phyo-Sanitary (SPS) Task Order has: (1) assessed SPS capacity in Latin American and the Caribbean; (2) completed and disseminated supermarket expansion research in Africa, Europe Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Near East; (3) developed livestock food standard regulatory and compliance capacity in Armenia and Ethiopia; (4)enhanced government and private sector SPS capacity to improve dragon fruit exports to the European Union; (5) researched third party food standards certification capacity throughout the world with case studies in Honduras, Ghana and Indonesia; and (6) supported implementation of world wide workshops on biotechnology impact on international trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/AG.	**Global ns**	43,300
Market Access Map for Least Developing Countries	The Economic Growth Agriculture and Trade office will provide access to the International Trade Centre Market Analysis Sections tool Market Access Map for LDC WTO members and observers. Market Access Map is a web-based application containing tariffs for 170 countries at the national tariff line level, integrated with a user-friendly interface, designed to facilitate market access analysis. Market Access Map includes: (1) Applied tariffs: *Ad valorem* and specific, tariff quotas and anti-dumping duties; (2) Bound tariffs of WTO members; (3) *Ad valorem* equivalents (AVEs) for specific tariffs; (4) Most Favored Nations (MFN) and preferential rates; and (5) Rules of origin and certificates of origin. Effective utilization of Market Access Map will be supported by three half-day training events in Geneva for representatives of LDC's WTO missions and one-to-one advisory services to market access analysts and negotiators. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	200,000

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Support for Trade Capacity Building - Global	This activity provides technical and financial support to a wide range of regional and bilateral TCB projects, including, but not limited to support of the Integrated Framework process. The activity has strong focus on improved inter-ministerial coordination and public-private sector consultation with the objective of ensuring that TCB priorities have strong support and are sustainable. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	50,000
Support for Export Promotion through the Guatemala Guild of Exporters	Development and implementation of public/private alliances to maximize sales, job creation and competitiveness for rural Guatemalan employees and business owners. TA, sales support, cross training, observational trips and coordination to existing and previous alliance partners. TA to meet the requirements of new commercial partners (including supermarkets, wholesale, and retail buyers), and phytosanitary standards and certification processes. Competitiveness enhancing measures to develop industry clusters and packaged together around key clusters: sustainable tourism, handicrafts, forestry, and agribusiness. Work with business, industry, trade association and government leaders to establish or significantly enhance one major new Guatemalan trade relationship with at least one other major emerging market country. The provision of minimal technical and sales support, and overall business development assistance to the previously established 30 Electronic Business Centres. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP.	**Guatemala**	150,000
Expanded Natural Resource Management - Improved Marketing	This activity is in support of developing commercial quality agriculture exports and natural forest products and assisting in market identification. The project will assist farmers and community groups in investing in more profitable, less destructive agricultural practices by improving natural resource management capacity, increasing sustainable farm production and productivity, and developing income-generating, non-farm small enterprises. By working with communities to empower local decision-making for agriculture marketing and production, improved natural resources management practices, and non-farm income producing activities. By providing information and new skills, project participants can	**Guinea**	50,000

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	make informed decisions to sustain and protect their livelihood and resource base. Funded by USAID/Guinea and implemented by USAID/EGAT/NRM.		
Private Participation in Cashew Production and Processing	This activity supports cashew quality improvement through superior planting material, production methods, and training of local enterprises in the skills necessary to produce and process nuts to very demanding worldwide quality standards to make Guinea-Bissau's cashew production more competitive on the international market; (1) Development of strengthened market links to consuming countries through direct contact with European and US buyers; and (2) Implementation of an approach that trains local investors – equipment manufacturers, cashew nut producers, processors, and exporters – to do business with one another so that at the end of the project the activities promoted by the project – equipment supply, cashew production, processing, and marketing – will be sustainable. Funded and implemented by USAID/GDA.	**Guinea-Bissau**	120,000
Guinea Bissau Cashew Programme	The Guinea Bissau Cashew Programme assists local small and large scale cashew shelling operations to increase their exports of high quality shelled cashews to Europe and the West African Region. The programme will aim to export to the United States in the future. Funded and implemented by USAID/Senegal.	**Guinea-Bissau**	150,000
Enabling Environment for Sustained Growth of Value-added Exports Strength	The activity seeks to position the country to participate effectively in trade negotiations by strengthening the negotiating architecture and, to enhance the competitiveness of firms through the provision of business development services (BDS), and establishment of linkages with non-traditional international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Guyana.	**Guyana**	420,000
TA by Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action	Under the USAID/Haiti Trade and Investment Programme, the Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action (FAVACA) provides technical assistance consultancies and professional development in the economic growth programme sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Haiti.	**Haiti**	60,000

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Haitian Entrepreneurs and Artisans Restore Trade (HEART)	Techncial assistance is directed at export promotion and, to a much lesser extent, domestic sales of handicrafts. Funded and implemented by USAID/Haiti.	**Haiti**	400,000
More Competitive, Market Oriented Private Enterprises Programme	Rural Diversification Programme will continue improving the exporting capacity of rural micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by increasing diversification, improving productivity and quality, and creating linkages between producers in rural areas and processing and marketing enterprises and exporters in urban centres. Activities will continue to be targeted to increase exports of non-traditional products and to help producers remain viable, access new markets, comply with export requirements, and meet quality standards. Some illustrative activities include: TA to assist exporters obtain the Eurepgap certification to export to Europe, certification for organic growers, pest risk assessments (PRAs) to facilitate admissibility of new crops to the US market and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems development. Assistance to microprocessors with export certifications to export canned and bottled ethnic products to the United States and other export markets. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Honduras.	**Honduras**	417,440
New Loan Portfolio Guarantee with COVELO Foundation	USAID has loan portfolio guarantee programmes with the following institutions: Fundación COVELO and BANCATLAN DCA in Honduras. The programme is a loan guarantee for the COVELO Foundation and its network of Financial Private Voluntary Organizations (FPVOs) and other financial institutions that serve the micro and small business sector in Honduras. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/ Honduras.	**Honduras**	115,200
Jamaica Farms Access to Regional Markets	This activity is in support of; (1) agribusinesses by establishing best practice standards, long-term contract relationships, bank financing; (2) establishing clusters for export to increase quality and value of products; and (3) improve marketing and relationships with customers abroad. Funded and implemented by USAID/GDA.	**Jamaica**	60,000

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Business Environment Improved in Jamaica	Assistance to the Government of Jamaica in its efforts to achieve fiscal and macroeconomic stability, improving regulatory, legislative and policy frameworks including business processes, reducing constraints to economic growth and investment, and promoting the establishment of a national social partnership. In stimulating a business environment that is more conducive to innovation and investment, this activity will encourage trade, development and commercial viability in a formal and sustainable way. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	16,000
Competitive Clusters Developed in Jamaica	Assistance to competitive industry clusters as the principal framework for industry sector and firm-level assistance aimed at improving competitiveness. It will also influence public policy, and facilitate regulatory and legislative reforms. The programme will encourage both public/private partnerships and private sector partnership throughout the value chain of firms. The goal will be to develop industry clusters and their individual members to ensure global competitiveness in a sustainable way by building the capacity of the private sector to benefit from global trade and investment opportunities. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	32,500
Rural Enterprise Agriculture and Community Tourism (REACT) in Jamaica	Rural Enterprise Agriculture and Community Tourism (REACT) will be focusing on technical assistance to encourage the development of trade competitive environmentally friendly rural enterprises. The activities that will be pursued will utilize a collaborative approach to rural economic development, by mobilizing targeted communities members and public and private organizations to play an active role in defining interventions which will achieve the stated objectives. Programme components which support trade competitiveness will include support for the adoption of international standards for primary and value added products, for example, improving sanitary/phytosanitary standards in traded goods, the development of indigenous craft enterprises for export and other technology transfers which will enhance trade of resource-linked enterprises. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	50,000

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Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR 2.0)	The US Agency for International Development has been supporting Jordan's trade capacity through the Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR) Programme for several years. This activity is designed to help Jordan cope with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as its Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. Much of it is capacity-building within various line ministries. There is also a tourism support component. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	800,000
Aqaba Zone Economic Mobilization	Aqaba Zone for Economic Mobilization (AZEM) was designed to help the Aqaba Special Economic Zone become a trade and investment model and hub in Jordan. Support is designed to help it achieve this goal. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	150,000
Jordan US Business Partnership (JUSBP)	The Jordan US Business Partnership Programme (JUSBP) is a firm level assistance project designed to help businesses cope with the competitive pressures of joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. It works directly with businesses to help them improve production and export outside of Jordan. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	900,000
Enterprise Development Project - Kazakhstan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), accounting reform, and quality management centre (QMC): (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams; and (4) QMC promotes the benefits of Quality Management and assists companies with	**Kazakhstan**	448,497

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	ISO 9001-2000 implementation and certification. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Kenya Dairy Development Programme (KDDP)	The dairy programme aims to increase milk demand and improve efficiencies in the value chain (from farmers to consumers). Proposed interventions will improve the benefits along the four key stages of the value chains - production, processing, marketing/trade and consumption. Farmer organizations and human resources capacity will be strengthened. The trade component in the programme is expected to have: (1) increased agricultural trade through creating a policy environment that promotes trade and competition; (2) improved performance of agricultural marketing systems; (3) improved delivery of services necessary to facilitate agricultural trade; (4) improved performance of agricultural marketing systems; and (5) improved delivery of services necessary to facilitate agricultural trade. To date per centage increase in dairy products grew by 32 in volume while value grew up by 29. Training of informal traders to increase product quality, packaging and diversification is going on. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	30,000
Kenya Horticulture Development Programme (KHDP)	The goal of the Kenya Horticulture Development Programme (KHDP) is to increase incomes of 35,000 smallholders. The programme supports development and use of market information, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS), and increases the use of integrated pest management regimes to decrease pesticide use levels. It also increases small farmer's access to technologies that will increase their ability to trade internationally, regionally and domestically. To date 913 small farmers have been trained in EUREPGAP requirements and 881 certified compliant. Local market expansion is being constrained by deficient and/or erratic supplies of fresh products related to production variations caused by weather and lack of organized marketing. Change in volume of agricultural products entering international markets was 302,720 metric tonnes while that domestic market was 4,410,000 mt. Their changes in value were $599.7 million and $817.9 million respectively. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	80,000

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Kenya Maize Development Programme (KMDP)	The maize programme aims at increasing rural household incomes by increasing productivity of maize in target areas, linking farmers to markets more efficiently, providing sustainable services in marketing, trade, credit, and improving the capacity farmer organizations as businesses. It supports policy reform to address constraints, promotes opportunities to increase domestic, regional and, to a lesser extent, international trade. The programme has expanded maize products for trade, trained farmers on standards and grades, storage and assembly of product, bulked transport operations to meet larger volume contracts with large traders. To date, farmers in the project areas (86,520) have raised their productivity from a baseline of 8 bags (90kg) to 21 (90kg)/acre, by early 2005. Total value of maize sold per family last year was Kshs. 136,063 compared to Kshs. 46,800 the previous year. Change in volume of maize sold per trader was 17,000 90 kg bags compared to 4,887 the previous year. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	30,000
Ministry of Trade and Industry Programme	The programme's objective is to increased the Ministry's trade capacity by: (1) building capacity of public and private sector to better understand WTO issues; (2) sensitizing small and medium entrepreneurs on opportunities under African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA); (3) increasing knowledge on counterfeit and substandard goods and developing a strategy with public and private sectors to fight the problem which causes loss of revenue and profits and threatens human and animal health; and (4) increase knowledge and application of investment codes by investors, policy makers, public sector, business lobby groups, professional organizations and the government and create an interactive forum to develop a strategy for improving investment. To date two Workshops were held on AGOA and four on Counterfeit Goods. A counterfeit Goods Bill has been drafted and presented to a Stakeholders' workshop. The Bills is being finalized for presentation to Attorney General (AG) for enactment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	7,600

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Private Sector Growth	This programme is composed of two discrete but complementary components. It will consist of technical assistance, training, and limited grant financing of related activities to stimulate economic growth of the private sector, thus creating new sustainable employment opportunities. The General Business Support component is directed toward developing and putting into operation a programme to overcome factors known to be inhibiting economic growth and employment. In this regard, the Contractor will serve as a facilitator in resolving government-placed constraints and strengthening business associations, indigenous business service consultants and business training providers so that they become established in the market. The Cluster and Enterprise Development component is directed toward working with and providing assistance to specific economic groupings and their individual enterprises that make up Clusters. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	**Kosovo**	27,000
Enterprise Development Project - Kyrgyzstan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) the RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kyrgyzstan**	517,497
Lao Economic Acceleration Programme for the Silk Sector (LEAPSS)	The goal of the project is to assist existing enterprises and micro-enterprises engaged in the production, processing and marketing of silk in Laos increase their volume and profitability. In addition, new private silk sector enterprises and micro-enterprises are established, placed on a growth trajectory and made profitable. There are five intermediate results: (1) strengthened institutional capacity of local and national authorities to support private silk sector activities;	**Laos**	50,000

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	(2) better access to local and international silk and handicraft markets for silk producers; (3) enhanced coordination and cooperation among silk production groups (farmer groups); (4) increased role of women as decision makers at all levels of the silk sector; and (5) improved quality and yield of cocoons and silk yarn produced by farmers. The Project supports five major areas in the Lao silk sector: (1) mulberry cultivation; (2) silkworm rearing; (3) silk processing and dyeing; (4) weaving; and (5) marketing. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.		
Support for Market Information Organization of the Americas	The Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA) is a cooperation network comprised of 22 government institutions whose principal functions are the collection, process, analysis and dissemination of information relative to markets and agricultural commodities. The main purpose of MIOA is to promote the importance and transparency of markets through timely and systematic information exchanges. Access to market information among the countries of the Americas would help members identify markets of opportunity and improve their competitiveness. Activities include electronic linkages of market information systems assessment of the market information systems in each country and the development of a Pan-American glossary of terms for exporters in the Hemisphere towards the standardization of market reporting. Funded by Department of Agriculture/AMS and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	**Latin America and Caribbeans**	80,000
Macedonia Competitiveness Activity	The Macedonia Competitiveness Activity (MCA) helps Macedonian enterprises develop and market complex products and services that will command higher prices. The MCA has helped establish five industry clusters: lamb meat and sheep cheese tourism information communications technology (ICT) wine and apparel. The MCA sponsors the National Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness Council which brings together industry, government and labour force, in order to improve competitiveness of Macedonian industry. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	1,787,188

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Seal of Quality and Agribusiness Assistance Programme	The project assists domestic meat and dairy industries, which will further support the development of branded products that can be sold for premium prices. Assistance is provided to fruit and vegetable producers and processors in areas of new product development, processing and packaging technology transfer, quality control and food safety system implementation. Another element is the improvement of each of the sheep industry categories: farm-level production, lamb slaughtering and cheese production, and the capabilities of industry associations to meet the demands of the foreign and domestic markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	400,600
e-BIZ Activity	e-BIZ provides assistance in strengthening and expanding small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to compete successfully in the global and domestic markets, by supporting SME access to relevant, value-added information and communications technologies (ICT). This enables them to attract and communicate with customers, employ efficient supply and distribution channels, and modernize their business processes. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	492,321
Biologically Diverse Forest Ecosystems Conserved	The Biologically Diverse Forest Ecosystems conservation and sustainable economic development programme builds trade capacity through natural product promotion and ecotourism development. The programme will help promote and increase the market presence of Madagascar spices, essential oils and handicrafts. By promoting these products and developing more value-added innovative market linkages, the biodiversity of Madagascar can be protected. The promotion of natural products consists of assistance in product certification that provides buyers a guarantee of high quality products. USAID provides assistance in trade promotion through technical assistance to agribusiness associations and companies specializing in natural and biological products. Assistance also consists of support to environmentally sensitive site development, capacity-building for tour operators, development of norms and standards to ecotourism site development, and promotion of Madagascar as an ecotourism destination. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.	**Madagascar**	40,000

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Critical Private Markets Expanded	This activity will build Madagascar's business and trade capacity, thereby encouraging investment through introducing more productive technology building links between producers, small and medium enterprises including agribusinesses, and external markets and improving economic and trade policies. Assistance will focus on improving business skills increasing access to domestic and international markets increasing business opportunities for new ventures creating favorable environment for trade through policy analysis and trade integration. Support will be provided to improve marketing and trade of selected agricultural and non-agricultural commodities using a supply-chain approach. It will also serve as a vehicle for developing public-private dialogue and partnerships. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.	**Madagascar**	67,700
Support for Agriculturally-Linked Enterprises (SALES)	The primary goal of the SALES is to increase rural employment, incomes, investment and trade in Malawi by spurring the growth of private sector "agriculturally-linked" enterprises. SALES stimulates employment generation in private sector enterprises that use agricultural products purchased from Malawian farmers by strengthening the competitiveness of selected agriculturally-linked clusters and firms in Malawi. SALES implements a wide range of innovative market-driven Business Development Services (BDS) to help Malawian enterprises respond to the various constraints and opportunities identified within a selected number of agriculturally-linked clusters/sectors with growth potential such as cotton-textiles-garments, coffee, macadamia, food processing and selected natural resource-based products and tree crops. SALES provides assistance to Malawian enterprises in facilitating access to international markets, identifying financing, meeting export market production standards, raising management efficiency, increasing the exposure and knowledge of local enterprises exporting to regional and world markets, assisting enterprises to produce to the quality, quantity and timely delivery require.	**Malawi**	60,000
Mali Trade Promotion Programme	The Mali Trade Promotion Programme (TradeMali) aims to increase Malian exports to the regional and global markets. The activity consists of:: (1) improving the policy and institutional environment for trade and investment: and (2) improving the competitiveness of Mali's private sector. TradeMali assisted the export of 2,417 metric tonnes of mango	**Mali**	1,330,000

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	to Europe in 2004. The programme focused on helping Malian exporters find markets, improving product quality, implementing traceability procedures, and alleviating supply chain constraints (cold chain, air freight and multimodal transport logistics, labeling and branding, etc.). New markets for Malian mango were penetrated (Germany and Belgium), and six new exporters entered into the mango export marketing channel. Thanks to the assistance of TradeMali, air freight cost was reduced by 100 franc per kilo, and foreign investment was attracted to Mali by the establishment of a Senegalese company in Bamako. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mali.		
Trade Facilitation - Border Crossing	This grant provides continued support for the transition to market-based economies in Southeast Europe by improving border crossing procedures in Moldova. Project activities include train-the-trainer workshops on such topics as business ethics, anti-corruption mechanisms, domestic statutes and international conventions, and professionalism website development public outreach to the local business community and public about transport and trade issues and exchanges between US trade and transport professionals and emerging leaders in the transport field in Moldova. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Moldova**	99,250
Agribusiness Development Project	Agribusiness Development Project (ADP) in Moldova will increase rural incomes and employment opportunities by improving the international competitiveness of the high-value agriculture sector in Moldova, and boosting its export potential and trade capacity. ADP will: (1) ensure wide access to market information necessary to penetrate new export markets, diversify product lines, and better meet customer demand; (2) establish and strengthen competitive agribusinesses, particularly export-oriented value adding enterprises; (3) improve farmer capacity to supply agriculture products of appropriate volume and quality to sustain competitive exports; and (4) establish producer and industry associations to facilitate cooperation along the entire production chain. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Moldova**	1,097,604

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Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development	The new Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development (CEED) Project by USAID/Moldova is expected to be awarded in late FY05. CEED will be a second generation small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) support project involving the development of business and industry clusters, financial and investment intermediation, and continued enhancement of the regulatory framework in Moldova for SME development. The overarching goal of CEED is to stimulate economic growth and to improve employment opportunities for Moldovan citizens over the long term. Efforts will be focused on increasing the competitiveness of Moldovan products on international markets and to create a business environment and investment climate that stimulates, supports, and rewards competitive enterprise performance. A Development Credit Authority (DCA) mechanism may also implemented under CEED. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Moldova**	680,000
Trade policy and competitiveness	The Trade Policy and Competitiveness Component of the Economic Policy Reform and Competitiveness (EPRC) planned activities include: (1) Access to Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for Mongolian products; (2) analysis of the impact of the Multi-Fiber Agreement (MFA) on textile access to US Markets and development of policy options; (3) negotiations on reduction of barriers to entry; (4) improved trade management capacity; and (5) assistance on FTAs, RTAs. Competitiveness EPRC works with firms and clusters in key sectors (e.g. cashmere, tourism, meat, and textiles) to develop export businesses. Activities include: (1) rapid assessment of key clusters and development of action plans; (2) establishment of a Competitiveness Fund; and (3) identification of market niches, and business development services. Status of on-going activities: Cashmere and tourism strategies, Meat and leather sector action, advice provided to individual firms in the tourism, cashmere, and leather sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mongolia.	**Mongolia**	419,900
Morocco US Free Trade Agreement	The contribution by the US Trade and Development Agency of $115,000 will allow the contractor to organize and execute an Orientation Visit to bring senior-level government officials from Morocco to the United States for three industry-specific seminars to present trade opportunities within the Moroccan business environment to US industry representatives. The Orientation Visit directly	**Morocco**	57,500

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	supports the goals of the recently signed Morocco-US Free Trade Agreement. This activity is in support of the US-Morocco FTA. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.		
Free Trade Agreement Support	As part of its economic growth strategy, USAID assists Morocco in successfully responding to the challenges and opportunities of the more liberalized trading environment that will be brought about by the Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with the United States, the Association Agreement with the European Union, other FTAs, the World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha Development Round, and Moroccan reform efforts. Results include: (1) increased productivity in agriculture and agribusiness; (2) creation of new business opportunities outside of agriculture and agribusiness; and (3) improved business environment. Funding reported here is part of the $7.2 million activity and the remainder of the funds are implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency. This activity is in support of the US-Morocco FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Morocco.	**Morocco**	717,950
Business Development Services	The Business Development Services programme works with Mozambican agribusiness and smallholders to promote the production, processing and export of agricultural products, including cashew, paprika, pegeon peas and others. It includes market and value chain analysis and technical assistance to Mozambican enterprises. In addition, the programme helps Mozambican enterprises to establish linkages to buyers and sources of finance. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mozambique.	**Mozambique**	275,000
Market Access	USAID provides direct assistance to the Ministry of Industry and Trade (one long-term adviser supported by short-term technical assistance) as well as various trade-related supports to other Ministries (e.g., Customs) as necessary. USAID/ Mozambique, as Lead Donor for the Integrated Framework (IF) in Mozambique, successfully supported Mozambique's application in the IF and continues to provide support in implementing the IF, including in establishing an inter-ministerial coordinating mechanism. These actions are expected to lead to the integration of a trade action plan into Mozambique's overall development and poverty reduction strategy. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mozambique.	**Mozambique**	340,000

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Rural Group Enterprises	This activity brings tens of thousands of family farmers into the market economy by establishing them as business groups, which buy inputs and sell products in commercial quantities. Also assists them in meeting quality standards (including export standards) and other market requirements. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mozambique.	**Mozambique**	560,000
Namibia Regional Trade	This activity supports the historically disadvantaged Namibian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to increase their exports to regional markets. Trade capacity-building, business match making services, and marketing information services are the key components of this activity. Funded and implemented by USAID/Namibia.	**Namibia**	80,000
Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) Compete	This activity seeks to increase Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) capacity to participate in trade - both domestic and regional trade. This is accomplished through training and capacity-building in management, business practices and marketing skills. Strengthened business linkages and increased competitiveness are among the key approaches to increased participation in trade by SMEs. The activity also provides export promotion assistance such as support for regional trade fairs participation, international seminars and forums, and trade missions to Namibian companies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Namibia.	**Namibia**	40,000
Improved Policy Environment	The Improved Policy Environment activity supports a policy programme to enhance and facilitate export promotion, and address policy and administrative constraints related to trade capacity-building. This activity also focuses on promoting bilateral and multilateral agricultural trade. USAID Nepal is providing technical assistance to the government of Nepal in the areas of customs in support of recent World Trade Organization accession and the Integrated Framework for Least Developed Countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nepal.	**Nepal**	6,000
Competitive Market Oriented Private Enterprises Environmental Management	The purpose of this activity is to improve the competitiveness of Nicaraguan micro, small and medium (MSME) enterprises by expanding sales to local, regional, and international markets. Technical assistance and training will be used in this activity. Key results are expected to include $60 million in new sales, 100 increase in sales of	**Nicaragua**	1,200,000

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	specialty coffee, 20,000 new jobs, increased adherence to labour laws and the hiring of people with disabilities and disadvantaged groups, $5 million in resources leveraged from the private sector through Global Development Alliances (GDAs), local institutions strengthened to facilitate trade, 300,000 hectares under improved environmental management, increase in the number of firms producing or offering services under environmental certifications, increased use of cleaner production and cleaner energy technologies, and an increase in biodiversity conservation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.		
Fruits and Vegetables Market Development in Nicaragua	The purpose of this activity is to increase market access and transactions for and by Nicaraguan producers, in local, regional and international markets. Focus on micro, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Key results are $12 million in increased sales of fruits, vegetables and specialty coffee, as well as 7,000 new jobs. This activity uses training and technical assistance. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	1,600,000
Private Sector Foundation in Nicaragua	Modeled after FUSADES in El Salvador. Promote public/private partnerships to change laws, policies, and regulations to increase trade and investment and improve the business climate. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	500,000
Embroidery Export Market Promotion in Pakistan	This activity assists home-bound women export embroidery to the diaspora in other countries in the Middle East. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/PR.	**Pakistan**	50,000
Trade Capacity Building in Panama	This activity is in support of assistance to Panama in preparing for and implementing the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States - assistance to reduce business constraints while allowing competition to flourish and assistance to encourage the development of export-oriented clusters. Implementation of this project has begun. This activity is in support of the US-Panama FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Panama.	**Panama**	269,200

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Paraguay Poverty Reduction Programme (Paraguay Vende)	The Paraguay Poverty Reduction Programme (Paraguay Vende) consists of technical assistance to individual firms to increase sales and generate employment. The approach is demand driven and transactional. After a year and a half of programme implementation, the programme generated a little more than $3,000,000 in sales, more than half of which were exports. These sales correspond to roughly 300,000 person days of employment. Investments facilitated reached almost $800,000. In FY05, USAID is applying $500,000 in ESF funds to foster growth of legitimate export-oriented businesses on the border area with Brazil, where informal and illegal re-export activities feed corruption and discourage investment. These activities include tax evasion, contraband, money laundering, drug trafficking and pirating of trademarks and copyrights. The growth of legitimate businesses in the region is expected to strengthen the consituency for reforms addressing the informal and illegal re-export activities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Paraguay.	**Paraguay**	572,582
Institutional Grants for Policy Development (IGPD)	The Institutional Grant for Policy Development (IGPD) Programme focuses on trade, investment and competitive structure, World Trade Organization (WTO) technical assistance, tariff and non-tariff barrier reduction, agriculture, competition policy, telecommunications development, fiscal policy tax administration, and Local Government Units (LGU) financial management and planning. Funded and implemented by USAID/Philippines.	**Philippines**	197,000
Agricultural Competitiveness Development	This activity will support improved quality of agricultural products, and encourage agribusiness to accept world prices as benchmarks for price efficiency. The technical assistance will identify opportunities and help agribusinesses overcome barriers to expanding exports. The project will work with the government to support policies that promote greater and freer trade in agricultural products, and support Romanian ministries on economic and business issues that will encourage greater foreign investment and increase trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/Romania.	**Romania**	100,000
Enterprise Development and Strengthening	The activity aims to provide: (1) support to microenterprises, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) to increase competitiveness in areas where Romanian producers have a comparative advantage in domestic and	**Romania**	100,000

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	international markets; (2) technical assistance (TA) and training provided through Business Support Organizations (BSOs) to increase competitiveness through increased access to new production technologies; (3) TA and training offered through the BSOs on trade standards, developing business linkages, flexible specialization strategies, marketing and export development, product quality improvement, and technology; and (4) increase access to credit in under-served regions of the country by expanding the existing micro-lending activities into new areas, where opportunities exist for tourism and export of goods. Funded and implemented by USAID/Romania.		
Casamance Cashew Programme	This activity supports cashew programme in the Casamance, the region of Senegal South of the Gambia. It aims to increase the capacity of cashew shelling firms to produce export quality cashews, with exports to Europe and the West African Region. Funded and implemented by USAID/Senegal.	**Senegal**	87,500
Wula Nafa Agriculture and Natural Resources Management Programme	The Wula Nafa programme is strengthening the export capacity of productive natural products and non-traditional agriculture sectors such as baobab fruit, fonio, and gum bep. The programme links growers associations and other community groups and private entrepreneurs with processors and exporters while focusing on sustainable management of the products. Funded and implemented by USAID/Senegal.	**Senegal**	300,000
Serbian Enterprise Development Project	The Serbian Enterprise Development Project (SEDP) was designed to assist Serbian companies in entering competitive markets after a decade of sanctions and previous years under a largely non-market system. The project works with companies in six sectors: fruit, apparel, furniture, pharmaceutical research, information and communications technology, and tourism. SEDP provides a variety of support to companies in pursuit of its goals, including: market intelligence and product positioning, marketing and sales support including extensive market contacts, assistance in obtaining financing, legal and regulatory, assistance in trade exhibitions, developing sales materials and websites, improving product and package design, and technical assistance across a broad range of specialized areas. SEDP also works to build communications capacity	**Serbia and Montenegro (FRY)**	1,158,785

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	in the Serbia Investment and Export Promotion Agency and works with the main business associations and sector groups to advocate for regulatory change. Funded and implemented by USAID/Serbia.		
Agricultural Financial Restructuring and Privatization Programme	The South African Agriculture Financial Restructuring and Privatization Programme (SARPP) assists historically disadvantaged farmers to gain ownership of productive rural assets through opportunities to buy into larger commercial farms and agribusinesses on a willing seller-willing buyer basis. The project focuses on the creation of viable shareholder trusts and thus includes development of business plans and expansion of both production and marketing for local and international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	67,904
International Business Linkages	The South African International Business Linkages Programme (SAIBL) is implemented through a cooperative agreement with the Corporate Council on Africa. The programme includes three strongly interconnected components that all provide trade capacity-building in various sectors; (1) SAIBL-Core Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) development - provides business development, financial and trade and market access services to engaged in national and international trade in the services and manufacturing sectors; (2) SAIBL-PAL - Promoting Agribusiness Linkages programme, provides market linkages, business development services, and training in grades and standards for SME agricultural firms (farms and agro-processing firms) engaged in or seeking to expand into national and international trade in agricultural and other food products; (3) SAIBL-TRADE, promotes exports from South Africa and the region by building regional and international export trade capacity and market linkages. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	1,393,000
Trade Facilitation and Capacity Building	This activity is in support of the implementation of the Presidential Trade Initiative for Southern Africa. The physical actions are the operation of the Trade Hub and provision of technical services in support of improving trade competitiveness and accessing African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) opportunities. Under this activity, RCSA foster Trade negotiation capacity for regional economic communities such as Southern African	**Southern Africa ns**	1,517,040

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	Customs Union (SACU) and their respective members, provide policy assistance on improving business environments and implement regional transport and customs integration and investment. The activity has two focus areas: one is more engaged in transactions and work with firms, clusters and trade connections as well as improving the Trade ability of the private sector and the other is more engaged with the public sector and improving the doing business climate. Funded and implemented by USAID/RCSA.		
The Competitiveness Programme	The Competitiveness Programme supports the economic policy reform agenda of the Mission, the new workforce development initiative and focuses at increasing the ability of Sri Lanka to compete in the global market for tea, rubber, coir, spices, ceramics, gems, tourism and information and communication technology (ICT). Funded and implemented by USAID/Sri Lanka.	**Sri Lanka**	1,086,750
Trade for African Development and Enterprise (TRADE)	This activity implements part of the Presidential Initiative - Trade for Africa Development and Enterprise (TRADE). The objective is to promote regional integration and regional cooperation by strengthening the ability of African countries and business to develop their export trade. TRADE also studies the impact of financial sector development policy and the investment climate. Resources flowing through TRADE will: (1) promote US-African business linkages; (2) enhance the competitiveness of African products and services; (3) expand the role that trade can play in African poverty reduction strategies; (4) improve the delivery of public services supporting trade; (5) build African capacity for trade policy formulation and implementation; and (6) strengthen the enabling environment for African businesses. Results include building linkages with US businesses and significant increase in African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) exports to the US Funded and implemented by USAID/AFR.	**Sub-Saharan Africa ns**	312,000
Enterprise Development Project - Tajikistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists	**Tajikistan**	178,000

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	the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Increased Trade and Utilization of African Growth Opportunity Act	This activity seeks to increase the private sectors awareness and knowledge of African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) provisions and opportunities. Specific activities will be put in place with the objective of assessing Tanzania's primary competitive advantage in trade and to address key capacity constraints in those sectors. This project will help Tanzania increases its exports to the United States under AGOA. Preliminary activities have included specific technical assistance projects such as preparing private sector representatives to attend trade fairs. The activity is funded under the REDSO Partners Fund of the East and Central African Global Competitiveness Hub. Funded and implemented by USAID/Tanzania.	**Tanzania**	200,000
Private Enterprise Support Activities (PESA)	The Private Enterprise Support Activities (PESA) works with Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME), including farms, by providing training and technical assistance to enable them to become more active players in the Tanzanian economy and contribute to its economic growth. PESA works with small farmers to produce and market specific cash crops. The work with export crops also includes working on tariff barriers, export procedures, and trade policies of the Government of Tanzania. The project will help broaden access to markets and strengthen business capacity by encouraging market links, supplying business information, and strengthening associations. The programme will also work to improve the policy and regulatory environment for these enterprises. Funded and implemented by USAID/Tanzania.	**Tanzania**	80,000

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Southern Highlands Agricultural Marketing and Business Acceleration Programme	This activity helps small farmers finance, grow, process, and export high value, specialty coffee from Tanzania to international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Tanzania.	**Tanzania**	100,000
Transportation Logistics Technical Workshop	This activity funds a series of three technical workshops focused on improving transportation logistics along the trade supply chains in Thailand. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Thailand**	57,000
Enterprise Development Project - Turkmenistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Turkmenistan**	60,759
Uganda and AGOA: A Focus on Value Added Textile Export	The International Public Service and Outreach office of the University of Georgia is collaborating with the Uganda Investment Authority and the East Africa-American Business Council in Atlanta to implement a programme of training, technical assistance, and capacity-building for Ugandan textile and apparel firms. There are three objectives which may be summarized as follows: (1) develop Ugandan participants' understanding of the US textile and apparel market; (2) build sustainable relationships between Ugandan and US textile and apparel traders; and (3) build the capacity of Ugandan trade associations and the Uganda Investment Authority. Four stages of activity are set out: (a) a three-person US delegation to Uganda for detailed planning of the full programme; (b) an eight-person trade mission to the US for two weeks;	**Uganda**	93,723

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	(c) a follow-up training session in Uganda; (d) a six-person US trade mission to Uganda. Funded and implemented by Department of State.		
Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Programme (APEP)	The Uganda Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Programme (APEP) aims to expand rural economic opportunities and increase household income in the agricultural sector by increasing food and cash crop productivity and marketing, primarily directed at export markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Uganda.	**Uganda**	720,306
Strengthening the Competitiveness of Private Enterprise (SCOPE)	Strengthening the Competitiveness of Private Enterprises (SCOPE) is aimed at supporting Uganda's efforts to increase its competitive positioning in the global marketplace. SCOPE has three components: (1) Supporting Private Sector Initiative; (2) Expanding Public/Private Partnerships for Competitiveness; and (3) Building Awareness and Consensus. Funded and implemented by USAID/Uganda.	**Uganda**	1,285,059
Uganda Private Sector Dairy Industry Development	The Uganda Private Sector Dairy Industry Development Activity is working to strengthen dairy farmers and producer groups to increase productivity and improve marketing. Recently efforts in the area of marketing have focused on regional opportunities. The expected results of the project are: (1) increased domestic consumption and exports of processed dairy products (i.e. increased sales); (2) increased productivity in production and dairy processing; and (3) increased volume of milk entering the cold-storage/bulking system. Funded and implemented by USAID/Uganda.	**Uganda**	1,824
Agricultural Marketing Programme	The Agricultural Marketing Project focus is commercial farming and increased access to profitable markets through post-harvest technologies. The Project also provides training and technical assistance for increased agricultural production and market development. The Project will continue to support the rapid expansion of domestic and international markets for fresh and processed fruits and vegetables. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Ukraine**	877,538

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Agricultural Policy III	This activity aims to create the legal and regulatory environment to support and sustain competitive markets, trade, and investment. USAID will assist the new government with agricultural policy and legal reform. The aim is to remove administrative controls of agricultural markets and strengthen agricultural associations by replacing government regulatory bodies with self-regulating organizations. Specific planned achievements include: no less than three government agricultural monopolies privatized agricultural inputs (e.g., fertilizer and equipment) available at competitive prices Government of the Ukraine (GOU) budget changes support economic efficiency and competitiveness indirect, rent-seeking tax subsidies removed by the GOU and rural incomes increased. Funded by USAID/Ukraine and implemented by USAID/EGAT/AG.	**Ukraine**	840,000
Enterprise Development Project - Uzbekistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Uzbekistan**	298,000

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Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative	The Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative (VNCI) is a three to five year USAID economic growth project to improve the competitiveness of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Vietnam. Its activities are in three areas: (1) Improve Business Policy Environment through a Provincial Competitiveness Index (PCI) that ranks over 40 provinces on their economic governance, as well as through related policy studies and public-private dialogue events; (2) Assist the ICT, fruit and home furnishings industries through various catalytic, demonstration initiatives. These include increasing ICT usage in trade activities, adopting international standards for exporting products in accordance with WTO requirements, improving market access and distribution channels to foreign markets and better accessing into foreign market by promoting Vietnamese products in international trade shows and exhibitions; (3) Help joint stock banks in Vietnam to improve their capacity to lend more to SMEs. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	**Vietnam**	354,578
Development Credit Authority	The Bank of Jordan will issue loans, from its own capital, to eligible borrowers of up to a total portfolio of $5.5 million under this 5-year programme. The ceiling for individual loans is $150,000. At the point when actual losses from not repaying are reflected on the banks balance sheet, USAID is obligated to pay a claim and effectively share 50 per cent of such losses with the bank. We anticipate that 60 per cent of the lending will go to trade-related activities, 30 per cent to business services, and 10 per cent to industry. Funded by USAID/West Bank and Gaza and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	**West Bank/ Gaza**	128,865
Palestinian Agriculture Rehabilitation Activity (PAPA)	The project will contribute to expanding exports of fresh fruits and vegetables from the West Bank and Gaza. The project will also introduce advanced technology in production, marketing and food processing, and training farmers and agribusinesses, thus enhancing Palestinian trade capacity. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	5,883,739

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Palestinian Enterprise Development	The Palestinian Enterprise Development Activity (PED) aims to improve the overall operating environment for the West Bank and Gaza firms by strengthening the capacity of key private sector institutions, improving firm-level access to business development services, and strengthening the capacity of key Palestinian Authority institutions to assure an adequate legal and regulatory environment. A second component of PED consists of targeted training and technical assistance to identified private sector clusters in order to increase their incomes, employment, and sales, both domestic and export, and, as a consequence, to increase the incomes of enterprise owners, managers, and employees. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	2,457,321
Palestinian Enterprise Revitalization	The Palestinian Enterprise Revitalization programme is designed to mesh business development technical assistance and financial facilitation services to revitalize West Bank and Gaza small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). These SMEs - the missing middle - present a unique opportunity for US Agency for International Development (USAID) to reach out to an under-served yet potentially stabilizing segment of the Palestinian economic sector. The programme includes three components: (1) firm-level technical assistance to achieve an immediate impact and results in improving profitability, operating efficiency, and capacity utilization; (2) financial facilitation to leverage investments in Palestinian businesses through creative solutions involving multiple sources of funding and financial institutions; and (2) strengthen the capacity of associations, consulting firms, and financial intermediaries to provide permanent, self-sustaining support to Palestinian businesses. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	379,236
Palestinian Information Communication Technology	This programme creates an institution as the anchor for the information technology cluster. The activity aims to provide business services to enable start ups and access to risk capital and to encourage innovation. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	119,121
Palestinian Trade Center	The US Agency for International Development (USAID) is supporting the Palestine Trade Centers (Paltrade) main focus on increasing the volume and value of exports from the West Bank and Gaza. In	**West Bank/ Gaza**	280,000

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	addition, it focuses on increasing private sector trade, investment and competitiveness. Also supports improved services and expansion of Paltrade membership base, as well as the tradable goods sectors ability to participate in international exhibitions. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank & Gaza.		
Mission Support Costs to Trade Capacity-Building	This activity relates to providing appropriate supervision, technical assistance, and support to trade capacity-building activities in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	90,844
West Africa Business Linkages	This is a new activity to facilitate trade links between West African and US businesses. The goal of this project is to increase trade between the US and West Africa, and to increase investment in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	250,000
West Africa Trade Hub	The objective of West African Trade Hub (WATH), headquartered in Accra, Ghana, is to encourage West African businesses to take advantage of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and to develop capacity for better engagement in the multilateral trading system. The West African Trade Hub opened in 2003. The Hub activities support four key areas: Trade Capacity Building, AGOA Export Development, AGOA Support Services and Information Dissemination. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	650,021
Institutional Arrangements to Promote Trade	This activity was undertaken to identify possibilities for institutional arrangements in Yemen that would assist in the country's analytic capacity to identify trade options and to promote non-petroleum exports in potential markets. A Trade Specialist was engaged to: (1) determine the feasibility of setting up institutional arrangements to support the overall objective; (2) identify specific programmes and projects that this institution could undertake over the next three to five years; and (3) work closely with key international donors in Yemen to assure their buy-in to this project. Funded and implemented by USAID/Yemen.	**Yemen**	73,000

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Market Access, Trade and Enabling Policies (MATEP)	The Market Access, Trade and Enabling Policies (MATEP) project was initiated by USAID/Zambia in April 2005. Its objectives are to increase access to regional and international markets, encourage initiatives that improve the enabling environment for trade/investment and foster dialogue between public and private sector stakeholders. In its first few months of operation, the project moved quickly to assist Zambian entrepreneurs develop markets in Namibia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The project also assisted the government of Zambia to further develop its capacity to undertake Pest Risk Assessments for commodities with export potential to the United States and European Union markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Zambia.	**Zambia**	150,000
Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement (ZAMTIE) Project	The Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement Project (ZAMTIE) objectives are: (1) reduce barriers to trade and investment; (2) build capacity in public and private sector organizations to facilitate trade as a mechanism for poverty reduction; and (3) foster trade linkages and opportunities between and among producers, suppliers, processors, traders, service providers, and consumers within and outside of Zambia. During the year, the project helped the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry to establish a dedicated Department of Foreign Trade and provided support to the Zambian judiciary to develop a framework for a small claims court system that would assist in the speedy resolution of internal trade disputes thereby further aiding the development of the country's capacity for external trade. In addition, the project facilitated trade missions to countries in Zambia's regional neighborhood. Funded and implemented by USAID/Zambia.	**Zambia**	190,000

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(Note: Funding values are not necessarily activity totals, but represent the proportion of the activity allocated to this trade category.)

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Business Development for Women in Afghanistan	The WSOS Community Action Commission will cooperate with the Reconstruction Authority for Afghanistan to identify 20 Afghans who will travel to the US in three delegations focused on three distinct but related aspects of business development for women: improving the business environment, public-private partnership, and available support services business skills and managerial development of women and introducing Afghan products to the US and global market. Two teams of American business development specialists (five individuals) will travel to Afghanistan to participate in workshops and seminars, do consultancy and site visits, and identify Afghan products for introduction in the US market. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Afghanistan**	113,759
Afghan National Innovation and Competitiveness Programme	The Afghan National Innovation and Competitiveness Programme (ACP) has conducted research on nine possible competitiveness clusters for Afghanistan and has selected Carpets, Dried Fruits Nuts and Marble as the three initial clusters that possess strong export potential. Substantial work has begun to develop the capacity of producers and relevant Government entities in these areas through training in market research, business plan development, financing, quality control, input management, transport, and other key areas tied to the competitiveness of Afghan products. Additionally, a crosscutting cluster working group has been formed to address financing issues which cut across all sectors. Finally, ACP has helped to facilitate a Commercial Competition Council of Afghanistan that is addressing both policy and other impediments to trade and national competitiveness in Afghanistan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	**Afghanistan**	1,000,000

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Private Sector Development through the Creation of Business Associations	This activity has focused on creating private sector associations that can be both advocates for business friendly public policy and also effective champions for opening up internal and external markets to Afghan businessmen. Both the Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce and the Afghan International Chamber of Commerce (AICC) have been formed as a result. Recently the Dubai Business Council has affiliated itself with the AICC, thus opening up new opportunities for trade between Afghanistan and Dubai. AICC leaders have participated in numerous trade exhibitions, trade missions and official delegations, as well as promoted internal business development ventures. A number of policy advocacy events, including a conference on taxation issues with policymakers and academics have been held to stimulate business sector engagement with policy makers. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	**Afghanistan**	1,200,000
Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Programme	The Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Programme is a multi-year effort to promote the production, processing and marketing of high value crops in Afghanistan. The programme concentrates on providing the farm inputs, finance and expertise needed to produce crops that can be marketed both regionally and internationally. Trade-related infrastructure such as irrigation canals, farm to market roads and cold storage has been an integral part of the project. Over 840,000 hectares of farmland now have improved irrigation and 192 km of farm to market roads have been rehabilitated. $5 million has been provided to help establish a micro-credit facility that has delivered more than 9,500 loans to micro-enterprises. A $2 million commercial bank revolving credit facility that has issued about $700,000 in loans has been created. Other achievements include the creation of international market linkages. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	**Afghanistan**	3,371,390
Support to Afghanistan - Trade Capacity Building	This activity has multiple support: (1) Training of Afghan accountants, in a programme similar to USTDAs Iraq accountants training programme, which is currently underway. The training would be delivered in Afghanistan, and could include accountants from ministries and other organizations; (2) Support in Transportation since the Afghan Transport Minister Qasimi identified several potential projects in the transport sector for USTDA consideration. A mission is planned by	**Afghanistan**	884,975

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	USTDA to evaluate these in more detail and possibly develop them further. USTDA will consult in writing with USAID/Afghanistan prior to the selection of transportation sector programmes in order to avoid duplication of efforts in this sector; (3) Other activities in Afghanistan include local capacity-building, and private sector development in various industry sectors and are identified as priorities by the Government of Afghanistan. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.		
Training and Mentoring in Kabul University	This activity focuses on capacity-building for private sector Afghan consulting engineers, in cooperation with the Society of Afghan Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers. This involves training and mentoring for Afghan consulting engineers, who then could take over many of the tasks now being conducted by expatriates. The grantee likely would be Kabul University. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Afghanistan**	593,844
Albanian Centre for International Trade	The Albanian Centre for International Trade (ACIT) is a three-year programme started in September 2003 by the Institute for Contemporary Studies through a cooperative agreement with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The main objective of ACIT is to improve the quality of trade policies as important instruments for growth and development, as well as for increasing the economic benefits from trade opportunities created by globalization trends and integration processes. ACIT serves as: (1) a research centre for improvement of trade policies and their implementation; (2) a forum for informed public debates and dialogue between different actors and stakeholders to promote formulation and implementation of sound trade and fiscal policies; (3) a resource centre for trade information; and (4) a capacity-building centre for strengthening the professional capacities of the government, private businesses and civil society in dealing with trade-related issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	50,000

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Enterprise Development and Export Market Services	The Enterprise Development and Export Market Services project (EDEM) is a three-year activity initiated in October 2003. It aims to promote the competitiveness of Albanian businesses in the domestic and foreign markets and boost the export capability of Albania firms while at the same time supporting their efforts to capture more of the domestic market. Working with industry clusters, EDEM helps selected industries design and implement strategies for removing obstacles to competitiveness in the markets and taking advantage of market opportunities. These obstacles include unsound trade and investment policies, administrative barriers, and corruption which increase the cost of doing business. EDEM also assists Albanian enterprises in improving efficiency and upgrading product quality to meet the standards established for the US and the EU. EDEM has been working primarily with four industry groups: meat processing, herb and spices, specialty tourism, and leather goods and shoes. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	247,025
Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative - Armenia	The Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative (CADI) works with the public and private agricultural sectors in Armenia to increase product quality and marketability. Activities include technical and financial assistance to agro-processors to improve product quality as well as marketing assistance and information. To the public sector, CADI provides assistance in adopting food safety and quality standards compatible with the international agricultural trading system. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	**Armenia**	300,000
Agribusiness Small and Medium Enterprise Market Development Project	The Armenia Agribusiness Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME) Market Development Project (ASME) works with the business community to increase market opportunities for private companies. To achieve this goal, ASME identifies markets for existing and new products that can be sold, develops strategies by which Armenian companies can take advantage of these opportunities, and supports the efforts of individual firms to operate successfully in a market-based economy. ASME identifies and analyzes constraints that limit the potential growth of Armenian firms in these markets and designs and implements strategies to address those problems. ASME provides training and technical assistance to	**Armenia**	685,158

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	agribusiness SMEs to improve their efficiency and market competitiveness. It builds their management and marketing capacity in order to increase the exports and the domestic sales of Armenian agribusiness products and create new jobs. Funded and implemented by USAID/Armenia.		
Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation - DOT funded	The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was created in 1989 to increase trade and development of the Asian Pacific region. The Department was successful in making a major breakthrough in trade liberalization in APEC, having tabled and developed an aviation liberalization initiative in APEC that led to the multilateral Open Skies aviation accord. To date APEC has a total of 21 membership economies. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in inter-modal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	**Asia ns**	125,000
Peace Corps - Asia	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Asia ns**	136,300
Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME) Financing and Capacity Building Workshop	In 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) provided $195,000 in funding materials for two-day APEC Regional Small-to-Medium Enterprises (SME) Financing and Capacity Building Workshop. This workshop is in response to a direct request by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will be held in coordination with the Thai Ministry of Industry. SMEs represent the backbone of the APEC region, comprising on average 95 per cent of all enterprises. The workshop will highlight programmes, applications, and services that can be used to improve SME financing and disaster recovery activities in the region. The workshop will also support market-oriented reform, productivity improvement, and human capacity-building. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Asia ns**	39,000

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Competitive Export Development Project (CEDP)	The Competitive Export Development Project (CEDP) will assist several high potential sectors such as light engineering, electrical/electronics and information technology to improve domestic and international competitiveness and increase Bangladesh exports. Currently, Bangladesh exports primarily (75 per cent of export earnings) depend on the ready-made garments sector. In addition, institutions such as chambers of commerce, trade promotion bodies, and government institutions will be strengthened. Policy reforms relevant to the selected sectors will be encouraged. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bangladesh.	**Bangladesh**	500,000
Belarus Economic Education Project	The new Economic Education project will provide unbiased economic information through economic education and accounting training. The project will bring financial reporting in compliance with international standards. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Belarus**	360,000
Amazonian Centre for Sustainable Forest Enterprise (CADEFOR)	USAID, the US Forest Service, the World Wildlife Fund, and the Bolivian Chamber of Forest Industries, have created the Amazonian Centre for Sustainable Forest Enterprise (CADEFOR). This activity supports community and private sector players with production processes, product development, and market promotion. It does this by linking buyers and sellers of certified wood and by providing business development assistance to private companies. As a result of investments catalyzed by USAID, Bolivia remains the global leader in tropical forest management, with over 2 million hectares independently and voluntarily certified as well managed. Additionally, certified forestry remains one of the few relatively bright spots in Bolivia's economy 2004 exports are estimated to be $20 million, a more than $5 million increase from 2003. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	21,600

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Bolivian Forestry (BOLFOR) II	The Sustainable Forestry Management Project (BOLFOR II) aims to improve community based forest management to access better markets and promote commercial alliances between communities and private sector, improve forest management and business practices in the private sector, and facilitate forest exports. It is planned to work directly with at least 40 communities and 40 private companies, and reach another 60 through indirect activities. In fiscal year 2005 BOLFOR sponsored the "1st Business Roundtable of the Forestry Sector" in Bolivia, which had over 80 participants from Bolivia, USA, Germany, Mexico, Brazil, and Costa Rica, including timber and non-timber products manufacturers, community forestry organizations and indigenous community organizations, service providers, international institutions, and commercial forestry products companies. There were more than 400 business meeting requests far surpassed expectations, generating a total of $6.2 million of intended business deals. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	365,400
Bolivian Trade and Business Competitiveness	The Bolivian Trade and Business Competitiveness Activity (BTBC) seeks to increase the competitive production of goods and services, facilitate trade, expand market access and attract foreign investment. Through this programme, USAID helps the private sector better take advantage of trade opportunities by providing direct assistance to firms in selected export sectors, connects producers and markets through regional competitiveness promotion hubs in El Alto, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz. In addition, BTBC trains trade negotiators, supports civil society outreach and feedback on trade, and promotes increased financing for exporters and trade-related activities. During the first two years of the project, Bolivian non-traditional exports increased by $47 million, to total $207 million. Forty-five per cent of this ($21 million) is directly attributable to BTBC assistance to exporting firms. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	1,600,000

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Market Access and Poverty Alleviation in Valley Regions	The Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA) agricultural programme reduces poverty by enhancing agricultural incomes and employment opportunities for the rural poor through a market-driven strategy. Assistance reduces constraints limiting access to technology, markets and other basic services. The programme promotes the formation and strengthening of enterprises, reducing production and transaction costs and increasing competitiveness of selected agricultural commodity chains, from inputs to final markets. As of June 2005, MAPA had significantly increased the incomes of almost 25,000 families. For example, incomes of families growing berries increased by 173 per cent and onion-grower income increased by 112 per cent. MAPA has created promising export opportunities for farmers in the difficult altiplano environment. In 2004, farmers exported 64 tonnes of sweet onions from the altiplano and high valleys during the US winter season. This activity is in support of the US Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	150,000
Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA) in Yungas Region	The Market Access and Poverty Alleviation (MAPA) programme in the Yungas region has successfully revitalized the tea and coffee sectors. MAPA has supervised the repair and upgrade of tea plants in Caranavi and Chimate and also overseen construction of infrastructure projects that will facilitate processing and roasting of coffee. Both sectors have also received technical assistance in export promotion and business services. In Coroico, MAPA has supported community efforts to identify, prioritize, and implement projects that will support the tourism sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	395,150
Cluster Competitiveness Activity	The Cluster Competitiveness Activity aims at increasing the competitiveness of wood processing and tourism industries with an ultimate goal of increasing export of value-added wood products and promoting regional and international tourism. It provides technical and financial assistance firms, business associations, educational institutions, and government counterparts. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina.	**Bosnia and Herzegovina**	580,000

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Economic Opportunities for Small Enterprises, Trade and Poverty	USAID activities have focused primarily on promoting a rational debate on the benefits of Free-Trade, while emphasizing opportunities for small business participation. Activities include the delivery of a series of Free-Trade events including training courses on Trade Map, Product Map, and Market Access Map, as well as panel discussions and roundtables with local and international trade specialists. To date, over 1,500 small entrepreneurs, industry association leaders, and state-level government representatives have participated in USAID-sponsored trade events. USAID assistance has particularly targeted state-level Federations of Industries. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Brazil.	**Brazil**	30,000
Business and Trade Development	This volunteer-based technical assistance activity is designed to help business support organizations (BSOs) identify the needs of the client firms help the BSOs develop an appropriate mix of fee-based services to respond to market demand train BSOs to access an array of sector and industry-specific services they could not otherwise provide to their clients on their own, including access to financing, Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) Volunteer Expert (VE) consultancies and aid trade networking, promotion and export facilitation support locally, regionally and internationally, including export support assistance. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bulgaria.	**Bulgaria**	200,000
Commercial Law Reform Programme	The project aims to: (1) Improve practices with the courts designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of company registry operations and to speed the processing of registration (administratively and judicially); (2) New or improved work processes including document processing, work scheduling, intake and court practices, information availability, communication techniques, management techniques, workload distribution and/or record-keeping; (3) Other procedures and practices which would expedite processing of registrations (including registration amendments) through use of IT, establishing a centralized company registry database; (4) Develop a training modules programme for Government of Bulgaria officials, private sector, and other stakeholders; and (5) Identify key individuals in government, business, academia, NGOs and think	**Bulgaria**	112,500

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	tanks, and lead an effort involving as wide a group as possible, to create public support for changes leading to enhanced corporate governance. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bulgaria.		
Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS)	Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS) is a programme designed to provide support to countries in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean Countries (OECS) to enhance national level competitiveness through the creation of models which can be replicated throughout the region. The programme will focus on reducing impediments to trade as well as improving market access conditions, working with governments as well as the private sector to achieve its goals. In addition, the programme will provide some support at the subregional and regional levels in areas which would positively impact on the ability of individual countries to succeed in an open trade environment, and under the conditions of trade stipulated by the various international trade regimes. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Caribbean ns**	590,000
CAFTA Trade and Commercial Assessment (Seldon) - G-CAP funded	This activity conducted one trade and law assessment in Central America in the fall of 2004, and then put on a workshop/simulation in Guatemala City in January 2005. Follow on work is expected to take place. The project assesses trade and commercial laws and institutions through studies, short visits, and round tables to discuss results at the national and regional levels. The CAFTA Trade and Commercial Assessment analyzes laws, systems and networks from the following perspectives: framework laws, implementing institutions, supporting institutions, and social dynamics. The regional scope allows intra-regional and subject matter comparisons of commercial legal frameworks and associated institutions. Expected results include: (1) better understanding of constraints that hamper growth within countries; (2) prioritized recommendations on strengthening the environment for trade and economic growth; and (3) participatory discussions, at the national and the regional level. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Central America ns**	100,000

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Aid to Artisans, Handicraft Export Promotion	This activity is aimed at promoting exports of handicrafts through linkages to product developers, attendance at trade fairs, and access to business services. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/PR.	**Central America ns**	125,000
Labour Support for Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement - USAID Implemented	USAID will provide support for modernizing the labour justice systems in Costa Rica, Dominica Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Activities may include training judges, lawyers, and others on issues such as national labour laws, implementing new laws, and establishing oral proceedings and supporting electronic case management systems, and providing labour courts with computers software and other equipment. Other USAID activities will provide support to the Labour Ministries to build their capacity to enforce labour laws, conduct inspections, and resolve labour disputes. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID.	**Central America ns**	1,735,000
Labour Support for Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement - Labour Implemented	The US Department of Labour (DOL) will provide support to the Labour Ministries of Costa Rica, Dominica Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua to build their capacity to enforce labour laws, conduct inspections, and resolve labour disputes, and will work to reduce discrimination against women and sexual harassment in the maquilas. DOL will provide grants to the International Labour Organization (ILO) to work with the Labour Ministries and others to establish initial benchmarks and provide assessments. In addition, the ILO will provide support for modernizing labour justice systems. Activities may include Activities may include training judges, lawyers, and others on issues such as national labour laws, implementing new laws, and establishing oral proceedings and supporting electronic case management systems, and providing labour courts with computers software and other equipment. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Labour/ILAB.	**Central America ns**	2,975,000

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Peace Corps - Central and Eastern Europe	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	116,200
Accounting Reform-Certified International Professional Accountant	This activity promotes regional accounting reform and harmonization based on international standards and certification thereby promoting integration into the global economy. Funded and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	391,500
Anti-Corruption	This activity promotes regional accounting reform and harmonization based on international standards and certification thereby promoting integration into the global economy. Funded and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	17,000
Certified International Professional Accounting Examination	This activity promotes regional accounting reform and harmonization based on international standards and certification thereby promoting integration into the global economy. Funded by USAID/GDA and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	1,200,000
Junior Achievement	This programme enhances the knowledge, skills, tools, and ethical values needed to participate in a market economy in which trade is a driver of economic growth. Funded and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	500,000
Regional Competitiveness Initiative	This activity advances new competitiveness initiatives (regional sector clusters, corridor clusters, and market chains) that unite the bilateral efforts of US Agency for International Development (USAID) Missions in the Europe and Eurasia Region. The Missions, public and private sector participants, form communities of practice to advance these regional initiatives. Through these communities they will achieve more effective implementation of their programmes, which in turn, will augment trade and productive employment in host countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	200,000

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Shenyang Polygeneration Project	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) provided $523,869 to fund a Feasibility Study on developing an integrated coal gasification, power generator and district heating project in Shenyang, China. The project will support a partnership organized to develop a mixed-use residential, commercial, university, and technology-oriented industrial zone extension of the Liaoning Province in northeastern China. The project will enhance China's infrastructure for power generation and development of coal-based chemicals industry. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**China (PRC)**	130,967
Aid to Artisans in Colombia	The project promotes economic opportunities through artisan enterprise development, creating licit employment and income opportunities for Colombian artisans: (1) Strengthen the local capacity of artisans to produce marketable goods that generate increased orders; (2) Strengthen business skills and organizational development to enhance the ability of Colombian artisans and artisan-based enterprises to improve production capacity and quality, negotiate global markets, establish and maintain strong relationships with clients, and grow their businesses; (3) Develop domestic and international markets and promote Colombia as a source of innovative, high-quality handmade products among buyers in order to increase employment and income opportunities for artisans; (4) Increase income for 2000 artisan households; and (5) Generate $1.75 million in sales during the project and an additional $3.8 million in the four years following the end of the project in 2006. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	200,000
Colombia Agribusiness Partnership Programme (CAPP)	The Colombian Agribusiness Partnership Programme (CAPP) programme assists the Colombian agribusiness sector by providing resources to finance a number of processing and cultivation expansion activities, ultimately helping the Colombian agribusiness community to modernize and compete in global markets. The principal activity is the identification of qualified private sector partners, the careful evaluation of proposed projects and the application of mechanisms for assistance tailored specifically to the identifies project's requirements. Priority is given to projects proposed for those areas that offer reasonable access to existing markets, whether	**Colombia**	1,400,000

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	domestic or international. Each CAPP activity must have a technical assistance package managed by the CAPP enterprise at the producer level and every other level to make sure that all crops or livestock produced under the activity are handled properly at post harvest through sale in the marketplace. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.		
Colombia Enterprise Development	The programme provides an opportunity to rapidly and effectively provide integrated assistance to small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in secondary cities. Components include CEDMarketing to identify markets for SMEs using a "systems" approach that will most successfully launch companies into direct and indirect export markets, working in close collaboration with Expopyme and other capable institutions. Another component, CEDConsulting, creates integrated business development services (BDS) in tune with the specific needs of SMEs through the establishment of certifiable consulting methodologies with existing institutions, the introduction of certified diagnostic tools, and the indirect training of SME consultants. CEDFinance is establishing a financial services clearinghouse to introduce "bankable" SMEs to Colombian financial services providers and train the financial community on practices and instruments to profitably lend to such smaller enterprises. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	2,000,000
Colombia Forestry Development Programme	One of the main goals of the Colombia Forestry Development Programme is to assist the private commercial forestry sector to improve efficiency through better technology and knowledge of their markets for their products. Equally important is better utilization of raw material, improved management of forest resources and partnering between suppliers of raw materials and producers of goods along the productive chain of forest products. The activity has been designed to improve or create more integrated production chains for the forest products industry in three geographically selected forest clusters. Four main thematic areas are forest policy improvement, support of Plan Colombia's forestry initiative, production improvement and	**Colombia**	800,000

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	income generation, and the creation of a Forestry Development Fund to provide technical assistance in the development of work plans, marketing and feasibility studies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.		
Colombia Forestry Development Programme (Midas)	The programme will be focused on the development and implementation of strategic management upgrading, technology transfer and market development/access programmes designed to facilitate the development of sustainable commercial forestry niches, reflecting significant employment and income generation potential in this Colombian sector. This will include a strategic focus on agro-forestry and wood product related value chain and cluster development opportunities, and related plantation forestry development and management initiatives. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	250,000
Colombian Agribusiness Partnership Programme (MIDAS Component)	The programme will focus on addressing critical management, technology transfer and market development/access constraints which limit the growth capacity of the Colombian agribusiness sector. The component should respond to and support private sector initiatives that benefit rural families in illicit production regions. This component will work to promote private sector agribusiness linkages with agricultural producers, encouraging a shift from illicit products to legal activities, or ensuring that rural producers and labour force participants have strong incentives to remain uninvolved in illicit production or related activities. It will also focus intensively on effectively addressing critical market development constraints at key value chain links and building market-based institutional networks which promote the sustainability of the employment and income generation impacts of these programmes. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	600,000
Establishment of SME Risks Capital Fund in Colombia	The Fund will invest in a wide array of industries, but will concentrate on small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that export or have the potential to compete in the international arena. The purpose of the envisaged financial and technical support would be the establishment of such a fund in Colombia, and the utilization of the fund to channel	**Colombia**	250,000

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	medium and long-term financial capital and management and technology transfer expertise to high-potential Colombian SMEs. The fund would thus be expected play a critical role in providing an ample source of equity and subordinated debt investments in high-potential SMEs that would otherwise lack access to sustainable market-based financing. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.		
Infrastructure and Market Linkage-based Support Activities	The creation of sustainable job and income-generation opportunities in the growth poles targeted by the programme will require a liberalized trade and investment environment which creates more buoyant external markets for licit products and encourages an intensified flow of local and foreign private investment into key infrastructure and productive sectors of the economy. For the identified growth poles in particular, programme interventions will include technical support to remove policy/regulatory impediments to business formation and growth at the local level, technical cooperation and incentive-based financial support to increase infrastructure investment and improve management/regulation of key infrastructure sectors, and technical/training support for intensive public/private partnership efforts to identify and address technology transfer, market development, human capital development, and other institutional constraints limiting the growth potential of key productive subsectors. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	811,169
Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) Expansion - MIDAS Component	The programme will focus on the development and implementation of innovative support strategies and programmes designed to facilitate a strong expansion in investment, production, exports, and employment in the small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector. The core focus of the programme will be on defining and effectively addressing the core financial and operational management, technology transfer, and market development/access constraints which limit the competitive capacity of the Colombian SME sector. Particular focus will be given to the development of a network of institutions which are able to serve as catalytic agents for the expanded application of improved enterprise development skills on a systemic basis. This activity is part of the larger	**Colombia**	400,000

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	MIDAS (Más Inversión para el Desarrollo Alternativo Sostenible) project. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.		
Trade and Investment Policy and Institutional Reforms (MIDAS Component)	Within the MIDAS (Más Inversión para el Desarrollo Alternativo Sostenible) activity, support for implementation of critical policy and institutional strengthening reforms designed to facilitate compliance with the requirements of a Free Trade agreement (FTA), and to maximize the income and employment-generation benefits which Colombia derives from the FTA. This entails ongoing dialogue and consensus-building work with the US Office of the Trade Representative and other key US Government agencies, senior Government of Colombia counterparts, and relevant NGO/private sector groups. The major components of the programme are enabling environment reforms (infrastructure, labour, customs, IPR, and SPS), financial sector development, and public outreach. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	799,298
Growth of a Dynamic and Competitive Private Sector	The activity aims to increase the capacity of public sector institutions, private sector business services associations, and private sector businesses to effectively access world markets for Croatian goods and services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Croatia.	**Croatia**	4,435,068
Support for Trade Capacity-Building - Dominican Republic	This activity is in support for trade capacity-building task order provided workforce development training in the Dominican Republic to improve the competitiveness of the apparel sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Dominican Republic**	100,000
Textile Sector Adjustment	An appropriate solution to the rapidly changing market for apparel is an accelerated upgrading of technical skills for pre-production apparel operations. By upgrading the skills of small- and medium-sized apparel firms, they will be able to better maintain their current customers, and in some cases to expand their sales to new customers and niche markets. The Parties to a Memorandum of Understanding, including USAID, and public and private sector organizations, will assist apparel firms wishing to upgrade their pre-production skills	**Dominican Republic**	100,000

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	and adjust to evolving market conditions. Specifically, USAID will provide technical assistance in the form of consultants and technical advice. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.		
African Womens Agribusiness Network (AWAN)	The African Women Agribusiness Network (AWAN) is a business support organization that promotes women's economic growth through facilitation or direct provision of need based services through advocacy aimed at creating a better business environment for women within East Africa. AWAN builds the capacity of women-owned and operated agribusinesses thus enhancing their competitiveness in international markets: (1) AWAN-EA has held three workshops on Implementation and Audit Techniques for International Standards with the first one being held in Nairobi from 13 to 17 September; (2) Regional Workshop on African Women's Leadership and Entrepreneurship (21-24 February, 2005). Twenty delegates from the region participated in this training; and (3) AWAN-EA held three networking forums in: Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. These meetings provided a forum for identifying country specific market needs and networking and information sharing opportunities for members and various service providers. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Eastern and Central Africans**	40,000
African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) - Ethiopia	The African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Ethiopia is joint USAID/Ethiopia and ECA Hub (REDSO) Project with one full time professional based here in Ethiopia. USAID/Ethiopia will coordinate the first ever AGOA Meeting to be held in Ethiopia between 22-25 October. Two hundred fifty East and central African business representatives will come to Addis Ababa to make AGOA deals and to learn from practical example how other African nations have succeeded with AGOA led exports to the United States. The Mission can report a more than doubling of Ethiopian AGOA exports to the US in the last 12 months (non-coffee exports only, from $2 million to $4.8 million). These products included Niger sees (Bird seed), handicrafts, beverages (specialty bottled water and beer), and some spices. This activity is funded with FY04 money. Funded by USAID/REDSO and implemented by SAID/Ethiopia.	**Eastern and Central Africans**	56,250

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Support for Competitiveness	This activity will identify competitive clusters of interconnected companies and institutions that are important to achieve and maintain competitiveness, economies of scale, and productivity. The activity will improve the efficiency of the perishable supply chain at the suppliers and supermarket outlets. The programme will be based on the principles of Total Quality Management: identification of customers and their requirements, a commitment to continuous improvement, benchmarking successful programmes, results measurement, and involvement of stakeholders in creating solutions. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	46,358
Conservation of Managed Indigenous Areas (CAIMAN)	Support for territorial consolidation, conservation of resources, and financial sustainability. Results include 150 square kilometre territory delimited in Huarorani Cofan territories, regular patrolling established in 350,000 hectares of Cofan territory, and 101,000 hectares in Awa territory mapped as part of adjudication process. In territorial conservation, results include training of key personnel and environmental education developed for school curriculums. In sustainable financing, results are sustainable forest management increased on territorial lands, development of bamboo production and marketing, artisanal handicraft production and marketing in seven commercial centres, 200 hives of honey production established, negotiation skills improved between extractive industries and indigenous federations, improved agro-forestry production for 15 Cofan families, financing strategies in place among three federations, and business roundtables conducted for better practices. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	785,000
PRONORTE: Regional Development of Agricultural Sector	Improved marketing, processing, post-harvest, and production technologies through technical assistance, training and small grants to improve the competitiveness of small farm producers and processors of agricultural products, e.g. cocoa, coffee, and broccoli in the Northern Border region. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	520,000

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Support for Natural Resources Management on Southern Border	This effort is oriented to increase the conservation level of the Cordillera del Cutucu protected area, as well as sustainable forest management and land titling. Goals include the negotiation of agreements between the indigenous Shuar Federation (FICSH) and Ministry of Environment to coordinate management of this privately held land recognized by the Government of Ecuador with an official voluntary conservation status under the authority of its land owners with forest harvesting managed under land use plans. Activities include organization of seminars on management of protected areas as well as inclusion of policies for environment management, the elaboration of Cantonal Development Plans with citizen participation, and the provision of technical assistance to strengthen the FICSH land titling efforts, and land titling of approximately 20,000 new hectares. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	90,000
Parks in Peril Programme and Tropical Andes Watershed Conservation	Activity for integration of five protected areas and their buffer zone into one management unit, established and capitalized a conservation fund for use in projects and park management, education and communication programme established for stakeholders and communities within the protected areas, and citizens benefiting from the ecological services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	320,000
Regional Development of Agricultural Sector in Yachana	Increased chocolate production capacity of the plant and greater demand for cocoa from 3,000 small farmers of the Amazonian provinces. Export marketing assistance to increase value-added to farmers and agribusiness in the supply chain for cocoa and chocolate. Improved cocoa productivity and post-harvest technologies to reduce costs and generate licit employment in Northern Border provinces. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	60,000

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Agriculture Exports and Rural incomes (AERI) project	The purpose of this project is to increase rural incomes and on-farm and agribusiness jobs. Its purpose is to strengthen the competitiveness of Egyptian agriculture in a global economy through strategic support provided to trade associations and smallholder farmer groups in Upper Egypt operating in the livestock, dairy and horticulture sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	2,478,000
Assistance for Customs and Trade Facilitation project	This activity targets all aspects of trade building including customs, trade policy, trade facilitation, inspection, import and export procedures, trade agreements, competitiveness, port services, regulatory reform, and policy formulation. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	150,000
Commodity Import Programme	The Commodity Import Programme (CIP) provides Egyptian private sector importers with foreign exchange to finance trade and investment. The purpose of CIP is to stimulate private sector investments by providing import financing through Egyptian commercial banks to Egyptian private businesses. Under the present private sector programme, financing is available for transactions valued as low as $10,000, thereby encouraging small or emerging private sector businesses to participate. Preferential lending terms are available for investments in Upper Egypt, businesses that are increasing their exports, and investments that benefit the environment. Repayments of CIP loans by private sector importers revert to the Egyptian government and are used to support numerous development projects as well as general budget expenditures. Since the beginning of the private sector programme, over 1,400 Egyptian private sector importers have used CIP resources. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	5,000,000
Financial Sector Modernization Project	The purpose of this activity is to promote the establishment of real estate finance and other forms of secured lending and to support the establishment of professional associations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	1,000,000

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Information Communication Technology	The purpose of this activity is to establish the legal and regulatory framework necessary to strengthen E-commerce and information and communication technology. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	500,000
Agricultural Cooperatives Ethiopia (ACE)	Agricultural Cooperative Ethiopia (ACE) strengthens primary farm cooperatives and forms cooperative unions in Ethiopia. This increases cooperative and coop union bargaining power to access agricultural inputs (better purchasing power) as well as increase sales and prices of farm products to the market-place. Farm products include coffee (some exported) but other food stuffs are traded internally. A recent (July) INTERNET-based auction with US buyers resulted in a doubling of producer prices paid to the Ethiopian coffee farmer. This is a direct link to the ACE activity. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Ethiopia**	75,000
Growing Ethiopian Markets (GEM)	The Growing Ethiopian Markets (GEM) project is designed to provide capacity-building, practical problem-solving and organizational support to Ethiopian agribusinesses, trade associations and their private sector members across several commodity groups. The project's main goal is to help the private sector (domestic and international) compete more effectively in local, regional, and world markets by facilitating exports. GEM work in the Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, Somali, and Southern Nations and Peoples regions of Ethiopia, focusing on food grains, coffee, meat, skins and hides and horticulture sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Ethiopia**	250,000
Global Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (GIPP)	The Global Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (GIPP) programme has two elements - the Nuclear Cities Initiative (NCI) and the Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (IPP) - that advance both US nonproliferation objectives and, as a side effect, trade capacity-building in the former Soviet Union. NCI has enjoyed notable success in helping redirect Russian displaced nuclear weapons experts by: (1) developing physical and business infrastructure in the closed cities; (2) helping to establish sustainable enterprises with business plans and marketing; and (3) furthering economic diversification. Two IPP projects in Kazakhstan have resulted in the creation of two new businesses - reprocessing scrap from nuclear fuel manufacture	**Former Soviet Republics ns**	7,011,950

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	production of copper-beryllium alloy for electronic use) involving US, Russian, and European customers, resulting in $11 million of annual sales and 800-900 new or sustained jobs at this former part of the Soviet nuclear weapons complex. Funded and implemented by Department of Energy.		
Peace Corps - Former Soviet Republics	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Former Soviet Republics ns**	277,750
Eurasia Council of Certified Accountants and Auditors (ECCAA) Development	In its effort to improve the investment environment and to further integrate the region into the global economy, USAID is supporting the development of the accounting profession across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) through the implementation of a Russian-language programme to train, test, and certify accountants. The Certified International Professional Accountant (CIPA) programme is based on international standards of accounting and auditing. The Eurasian Council of Certified Accountants and Auditors (ECCAA) is instrumental in developing and advancing the CIPA programme in the region. Under this activity, USAID seeks to achieve the following results: establishing an ECCAA branch office in Moscow launching the CIPA programme in Russia strengthening the capacity of ECCAA as a regional accountancy federation to ensure its long-term sustainability and improving the accounting profession throughout the CIS through the CIPA education, examination, and certification programme. Funded by USAID/GDA and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Former Soviet Republics ns**	720,000
Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative - Georgia	Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative (CADI) works with the public and private agricultural sectors in Georgia to increase product quality and marketability. Activities include technical and financial assistance to agro-processors to improve product quality as well as marketing assistance and information. To the public sector, CADI provides assistance in adopting food	**Georgia**	120,000

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	safety and quality standards compatible with the international agricultural trading system. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.		
Georgia Enterprise Growth Initiative	The activity aims to create a free market business environment, further develop the financial sector infrastructure and to facilitate the rate of enterprise growth in Georgia. Its Demand Driven Policy Reform component supports business associations to work more effectively with their members and government to improve the business and investment environment which includes awareness to support compliance with World Trade Organization (WTO) obligations, as well as other governance issues. In addition, the Georgia Enterprise Growth Initiative (GEGI) focuses on improving implementation by the Government of Georgia (GOG) of market-oriented economic policy initiatives. The other, financial Institution Strengthening component includes support for a collateral registry, credit information bureau, and other institutional strengthening and training. Funded and implemented by USAID/Georgia.	**Georgia**	168,000
Private Sector Competitiveness Programme	The two main areas of focus are strengthening Ghana's policy and regulatory enabling environment so that it is more supportive of private sector competitiveness. This involves: (1) policies to maintain macroeconomic stability through improvements to expenditure management and strict monetary policy; (2) more efficient product and input markets through reforms to trade, agriculture and other private sector policies; (3) more efficient factor markets by increasing access to finance and land and making labour markets more flexible through the passage of the 2003 Labour Law; and (4) improving the regulatory frameworks for energy (especially gas), telecommunications and biosafety. The enabling environment component also includes support to private sector business associations and policy research institutes to strengthen the policy advocacy and policy analysis capacity. The Mission focus is on a limited portfolio of mainly non-traditional agricultural exports, especially horticulture. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ghana.	**Ghana**	658,500

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Business Facilitation Incentive Fund	The State Department established the Business Facilitation Incentive Fund (BFIF) to encourage and accelerate business facilitation initiatives at posts where the Department leads the commercial function. In FY2005, State funded activities at more than 40 posts in developing countries, including catalyzing establishment of bilateral or local chambers of commerce and industry business education seminars for local entrepreneurs and seminars and outreach events to increase entrepreneurial capacity using IT tools. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Global ns**	63,338
International Trade Centre (ITC)	The US contributes regularly to the International Trade Centre (ITC) which is engaged in trade related capacity-building issues. The ITC is the technical cooperation agency of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) for operational, enterprise-oriented aspects of trade development. ITC supports developing and transition economies, and particularly their business sector, in their efforts to realize their full potential for developing exports and improving import operations. The ITC's technical assistance concentrates on: (1) helping businesses understand WTO rules; (2) strengthening enterprise competitiveness; and (3) developing new trade promotion strategies. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Global ns**	1,972,997
Trade Capacity Building to Achieve Sanitary and Phytosanitary Compliance	The Rural and Agricultural Income with Sustainable Environment (RAISE) helps missions identify and pursue investments in natural resource-based industries. Principal sectors include sustainable agribusiness, tourism and other marine and land-based industries. RAISE Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Task Order has: (1) assessed SPS capacity in Latin American and the Caribbean; (2) completed and disseminated supermarket expansion research in Africa, Europe Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Near East; (3) developed livestock food standard regulatory and compliance capacity in Armenia and Ethiopia; (4)enhanced government and private sector SPS capacity to improve dragon fruit exports to the European Union; (5) researched third party food standards certification capacity throughout the world with case studies in Honduras, Ghana and Indonesia; and (6) supported implementation of worldwide workshops on biotechnology impact on international trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/AG.	**Global ns**	86,600

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International Trade Centre - Services Capacity Assessments	Services Capacity Assessments is being conducted in six countries by the International Trade Centre (ITC), the technical cooperation agency for international trade development of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The assessment includes an evaluation of each country's current service exports and possible offers in General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) negotiations, based on public and private sector input. The assessments are conducted by two consultants, one based in Geneva and the other in the assessment country capital. A key government official will be selected from each country to attend meetings in Geneva to discuss the results of the assessment and to receive additional training in Services negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	16,800
Certified Sustainable Products Alliance	The Rainforest Alliance (RA) and its private sector partners in the Certified Sustainable Products Alliance will promote and scale-up the sales of certified green products in the timber, banana and coffee sectors and provide a stream of economic, social and conservation benefits to producers, workers and their families. The goal is to transform the way that the participating companies source products, establishing alternative ways of doing business that the companies can replicate after the completion of USAID-funded activities. The Alliance will focus outside of protected areas, in a number of sites and supply chains chosen for their market demand, and conservation and/or socioeconomic importance. The principal use of USAID funding will be to support certification, facilitation of technical assistance towards certification, and market linkage and product development, and in the case of timber, technical assistance and training to improve product quality and competitiveness. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP.	**Guatemala**	100,000
Trade, Ag., Investment, Environment, and NR Expert Services Assistance	Support the Government of Guatemala's competitiveness programme, Guate Compite, and its environmental programme, Guate Verde. Five key areas of law, policy, regulation, and institutional support will be addressed: (1) competitiveness, which includes trade and investment policies; (2) rural land policy and conflict resolution; (3) agriculture; (4) cultural and natural resources management; and	**Guatemala**	49,200

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	(4) environmental protection policies related to international trade and competitiveness. Focus on tourism, agribusiness, and forest products. Assistance will be provided to meet TCB, SPS, certification, and clean production standards at the firm-level, complemented by regional TA and training to support harmonization of product norms, standards, measurements, and commercial codes required for implementation of CAFTA and other trade agreements. Assistance will also be given to streamline business registration processes and reduce unnecessary and/or restrictive small business regulation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP.		
Expanded Natural Resource Management - Improved Marketing	This activity is in support of developing commercial quality agriculture exports and natural forest products and assisting in market identification. The project will assist farmers and community groups in investing in more profitable, less destructive agricultural practices by improving natural resource management capacity, increasing sustainable farm production and productivity, and developing income-generating, non-farm small enterprises. By working with communities to empower local decision-making for agriculture marketing and production, improved natural resources management practices, and non-farm income producing activities. By providing information and new skills, project participants can make informed decisions to sustain and protect their livelihood and resource base. Funded by USAID/Guinea and implemented by USAID/EGAT/NRM.	**Guinea**	50,000

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Private Participation in Cashew Production and Processing	This activity supports cashew quality improvement through superior planting material, production methods, and training of local enterprises in the skills necessary to produce and process nuts to very demanding worldwide quality standards to make Guinea-Bissau's cashew production more competitive on the international market: (1) Development of strengthened market links to consuming countries through direct contact with European and US buyers; and (2) Implementation of an approach that trains local investors – equipment manufacturers, cashew nut producers, processors, and exporters – to do business with one another so that at the end of the project the activities promoted by the project – equipment supply, cashew production, processing, and marketing – will be sustainable. Funded and implemented by USAID/GDA.	**Guinea-Bissau**	30,000
Enabling Environment for Sustained Growth of Value-added Exports Strength	The activity seeks to position the country to participate effectively in trade negotiations by strengthening the negotiating architecture and, to enhance the competitiveness of firms through the provision of business development services (BDS), and establishment of linkages with non-traditional international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Guyana.	**Guyana**	240,000
Port au Prince Airport Modernization	This $150,000 training grant will support the training of ten security officials from the Port-au-Prince International Airport (PAPIA) in Haiti. The objective of the training is to build the capacity of PAPIA security officials with respect to modern security systems and procedures at the main international airport in Haiti, and will familiarize PAPIA security officials with US security standards and equipment. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Haiti**	300,000
TA by Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action	Under the USAID/Haiti Trade and Investment Programme, the Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action (FAVACA) provides technical assistance consultancies and professional development in the economic growth programme sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Haiti.	**Haiti**	45,000

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Haitian Entrepreneurs and Artisans Restore Trade (HEART)	Techncial assistance is directed at export promotion and, to a much lesser extent, domestic sales of handicrafts. Funded and implemented by USAID/Haiti.	**Haiti**	100,000
Chawla Aviation Cooperation Programme (CACP)	This $500,000 Technical Assistance programme will support the Chawla Aviation Cooperation Programme (CACP), a public-private partnership that seeks to strengthen overall US-India aviation cooperation. The CACP will facilitate and coordinate aviation industry training and increase technical ties between the two countries, with a focus on promoting increased safety, operational efficiency and system capacity in the Indian aviation sector. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**India**	500,000
Indonesia Enterprise and Agriculture Development Activity (SENADA)	In an effort to improve the business climate, maintain economic stability and sustain high growth, the SENADA project aims to increase competitiveness within the Indonesian economy through technical assistance, training, and continuous monitoring. One of two fundamental outcomes hoped to be achieved by SENADA is a fully-functional forum for public-private dialogue and advocacy for policy issues relating to economic competitiveness. Additionally, a minimum of six active and competitive industry clusters must be in operation at the completion of the programme. Continuous communication between both the public and private sectors will help fuse successful policies relating to economic development and trade. Increased public support and understanding of necessary reforms are crucial and the improvement of labour and investment regulations will reap many benefits as a result. Funded and implemented by USAID/Indonesia.	**Indonesia**	1,209,000
Reducing Barriers to Market Entry	To improve the business climate in Indonesia by: (1) Reducing the cost and complexity of business licensing and permitting, resulting in higher numbers of businesses entering the formal sector and greater efficiency for investment licensing; (2) Improving the formulation of the regulatory system so that local governments issue fewer distortionary regulations; and (3) Creating stronger incentives for local governments to implement business-friendly policies, promoting successful enterprise practices. The broad objective of the	**Indonesia**	1,750,000

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	activities is to reduce poverty through job creation and economic growth. Expected results include: (1) Business registry systems are more efficient, accessible, and transparent; (2) Cost/benefit analysis routinely undertaken during development of policy and legislation; and (3) the programme will support the commitment by the government of Indonesia to improve the investment climate in general and in undertaking regulatory reform. Funded and implemented by USAID/Indonesia.		
Private Sector Development	USAID is engaged in a robust Private Sector development programme. This programme drives economic development and employment generation by supporting key private sector institutions and reforms. The Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) initiative provides growth businesses with reliable access to credit and technical assistance. This programme builds the foundation for privatization, in addition to developing the institutions and framework for domestic and foreign investment promotion. A capital markets component works to establish international best practices for equity/bond regulation and trading and to develop fair, efficient, liquid and transparent systems for market regulation and trading. Funded and implemented by USAID/Iraq.	**Iraq**	12,936,000
VEGA Business Skills Development	USAID, through the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance "VEGA" (a consortia of NGO's), provides training and technical assistance to businesses of all sizes and entrepreneurs through a dynamic "virtual business centre" model. Virtual business training centres provide services to clients in a specific geographical area. Services include business incubation, business basics training, in-house mentoring and consulting, access to business and market information, access to a small grants programme, access to public-use computer terminals and communications equipment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Iraq.	**Iraq**	10,000,000

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Business Environment Improved in Jamaica	Assistance to the Government of Jamaica in its efforts to achieve fiscal and macroeconomic stability, improving regulatory, legislative and policy frameworks including business processes, reducing constraints to economic growth and investment, and promoting the establishment of a national social partnership. In stimulating a business environment that is more conducive to innovation and investment, this activity will encourage trade, development and commercial viability in a formal and sustainable way. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	16,000
Competitive Clusters Developed in Jamaica	Assistance to competitive industry clusters as the principal framework for industry sector and firm-level assistance aimed at improving competitiveness. It will also influence public policy, and facilitate regulatory and legislative reforms. The programme will encourage both public/private partnerships and private sector partnership throughout the value chain of firms. The goal will be to develop industry clusters and their individual members to ensure global competitiveness in a sustainable way by building the capacity of the private sector to benefit from global trade and investment opportunities. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	32,500
Aqaba Science and Tech Incubator	In May of 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) approved a grant of $256,000 to fund a Feasibility Study (FS) on a Science and Technology Incubator project in Jordan. The FS will focus on development of the Jordan Science and Technology Incubator (JSTI) in conjunction with IC2, a research and education institute at the University of Austin, TX. JSTI seeks to become a technology innovation centre. The JSTI will combine end-to-end incubation services, entrepreneurial education, development and training, and a multinational technology-hosting centre. Sector projects focus on IT with additional consideration for the pharmaceutical/healthcare, agriculture, water, and energy industries. The project is supported by the King Abdullah fund and the Ministry of Planning, the latter of which will serve as the grantee. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Jordan**	128,000

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Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR 2.0)	The US Agency for International Development has been supporting Jordan's trade capacity through the Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR) Programme for several years. This activity is designed to help Jordan cope with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as its Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. Much of it is capacity-building within various line ministries. There is also a tourism support component. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	400,000
Aqaba Zone Economic Mobilization	Aqaba Zone for Economic Mobilization (AZEM) was designed to help the Aqaba Special Economic Zone become a trade and investment model and hub in Jordan. Support is designed to help it achieve this goal. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	450,000
Jordan US Business Partnership (JUSBP)	The Jordan US Business Partnership Programme (JUSBP) is a firm level assistance project designed to help businesses cope with the competitive pressures of joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. It works directly with businesses to help them improve production and export outside of Jordan. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	900,000
Enterprise Development Project - Kazakhstan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), accounting reform, and quality management centre (QMC): (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams; (4) QMC promotes the benefits of Quality Management and assists companies with ISO 9001-2000 implementation and certification. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kazakhstan**	1,009,119

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Trade Facilitation and Investment - Kazakhstan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Kazakhstan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) accession; and (4) supports SME trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues, improving customs systems and procedures, and increasing the level of coordination between customs and tax authorities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kazakhstan**	253,272
Kenya Agricultural Biotechnology Support Programme	The Kenya Agricultural Biotechnology Support Programme aims to provide biotechnology-based research products to address major problems in maize, livestock and food security strengthen the biotechnology strategy with emphasis on establishing a functional bio-safety regulatory framework and legislation and increase public awareness of biotechnology. The programme supports several elements that are crucial to eventual commercialization and trade of GMO products, and addresses Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) as this relates to trade standards, labeling and intellectual property rights. To date, training has been conducted to improve the review of biotechnology applications to Kenya a programme has been started to address food aid and GMOs vis-à-vis imports to Kenya and the Cartegena Protocol a awareness and training programme is being designed to specifically address potential trade constraints in "Kenya's domestication" process of the Cartegena Protocol and Kenya's draft Biosafety Bill. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	25,000

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Kenya Dairy Development Programme (KDDP)	The dairy programme aims to increase milk demand and improve efficiencies in the value chain (from farmers to consumers). Proposed interventions will improve the benefits along the four key stages of the value chains - production, processing, marketing/trade and consumption. Farmer organizations and human resources capacity will be strengthened. The trade component in the programme is expected to have: (1) increased agricultural trade through creating a policy environment that promotes trade and competition; (2) improved performance of agricultural marketing systems; (3) improved delivery of services necessary to facilitate agricultural trade; (4) improved performance of agricultural marketing systems; and (5) improved delivery of services necessary to facilitate agricultural trade. To date percentage increase in dairy products grew by 32 in volume while value grew up by 29. Training of informal traders to increase product quality, packaging and diversification is going on. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	120,000
Kenya Horticulture Development Programme (KHDP)	The goal of the Kenya Horticulture Development Programme (KHDP) is to increase incomes of 35,000 smallholders. The programme supports development and use of market information, Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS), and increases the use of integrated pest management regimes to decrease pesticide use levels. It also increases small farmer's access to technologies that will increase their ability to trade internationally, regionally and domestically. To date 913 small farmers have been trained in EUREPGAP requirements and 881 certified compliant. Local market expansion is being constrained by deficient and /or erratic supplies of fresh products related to production variations caused by weather and lack of organized marketing. Change in volume of agricultural products entering international markets was 302,720 metric tonnes while that domestic market was 4,410,000 metric tonnes. Their changes in value were $599.7 million and $817.9 million respectively. Funded and implemented by USAID/ Kenya.	**Kenya**	200,000

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Kenya Maize Development Programme (KMDP)	The maize programme aims at increasing rural household incomes by increasing productivity of maize in target areas, linking farmers to markets more efficiently, providing sustainable services in marketing, trade, credit, and improving the capacity farmer organizations as businesses. It supports policy reform to address constraints, promotes opportunities to increase domestic, regional and, to a lesser extent, international trade. The programme has expanded maize products for trade, trained farmers on standards and grades, storage and assembly of product, bulked transport operations to meet larger volume contracts with large traders. To date, farmers in the project areas (86,520) have raised their productivity from a baseline of 8 bags (90 kg) to 21 (90 kg)/acre, by early 2005. Total value of maize sold per family last year was Kshs 136,063 compared to Kshs 46,800 the previous year. Change in volume of maize sold per trader was 17,000 90 kg bags compared to 4,887 the previous year. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	120,000
Private Sector Growth	This programme is composed of two discrete but complementary components. It will consist of technical assistance, training, and limited grant financing of related activities to stimulate economic growth of the private sector, thus creating new sustainable employment opportunities. The General Business Support component is directed toward developing and putting into operation a programme to overcome factors known to be inhibiting economic growth and employment. In this regard, the Contractor will serve as a facilitator in resolving government-placed constraints and strengthening business associations, indigenous business service consultants and business training providers so that they become established in the market. The Cluster and Enterprise Development component is directed toward working with and providing assistance to specific economic groupings and their individual enterprises that make up Clusters. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	**Kosovo**	450,000
Enterprise Development Project - Kyrgyzstan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building	**Kyrgyzstan**	1,164,368

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	and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Trade Facilitation and Investment - Kyrgyzstan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Kyrgyzstan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance issues; and (4) supports trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues and improving customs systems in the Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kyrgyzstan**	57,904
Lao Economic Acceleration Programme for the Silk Sector (LEAPSS)	The goal of the project is to assist existing enterprises and micro-enterprises engaged in the production, processing and marketing of silk in Laos increase their volume and profitability. In addition, new private silk sector enterprises and micro-enterprises are established, placed on a growth trajectory and made profitable. There are five intermediate results: (1) strengthened institutional capacity of local and national authorities to support private silk sector activities; (2) better access to local and international silk and handicraft markets for silk producers; (3) enhanced coordination and cooperation among silk production groups (farmer groups); (4) increased role of women as decision makers at all levels of the silk sector; and (5) improved quality and yield	**Laos**	50,000

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	of cocoons and silk yarn produced by farmers. The Project supports five major areas in the Lao silk sector: (1) mulberry cultivation; (2) silkworm rearing; (3) silk processing and dyeing; (4) weaving; and (5) marketing. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.		
Support for Market Information Organization of the Americas	The Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA) is a cooperation network comprised of 22 government institutions whose principal functions are the collection, process, analysis and dissemination of information relative to markets and agricultural commodities. The main purpose of MIOA is to promote the importance and transparency of markets through timely and systematic information exchanges. Access to market information among the countries of the Americas would help members identify markets of opportunity and improve their competitiveness. Activities include electronic linkages of market information systems assessment of the market information systems in each country and the development of a Pan-American glossary of terms for exporters in the Hemisphere towards the standardization of market reporting. Funded by Department of Agriculture/AMS and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	**Latin America and Caribbean ns**	80,000
Peace Corps - Latin America and Caribbean	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Latin America and Caribbean ns**	611,000
Macedonia Competitiveness Activity	The Macedonia Competitiveness Activity (MCA) helps Macedonian enterprises develop and market complex products and services that will command higher prices. The MCA has helped establish five industry clusters: lamb meat and sheep cheese tourism information communications technology (ICT) wine and apparel. The MCA sponsors the National Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness Council which brings together industry, government and labour force, in order to improve competitiveness of Macedonian industry. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	1,072,313

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Seal of Quality and Agribusiness Assistance Programme	The project assists domestic meat and dairy industries, which will further support the development of branded products that can be sold for premium prices. Assistance is provided to fruit and vegetable producers and processors in areas of new product development, processing and packaging technology transfer, quality control and food safety system implementation. Another element is the improvement of each of the sheep industry categories: farm-level production, lamb slaughtering and cheese production, and the capabilities of industry associations to meet the demands of the foreign and domestic markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	1,001,500
Agricultural Business Investment Project	The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) funding has several aspects of support: (1) Establish five Agricultural Business Centres and a national coordinating office in Antananirivo that will offer a range of services to Micro, Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) and farmers. These services may include assistance in the development of business and marketing plans, training in good business practices and in the promotion and adoption of improved technologies by businesses and farmers alike ($11.4 million); (2) Funding will help identify local, regional and international market opportunities for MSMEs and the necessary requirements and means to allow them to take advantage of market opportunities ($6.1 million); and (3) MCC funding will also support training and outreach activities with MSMEs and rural producers to improve entrepreneurial capacities and management skills and disseminate best practices to enable them to operate more efficiently ($200,000). Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation.	**Madagascar**	4,394,750
Biologically Diverse Forest Ecosystems Conserved	The Biologically Diverse Forest Ecosystems conservation and sustainable economic development programme builds trade capacity through natural product promotion and ecotourism development. The programme will help promote and increase the market presence of Madagascar spices, essential oils and handicrafts. By promoting these products and developing more value-added innovative market linkages, the biodiversity of Madagascar can be protected. The promotion of natural products consists of assistance in product certification that provides buyers a guarantee of high quality products. USAID provides assistance	**Madagascar**	160,000

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	in trade promotion through technical assistance to agribusiness associations and companies specializing in natural and biological products. Assistance also consists of support to environmentally sensitive site development, capacity-building for tour operators, development of norms and standards to ecotourism site development, and promotion of Madagascar as an ecotourism destination. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.		
Critical Private Markets Expanded	This activity will build Madagascar's business and trade capacity, thereby encouraging investment through introducing more productive technology building links between producers, small and medium enterprises including agribusinesses, and external markets and improving economic and trade policies. Assistance will focus on improving business skills increasing access to domestic and international markets increasing business opportunities for new ventures creating favorable environment for trade through policy analysis and trade integration. Support will be provided to improve marketing and trade of selected agricultural and non-agricultural commodities using a supply-chain approach. It will also serve as a vehicle for developing public-private dialogue and partnerships. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.	**Madagascar**	135,400
National Smallholder Farmers Association of Malawi (NASFAM)	The National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi (NASFAM) is the service arm of 34 affiliated farmer business associations. Over the period of just 7 years, with support from USAID, NASFAM has grown from a start-up concept to a producer-organization, farmer-directed business system based on individual participation of more than 100,000 Malawian smallholder farmers. The value of agricultural products (Birdseye chillies, ground nuts, rice, paprika, soya, cotton and pulses) marketed by NASFAM farmers associations reached $2.6 million in FY 2004, continuing the phenomenal sales growth that has seen sales double every year for the past three years. NASFAM provides its smallholders with a variety of services including but not limited to: collective bargaining to input and service supply, linkages to local, regional and international markets, technical expertise in standards and grading, facilitating access to financial services, and a variety of social services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Malawi.	**Malawi**	45,000

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Support for Agriculturally-Linked Enterprises (SALES)	The primary goal of the SALES is to increase rural employment, incomes, investment and trade in Malawi by spurring the growth of private sector "agriculturally-linked" enterprises. SALES stimulates employment generation in private sector enterprises that use agricultural products purchased from Malawian farmers by strengthening the competitiveness of selected agriculturally-linked clusters and firms in Malawi. SALES implements a wide range of innovative market-driven Business Development Services (BDS) to help Malawian enterprises respond to the various constraints and opportunities identified within a selected number of agriculturally-linked clusters/sectors with growth potential such as cotton-textiles-garments, coffee, macadamia, food processing and selected natural resource-based products and tree crops. SALES provides assistance to Malawian enterprises in facilitating access to international markets, identifying financing, meeting export market production standards, raising management efficiency, increasing the exposure and knowledge of local enterprises exporting to regional and world markets, assisting enterprises to produce to the quality, quantity and timely delivery require.	**Malawi**	240,000
Shea Butter Export Promotion in Mali	This programme assists shea nut collectors to export processed nuts to Europe. The programme works to improve the effectiveness of the value chain from collectors to exporters for shea nuts. The programme is also investigating the potential for adding value to the shea nut before it is exported. The focus of the programme is on rural collectors and processors of which most are women. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/PR.	**Mali**	100,000
Developing the Finance Sector in Mali	Mali Finance works toward developing the capacity of individuals to qualify for bank financing for export related activities under its business development activities. The project also works with the formal financial sector in expanding agricultural trade related financing. The final trade related activity focuses on appropriate policy development and implementation. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mali.	**Mali**	150,000

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Mali Trade Promotion Programme	The Mali Trade Promotion Programme (TradeMali) aims to increase Malian exports to the regional and global markets. The activity consists of: (1) improving the policy and institutional environment for trade and investment; and (2) improving the competitiveness of Mali's private sector. TradeMali assisted the export of 2,417 metric tonnes of mango to Europe in 2004. The programme focused on helping Malian exporters find markets, improving product quality, implementing traceability procedures, and alleviating supply chain constraints (cold chain, air freight and multimodal transport logistics, labeling and branding, etc). New markets for Malian mango were penetrated (Germany and Belgium), and six new exporters entered into the mango export marketing channel. Thanks to the assistance of TradeMali, air freight cost was reduced by 100 franc per kilo, and foreign investment was attracted to Mali by the establishment of a Senegalese company in Bamako. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mali.	**Mali**	570,000
Rural Prosperity and Conservation in Mexico	Activity designed to increase the business and administrative skills of producer associations. It will support trade-related agricultural development by introducing and promoting new production techniques. Activity will conduct a series of market studies to identify opportunities and constraints to production and sale of new items. Activity supports environment sector trade and standards by focusing on sustainable products and their markets, such as shade coffee, cacao production, and a variety of forest products. Where appropriate, the activity will also promote the tourism sector through market studies, community training, design and promotion of tourism clusters, and the creation of linkages between the larger scale tourist industry and community groups in areas of high biodiversity. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mexico.	**Mexico**	140,000
Training, Internships, Exchanges and Scholarships (TIES)	Training, Internships, Exchanges and Scholarships (TIES) advances the objective of the Partnership for Prosperity, an initiative of Presidents Bush and Fox. TIES facilitates pursuit of a common development agenda between the US and Mexico by enhancing the capacity of higher education institutions of both nations to examine mutual development problems, work in strategic alliances to develop solutions, and create the basis for Mexico benefiting more fully from NAFTA and a planned Free-Trade Area of the	**Mexico**	652,500

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	Americas. Aim is to increase the Mexican competitive workforce through higher education. University partnerships establish relationships between US and Mexican universities to address common development problems identified by Mexican higher education institutions and their public and private partners. Community College Scholarships provide support for disadvantaged Mexicans to study in the US to improve their technical skills so that they can better address development problems. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mexico.		
Peace Corps - Middle East and North Africa	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Middle East and North Africa ns**	28,300
Trade Facilitation - Border Crossing	This grant provides continued support for the transition to market-based economies in Southeast Europe by improving border crossing procedures in Moldova. Project activities include train-the-trainer workshops on such topics as business ethics, anti-corruption mechanisms, domestic statutes and international conventions, and professionalism website development public outreach to the local business community and public about transport and trade issues and exchanges between US trade and transport professionals and emerging leaders in the transport field in Moldova. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Moldova**	99,250
Agribusiness Development Project	Agribusiness Development Project (ADP) in Moldova will increase rural incomes and employment opportunities by improving the international competitiveness of the high-value agriculture sector in Moldova, and boosting its export potential and trade capacity. ADP will: (1) ensure wide access to market information necessary to penetrate new export markets, diversify product lines, and better meet customer demand; (2) establish and strengthen competitive agribusinesses, particularly export-oriented value adding enterprises; (3) improve farmer capacity to	**Moldova**	731,736

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	supply agriculture products of appropriate volume and quality to sustain competitive exports; and (4) establish producer and industry associations to facilitate cooperation along the entire production chain. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.		
Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development	The new Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development (CEED) Project by USAID/Moldova is expected to be awarded in late FY05. CEED will be a second generation small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) support project involving the development of business and industry clusters, financial and investment intermediation, and continued enhancement of the regulatory framework in Moldova for SME development. The overarching goal of CEED is to stimulate economic growth and to improve employment opportunities for Moldovan citizens over the long term. Efforts will be focused on increasing the competitiveness of Moldovan products on international markets and to create a business environment and investment climate that stimulates, supports, and rewards competitive enterprise performance. A Development Credit Authority (DCA) mechanism may also implemented under CEED. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Moldova**	680,000
Private Farmer Assistance Project (extension)	The Private Farmers Assistance Programme-Extension (PFAP-E) is a 24-month, follow-up to the Private Farmers Assistance Programme (PFAP). PFAP-E aims to increase the sustainability and impact of existing institutional support structures for private agricultural producers in Moldova. The planned project extension seeks to assure sustainability by creating additional capacity within the Republican Union of Agricultural Producers Associations (UniAgroProtect), 15 Regional Agricultural Producers Associations (APAs), 196 business cooperatives and 212 rural small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to provide technical, marketing, information and legal services to producers and Agricultural Producers Associations (APA) members that would in turn increase agricultural production, employment and income. In addition, the project aims to strengthen the existing agricultural policy analysis and formulation capacity (Policy Unit). Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Moldova**	44,732

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Air Traffic Management Project	This $100,051 technical assistance grant to the Mongolian Civil Aviation Authority (MCAA) is for the planning and pilot system procurement of the Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Mode S system to improve the air traffic management and safety in the Mongolian aviation sector. This technical assistance will help improve the effectiveness of Mongolian aviation communications, navigation, and surveillance and air traffic management systems. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Mongolia**	20,010
Khukh Tsav Cement Plant Project	This activity is a technical assistance grant to the Mongolian Alt MAK Corporation for the development of the Khukh Tsav Cement Plant Project in southeastern Mongolia. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Mongolia**	65,000
Education For a Better Future: Work Force Development	The purpose of this programme is to assist the Government of Morocco (GOM) to improve the quality of its workforce and the relevance of worker skills to the growing and changing demands of business and industry. USAID will assist training institutions and technical high schools in three regions in order to provide computer training and other skills in demand by the private sector. In addition, the project will improve job placement mechanisms and will establish a roster of private sector partners for student internships and job placements. This activity is in support of the US-Morocco FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Morocco.	**Morocco**	3,825,000
Free Trade Agreement Support	As part of its economic growth strategy, USAID assists Morocco in successfully responding to the challenges and opportunities of the more liberalized trading environment that will be brought about by the Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with the United States, the Association Agreement with the European Union, other FTAs, the World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha Development Round, and Moroccan reform efforts. Results include: (1) increased productivity in agriculture and agribusiness; (2) creation of new business opportunities outside of agriculture and agribusiness; and (3) improved business environment. Funding reported here is part of the $7.2 million activity and the remainder of the funds	**Morocco**	717,950

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	are implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency. This activity is in support of the US-Morocco FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Morocco.		
Business Development Services	The Business Development Services programme works with Mozambican agribusiness and smallholders to promote the production, processing and export of agricultural products, including cashew, paprika, pegeon peas and others. It includes market and value chain analysis and technical assistance to Mozambican enterprises. In addition, the programme helps Mozambican enterprises to establish linkages to buyers and sources of finance. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mozambique.	**Mozambique**	275,000
Rural Finance Services	This activity provides technical assistance to develop financial services for a wide array of rural businesses involved with agricultural production in order to improve the competitivity and exports of agricultural products from Mozambique. The programme uses matching funds from GRM counterpart contributions as well as from DCA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mozambique.	**Mozambique**	87,500
Rural Group Enterprises	This activity brings tens of thousands of family farmers into the market economy by establishing them as business groups, which buy inputs and sell products in commercial quantities. Also assists them in meeting quality standards (including export standards) and other market requirements. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mozambique.	**Mozambique**	560,000
Namibia Regional Trade	This activity supports the historically disadvantaged Namibian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to increase their exports to regional markets. Trade capacity-building, business match making services, and marketing information services are the key components of this activity. Funded and implemented by USAID/Namibia.	**Namibia**	200,000

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Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) Compete	This activity seeks to increase Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) capacity to participate in trade - both domestic and regional trade. This is accomplished through training and capacity-building in management, business practices and marketing skills. Strengthened business linkages and increased competitiveness are among the key approaches to increased participation in trade by SMEs. The activity also provides export promotion assistance such as support for regional trade fairs participation, international seminars and forums, and trade missions to Namibian companies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Namibia.	**Namibia**	280,000
Rural Business Development Project - Nicaragua	The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) funding has several aspects of supports: (1) Funding will facilitate increases in the production of high-value goods and increase the value added by farmers, agribusinesses, and other non-farm businesses in the Leon-Chinandega region; (2) Funding will support the establishment of a Rural Business Development Centre, which will provide business development services, disseminate market information, and develop improved production techniques ($8.9 million); (3) Funding will support the provision of technical assistance to facilitate the transition of small and medium farms and agribusinesses to higher profit activities ($8.5 million); and (4) Funding will support the development of a regional watershed management action plan and finance grants to improve the water supply for irrigation and facilitate higher value, sustainable agriculture and forestry in the upper watershed areas of the Leon-Chinandega region of Nicaragua ($13.3 million). Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation.	**Nicaragua**	17,442,000
Caribbean Central America Action (CCAA)	Caribbean Central America Action (CCAA) serves as an honest broker and catalyst for establishing common ground to formulate a shared vision between and among the business community, civil society and the public sector to push for CAFTA passage in the Nicaraguan National Assembly and help Nicaraguan firms take advantage of the opportunities that CAFTA will bring. CCAA will also implement activities to forge public/private partnerships to improve the business and investment climate. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	100,000

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Competitive Market Oriented Private Enterprises Environmental Management	The purpose of this activity is to improve the competitiveness of Nicaraguan micro, small and medium (MSME) enterprises by expanding sales to local, regional, and international markets. Technical assistance and training will be used in this activity. Key results are expected to include $60 million in new sales, 100 increase in sales of specialty coffee, 20,000 new jobs, increased adherence to labour laws and the hiring of people with disabilities and disadvantaged groups, $5 million in resources leveraged from the private sector through Global Development Alliances (GDAs), local institutions strengthened to facilitate trade, 300,000 hectares under improved environmental management, increase in the number of firms producing or offering services under environmental certifications, increased use of cleaner production and cleaner energy technologies, and an increase in biodiversity conservation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	150,000
Fruits and Vegetables Market Development in Nicaragua	The purpose of this activity is to increase market access and transactions for and by Nicaraguan producers, in local, regional and international markets. Focus on micro, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Key results are $12 million in increased sales of fruits, vegetables and specialty coffee, as well as 7,000 new jobs. This activity uses training and technical assistance. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	100,000
Private Sector Foundation in Nicaragua	Modeled after FUSADES in El Salvador. Promote public/private partnerships to change laws, policies, and regulations to increase trade and investment and improve the business climate. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	150,000
Embroidery Export Market Promotion in Pakistan	This activity assists home-bound women export embroidery to the diaspora in other countries in the Middle East. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/PR.	**Pakistan**	125,000

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Pakistan Initiative for Strategic Development and Competitiveness	On the request of the Government, USAID started working with the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA) of Pakistan to facilitate the SME sector. USAID funds several activities aimed at upgrading the competitiveness and increasing profits of key Pakistani industries. These activities include: (1) technical assistance in benchmarking industrial sector performance; (2) development of strategies for improving quality through better use of technology, human resources, and marketing; (3) promotion of improved public-private dialogue to remove investment constraints; (4) creation of sustainable financing instruments for SMEs; (5) technical assistance and training to enhance the capacity of Pakistani businesses to participate in the global trading system; and (6) implementing projects designed to introduce new technologies and business practices required for upgraded production. Funded and implemented by USAID/Pakistan.	**Pakistan**	800,000
Trade Capacity Building in Panama	This activity is in support of assistance to Panama in preparing for and implementing the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States - assistance to reduce business constraints while allowing competition to flourish and assistance to encourage the development of export-oriented clusters. Implementation of this project has begun. This activity is in support of the US-Panama FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Panama.	**Panama**	403,800
Paraguay Poverty Reduction Programme (Paraguay Vende)	The Paraguay Poverty Reduction Programme (Paraguay Vende) consists of technical assistance to individual firms to increase sales and generate employment. The approach is demand driven and transactional. After a year and a half of programme implementation, the programme generated a little more than $3,000,000 in sales, more than half of which were exports. These sales correspond to roughly 300,000 person days of employment. Investments facilitated reached almost $800,000. In FY05, USAID is applying $500,000 in ESF funds to foster growth of legitimate export-oriented businesses on the border area with Brazil, where informal and illegal re-export activities feed corruption and discourage investment. These activities include tax evasion, contraband, money laundering, drug trafficking and pirating of	**Paraguay**	715,728

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	trademarks and copyrights. The growth of legitimate businesses in the region is expected to strengthen the consituency for reforms addressing the informal and illegal re-export activities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Paraguay.		
Peru-Ecuador Border Region Development	The Peru-Ecuador Border Region Development activity is financing technical assistance to improve productivity of private sector firms and to expand financial services through Development Credit Authority (DCA) guarantee agreements. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Peru.	**Peru**	845,000
Poverty Reduction and Alleviation in Peru	Poverty Reduction and Alleviation in Peru reduces poverty by providing technical assistance to the private sector to improve productivity in operations located in areas of high poverty. Reported figures represent percentage of financing to increase exports from assisted firm. In a second component of this activity, public-private partnerships in key economic infrastructure are promoted. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Peru.	**Peru**	1,575,000
Growth with Equity in Mindanao-2 (GEM-2) Programme	The Growth with Equity in Mindanao-2 (GEM-2) programme helps Mindanao producers take advantage of the sizable market offered by China and other countries by helping them identify market opportunities, develop appropriate products and improve production and marketing efficiencies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Philippines.	**Philippines**	1,000,000
Institutional Grants for Policy Development (IGPD)	The Institutional Grant for Policy Development (IGPD) Programme focuses on trade, investment and competitive structure, World Trade Organization (WTO) technical assistance, tariff and non-tariff barrier reduction, agriculture, competition policy, telecommunications development, fiscal policy tax administration, and Local Government Units (LGU) financial management and planning. Funded and implemented by USAID/Philippines.	**Philippines**	59,100
Agribusiness Development and Agriculture Policy Support	This activity provides for technical assistance and training for the development of improved quality grades and standards for grain, livestock and horticulture sectors in order to help Romanian	**Romania**	68,000

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	agricultural sector meet international standards. Technical assistance also addresses Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) procedures and Pathogen Reduction practices. The project also establishes a National Codex Office and Inquiry Point for HACCP. Using technical assistance from land grant universities, partners assist public agencies and private consulting firms develop capacity in HACCP techniques and methods. In addition, the activity organizes Trade and Investment Missions. Funded and implemented by USAID/Romania.		
Enterprise Development and Strengthening	The activity aims to provide: (1) support to microenterprises, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) to increase competitiveness in areas where Romanian producers have a comparative advantage in domestic and international markets; (2) technical assistance (TA) and training provided through Business Support Organizations (BSOs) to increase competitiveness through increased access to new production technologies; (3) TA and training offered through the BSOs on trade standards, developing business linkages, flexible specialization strategies, marketing and export development, product quality improvement, and technology; and (4) increase access to credit in under-served regions of the country by expanding the existing micro-lending activities into new areas, where opportunities exist for tourism and export of goods. Funded and implemented by USAID/Romania.	**Romania**	400,000
American Business Centre (ABC) Sakhalin	The major functions of the American Business Centre are: (1) providing outreach to Russian firms, including partnering, trade leads, and referrals; and (2) providing support to companies either currently doing business or interested in entering Sakhalin, thus promoting the development of trade and cooperation in all economic sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	**Russia**	300,000
Forestry Resources and Technologies Project	Under the Forestry Resources and Technologies (FOREST) Project, US Agency for International Development (USAID) provides assistance to businesses and business associations working in the area of non-timber forest products (NTFP), secondary wood processing and biomass energy. This assistance includes trade facilitation, export promotion, business services, and training. As a	**Russia**	35,000

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	result of this assistance, USAID expects that trade linkages of the Russian Far-East (RFE) and Siberian companies with the US, China, South-West Pacific and European partners will significantly expand. The additional actual and potential sales/purchases can be estimated at about $10 million. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.		
Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Policy Advocacy Programme	The objective of this programme is to strengthen capacity of the regional business associations to advocate successfully for improvement in the administrative and policy environment affecting small- and medium-sized enterprises (SME). Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	**Russia**	500,000
Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion and Technical Assistance	The Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) promotion and technical assistance project provides support to the SME sector in Rwanda to facilitate increased, measurable impact on Rwandan SMEs in terms of product development, market development, and trade through focused delivery of technical assistance to strategic, high-potential sectors, including handicrafts, tourism, and value-added agribusiness. The project aims to increase efficiency of SMEs through business development services and use of information and communications technology. Funded and implemented by USAID/Rwanda.	**Rwanda**	62,500
Serbian Enterprise Development Project	The Serbian Enterprise Development Project (SEDP) was designed to assist Serbian companies in entering competitive markets after a decade of sanctions and previous years under a largely non-market system. The project works with companies in six sectors: fruit, apparel, furniture, pharmaceutical research, information and communications technology, and tourism. SEDP provides a variety of support to companies in pursuit of its goals, including: market intelligence and product positioning, marketing and sales support including extensive market contacts, assistance in obtaining financing, legal and regulatory, assistance in trade exhibitions, developing sales materials and websites, improving product and package design, and technical assistance across a broad range of specialized areas. SEDP also works to build communications capacity	**Serbia and Montenegro (FRY)**	579,393

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	in the Serbia Investment and Export Promotion Agency and works with the main business associations and sector groups to advocate for regulatory change. Funded and implemented by USAID/Serbia.		
Agricultural Financial Restructuring and Privatization Programme	The South African Agriculture Financial Restructuring and Privatization Programme (SARPP) assists historically disadvantaged farmers to gain ownership of productive rural assets through opportunities to buy into larger commercial farms and agribusinesses on a willing seller-willing buyer basis. The project focuses on the creation of viable shareholder trusts and thus includes development of business plans and expansion of both production and marketing for local and international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	271,617
International Business Linkages	The South African International Business Linkages Programme (SAIBL) is implemented through a cooperative agreement with the Corporate Council on Africa. The programme includes three strongly interconnected components that all provide trade capacity-building in various sectors: (1) SAIBL-Core Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) development - provides business development, financial and trade and market access services to engaged in national and international trade in the services and manufacturing sectors; (2) SAIBL-PAL -Promoting Agribusiness Linkages programme, provides market linkages, business development services, and training in grades and standards for SME agricultural firms (farms and agro-processing firms) engaged in or seeking to expand into national and international trade in agricultural and other food products; (3) SAIBL-TRADE, promotes exports from South Africa and the region by building regional and international export trade capacity and market linkages. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	1,552,200
Mandela Economic Scholars	The Mandela Economics Scholarship Programme, named after the country's first democratically elected president, improves the availability and quality of economics education. The programme has funded more than 100 black South Africans to earn post-graduate degrees in economics in the US and South Africa. These graduates are practicing	**South Africa**	80,000

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	their expertise in important positions in South Africa. Many economists returned to South Africa to work on trade issues at the senior analyst level. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.		
Trade Capacity Development at South African Universities	USAID has set up special Honors (advanced undergraduate) and MA programmes in trade and regulation, trade and the environment and trade economics at three South African Universities. The programme provides scholarships for historically disadvantaged (mainly black) economists and provides professional staff for government, non-governmental organizations, and business. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	100,000
Trade Facilitation and Capacity Building	This activity is in support of the implementation of the Presidential Trade Initiative for Southern Africa. The physical actions are the operation of the Trade Hub and provision of technical services in support of improving trade competitiveness and accessing African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) opportunities. Under this activity, RCSA foster Trade negotiation capacity for regional economic communities such as Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and their respective members, provide policy assistance on improving business environments and implement regional transport and customs integration and investment. The activity has two focus areas: one is more engaged in transactions and work with firms, clusters and trade connections as well as improving the Trade ability of the private sector and the other is more engaged with the public sector and improving the doing business climate. Funded and implemented by USAID/RCSA.	**Southern Africa ns**	1,462,860
South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI) - Energy	The objective of the South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI) - Energy is to promote mutually beneficial energy linkages among the nations of South Asia to provide increased regional energy security, cross-border energy trading and regional economic stability. A principal focus of the programme is to analyze, advocate, and spread understanding of the benefits of regional energy trade and to build capacity in relevant public and private energy organizations that will create trade opportunities and result in 'win-win' solutions. Specific studies have included technical pre-feasibility and socio-economic benefits of a regional trade project	**Southern Asia ns**	150,000

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	linking India and Sri Lanka and the socio-economic benefits of regional transmission links to support power trading. Additional initiatives included support for regulatory reform and restructuring support including promoting unbundling and commercialization of publicly-owned energy sector companies. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.		
The Competitiveness Programme	The Competitiveness Programme supports the economic policy reform agenda of the Mission, the new workforce development initiative and focuses at increasing the ability of Sri Lanka to compete in the global market for tea, rubber, coir, spices, ceramics, gems, tourism and information and communication technology (ICT). Funded and implemented by USAID/Sri Lanka.	**Sri Lanka**	1,408,750
Peace Corps - Sub-Saharan Africa	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology; (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills; and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	**Sub-Saharan Africa ns**	745,900
Agriculture Marketing and Enterprise Development Programme	The Agriculture Marketing and Enterprise Development (AMED) Programme is a component of the Southern Sudan Agriculture Revitalization Programme (SSARP). The AMED programme aims: (1) improve the productivity and competitiveness of Southern Sudan private enterprises; (2) establish Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) policy, regulatory, and investment plans supportive of growth and private sector productivity and trade; and (3) establish institutions and programmes to increase the competitiveness of Southern Sudan's agriculture and industry. The AMED programme will be implemented by the Volunteers in Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA). Funded and implemented by USAID/Sudan.	**Sudan**	2,000,000
Enterprise Development Project - Tajikistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building	**Tajikistan**	400,500

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	and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Trade Facilitation and Investment - Tajikistan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Tajikistan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance issues; and (4) supports trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues and improving customs systems in the Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Tajikistan**	36,927
Private Enterprise Support Activities (PESA)	The Private Enterprise Support Activities (PESA) works with Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME), including farms, by providing training and technical assistance to enable them to become more active players in the Tanzanian economy and contribute to its economic growth. PESA works with small farmers to produce and market specific cash crops. The work with export crops also includes working on tariff barriers, export procedures, and trade policies of the Government of Tanzania. The project will help broaden access to markets and strengthen business capacity by encouraging market links, supplying business information, and strengthening associations. The programme will also work to improve the policy and regulatory environment for these enterprises. Funded and implemented by USAID/Tanzania.	**Tanzania**	100,000

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Transportation Logistics Technical Workshop	This activity funds a series of three technical workshops focused on improving transportation logistics along the trade supply chains in Thailand. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Thailand**	57,000
Accelerating Economic Recovery in Asia	This is an economic recovery and reform programme initiated in the aftermath of the 1997 economic crisis. A number of subcomponents of the programme improve trade by building the capacities of Thai businesses (through the Business Advisory Services, the Thailand Competitiveness Initiative, and Labour Standards Advisory Services), improving business standards, and strengthening the enabling environment (through the Business Support Organization Partnership and the Environmental Support Programme). Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	**Thailand**	337,532
Bolstering Agriculture and Sustainable Agribusiness/ Private Sector Reform	This project will focus on accelerating the development of nascent agriculture, agribusiness, and the private sector in East Timor by building the critical market linkages that encourage enterprises to establish and grow, initially in Oecussi, Suai, Baucau, Viqueque, Maliana, and Los Palos Districts. In particular, the project will contribute to creating: (1) a more productive and diversified rural sector, with a broad range of agricultural and non-agricultural market-led activities; (2) value chains that connect production to markets throughout East Timor, through a network of brokers, processors, packagers, and transporters; (3) an improved business enabling environment to establish and grow businesses, especially in rural East Timor; and (4) an expanded range of financial and commercial services that strengthen businesses at all levels of the value chain. Funded and implemented by USAID/Timor Leste.	**Timor Leste**	1,320,000
Enterprise Development Project - Turkmenistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards	**Turkmenistan**	303,797

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	covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Uganda and AGOA: A Focus on Value Added Textile Export	The International Public Service and Outreach office of the University of Georgia is collaborating with the Uganda Investment Authority and the East Africa-American Business Council in Atlanta to implement a programme of training, technical assistance, and capacity-building for Ugandan textile and apparel firms. There are three objectives which may be summarized as follows: (1) develop Ugandan participants' understanding of the US textile and apparel market; (2) build sustainable relationships between Ugandan and US textile and apparel traders; and (3) build the capacity of Ugandan trade associations and the Uganda Investment Authority. Four stages of activity are set out: (a) a three-person US delegation to Uganda for detailed planning of the full programme; (b) an eight-person trade mission to the US for two weeks; (c) a follow-up training session in Uganda; (d) a six-person US trade mission to Uganda. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Uganda**	93,723
BIZPRO	This activity aims to improve competitiveness of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and agriculture. The BIZPRO project provides training and technical assistance to select SME business sectors and marketing associations. The BIZPRO project will focus on increasing the competitiveness of rapidly expanding SME sectors to increase SME gross domestic product (GDP) and SME employment by providing training and consultation to business sectors. Through USAID assistance, the portion of GDP attributable to SMEs and SME employment will increase by approximately 6 in 2005. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Ukraine**	509,970

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Certified International Professional Accountant Programme in Ukraine	An independent, market-recognized, accounting certification system to improve the accuracy and credibility of financial information. The Accounting Reform project will: (1) provide support for the development of a new professional association with membership based on the Certified International Professional Accountants (CIPA) qualification; (2) continue CIPA training, examination, and certification of enterprise accountants; (3) recruit business schools and Master of Business Administration programmes to participate in the CIPA programme; (4) work with the Ministry of Finance on reconciliation of tax and financial accounting; (5) work with the Ministry of Finance to amend the accounting law to adopt International Financial Reporting Standards; and (6) establish a branch of the CIPA Institute in Ukraine to act as the local representative office of the examination network based in Moscow. Funded by USAID/Ukraine and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Ukraine**	600,000
Certified International Professional Accountant Curriculum	Under this one-year project, USAID and United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) seek to achieve the following result: the Certified International Professional Accountant (CIPA) programme will have an updated, integrated set of training materials that are: (1) based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); (2) fulfill the education qualification requirements of the International Council of Certified Auditors and Accountants (ICCAA); and (3) are suitable for both classroom training and self study. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Ukraine**	80,000
Enterprise Development Project - Uzbekistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional	**Uzbekistan**	670,500

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	associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Trade Facilitation and Investment - Uzbekistan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Uzbekistan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance issues; and (4) supports trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues and improving customs systems in the Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Uzbekistan**	54,427
Development Credit Authority	The Bank of Jordan will issue loans, from its own capital, to eligible borrowers of up to a total portfolio of $5.5 million under this 5-year programme. The ceiling for individual loans is $150,000. At the point when actual losses from not repaying are reflected on the banks balance sheet, USAID is obligated to pay a claim and effectively share 50 per cent of such losses with the bank. We anticipate that 60 per cent of the lending will go to trade-related activities, 30 per cent to business services, and 10 per cent to industry. Funded by USAID/West Bank and Gaza and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	**West Bank/ Gaza**	42,955
Palestinian Agriculture Rehabilitation Activity (PAPA)	The project will contribute to expanding exports of fresh fruits and vegetables from the West Bank and Gaza. The project will also introduce advanced technology in production, marketing and food processing, and training farmers and agribusinesses, thus enhancing Palestinian trade capacity. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	3,922,493

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Palestinian Enterprise Development	The Palestinian Enterprise Development Activity (PED) aims to improve the overall operating environment for the West Bank and Gaza firms by strengthening the capacity of key private sector institutions, improving firm-level access to business development services, and strengthening the capacity of key Palestinian Authority institutions to assure an adequate legal and regulatory environment. A second component of PED consists of targeted training and technical assistance to identified private sector clusters in order to increase their incomes, employment, and sales, both domestic and export, and, as a consequence, to increase the incomes of enterprise owners, managers, and employees. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	3,510,458
Palestinian Enterprise Revitalization	The Palestinian Enterprise Revitalization programme is designed to mesh business development technical assistance and financial facilitation services to revitalize West Bank and Gaza small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). These SMEs - the missing middle-present a unique opportunity for US Agency for International Development (USAID) to reach out to an under-served yet potentially stabilizing segment of the Palestinian economic sector. The programme includes three components: (1) firm-level technical assistance to achieve an immediate impact and results in improving profitability, operating efficiency, and capacity utilization; (2) financial facilitation to leverage investments in Palestinian businesses through creative solutions involving multiple sources of funding and financial institutions; and (3) strengthen the capacity of associations, consulting firms, and financial intermediaries to provide permanent, self-sustaining support to Palestinian businesses. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	1,137,707
Palestinian Information Communication Technology	This programme creates an institution as the anchor for the information technology cluster. The activity aims to provide business services to enable start ups and access to risk capital and to encourage innovation. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	833,847

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Palestinian Trade Centre	The US Agency for International Development (USAID) is supporting the Palestine Trade Centres (Paltrade) main focus on increasing the volume and value of exports from the West Bank and Gaza. In addition, it focuses on increasing private sector trade, investment and competitiveness. Also supports improved services and expansion of Paltrade membership base, as well as the tradable goods sectors ability to participate in international exhibitions. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank and Gaza.	**West Bank/ Gaza**	120,000
Mission Support Costs to Trade Capacity Building	This activity relates to providing appropriate supervision, technical assistance, and support to trade capacity-building activities in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/ WARP.	**Western Africa ns**	90,844
West Africa Business Linkages	This is a new activity to facilitate trade links between West African and US businesses. The goal of this project is to increase trade between the US and West Africa, and to increase investment in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africa ns**	250,000
West Africa Trade Hub	The objective of West African Trade Hub (WATH), headquartered in Accra, Ghana, is to encourage West African businesses to take advantage of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and to develop capacity for better engagement in the multilateral trading system. The West African Trade Hub opened in 2003. The Hub activities support four key areas: Trade Capacity Building, AGOA Export Development, AGOA Support Services and Information Dissemination. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africa ns**	650,021
Market Access, Trade and Enabling Policies (MATEP)	The Market Access, Trade and Enabling Policies (MATEP) project was initiated by USAID/Zambia in April 2005. Its objectives are to increase access to regional and international markets, encourage initiatives that improve the enabling environment for trade/investment and foster dialogue between public and private sector stakeholders. In its first few months of operation, the project moved quickly to assist Zambian entrepreneurs develop markets in Namibia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The project also assisted the government of Zambia to further develop its capacity to undertake	**Zambia**	90,000

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	Pest Risk Assessments for commodities with export potential to the United States and European Union markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Zambia.		
Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement (ZAMTIE) Project	The Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement Project (ZAMTIE) objectives are: (1) reduce barriers to trade and investment; (2) build capacity in public and private sector organizations to facilitate trade as a mechanism for poverty reduction; and (3) foster trade linkages and opportunities between and among producers, suppliers, processors, traders, service providers, and consumers within and outside of Zambia. During the year, the project helped the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry to establish a dedicated Department of Foreign Trade and provided support to the Zambian judiciary to develop a framework for a small claims court system that would assist in the speedy resolution of internal trade disputes thereby further aiding the development of the country's capacity for external trade. In addition, the project facilitated trade missions to countries in Zambia's regional neighborhood. Funded and implemented by USAID/Zambia.	**Zambia**	100,000

TCB Category: Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)
Year: 2005
Total Funding: $28,684,386

(Note: Funding values are not necessarily activity totals, but represent the proportion of the activity allocated to this trade category.)

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Albanian Centre for International Trade	The Albanian Centre for International Trade (ACIT) is a three-year programme started in September 2003 by the Institute for Contemporary Studies through a cooperative agreement with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The main objective of ACIT is to improve the quality of trade policies as important instruments for growth and development, as well as for increasing the economic benefits from trade opportunities created by globalization trends and integration processes. ACIT serves as: (1) a research centre for improvement of trade policies and their implementation; (2) a forum for informed public debates and dialogue between different actors and stakeholders to promote formulation and implementation of sound trade and fiscal policies; (3) a resource centre for trade information; and (4) a capacity-building centre for strengthening the professional capacities of the government, private businesses and civil society in dealing with trade-related issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	35,000
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Trade Capacity Building Projects	The State Department provides funds to support Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) projects with trade related capacity-building elements. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Asia ns**	240,400
Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation - DOT funded	The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was created in 1989 to increase trade and development of the Asian Pacific region. The Department was successful in making a major breakthrough in trade liberalization in APEC, having tabled and developed an aviation liberalization initiative in APEC that led to the multilateral Open Skies aviation accord. To date APEC has a total of 21 membership economies. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in inter-modal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	**Asia ns**	200,000

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Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME) Financing and Capacity Building Workshop	In 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) provided $195,000 in funding materials for two-day APEC Regional Small-to-Medium Enterprises (SME) Financing and Capacity Building Workshop. This workshop is in response to a direct request by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will be held in coordination with the Thai Ministry of Industry. SMEs represent the backbone of the APEC region, comprising on average 95 per cent of all enterprises. The workshop will highlight programmes, applications, and services that can be used to improve SME financing and disaster recovery activities in the region. The workshop will also support market-oriented reform, productivity improvement, and human capacity-building. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Asia ns**	58,500
Southeast Asia Assessment (Seldon)	This activity assesses the commercial law and trade environment of Southeast Asian countries, providing actionable recommendations and plans for follow up. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Asia ns**	500,000
Technical and Training Support to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	The ASEAN-US Technical Assistance Training Facility is designed to advance the goals of the US ASEAN Cooperation Plan (ACP) and contribute to the effort by ASEAN to become a stronger regional institution. Accordingly, it endeavors to: (1) strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat to fulfill its mandate to initiate, advise, coordinate, and implement effective ASEAN activities; and (2) enhance ASEAN integration and cooperation consistent with the Vientiane Action Plan (VAP). The Facility is implementing multiple distinct activity streams: (1) Trade Negotiations; (2) Trade-related Coordination and Consultation; (3) ASEAN Tariff Harmonization; (4) Investment; (5) Services; (6) Rules of Origin; and (7) Strengthened Human Resources. Facility activities consist of policy studies, assessments, and training. From January to June 2005, the Facility launched 25 activities, and over 200 ASEAN Member Country representatives and Secretariat staff members have benefited from Facility training. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	**Asia ns**	1,782,000

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Bolivian Trade and Business Competitiveness	The Bolivian Trade and Business Competitiveness Activity (BTBC) seeks to increase the competitive production of goods and services, facilitate trade, expand market access and attract foreign investment. Through this programme, USAID helps the private sector better take advantage of trade opportunities by providing direct assistance to firms in selected export sectors, connects producers and markets through regional competitiveness promotion hubs in El Alto, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz. In addition, BTBC trains trade negotiators, supports civil society outreach and feedback on trade, and promotes increased financing for exporters and trade-related activities. During the first two years of the project, Bolivian non-traditional exports increased by $47 million, to total $207 million. Forty five per cent of this ($21 million) is directly attributable to BTBC assistance to exporting firms. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bolivia.	**Bolivia**	800,000
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)	The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is a regional organization of 19 sovereign African Member States. The Strategic Objective Agreement with COMESA has three main areas of focus: (1) strengthening COMESA's institutional capacity by improving human resources, information technology, financial, procurement and other key management systems; (2) increasing intra-COMESA trade by developing the Common Investment Area, harmonizing telecommunications regulations, creating a Regional Customs Bond Guarantee scheme, facilitating a regional approach to Biosafety legislation, and implementing a COMESA gender policy; and (3) increasing US-COMESA trade through programmes such as the AGOA Linkages in COMESA project, and funding for COMESA delegations to attend events such as the Corporate Council on Africa Summit and the AGOA Forum. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**COMESA Secretariat**	546,000
CARICOM Legislative Drafting Facility	The Regional Legislative Drafting Facility (RLDF) was established to draft laws related to trade. Over the next three years, the primary focus of the RLDF will be to draft laws which will enable the establishment of a Caribbean Single Market and Economy. Laws which relate to the movement of goods, services, labour, capital and the rights of establishment will be addressed, and are critical to support increased business opportunities and	**Caribbean ns**	900,000

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	ultimately trade throughout the region. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.		
Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS)	Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS) is a programme designed to provide support to countries in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean Countries (OECS) to enhance national level competitiveness through the creation of models which can be replicated throughout the region. The programme will focus on reducing impediments to trade as well as improving market access conditions, working with governments as well as the private sector to achieve its goals. In addition, the programme will provide some support at the subregional and regional levels in areas which would positively impact on the ability of individual countries to succeed in an open trade environment, and under the conditions of trade stipulated by the various international trade regimes. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Caribbean ns**	885,000
Regional Negotiating Machinery	Limited support will be provided to the Regional Negotiating Machinery, which is the entity responsible for trade negotiations within the region, to enable them to more effectively represent countries in the service sector. This sector is considered as the most important within the region given the loss of preferences to external markets such as the UK market for sugar, and the demonstrated potential for growth in the future. Through technical assistance to the private sector, the programme will provide support that will strengthen the link between the various negotiating arenas and the private sector, and will also disseminate information on agreements concluded, to the wider public. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Caribbean ns**	37,500

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Rules of Origin Training - Central America	This course addressed the rules that govern origin determination for goods and commodities that may be eligible for preferential treatment under the auspices of the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/EGAT/EG and implemented by Department of Homeland Security/Customs.	**Central America ns**	20,000
Economic Prosperity for the Central American Region	Under the Regional Strategy for Central America and Mexico (CAM), the USAID E-CAM Regional Programme will provide TCB to improve the capacity to negotiate and implement trade agreements to reduce barriers to trade, investment and market integration and to develop commercial laws and regulations more consistent with international commitments and prevailing practice. To this end, E-CAM will provide assistance to support public-private dialogue on the Central American and Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) to implement it and other trade agreements, and to address bottlenecks or policy analysis needs. The programme will also provide TA and training for compliance with CAFTA requirements, for customs union and trade facilitation, for harmonization of product norms, standards, measurements and commercial codes, to support private certification of sustainable and environmentally friendly products and for capacity-building for meeting sanitary, phytosanitary (SPS), and food safety standards. In addition, the programme will provide support for the revision, harmonization and distribution of commercial codes, laws and regulations, labour modernization and voluntary compliance with la	**Central America ns**	1,460,000
Stability Pact/American Chamber of Commerce Support	The Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Programme (CLDP), as part of its Southeast Europe Initiative (SEI), supports the building of public/private partnerships through the AmChams to address the issues of investment, intellectual property, and corporate governance in the region. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	25,000

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Balkan Regional Electricity Market Initiative	The Balkan Regional Electricity Market Initiative supports a multilateral process to create a regional electricity market in Southeast Europe which is integrated into the internal European Union electricity market by 2007. The work includes an institutional and regulatory framework, market rules, a modern tele-information system, and an investment and rehabilitation plan. Funded and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	150,000
Trade and Investment Policy and Institutional Reform for TCB	Support to define and implement priority trade/investment policy and institutional adjustment reforms in a manner which support the successful conclusion and implementation of a Free Trade agreement between Colombia and the United States, and maximize the associated benefits to the Colombian private sector. Particular focus will be on service sector liberalization (more transparent and independent regulatory oversight of and competitive market access for key infrastructure sectors), Sanitary/ Phytosanitary (SPS) standards-setting and implementation reform, customs reform, and business regulatory reform. In addition, priority support given to financial sector reforms which effectively complement the recently approved $4 million initiative to establish and operationalize an small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) equity fund, through promoting policy and institutional reforms which improve the competitiveness and transparency of capital markets operation. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	2,500,000
Trade and Investment Policy and Institutional Reforms (MIDAS Component)	Within the MIDAS (Más Inversión para el Desarrollo Alternativo Sostenible) activity, support for implementation of critical policy and institutional strengthening reforms designed to facilitate compliance with the requirements of a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and to maximize the income and employment-generation benefits which Colombia derives from the FTA. This entails ongoing dialogue and consensus-building work with the US Office of the Trade Representative and other key US Government agencies, senior Government of Colombia counterparts, and relevant NGO/private sector groups. The major components of the programme are enabling	**Colombia**	2,797,542

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	environment reforms (infrastructure, labour, customs, IPR, and SPS), financial sector development, and public outreach. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Colombia.		
Trade and Investment Policy and Institutional Reforms from Regional Funds	The programme will be expected to focus intensive technical assistance, training, and limited financial support on efforts designed to effectively address critical policy and institutional constraints to private sector investment and income, export, and employment growth. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/Peru and implemented by USAID/Colombia.	**Colombia**	500,000
Technical Assistance on International Arbitration	The objective of this activity was to assist the Government of the Dominican Republic (GODR) in analysing the international legislation to propose a modern legislation on international arbitration for the Dominican Republic (DR). The selected consultant assisted GODR officials in drafting a propose law on international arbitration and providing assistance to the negotiating team in approaches for the negotiations of the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA). The draft prepared by the consultant incorporated modern concepts, generally accepted by the international community. In the same line, the negotiating team was assisted in analysing texts of other US Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and developing alternatives in this area to be incorporated in the DR-CAFTA negotiations. The assistance also included assisting the legal team in understanding the implications of the FTA text, including the Final Dispositions of the agreement. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	10,000
Technical Assistance to Design a Documentation Centre on Trade	This activity will assist the government of the Dominican Republic in designing a trade documentation centre located at the State Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SEREX). Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	20,000

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Identifying Opportunities in Investment and Services from CAFTA-DR	The objective of this activity is to identify for the Dominican investors and service industry current opportunities to have access to the US and Central America markets. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	30,000
Technical Assistance to the Dominican Republic CAFTA-DR TCB Committee	The objective of this activity is to provide assistance to the Dominican members of the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA) Trade Capacity Building (TCB) Committee in the following tasks: (1) preparation of the national strategy and action plan, including translation into English; (2) drafting the profiles of each of the proposed projects; and (3) identifying sources of funding for project implementation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	60,000
Report on CAFTA-DR Commitments	This activity will assist the Government of Dominican Republic (GODR) in identifying the commitments made by the Dominican Republic (DR) in Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA) and in identifying actions the DR must implement to take full advantage of the agreement. This project will also recommend an action plan for the DR private and public sectors to follow in compliance with the commitments. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	**Dominican Republic**	50,000
East and Central Africa Global Competitiveness Hub	The East and Central Africa (ECA) Global Competitiveness Hub based in Nairobi is one of three Hubs working on the Presidential Trade for Africa Development and Enterprise Initiative. Last year, the ECA Hub organized three trade missions to the United States for textiles and apparel, and for handicrafts and gifts. Collectively, 23 companies from the ECA region participated in these shows and completed deals worth more than $3.5 million dollars and two-thirds of those 23 companies are owned and operated by women. The ECA Hub is working with COMESA and its member states to improve understanding of the operations of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The ECA Hub along with the Northern Corridor Transit Transport	**Eastern and Central Africa ns**	300,000

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	Coordination Authority and COMESA has been promoting the One-Stop-Border Post pilot project at Malaba which should reduce the transit time for cargo in the region. The World Bank has also agreed to co-fund elements of this project along with USAID. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.		
Regional Agriculture Expansion Support programme (RATES)	The Regional Agriculture Trade Expansion Support (RATES) programme has proven to be a catalyst for regional growth of this key sector. In specialty coffee, the East and Central African Fine Coffees Association has held two successful World's Wildest Coffee Conferences – last year, in Nairobi and this year, in Livingstone – which resulted in several millions of dollars in new export orders. The "Maize without Borders" programme has been adopted by the COMESA Council of Ministers last year, and the Regional Agriculture Trade Intelligence Network and Trade Africa websites have helped to inform African grain traders about key pricing and market information. The Eastern and Southern Africa Dairy Association was formed last year, and a well-attended African Dairy Conference was held in May to encourage interregional trade. The first regional Cotton and Textile Summit was organized in Nairobi resulting in the formation of a regional body for the cotton and textile sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/REDSO.	**Eastern and Central Africa ns**	760,000
African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) - Ethiopia	The African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Ethiopia is joint USAID/Ethiopia and ECA Hub (REDSO) Project with one full time professional based here in Ethiopia. USAID/Ethiopia will coordinate the first ever AGOA Meeting to be held in Ethiopia between 22-25 October. Two hundred and fifty East and Central African business representatives will come to Addis Ababa to make AGOA deals and to learn from practical example how other African nations have succeeded with AGOA led exports to the United States. The Mission can report a more than doubling of Ethiopian AGOA exports to the US in the last 12 months (non-coffee exports only, from $2 million to $4.8 million). These products included Niger sees (Bird seed), handicrafts, beverages (specialty bottled water and beer), and some spices. This activity is funded with FY04 money. Funded by USAID/REDSO and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Eastern and Central Africa ns**	11,250

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Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Negotiations Support	Extensive work will be needed to comply with the terms of the agreement, and adapt the legal and institutional framework to meet the demands of a more open and Free-Trade environment. USAID funding will provide technical assistance in this process. Specific activities involved are: (1) TradeMap and Product Map Training Workshops; (2) University Model for Negotiation; (3) Conference on "The FTA and its influence on micro, small and medium businesses."; (4) Promotion Brochure for Competition Advantages; (5) Opinion study on the Free Trade Agreement between Ecuador and USA; (6) Seminar on Financial Service; (7) Consultant Advice for the Services Negotiation Team; and (8) Consultant Advice for the Financial Services Negotiation Team-Insurances. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ecuador.	**Ecuador**	532,000
Assistance for Customs and Trade Facilitation project	This activity targets all aspects of trade building including customs, trade policy, trade facilitation, inspection, import and export procedures, trade agreements, competitiveness, port services, regulatory reform, and policy formulation. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	750,000
Aviation Security Quality Control	These technical assistance (TA) training programmes focused on aviation security quality control will be developed in collaboration with the Transportation Security Administration and conducted in three regions: the Americas Central Europe, the Middle East and Africa and Asia. This TA will bring together foreign officials responsible for the aviation quality control programmes in each country, and provide a forum to learn and to discuss how quality control can be enhanced in each of their countries and standardized throughout the regions. The training programmes would also highlight the benefits that would result from better securing the avenues of international trade. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Global ns**	360,000

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Partnerships for Food Industry Development - Fruits and Vegetables	The Partnership for Food Industry Development (PFID) activities focus on: (1) support the development of local, national, regional and international markets for developing country agricultural products; (2) expand the knowledge of trade practices, regulations and standards around the world; and (3) encourage the identification of locations for processing and manufacturing operations in developing countries. The programme has demonstrated the effectiveness of a sound market-led strategy on promoting agriculture diversification that has dramatically improved income for small-scale farmers. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/AG.	**Global ns**	150,000
Support for Trade Capacity Building - Global	This activity provides technical and financial support to a wide range of regional and bilateral TCB projects, including, but not limited to support of the Integrated Framework process. The activity has strong focus on improved interministerial coordination and public-private sector consultation with the objective of ensuring that TCB priorities have strong support and are sustainable. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	75,000
Trade, Ag., Investment, Environment, and NR Expert Services Assistance	Support the Government of Guatemala's competitiveness programme, Guate Compite, and its environmental programme, Guate Verde. Five key areas of law, policy, regulation, and institutional support will be addressed: (1) competitiveness, which includes trade and investment policies; (2) rural land policy and conflict resolution; (3) agriculture; (4) cultural and natural resources management; and (4) environmental protection policies related to international trade and competitiveness. Focus on tourism, agribusiness, and forest products. Assistance will be provided to meet TCB, SPS, certification, and clean production standards at the firm-level, complemented by regional TA and training to support harmonization of product norms, standards, measurements, and commercial codes required for implementation of CAFTA and other trade agreements. Assistance will also be given to streamline business registration processes and reduce unnecessary and/or restrictive small business regulation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP.	**Guatemala**	49,200

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Enabling Environment for Sustained Growth of Value-added Exports Strength	The activity seeks to position the country to participate effectively in trade negotiations by strengthening the negotiating architecture and, to enhance the competitiveness of firms through the provision of business development services (BDS), and establishment of linkages with non-traditional international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Guyana.	**Guyana**	60,000
Trade, Investment, and Competitiveness Policy in Honduras	Activity with the Honduran Foundation for Investment and Development of Exports (FIDE) to reinforce Honduran efforts to implement CAFTA and other FTAs, as well as to enhance its participation in the WTO Doha Development Round. Programme is also supporting Honduran efforts to strengthen the national capacity for independent and focused trade, investment and competitiveness (TIC) policy research and analysis, to support enhanced policy capacity. Activity works primarily with key government ministries (particularly the Ministries of Industry and Commerce, and of Agriculture and Livestock) as the main CAFTA government implementing institutions. The programme is also working with private sector organizations, and other NGOs and civil society to implement the provisions of CAFTA – including those related to the environment – and to upgrade other TIC policies designed to enhance the overall investment climate and increase Honduran ability to take full advantage of more open markets. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Honduras.	**Honduras**	1,501,000
Business Environment Improved in Jamaica	Assistance to the Government of Jamaica in its efforts to achieve fiscal and macroeconomic stability, improving regulatory, legislative and policy frameworks including business processes, reducing constraints to economic growth and investment, and promoting the establishment of a national social partnership. In stimulating a business environment that is more conducive to innovation and investment, this activity will encourage trade, development and commercial viability in a formal and sustainable way. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	20,000

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Competitive Clusters Developed in Jamaica	Assistance to competitive industry clusters as the principal framework for industry sector and firm-level assistance aimed at improving competitiveness. It will also influence public policy, and facilitate regulatory and legislative reforms. The programme will encourage both public/private partnerships and private sector partnership throughout the value chain of firms. The goal will be to develop industry clusters and their individual members to ensure global competitiveness in a sustainable way by building the capacity of the private sector to benefit from global trade and investment opportunities. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	32,500
Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR 2.0)	The US Agency for International Development has been supporting Jordan's trade capacity through the Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR) Programme for several years. This activity is designed to help Jordan cope with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as its Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. Much of it is capacity-building within various line ministries. There is also a tourism support component. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	400,000
Jordan US Business Partnership (JUSBP)	The Jordan US Business Partnership Programme (JUSBP) is a firm level assistance project designed to help businesses cope with the competitive pressures of joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. It works directly with businesses to help them improve production and export outside of Jordan. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	**Jordan**	450,000
Economic Policy and Institutions	The economic programme developed by USAID for Kosovo promotes the effective implementation and institutionalization of key reforms in fiscal policy, financial market development, commercial law development, privatization, and trade and investment policies through intensive technical assistance, training, and development of human capacities in Kosovo institutions. Future efforts will build on past achievements and will focus on institutionalization of these reforms. Much of the	**Kosovo**	9,000

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	effort will be concentrated on strengthening human capacity in the institutions as well as on effective dissemination of improved economic policies and public administration practices. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.		
Private Sector Growth	This programme is composed of two discrete but complementary components. It will consist of technical assistance, training, and limited grant financing of related activities to stimulate economic growth of the private sector, thus creating new sustainable employment opportunities. The General Business Support component is directed toward developing and putting into operation a programme to overcome factors known to be inhibiting economic growth and employment. In this regard, the Contractor will serve as a facilitator in resolving government-placed constraints and strengthening business associations, indigenous business service consultants and business training providers so that they become established in the market. The Cluster and Enterprise Development component is directed toward working with and providing assistance to specific economic groupings and their individual enterprises that make up Clusters. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	**Kosovo**	45,000
Rapid Response Mechanism (LAC Trade 3)	This activity provides demand-driven rapid response assistance to help LAC countries participating in bilateral and regional Free Trade agreements to prepare for trade negotiations, implement the rules of trade provisions of trade agreements, and transition to Free-Trade with an emphasis on small business development, rural diversification, and competitiveness. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Areas of the Americas, US-Panama FTA, US-Andean Nations FTA, and US-Central America FTA. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/LAC.	**Latin America and Caribbean ns**	1,849,041

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Biologically Diverse Forest Ecosystems Conserved	The Biologically Diverse Forest Ecosystems conservation and sustainable economic development programme builds trade capacity through natural product promotion and ecotourism development. The programme will help promote and increase the market presence of Madagascar spices, essential oils and handicrafts. By promoting these products and developing more value-added innovative market linkages, the biodiversity of Madagascar can be protected. The promotion of natural products consists of assistance in product certification that provides buyers a guarantee of high quality products. USAID provides assistance in trade promotion through technical assistance to agribusiness associations and companies specializing in natural and biological products. Assistance also consists of support to environmentally sensitive site development, capacity-building for tour operators, development of norms and standards to ecotourism site development, and promotion of Madagascar as an ecotourism destination. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.	**Madagascar**	40,000
Critical Private Markets Expanded	This activity will build Madagascar's business and trade capacity, thereby encouraging investment through introducing more productive technology building links between producers, small and medium enterprises including agribusinesses, and external markets and improving economic and trade policies. Assistance will focus on improving business skills increasing access to domestic and international markets increasing business opportunities for new ventures creating favorable environment for trade through policy analysis and trade integration. Support will be provided to improve marketing and trade of selected agricultural and non-agricultural commodities using a supply-chain approach. It will also serve as a vehicle for developing public-private dialogue and partnerships. Funded and implemented by USAID/Madagascar.	**Madagascar**	33,850
Investment Promotion - MIGA for MaliInvest	This programme is helping to design and launch a new investment promotion agency for Mali. The portion described below will link to trade development for Mali. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mali.	**Mali**	25,000

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Mali Trade Promotion Programme	The Mali Trade Promotion Programme (TradeMali) aims to increase Malian exports to the regional and global markets. The activity consists of: (1) improving the policy and institutional environment for trade and investment; and (2) improving the competitiveness of Mali's private sector. TradeMali assisted the export of 2,417 metric tonnes of mango to Europe in 2004. The programme focused on helping Malian exporters find markets, improving product quality, implementing traceability procedures, and alleviating supply chain constraints (cold chain, air freight and multimodal transport logistics, labeling and branding, etc.). New markets for Malian mango were penetrated (Germany and Belgium), and six new exporters entered into the mango export marketing channel. Thanks to the assistance of TradeMali, air freight cost was reduced by 100 franc per kilo, and foreign investment was attracted to Mali by the establishment of a Senegalese company in Bamako. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mali.	**Mali**	380,000
Middle East Partnership Initiative Technical Assistance	The Middle East Partnership Initiative provides assistance for countries in the Middle East and North Africa to assist host governments and their respective private sectors understanding of the benefits that accrue from Free Trade agreements and membership in the World Trade Organization. This activity continues support which started in FY04 and the State Department works with various US Government agencies to implement this assistance, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Commercial Law Development Programme. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	**Middle East and North Africa ns**	2,120,550

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Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development	The new Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development (CEED) Project by USAID/Moldova is expected to be awarded in late FY05. CEED will be a second generation small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) support project involving the development of business and industry clusters, financial and investment intermediation, and continued enhancement of the regulatory framework in Moldova for SME development. The overarching goal of CEED is to stimulate economic growth and to improve employment opportunities for Moldovan citizens over the long term. Efforts will be focused on increasing the competitiveness of Moldovan products on international markets and to create a business environment and investment climate that stimulates, supports, and rewards competitive enterprise performance. A Development Credit Authority (DCA) mechanism may also implemented under CEED. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Moldova**	680,000
Morocco US Free Trade Agreement	The contribution by the US Trade and Development Agency of $115,000 will allow the contractor to organize and execute an Orientation Visit to bring senior-level government officials from Morocco to the United States for three industry-specific seminars to present trade opportunities within the Moroccan business environment to US industry representatives. The Orientation Visit directly supports the goals of the recently signed Morocco-US Free Trade Agreement. This activity is in support of the US-Morocco FTA. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Morocco**	57,500
Market Access	USAID provides direct assistance to the Ministry of Industry and Trade (one long-term adviser supported by short-term technical assistance) as well as various trade-related supports to other Ministries (e.g., Customs) as necessary. USAID/ Mozambique, as Lead Donor for the Integrated Framework (IF) in Mozambique, successfully supported Mozambique's application in the IF and continues to provide support in implementing the IF, including in establishing an interministerial coordinating mechanism. These actions are expected to lead to the integration of a trade action plan into Mozambique's overall development and poverty reduction strategy. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mozambique.	**Mozambique**	85,000

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Namibia Regional Trade	This activity supports the historically disadvantaged Namibian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to increase their exports to regional markets. Trade capacity-building, business match making services, and marketing information services are the key components of this activity. Funded and implemented by USAID/Namibia.	**Namibia**	120,000
Caribbean Central America Action (CCAA)	Caribbean Central America Action (CCAA) serves as an honest broker and catalyst for establishing common ground to formulate a shared vision between and among the business community, civil society and the public sector to push for CAFTA passage in the Nicaraguan National Assembly and help Nicaraguan firms take advantage of the opportunities that CAFTA will bring. CCAA will also implement activities to forge public/ private partnerships to improve the business and investment climate. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	125,000
Trade Capacity Building in Panama	This activity is in support of assistance to Panama in preparing for and implementing the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States - assistance to reduce business constraints while allowing competition to flourish and assistance to encourage the development of export-oriented clusters. Implementation of this project has begun. This activity is in support of the US-Panama FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Panama.	**Panama**	403,800
Economic Modernization through Efficient Reforms and Governance Enhancement (EMERGE)	The Economic Modernization through Efficient Reforms and Governance Enhancement (EMERGE) Programme focuses on policy reform related to trade, investment, and fiscal reforms that are essential for accelerated and sustainable growth. In particular, one of the main themes of the project is improving competitiveness and expanding trade and investments by enhancing trade liberalization and facilitation as well as reducing policy-induced restrictions and transactions cost of investments. Funded and implemented by USAID/Philippines.	**Philippines**	120,000

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Southern African Tax Institute (SATI)	This activity brings together tax policy specialists and tax administrators from throughout Africa to coordinate taxes, learn about new developments in the field and changes in international agreements on taxation. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	21,000
Trade and Poverty Analysis	This new series of analytical paper, co-funded with the United Kingdoms Department for International Development (DFID), provides the first in depth analysis of the winners and losers from recent trade liberalization. It focuses on the impact of trade liberalization on different groups of the poor and will propose actions that could be taken to mitigate some of the negative impact. The study is done in collaboration with South African business, labour and government. This funding is USAIDs portion only. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	6,000
Training for Labour Union Leaders	This activity is in support of training for labour unions technicians, mid-level people, and labour union leaders on World Trade Organization (WTO) issues and issues surrounding bilateral and multilateral trade agreements. This activity is part of a larger effort to include capacity-building for non-governmental stakeholders. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	18,000
Trade Facilitation and Capacity Building	This activity is in support of the implementation of the Presidential Trade Initiative for Southern Africa. The physical actions are the operation of the Trade Hub and provision of technical services in support of improving trade competitiveness and accessing African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) opportunities. Under this activity, RCSA foster Trade negotiation capacity for regional economic communities such as Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and their respective members, provide policy assistance on improving business environments and implement regional transport and customs integration and investment. The activity has two focus areas: one is more engaged in transactions and work with firms, clusters and trade connections as well as improving the Trade ability of the private sector and the other is more engaged with the public sector and improving the doing business climate. Funded and implemented by USAID/RCSA.	**Southern Africa ns**	650,160

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South Asia Free-Trade Area Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops	The objective of the proposed South Asia Free-Trade Area (SAFTA) Stakeholder Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops is to support trade liberalization within South Asia so as to accelerate regional economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction and to promote political and economic cooperation. There will be three phases involving consultations in the region, preparations of international and country-specific papers, and an orientation workshop and a final regional conference involving participants from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), public and private sector, USG agencies, and/or other donors. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	**Southern Asia ns**	480,000
African Trade Capacity Building for General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)	This activity supports local analyst to prepare studies on General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) related issues. This process involves data collection, followed by mentoring of African scholars by senior – and sometimes international – experts. Stakeholder workshops are convened at which African analysts, Geneva and capital-based policy makers and resource persons are present. Following stakeholders' workshops, policymakers meet to develop their negotiation positions. In many cases, the authors of case studies serve as advisors to these governments. Results are that local analysts strengthen research and analytical skills and governments use the research papers. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Sub-Saharan Africa ns**	50,000
Increased Trade and Utilization of African Growth Opportunity Act	This activity seeks to increase the private sectors awareness and knowledge of African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) provisions and opportunities. Specific activities will be put in place with the objective of assessing Tanzanias primary competitive advantage in trade and to address key capacity constraints in those sectors. This project will help Tanzania increases its exports to the United States under AGOA. Preliminary activities have included specific technical assistance projects such as preparing private sector representatives to attend trade fairs. The activity is funded under the REDSO Partners Fund of the East and Central African Global Competitiveness Hub. Funded and implemented by USAID/Tanzania.	**Tanzania**	200,000

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Private Enterprise Support Activities (PESA)	The Private Enterprise Support Activities (PESA) works with Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME), including farms, by providing training and technical assistance to enable them to become more active players in the Tanzanian economy and contribute to its economic growth. PESA works with small farmers to produce and market specific cash crops. The work with export crops also includes working on tariff barriers, export procedures, and trade policies of the Government of Tanzania. The project will help broaden access to markets and strengthen business capacity by encouraging market links, supplying business information, and strengthening associations. The programme will also work to improve the policy and regulatory environment for these enterprises. Funded and implemented by USAID/Tanzania.	**Tanzania**	40,000
IT Systems Integration for the Small and Medium Enterprise Bank	The US Trade and Development Agency is providing $164,668 to fund technical assistance on the development of an IT Systems Integration project for the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank Thailand. The project supports economic and social development through substantial technology transfer and productivity improvement of the financial services sector. The project also provides SME-related support under the US-Thai FTA negotiations. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Thailand**	32,934
Telecom-munications and IT Training - Thailand	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) approved $65,000 in funding for an Orientation Visit to the United States for eight Thai government officials responsible for telecommunications and information technology and regulation. These officials would participate in specialized training programmes provided by the US Telecommunications Training Institute in Washington, DC and Los Angeles. In addition, the Orientation Visit will facilitate trade through greater use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Thailand, helping the country to meet industry objectives outlined in the US-Thailand Free Trade Agreement. Specific priorities to be addressed include supporting communications networks, promoting and developing the domestic ICT industry, and enacting a proper legal framework to facilitate ICT growth. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Thailand**	26,917

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Transportation Logistics Technical Workshop	This activity funds a series of three technical workshops focused on improving transportation logistics along the trade supply chains in Thailand. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Thailand**	47,500
US Thailand Free Trade Agreement	The US-Thailand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) initiative is being given technical assistance in the form of visits to successful incubation centres for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), entrepreneur development programmes, and linkage building between US and Thai SMEs. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	**Thailand**	100,000
Strengthening the Competitiveness of Private Enterprise (SCOPE)	Strengthening the Competitiveness of Private Enterprises (SCOPE) is aimed at supporting Uganda's efforts to increase its competitive positioning in the global marketplace. SCOPE has three components: (1) Supporting Private Sector Initiative; (2) Expanding Public/Private Partnerships for Competitiveness; and (3) Building Awareness and Consensus. Funded and implemented by USAID/Uganda.	**Uganda**	275,370
Support for Trade Acceleration (STAR) Project	The programme aims to assist the Government of Vietnams (GVN) efforts to undertake trade and investment reforms consistent with the commitments the GVN made in the US-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). The Support for Trade Acceleration Programme (STAR) programme is designed with a wide range of technical assistance, including: (1) legal and economic analysis and recommendations regarding changes in laws and policies needed to comply with the BTA and the related WTO requirements; (2) training workshops and policy seminars to advance understanding of the technical issues; (3) study tours carefully targeted key GVN officials to advance policy reforms; and (4) publication and translation of key reference materials. The programme technical assistance has helped build human and institutional capacity of the GVN to benefit more from international rule-based trade, and support initiatives that facilitate BTA implementation. So far, the programme has produced good results and impacts. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	**Vietnam**	1,000,732

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Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) - Customs Union Common External Tariff	This project is a follow-up to the ECOTrade project that provides capacity-building to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to fully implement the ECOWAS Common External Tariff and Customs Union. The Common External Tariff and the Free-Trade Area were both agreed to by the ECOWAS Heads of State in 1975, and again in 1993. A Common External Tariff implies that all goods entering into the customs territory of any ECOWAS country will be assessed the same rate of customs duty. Countries that are not members of the West African Economic and Monetary Union are eligible to participate in this project. Anticipated results of this project are a freer flow of goods throughout the West African region, improved understanding of the relationship between customs, tariff revenue and trade development, elimination of tariff escalation and improved capacity to formulate trade policy, and harmonized trade policies throughout the region. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africa ns**	474,048
Mission Support Costs to Trade Capacity Building	This activity relates to providing appropriate supervision, technical assistance, and support to trade capacity-building activities in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africa ns**	10,094
Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement (ZAMTIE) Project	The Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement Project (ZAMTIE) objectives are: (1) reduce barriers to trade and investment; (2) build capacity in public and private sector organizations to facilitate trade as a mechanism for poverty reduction; and (3) foster trade linkages and opportunities between and among producers, suppliers, processors, traders, service providers, and consumers within and outside of Zambia. During the year, the project helped the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry to establish a dedicated Department of Foreign Trade and provided support to the Zambian judiciary to develop a framework for a small claims court system that would assist in the speedy resolution of internal trade disputes thereby further aiding the development of the country's capacity for external trade. In addition, the project facilitated trade missions to countries in Zambia's regional neighborhood. Funded and implemented by USAID/Zambia.	**Zambia**	100,000

TCB Category: Other Trade Facilitation
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(Note: Funding values are not necessarily activity totals, but represent the proportion of the activity allocated to this trade category.)

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Support to Khaki Manufacturer for Export to Europe	Support to investment in a textile manufacturer which will export all of its output to Europe. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	**Afghanistan**	470,425
Private Sector Development through the Creation of Business Associations	This activity has focused on creating private sector associations that can be both advocates for business friendly public policy and also effective champions for opening up internal and external markets to Afghan businessmen. Both the Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce and the Afghan International Chamber of Commerce (AICC) have been formed as a result. Recently the Dubai Business Council has affiliated itself with the AICC, thus opening up new opportunities for trade between Afghanistan and Dubai. AICC leaders have participated in numerous trade exhibitions, trade missions and official delegations, as well as promoted internal business development ventures. A number of policy advocacy events, including a conference on taxation issues with policymakers and academics have been held to stimulate business sector engagement with policy makers. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	**Afghanistan**	200,000
Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Programme	The Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Programme is a multi-year effort to promote the production, processing and marketing of high value crops in Afghanistan. The programme concentrates on providing the farm inputs, finance and expertise needed to produce crops that can be marketed both regionally and internationally. Trade-related infrastructure such as irrigation canals, farm to market roads and cold storage has been an integral part of the project. Over 840,000 hectares of farmland now have improved irrigation and 192 km of farm to market roads have been rehabilitated. $5 million has been provided to help establish a micro-credit facility that has delivered more than 9,500 loans to micro-enterprises. A $2 million commercial bank revolving credit facility that has issued about $700,000 in loans has been created. Other achievements include the creation of international market linkages. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	**Afghanistan**	1,838,940

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Support to Afghanistan - Trade Capacity Building	This activity has multiple support: (1) Training of Afghan accountants, in a programme similar to USTDAs Iraq accountants training programme, which is currently underway. The training would be delivered in Afghanistan, and could include accountants from ministries and other organizations; (2) Support in Transportation since the Afghan Transport Minister Qasimi identified several potential projects in the transport sector for USTDA consideration. A mission is planned by USTDA to evaluate these in more detail and possibly develop them further. USTDA will consult in writing with USAID/Afghanistan prior to the selection of transportation sector programmes in order to avoid duplication of efforts in this sector; (3) Other activities in Afghanistan include local capacity-building, and private sector development in various industry sectors and are identified as priorities by the Government of Afghanistan. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Afghanistan**	442,488
Technical Assistance in Standards - Ministry of Commerce	This activity focuses on standards-two separate technical assistance activities one of which is capacity-building for the new Afghan standards agency (under the Ministry of Commerce), and the other of which is assistance in construction code development for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Afghanistan**	564,748
Technical Assistance in Standards - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	This activity focuses on standards-two separate technical assistance activities one of which is capacity-building for the new Afghan standards agency (under the Ministry of Commerce), and the other of which is assistance in construction code development for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Afghanistan**	571,458

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Albanian Centre for International Trade	The Albanian Centre for International Trade (ACIT) is a three-year programme started in September 2003 by the Institute for Contemporary Studies through a cooperative agreement with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The main objective of ACIT is to improve the quality of trade policies as important instruments for growth and development, as well as for increasing the economic benefits from trade opportunities created by globalization trends and integration processes. ACIT serves as: (1) a research centre for improvement of trade policies and their implementation; (2) a forum for informed public debates and dialogue between different actors and stakeholders to promote formulation and implementation of sound trade and fiscal policies; (3) a resource centre for trade information; and (4) a capacity-building centre for strengthening the professional capacities of the government, private businesses and civil society in dealing with trade-related issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Albania.	**Albania**	10,000
Regional Trade Activity in Angola	This activity began in October 2004 with the objective of focusing on trade stimulation for agribusiness development and improved capacity for business service organizations helping Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) and Small, Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs). The project was initiated with a goal to build the capacity of SMEs through trade. The project targets the following areas: (1) Increased importation of new technologies and links between Angolan input suppliers and foreign manufacturers; (2) Stimulating foreign investment in Angolan agricultural sector; (3) Improving seed multiplication for garlic and potato seeds; and (4) Domestic and export market development for Angolan crops. Funded and implemented by USAID/Angola.	**Angola**	160
Customs Officials Container Security Initiative	In November 2004, US Trade and Development Agency approved a grant of $60,000 for an eight-day orientation visit (OV) to assist Argentine officials with the implementation of the Container Security Initiative (CSI) in Argentina, and to familiarize procurement decision makers with US non-intrusive inspection technologies. Specifically, the plan recommends inviting the Director General of Customs, the Deputy Director of Customs, and the Director of Administración Federal de Ingresos	**Argentina**	55,565

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	Públicos (AFIP), which oversees Customs and will finance procurements. The government plans to add five container scanners to their existing system to improve container security, especially for those bound to the US. The visit will take the delegates to the ports of Miami, Baltimore and Newark. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.		
Commercial Law and Economic Regulation Programme - WTO Compliance	This activity provides advice, guidance and assistance to the Government in adopting World Trade Organization (WTO)-compliant Technical Regulations and works with the Standardization Institute to reduce the list of products subject to mandatory certification in line with the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement and government agencies to enforce the separation between mandatory government issued standards and voluntary standardization by private sector conducts public awareness campaign to build awareness of WTO agreements such as Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), TBT and Sanitary/ Phytosanitary (SPS) through delivering public seminars and workshops and publication and dissemination of information brochures on specific WTO issues provides advice and guidance to the private sector and government in implementing an effective international trade policy development strategy and capability. Funded and implemented by USAID/Armenia.	**Armenia**	85,000
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Aviation Navigation Technologies Workshop	In March of 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (TDA) approved a grant of up to $171,500 for fund an Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) for an Asia Regional Technical Symposium (TS) on aviation navigation systems for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member economies. The TS is scheduled to be held at the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) in August 2005. The workshop, to be held in conjunction with the FAA, aims to develop APECs capability in implementing and authorizing performance enhancing navigational systems with specific focus on Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigational Performance (RNP) technology, which uses the US GPS system. The symposium will feature topics ranging from flight standards and aircraft certification, to air traffic control and implementation of the RNAV/RNP system. US export potential is extensive given the strength of US suppliers in the Aviation sector. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Asia ns**	128,932

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Linking Agriculture Markets to Producers and Processors	The activity aims at increasing the competitiveness of agribusiness in Bosnia and Herzegovina by facilitating markets linkages between agriculture production, processing and marketing. Funded and implemented by USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina.	**Bosnia and Herzegovina**	560,000
Economic Growth	Strengthening of the private sector through micro, small and medium enterprise (SME) development and related business associations recognizes economic growth as a conduit and driving force for democratic change in Cambodia. A more effectively organized private sector can strengthen the voice of civil society within Cambodia in calling for more accountable and transparent governance. The implementation strategy is to foster growth in the private sector by promoting an enabling environment for business development of micro-SMEs in areas that have the most potential for growth, employment and empowerment. Additional efforts will be made to facilitate the stability of sectors already contributing greatly to the economy and livelihoods of a significant number of people in the areas of competitiveness, productivity, and labour standards. Support also goes to the International Labour Organization (ILO) to fund an independent labour arbitration council as well as a Better Factories programme. Funded and implemented by USAID/Cambodia.	**Cambodia**	3,326,796
Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS)	Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS) is a programme designed to provide support to countries in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean Countries (OECS) to enhance national level competitiveness through the creation of models which can be replicated throughout the region. The programme will focus on reducing impediments to trade as well as improving market access conditions, working with governments as well as the private sector to achieve its goals. In addition, the programme will provide some support at the subregional and regional levels in areas which would positively impact on the ability of individual countries to succeed in an open trade environment, and under the conditions of trade stipulated by the various international trade regimes. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Caribbean ns**	590,000

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Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance (CARTAC)	Supports the removal of trade related taxes on goods and services within the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and replaces them with a value-added tax system in which taxes will now be applied to the cost of inputs into the production of goods and services. This will facilitate greater trade through a process of simplification. The programme will also provide support to relevant public sector entities to create greater efficiencies in the collection of customs data relating to trade within the OECS region. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Caribbean ns**	240,000
Economic Prosperity for the Central American Region	Under the Regional Strategy for Central America and Mexico (CAM), the USAID E-CAM Regional Programme will provide TCB to improve the capacity to negotiate and implement trade agreements to reduce barriers to trade, investment and market integration and to develop commercial laws and regulations more consistent with international commitments and prevailing practice. To this end, E-CAM will provide assistance to support public-private dialogue on the Central American and Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) to implement it and other trade agreements, and to address bottlenecks or policy analysis needs. The programme will also provide TA and training for compliance with CAFTA requirements, for customs union and trade facilitation, for harmonization of product norms, standards, measurements and commercial codes, to support private certification of sustainable and environmentally friendly products and for capacity-building for meeting sanitary, phytosanitary (SPS), and food safety standards. In addition, the programme will provide support for the revision, harmonization and distribution of commercial codes, laws and regulations, labour modernization and voluntary compliance with la	**Central America ns**	730,000

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Regional Competitiveness Initiative	This activity advances new competitiveness initiatives (regional sector clusters, corridor clusters, and market chains) that unite the bilateral efforts of US Agency for International Development (USAID) Missions in the Europe and Eurasia Region. The Missions, public and private sector participants, form communities of practice to advance these regional initiatives. Through these communities they will achieve more effective implementation of their programmes, which in turn, will augment trade and productive employment in host countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/E&E.	**Central and Eastern Europe ns**	150,000
Support for Machine Tools Manufacturing Project for Import and Export	Support to a machine tools manufacturing project that will import equipment and export much of its output. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	**Costa Rica**	128,500
African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) - Ethiopia	The African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Ethiopia is joint USAID/Ethiopia and ECA Hub (REDSO) Project with one full time professional based here in Ethiopia. USAID/Ethiopia will coordinate the first ever AGOA Meeting to be held in Ethiopia between 22-25 October. Two hundred and fifty East and central African business representatives will come to Addis Ababa to make AGOA deals and to learn from practical example how other African nations have succeeded with AGOA led exports to the United States. The Mission can report a more than doubling of Ethiopian AGOA exports to the US in the last 12 months (non-coffee exports only, from $2 million to $4.8 million). These products included Niger sees (Bird seed), handicrafts, beverages (specialty bottled water and beer), and some spices. This activity is funded with FY04 money. Funded by USAID/REDSO and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Eastern and Central Africa ns**	11,250
Assistance for Customs and Trade Facilitation project	This activity targets all aspects of trade building including customs, trade policy, trade facilitation, inspection, import and export procedures, trade agreements, competitiveness, port services, regulatory reform, and policy formulation. Funded and implemented by USAID/Egypt.	**Egypt**	900,000

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Agricultural Cooperatives Ethiopia (ACE)	Agricultural Cooperative Ethiopia (ACE) strengthens primary farm cooperatives and forms cooperative unions in Ethiopia. This increases cooperative and coop union bargaining power to access agricultural inputs (better purchasing power) as well as increase sales and prices of farm products to the market-place. Farm products include coffee (some exported) but other food stuffs are traded internally. A recent (July) INTERNET-based auction with US buyers resulted in a doubling of producer prices paid to the Ethiopian coffee farmer. This is a direct link to the ACE activity. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Ethiopia**	15,000
Growing Ethiopian Markets (GEM)	The Growing Ethiopian Markets (GEM) project is designed to provide capacity-building, practical problem-solving and organizational support to Ethiopian agribusinesses, trade associations and their private sector members across several commodity groups. The project's main goal is to help the private sector (domestic and international) compete more effectively in local, regional, and world markets by facilitating exports. GEM work in the Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, Somali, and Southern Nations and Peoples regions of Ethiopia, focusing on food grains, coffee, meat, skins and hides and horticulture sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Ethiopia**	50,000
Development Credit Authority	The Development Credit Authority (DCA) activity with two Ethiopian Banks, Bank of Abyssinia and Awash Bank, were designed to support, through increase lending, agricultural cooperatives and small agribusinesses. In September 2005, USAID/Ethiopia will expand its DCA portfolio to include Dashen Bank. DCA lending will target small and medium manufacturers and service sector providers. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ethiopia.	**Ethiopia**	50,000
Aviation Security Quality Control	These technical assistance (TA) training programmes focused on aviation security quality control will be developed in collaboration with the Transportation Security Administration and conducted in three regions: the Americas Central Europe, the Middle East and Africa and Asia. This TA will bring together foreign officials responsible for the aviation quality control programmes in each country, and provide a forum to learn and to discuss how quality control can be enhanced in each of	**Global ns**	240,000

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	their countries and standardized throughout the regions. The training programmes would also highlight the benefits that would result from better securing the avenues of international trade. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.		
Integrated Framework Countries Simulation (Doha Project)	The Integrated Framework (IF) is a joint effort of the WTO, World Bank, IMF, UNCTAD, UNDP and International Trade Centre (ITC) that - together with selected bilateral donors - assist Least Developed Countries (LDC) mainstream trade into their national development strategies. This year's funding is in support of the IF Simulation workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in September 2005. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	500,000
FASTrade - Trade Facilitation and Customs Reform	FASTrade provides technical and financial support to a range of regional and bilateral TCB projects globally. It focuses on strengthening customs and other trade facilitation institutions in order to increase their absorptive capacity for traditional training and infrastructure projects, with the objective of achieving greater sustainability. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	70,000
Support for Trade Capacity Building - Global	This activity provides technical and financial support to a wide range of regional and bilateral TCB projects, including, but not limited to support of the Integrated Framework process. The activity has strong focus on improved inter-ministerial coordination and public-private sector consultation with the objective of ensuring that TCB priorities have strong support and are sustainable. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	50,000
Support for Trade Capacity Building - Technical and Financial Support Global	The Support for Trade Capacity Building project provides technical and financial support to a wide range of regional and bilateral TCB projects. Strong focus on improved interministerial coordination and public-private sector consultation, with the objective of ensuring that TCB priorities have strong support and are sustainable. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Global ns**	150,000

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Sustainable Energy Use in the Developing World	This activity supports the development and implementation of policy instruments, including standards and market transformation efforts, to promote trade in energy efficient products and emissions reduction technologies. Funded and implemented by USAID/GDA.	**Global ns**	37,500
Support to Processed Food Operations for Export and Import	Support to food processing project that will import from and export to the US market. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	**India**	189,189
NIST Standards in Trade Workshop on Oil and Gas	The US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is hosting a one-week workshop on standards and conformity assessment in the oil and gas sector. This workshop is being organized in collaboration with several US private sector bodies, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), and the American Petroleum Institute (API). The workshop will be held 22-26 August at NIST, in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and will bring together government and private sector representatives from India and the United States. Workshop objectives are to provide a forum for discussion of standards, conformity assessment, and regulation that: (1) addresses the role and authority of relevant agencies organizations; and (2) discusses best practices and proposes solutions for facilitating trade. Funded and implemented by Department of Commerce/NIST.	**India**	61,252
Seafarers Identification Document System	In May of 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) funded a $358,000 grant for Technical Assistance (TA) to support the development of an improved Seafarers Identification Document System in Indonesia, for the Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration. The proposed TA will aid in the development and design of a system to produce rapid, accurate and verifiable identification. This project would promote secure trade by combating falsification of identification paper, counterfeit stamps and seals, and other problems currently facing the maritime industry. The International Labour Organization (ILO) Seafarers Identity Document Convention, revised in 2003, serves as a guideline Indonesia desires to implement. This project will also help	**Indonesia**	125,300

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	USTDA meet its $2.5 million pledge to the Asian Development Banks Regional Trade and Financial Security Initiative. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.		
Indonesia Trade Assistance Project (ITAP)	The purpose of this activity is to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Trade (MOT) in advancing the trade commitments of Indonesia. Tangible expectations include the following: Implementation of an enhanced career development and remuneration system, a functioning secretariat for the MOT, the development of the Legal Office to function with improved skills at the Directorate General Level, Government of Indonesia's increased participation in bilateral (such as a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement, or TIFA), regional (ASEAN) and/or multilateral (WTO) trade negotiations through the medium of the MOT, TREDA is upgraded to operating at full capacity and providing analytical data, integration of the information technology (IT) system with intellectual property rights (IPR) compliant system and website, increasing public-private sector dialogue and greater understanding by public and media. Funded and implemented by USAID/Indonesia.	**Indonesia**	250,000
Business Environment Improved in Jamaica	Assistance to the Government of Jamaica in its efforts to achieve fiscal and macroeconomic stability, improving regulatory, legislative and policy frameworks including business processes, reducing constraints to economic growth and investment, and promoting the establishment of a national social partnership. In stimulating a business environment that is more conducive to innovation and investment, this activity will encourage trade, development and commercial viability in a formal and sustainable way. This activity is in support of the Free-Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	**Jamaica**	8,000
Enterprise Development Project - Kazakhstan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), accounting reform, and quality management centre (QMC): (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the	**Kazakhstan**	672,746

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	identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams; and (4) QMC promotes the benefits of Quality Management and assists companies with ISO 9001-2000 implementation and certification. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Ministry of Trade and Industry Programme	The programmes objective is to increased the Ministry's trade capacity by: (1) building capacity of public and private sector to better understand WTO issues; (2) sensitizing small and medium entrepreneurs on opportunities under African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA); (3) increasing knowledge on counterfeit and substandard goods and developing a strategy with public and private sectors to fight the problem which causes loss of revenue and profits and threatens human and animal health; and (4) increase knowledge and application of investment codes by investors, policy makers, public sector, business lobby groups, professional organizations and the government and create an interactive forum to develop a strategy for improving investment. To date two Workshops were held on AGOA and four on Counterfeit Goods. A counterfeit Goods Bill has been drafted and presented to a Stakeholders' workshop. The Bills is being finalized for presentation to Attorney General (AG) for enactment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.	**Kenya**	22,800
Tegemeo Agricultural Monitoring and Policy Analysis II	Tegemeo Institute conducts research on key agricultural issues in Kenya. They focus on: monitoring the implementation of reforms by government in the input subsector to identify emerging challenges, analysing the competitiveness of several agricultural commodities including maize, dairy, horticulture and sugar and simplifying legislation for agriculture. Their analyses are promulgated to stakeholders, government agencies and the Parliamentary Committee on agriculture to provide decision makers with objective information. One study compares horticulture	**Kenya**	100,000

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	products in the East African region and finds that Kenya's products are not competitive against most products from Uganda or Tanzania, primarily due to poor, expensive transport infrastructure. However, surprisingly, Kenyan farmers were found to receive a higher portion of the final market price than their farmer colleagues in the other countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kenya.		
Private Sector Growth	This programme is composed of two discrete but complementary components. It will consist of technical assistance, training, and limited grant financing of related activities to stimulate economic growth of the private sector, thus creating new sustainable employment opportunities. The General Business Support component is directed toward developing and putting into operation a programme to overcome factors known to be inhibiting economic growth and employment. In this regard, the Contractor will serve as a facilitator in resolving government-placed constraints and strengthening business associations, indigenous business service consultants and business training providers so that they become established in the market. The Cluster and Enterprise Development component is directed toward working with and providing assistance to specific economic groupings and their individual enterprises that make up Clusters. Funded and implemented by USAID/Kosovo.	**Kosovo**	180,000
Enterprise Development Project - Kyrgyzstan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kyrgyzstan**	776,246

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Trade Facilitation and Investment - Kyrgyzstan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Kyrgyzstan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance issues; and (4) supports trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues and improving customs systems in the Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Kyrgyzstan**	57,904
World Trade Organization (WTO) Compliance Activity	USAID assisted accession of Macedonia to the World Trade Organization (WTO) membership in 2003. Now the WTO Compliance activity supports participation of Macedonia in the work of WTO. The project supports public-private partnership in trade policy formulation, and in drawing benefit from the WTO membership. Work is also done on a new Electronic Communications Law and liberalized telecommunications services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	29,696
e-BIZ Activity	E-BIZ provides assistance in strengthening and expanding small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to compete successfully in the global and domestic markets, by supporting SME access to relevant, value-added information and communications technologies (ICT). This enables them to attract and communicate with customers, employ efficient supply and distribution channels, and modernize their business processes. Funded and implemented by USAID/Macedonia.	**Macedonia**	492,321
Agricultural Business Investment Project	The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) funding has several aspects of support: (1) Establish five Agricultural Business Centres and a national coordinating office in Antananirivo that will offer a range of services to Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) and farmers. These services may include assistance in the	**Madagascar**	4,394,750

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	development of business and marketing plans, training in good business practices and in the promotion and adoption of improved technologies by businesses and farmers alike ($11.4 million); (2) Funding will help identify local, regional and international market opportunities for MSMEs and the necessary requirements and means to allow them to take advantage of market opportunities ($6.1 million); and (3) MCC funding will also support training and outreach activities with MSMEs and rural producers to improve entrepreneurial capacities and management skills and disseminate best practices to enable them to operate more efficiently ($200,000). Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation.		
Aviation Security	This Aviation Security Orientation Visit will expose aviation sector officials to US security procedures, technologies and vendors. Participating delegates represent entities that have substantial procurement plans and that play a critical role in ensuring security in the aviation sector in Malaysia. The delegates will visit US airports and meet with Transportation Security Administration officials. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Malaysia**	52,800
Northwest Border Multi-modal Ports Tijuana Intermodal Terminal	In 2004, the US Trade and Development Agency approved funding not to exceed $427,861 for a feasibility study to develop the proposed Tijuana Intermodal Terminal in Northwest Mexico. The project is a high priority of the Mexican government given the high priority of this part of Mexico and the extensive foreign trade generated and distributed in and around this important commercial corridor connecting the US and Mexican markets. The feasibility study is directed towards the design and development of the intermodal terminal itself but if the terminal is built there will be a much greater opportunity for related transportation equipment including rolling stock, locomotives, yard equipment, etc. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Mexico**	106,965
Broader Middle East-North Africa Trade and Investment Finance Conference	This conference was designed to facilitate trade and investment in these regions. Funded and implemented by Export-Import Bank.	**Middle East and North Africa ns**	100,000

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Trade policy and competitiveness	The Trade Policy and Competitiveness Component of the Economic Policy Reform and Competitiveness (EPRC) planned activities include: (1) Access to Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for Mongolian products; (2) analysis of the impact of the Multi-Fiber Agreement (MFA) on textile access to US Markets and development of policy options; (3) negotiations on reduction of barriers to entry; (4) improved trade management capacity; and (5) assistance on FTAs, RTAs. Competitiveness EPRC works with firms and clusters in key sectors (e.g. cashmere, tourism, meat, and textiles) to develop export businesses. Activities include: (1) rapid assessment of key clusters and development of action plans; (2) establishment of a Competitiveness Fund; and (3) identification of market niches, and business development services. Status of on-going activities: Cashmere and tourism strategies, Meat and leather sector action, advice provided to individual firms in the tourism, cashmere, and leather sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Mongolia.	**Mongolia**	506,350
Port Security and Supply Chain Management - Tangier Port Security	The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is providing a $374,000 grant to the Tangier-Mediterranean Special Agency (TMSA), a private company operating under an agreement with the Government of Morocco, to implement, coordinate and manage the Tangier Mediterranean Project (Tangier-Med). Tangier-Med is a new port complex around the city of Tangier, in northern Morocco, that consists of a deep-sea harbor and logistic necessities, including container and cargo terminals, and industrial, commercial, and tourism zones. The grant will fund the cost of technical assistance (TA) in port security and safety related to International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism and Container Security Initiative compliance for Tangier-Med. The TA will also assist TMSA in developing tender documents for the procurement of safety and security equipment and services. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Morocco**	374,000
Integrated Product Policy (IPP) and Investment Market Framework	In July of 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) approved a $275,700 for Technical Assistance to the Namibian Electricity Council Board (ECB). The assistance will focus on developing a formalized electricity market model that will facilitate investment by the private sector.	**Namibia**	275,000

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	The activity will attempt to address the expected electricity shortage the region is expected to experience as early as 2007. Specifically the Technical Assistance would develop and overarching Integrated Product Policy (IPP) and market framework, suggest updates to Namibia's regulatory structure, coordinate with government stakeholders to implement the framework, and facilitate workshops to present the model to the Namibian energy sector community. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.		
Improved Policy Environment	The Improved Policy Environment activity supports a policy programme to enhance and facilitate export promotion, and address policy and administrative constraints related to trade capacity-building. This activity also focuses on promoting bilateral and multilateral agricultural trade. USAID Nepal is providing technical assistance to the government of Nepal in the areas of customs in support of recent World Trade Organization accession and the Integrated Framework for Least Developed Countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nepal.	**Nepal**	6,500
Support to Retail Store Investment Engaged in Importing	Financing support to a retail outlet that will import goods. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	**Nicaragua**	31,421
Competitive Market Oriented Private Enterprises Environmental Management	The purpose of this activity is to improve the competitiveness of Nicaraguan micro, small and medium (MSME) enterprises by expanding sales to local, regional, and international markets. Technical assistance and training will be used in this activity. Key results are expected to include $60 million in new sales, 100 increase in sales of specialty coffee, 20,000 new jobs, increased adherence to labour laws and the hiring of people with disabilities and disadvantaged groups, $5 million in resources leveraged from the private sector through Global Development Alliances (GDAs), local institutions strengthened to facilitate trade, 300,000 hectares under improved environmental management, increase in the number of firms producing or offering services under environmental certifications, increased use of	**Nicaragua**	150,000

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	cleaner production and cleaner energy technologies, and an increase in biodiversity conservation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.		
Fruits and Vegetables Market Development in Nicaragua	The purpose of this activity is to increase market access and transactions for and by Nicaraguan producers, in local, regional and international markets. Focus on micro, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Key results are $12 million in increased sales of fruits, vegetables and specialty coffee, as well as 7,000 new jobs. This activity uses training and technical assistance. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/ Nicaragua.	**Nicaragua**	100,000
Support to Cement Manufacturing Operations for Import and Export	Support to project that will import equipment and export cement products. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	**Pakistan**	30,000
Creating Conditions for Economic Revitalization (CRECER)	Creating Conditions for Economic Revitalization (CRECER) improves economic policy and the institutional framework by addressing structural and systemic constraints to increase productivity and reduce transaction costs. Interventions also promote private sector participation in infrastructure development and maintenance and facilitate public outreach and awareness on FTA issues. This activity is in support of the US-Andean FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Peru.	**Peru**	210,000
Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion and Technical Assistance	The Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) promotion and technical assistance project provides support to the SME sector in Rwanda to facilitate increased, measurable impact on Rwandan SMEs in terms of product development, market development, and trade through focused delivery of technical assistance to strategic, high-potential sectors, including handicrafts, tourism, and value-added agribusiness. The project aims to increase efficiency of SMEs through business development	**Rwanda**	12,500

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	services and use of information and communications technology. Funded and implemented by USAID/Rwanda.		
Commercial Port Restructuring	The main study for this activity was co-funded by the United Kingdom's Department of International Development (DFID), USAID's Regional Programme for Southern Africa and USAID. This year USAID funded a re-analysis to the answer some specific questions. This was the last year of USAID support for the South African Department of Public Enterprises and their work to concession, one part of the Durban Container Port. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	15,000
Trade and Poverty Analysis	This new series of analytical paper, co-funded with the United Kingdoms Department for International Development (DFID), provides the first in-depth analysis of the winners and losers from recent trade liberalization. It focuses on the impact of trade liberalization on different groups of the poor and will propose actions that could be taken to mitigate some of the negative impact. The study is done in collaboration with South African business, labour and government. This funding is USAIDs portion only. Funded and implemented by USAID/South Africa.	**South Africa**	12,000
The Competitiveness Programme	The Competitiveness Programme supports the economic policy reform agenda of the Mission, the new workforce development initiative and focuses at increasing the ability of Sri Lanka to compete in the global market for tea, rubber, coir, spices, ceramics, gems, tourism and information and communication technology (ICT). Funded and implemented by USAID/Sri Lanka.	**Sri Lanka**	40,250
Increasing Capital Flows to Africa Conference	This Ex-Im Bank sponsored conference was designed to expand working relationships between African financial institutions, businesses and governments with the US and other regional and international trading partners, while providing support for African procurement of US goods and services to further Africa's economic development. Funded and implemented by Export-Import Bank.	**Sub-Saharan Africa ns**	75,000

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Enterprise Development Project - Tajikistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; and (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Tajikistan**	267,000
Trade Facilitation and Investment - Tajikistan	The activity cultivates grassroots participation in Tajikistan of business, legal, and professional associations and other groups in efforts to reform legislation, administrative procedures, and practices that constrain the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and investment. It also builds demand for reforms to conform to internationally-recognized trade and investment requirements. The activity: (1) assists appropriate government agencies to implement market-oriented changes in regulations and laws; (2) educates government officials and entrepreneurs on existing laws and practices that limit SME trade and investment; (3) provides assistance in dealing with World Trade Organization (WTO) compliance issues; and (4) supports trade facilitation activities, including activities aimed at resolving transit and transportation-related issues and improving customs systems in the Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Tajikistan**	18,463
Private Enterprise Support Activities (PESA)	The Private Enterprise Support Activities (PESA) works with Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME), including farms, by providing training and technical assistance to enable them to become more active players in the Tanzanian economy and contribute to its economic growth. PESA works with small farmers to produce and market specific cash crops. The work with export crops also includes working on tariff barriers, export procedures, and trade policies of the Government of	**Tanzania**	60,000

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	Tanzania. The project will help broaden access to markets and strengthen business capacity by encouraging market links, supplying business information, and strengthening associations. The programme will also work to improve the policy and regulatory environment for these enterprises. Funded and implemented by USAID/Tanzania.		
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Receiving Terminal	This activity funds a feasibility study for a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Receiving Terminal for PTT Public Company Limited (PTT) in Thailand. The primary objectives of this study would be to determine the LNG receiving terminals most appropriate location, identify the appropriate type of technology for the terminal and re-gasification facilities, and define the required level of investment for the project. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Thailand**	667,000
Enterprise Development Project - Turkmenistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) the RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	**Turkmenistan**	212,658

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Access to Credit	The Access to Credit project will begin to mobilize credit for small and medium businesses, prospective homeowners, farmers, and municipalities. The expected results are: (1) a certified mortgage lending programme for commercial banks in Ukraine; (2) procedures completed to issue mortgage-backed bonds; (3) establishment of a commercial credit bureau; (4) placement of one pilot municipal bond; and (5) certified leasing courses for companies and banks. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Ukraine**	600,000
Commercial Judicial Reform	To improve the legal foundation for commercial activities. USAID will continue to strengthen the legal and regulatory environment for doing business in Ukraine through its Commercial Law Centre (CLC) to create a transparent and effective commercial court system that protects the rights of creditors and investors. The CLC will provide technical assistance and training to the Government of Ukraine (GOU) in the area of commercial law. The project will improve the investment environment by improving judicial enforcement using simplified procedures, international best practices, and by training judges and state enforcement officials. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	**Ukraine**	2,000,000
Ukraine Land Titling Initiative	The Ukraine Land Titling Initiative will extend legal assistance nationwide, complete remaining land titles, and facilitate enactment of a legal and regulatory framework to support a land market. The project will provide an additional 250,000 land titles and increase the number of Oblast Legal Aid Centres to 23. Funded by USAID/Ukraine and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	**Ukraine**	86,497
Enterprise Development Project - Uzbekistan	This activity includes enterprise improvement services, regional trade promotion (RTP), and accounting reform: (1) Enterprise Improvement Services provides Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, managers advisors assist SMEs by advising them on building and implementing a strategy to resolve the identified growth challenges; (2) The RTP assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade; and (3) accounting reform assistance provides the guidance and standards covering most of the components of a global accounting framework such as financial accounting	**Uzbekistan**	447,000

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	standards, a code of ethics, management accounting standards, guidance for forming professional associations, establishment of education programmes, and administration of exams. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.		
Trade and Law Exchange and Partnership Programme	The objective of the programme is to assist the Government of Vietnam to implement the US-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with additional focus on the BTA commitments related to World Trade Organization (WTO) disciplines and international best practices that are important for overall international economic integration. The programme is designed through the organization of study tours designed to link GVN's policy makers and law makers with appropriate counterparts in the US and other countries in the region to discuss key issues in the BTA relevant to WTO membership, and support in on-the-ground preparations and follow-up activities for these study missions. Through study missions, research, and seminars, the programme has worked, through private-public partnerships. Up to now, 9 study missions and follow-up activities were conducted for 93 Vietnamese government officials on: investment, IPR, telecommunications, SPS measures, financial services/customs valuation, and TBT. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	**Vietnam**	42,230
West African Economic and Monetary Union Transportation - Regional Rail Integration	This feasibility study will analyze a regional railway interconnection project that is comprised of three subcomponents: a railway connection between Mali and Burkina Faso, a connection between Burkina Faso and Niger, and a connection between Niger and Benin. This activity represents a significant attempt by the Agency to bolster its presence in Francophone West Africa. By working with the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is partnering with a dynamic regional organization committed to improving the economy of the region and the lives of the people who live there. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	**Western Africans**	307,300

Activity	Activity Description	Country/ Region	2005 Funding
Mission Support Costs to Trade Capacity Building	This activity relates to providing appropriate supervision, technical assistance, and support to trade capacity-building activities in West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	191,783
West Africa Trade Hub	The objective of West African Trade Hub (WATH), headquartered in Accra, Ghana, is to encourage West African businesses to take advantage of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and to develop capacity for better engagement in the multilateral trading system. The West African Trade Hub opened in 2003. The Hub activities support four key areas: Trade Capacity Building, AGOA Export Development, AGOA Support Services and Information Dissemination. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	**Western Africans**	1,462,548
Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement (ZAMTIE) Project	The Zambia Trade and Investment Enhancement Project (ZAMTIE) objectives are: (1) reduce barriers to trade and investment; (2) build capacity in public and private sector organizations to facilitate trade as a mechanism for poverty reduction; and (3) foster trade linkages and opportunities between and among producers, suppliers, processors, traders, service providers, and consumers within and outside of Zambia. During the year, the project helped the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry to establish a dedicated Department of Foreign Trade and provided support to the Zambian judiciary to develop a framework for a small claims court system that would assist in the speedy resolution of internal trade disputes thereby further aiding the development of the country's capacity for external trade. In addition, the project facilitated trade missions to countries in Zambia's regional neighborhood. Funded and implemented by USAID/Zambia.	**Zambia**	70,000

ANNEX D

Millennium Challenge Corporation Contributions to Trade Facilitation

The Cape Verde, Georgia, Honduras, Madagascar, and Nicaragua have signed Compacts with the Millennium Challenge Corporation that each contain Trade Facilitation-oriented components.

Other countries eligible to propose compacts include: Armenia, Benin, Bolivia, Ghana, Lesotho, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Vanuatu.

Countries eligible to propose Threshold Compacts include: Burkina Faso, East Timor, Guyana, Kenya, Malawi, Paraguay, Philippines, São Tomé and Principe, Tanzania, Uganda, Yemen, and Zambia.

Cape Verde Compact

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the Government of Cape Verde signed a five-year, approximately $110 million Compact on 4 July, 2005.

One target of MCC funds will be infrastructure improvements, to support increased economic activity and provide access to markets, employment, and social services.

Infrastructure

Cape Verde consists of nine inhabited islands that are not linked by an efficient transportation system. This lack of transportation infrastructure hinders the development of a common national market, increases the costs of production, and impedes the movement of people and goods between islands. MCC will provide up to approximately $78.7 million for road and small bridge investments to ensure improved transportation links to social services, employment opportunities, local markets, and ports and airports; and for improvements to the Port of Praia, which handles half of the island nation's cargo. The roads and bridges in the Infrastructure Project will impact over 60,000 people on the islands of Santiago and Santo Antão. The improvements in the Port of Praia to be funded by MCC, combined with the concurrent privatization of port services, are expected increase the efficiency of the port and to prevent a bottleneck to growth in commerce, in particular in the tourism industry.

The programme Cape Verde and MCC agreed to is designed to:

Increase agricultural productivity on the islands of Santo Antão, Fogo, and São Nicolau by improving water management and soil conservation, strengthening agribusiness development services, and increasing access to credit and capacity of financial institutions;

integrate internal markets and reduce transportation costs by improving transportation networks through road and bridge infrastructure on the islands of Santiago and Santo Antão and upgrading the Port of Praia; and

develop the private sector by reducing obstacles to private sector investment, particularly in priority sectors, and reforming the financial sector.

Georgia Compact

Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Government of Georgia have signed a five-year, $295.3 million Compact.

In Georgia, 54 per cent of the population living outside of the capital city, Tbilisi, lives in poverty. The Georgians identified two barriers to poverty reduction and economic growth in the regions outside of Tbilisi – a lack of reliable infrastructure and the slow development of businesses, particularly agribusiness. To address these impediments, the people of Georgia, through a broad consultative process, developed a programme focused on rehabilitating regional infrastructure and enterprise development.

The Regional Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project of the Compact totals $211.7 million and includes the following three activities:

Samtskhe-Javakheti (S-J) Road Rehabilitation – The $102.2 million activity will fund rehabilitation and construction of approximately 245 kilometres of main road traversing the S-J region.

Energy Rehabilitation – The $49.5 million activity will be used to rehabilitate the North-South Gas Pipeline that fuels electric power generation and provides heat to homes and businesses, and to further develop and implement the Georgian government's energy sector strategy.

Regional Infrastructure Development Facility – The $60 million activity will fund regional and municipal physical infrastructure for water supply, sanitation, irrigation, municipal gasification, roads and solid waste in regions outside of Tbilisi.

The Millennium Challenge Compact with Georgia is expected to improve the lives of the rural poor in the following ways:

Reduce the incidence of poverty in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region by 12 per cent.

Benefit approximately a half-million Georgians, and over one-quarter of the population of the country will receive indirect benefits from the programme.

Reduce average travel time from regional areas to Tbilisi – currently 6.5 hours – almost 3 hours or 43 per cent, thereby reducing transportation costs for farmers, for small business owners, and for Georgians needing access to social services.

Reduce the risk that a major accident will occur due to the gas pipeline's dilapidated condition. The completed rehabilitation of the gas pipeline will provide reliable heat and electricity to over one million Georgians.

Honduras Compact

Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC) Board of Directors approved a five-year $215 million Compact with the Government of Honduras.

Sixty-four per cent of Hondurans live in poverty. The Millennium Challenge Compact with Honduras aims to reduce poverty and promote growth by increasing the productivity and business skills of farmers who operate small- and medium-size farms and by reducing transportation costs between production centres and national, regional and global markets. To accomplish these two objectives, the $215 million Compact will invest in a Rural Development Project and a Transportation Project. The goal of the Compact is to increase Honduras' annual income by an estimated $69 million by the end of the Compact. The Government of Honduras identified priorities for the Compact from their national Poverty Reduction Strategy and engaged a broad range of citizens in designing the programme.

Transportation

Hondurans identified high transportation costs as a significant impediment to economic growth, particularly for agriculture and light manufacturing. The $125.7 million transportation project is targeted at improving the CA-5 Norte Highway that links the Atlantic port of Puerto Cortes to Pacific ports and major production centres in Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua. Additionally, updating main highways, key secondary, and small rural roads will enable farmers and other businesses to get their products to market more efficiently, rural Hondurans to get to work and access social services, and children to get to school.

The MCC Compact with Honduras is designed to:

Increase the productivity and business skills of rural farmers who operate small- and medium-size farms, and their employees;

reduce transportation costs between targeted production centres and national, regional, and global markets.

Madagascar Compact

Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Republic of Madagascar have signed a four-year, nearly $110 million dollar Compact.

Over 80 per cent of Madagascar's people live on less than $2 a day. According to the United Nations, it is one of the 27 least developed countries in the world. The Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) grant to Madagascar will support a programme designed to raise incomes by bringing the rural population from subsistence agriculture to a market economy. The programme includes three projects that will work together to help rural Malagasy secure formal property rights to land, access credit and protect savings, and receive training in agricultural production, management and marketing techniques. This integrated three-pronged approach will provide the rural population with the necessary conditions to use the land productively, to build profitable businesses and help ensure environmental sustainability.

Expected Trade Facilitation-related outcomes include:

Secure Access to Property: normalize the land tenure system (e.g., titling and surveying), modernizing the national land registry, and expanding services to rural citizens;

access to Credit: improve a weak banking system to make essential financial services available to rural areas, improve credit skills, and cut delays in payments for goods and services from 45 to 3 days; and

access to Information: establish a project that identifies investment opportunities for rural Malagasy in local, regional, or international markets, and trains farmers and other entrepreneurs in production, management, and marketing techniques.

Nicaragua Compact

Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC) Board of Directors approved a five–year, $175 million Compact with the Government of Nicaragua.

Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. After extensive consultations with a diverse set of government and civil society stakeholders, Nicaragua identified a regional development strategy for MCC to fund that will address, among other issues, underdeveloped infrastructure, and low value agricultural production. The Millennium Challenge Compact with Nicaragua is focused on creating an engine for economic growth in the northwestern part of the country, a poor region with significant growth potential due to its fertile land and connection to markets in Honduras and El Salvador.

Improving Access to Markets and Social Services

MCC will provide $92.8 million to improve a 58 kilometre segment of the Pacific Corridor highway between Managua and León , upgrade key secondary routes to link rural producers to the primary road network, and provide technical assistance to improve the investment and maintenance planning capabilities of Nicaragua 's Ministry of Transportation.

Expected Trade Facilitation-related outcomes include:

Upgrading a 58 km stretch of the Pacific Corridor highway to better link producers in northwestern Nicaragua to commercial centres in Managua, Honduras, and El Salvador;

upgrading up to 100 km of rural secondary roads to improve rural community access to markets and social services;

producing higher value agricultural that will significantly increase earnings for poor farm families and create thousands of new jobs in related services and enterprises.