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AGOA Resource Centers	These centers (10) will be a hands-on practical addition to the seminars on AGOA. Resources in how to access imports in the US, updated information on AGOA provisions, web links, and a Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTUS) will be easily accessible in partner locations. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Export Promotion	250,000
Combating Hazardous Child Labor in Commercial Agriculture in West and Central Africa	The project will assist children withdrawn from exploitative labor through a range of interventions including rehabilitation services such as non-formal education and counselling; linkages with local medical and community services; and access to income generating opportunities for adult family members. The project will also aim to prevent child labor through awareness raising, community mobilization, and non-formal education for younger siblings of working children., and will seek to enhance the capacity of public and private partners and concerned agencies at all levels (national and local, institutional, organizational, community), to plan, initiate, implement, monitor, and evaluate action to combat child labor. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	2,500,000
Commercial Law Development Program	CLDP West Africa program activities have included 1) participation on a steering committee looking to establish an African Law Institute (October 2001) that would, inter alia, draft model commercial laws to be used in the context of regional harmonization of commercial law in West Africa and 2) sponsoring four ADR sessions, two in Dakar, Senegal and one in Washington DC to assess where regional use of ADR stood, to train trainers, and to produce a framework for action to serve as a blueprint for establishing a regional approach to ADR, and one local ADR roundtable in Ghana to see what immediate steps should be taken to consolidate use of ADR on a country specific level. Funded by USAID and implemented by Commercial Law Development Program.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	600,000
ECOWAS Institutions: Building Capacity	The ECOWAS Fund and the West African Monetary Institute (WAMI) are two of the satellite institution of ECOWAS. Technical assistance designed to enhance the ability to move forward the respective goals of attracting investment and instituting a second common currency in the West African region. The West African Business Links Program facilitates business-to-business contacts between companies in the United States and companies in West Africa. Trade finance, and sector specific linkages are the current focus of the program. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	400,000
		Export Promotion	150,000
		Activity Total	550,000
ECOWAS Secretariat - Building Trade Capacity through expansion of the Common External Tariff (CET)	This program/activity is designed to build trade capacity in the public sector through working with the Secretariat of the Economic Community of West Africa in conjunction with member countries. The focus of the program is the expansion of a common external tariff (CET) for the entire West Africa region (15-member states), extending the current 8-member CET of the West African Economic Monetary Union throughout the region. Program focus will be to incorporate and highlight the WTO commitments and the direct correlation and relationship to regional trade and trade capacity development. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	WTO Awareness	200,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	600,000
		Activity Total	800,000

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Facilitation of Energy Infrastructure in West Africa	The West African Power Pool (WPP) and the West African Gas Pipeline (WAGPL) are activities designed to enhance both the access to energy and the appropriate regulatory mechanisms for management of electricity through out West Africa. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Other Services Development	2,250,000
Regional Anglophone Africa	This project will consolidate current IPEC country programs in the region. The project will focus on policy development and capacity building so that direct action at the country level can have meaningful, sustainable and long-term impact. Major components of the proposed regional project will include knowledge building (situation analyses and sectoral/policy reviews), creation of an enabling environment (mainly support to policy development and legislation), capacity development, and direct action programs. The project aims to prevent 3,000 children from working in exploitative labor, and aims to withdraw 2,000 children from exploitative labor. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	4,800,000
Support for Trade Improvements for Traditional Specialty Crops in West Africa	The project expands markets and increases value for traditional specialty crops, starting with sesame and gum arabic. It builds on EWW's previous work in Mali and Burkina Faso. Funded and implemented by USAID/AFR/SD.	Trade-Related Agriculture	400,000
Trade and Globalization Seminars	The current seminars are designed to impart a greater regional understanding of globalization and what the WTO is and is not, including topics on liberalization, privatization, regulation, and regional integration. The initial series of three seminars brought people from all throughout the region to three locations; the current series is more dispersed with more (8) locations. Materials for the initial seminar are available (already submitted to CDIE, will submit again with this form). Materials for the current seminar are in finalization at this time. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	WTO Awareness	125,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	62,500
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	62,500
		Activity Total	250,000
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance (TIATA) Program	The Financial Institutions Team from the Treasury Department is providing resident advisors to the countries in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) to assist in the improvement of banking supervision, capital markets development, and tax/budget regulations. This will lead to more prudent fiscal policies, more efficient financial markets, a more favorable climate for business, and the enabling environment for international trade. The funding shown for FY02 represents the funding by TIATA itself; there is an additional \$590,000 funded by USAID and reported separately on its own Update Report Form. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	100,000
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance (TIATA) Program	The Gov't Debt Team from the Treasury Department is providing resident advisors to the countries in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) to assist in the development of government debt standards. This will lead to more prudent fiscal policies, a more favorable climate for business, and the enabling environment for international trade. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	428,700

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WAEMU - Technical Assistance in Support of Accelerated Regional Integration	USAID, in conjunction with USTR, conducted a seminar assessing the barriers to trade between the countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union and the United States. The conference discussed tie implementation of the common external tariff, the strengthening of regulatory bodies, investment promotion, commercial dispute settlement, among others. Funded and implemented by USAID/AFR.SD.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	350,000
West Africa Economic Support Project	The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) and St. Thomas University in Miami Florida conduct two-day training sessions in several West African countries including Senegal, Mali, Nigeria and Benin. The purpose of the FDA training is to increase private, public sector stakeholder knowledge of the contents of AGOA, and US regulations affecting it so that the targeted African countries and their citizens may compete effectively and efficiently for access to US markets under the ACT. In the first day of a two-day seminar, FDA explains the principal elements of AGOA and how the beneficiaries may best position themselves to take advantage of it. On the second day, FDA conducts training on the formation of Public Private Partnerships with a view toward strengthening the institutional position of the target country to trade with the US. Funded and implemented by USAID/AFR.	Business Services & Training	179,250
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	59,750
		Activity Total	239,000
West Africa Economic Support Project	Trains Business people and government officials ion Mali, Benin, Senegal, and Nigeria on the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). More than 260 people have been trained and some 85 business and government entities brought together into Public-Private partnerships (PPPs) with the overall goal of competing more effectively to do business with the United States. Funded and implemented by USAID/AFR.	Export Promotion	250,000
		Business Services & Training	100,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	50,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	50,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	50,000
		Activity Total	500,000

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West African Business Women's Network (WABNET)	The West African Business Women's Network (WABNET) is composed of over 1,000 women throughout the region. The members of the organization are successful entrepreneurs trading throughout the region and globally. Linkages developed throughout the region facilitate larger and more extensive trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Export Promotion	87,500
		Business Services & Training	87,500
		Activity Total	175,000
Women's Business Facilitation	After the identification of trade barriers disproportionately affecting women traders, interventions designed to level the playing ground and develop new skills in business acumen assist women in expanding trade cross border and globally for poverty alleviation and job creation. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	WTO Awareness	50,000
		Export Promotion	200,000
		Business Services & Training	150,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	50,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	50,000
		Activity Total	500,000
Women's Information Technology Network	This activity serves to develop capabilities of successful women trader through enhancing existing skills in business, and extending and expanding the knowledge through the development of information technology. In addition to USAID/EGAT, this activity is co-implemented by USAID/WID, USAID/AFR, and USAID/WARP. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT.	E-Commerce & IT	165,000
		Export Promotion	165,000
		Business Services & Training	170,000
		Activity Total	500,000
Total FY02 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Western Africa ns			15,782,700