

United States Government
2003 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
AFGHANISTAN

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
Afghanistan Economic Governance Program	USAID support has led to a significant reform in customs related policies and procedures, which will support the Government of Afghanistan's efforts to strengthen revenue generation, reduce corruption, and facilitate trade and investment. Another significant effect has been on the ability of the financial sector to effect trade related transactions through formal systems. USAID assistance has resulted in assessments of policy, administrative and technical barriers to trade, and the formation of interministerial and private sector workgroups that will work to resolve these barriers. A work group on women's enterprise development has been established. Lastly, initial efforts have been mounted to raise the awareness of both the public and private sector on WTO standards and trade agreements. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	WTO Awareness	120,700
		Customs Operation & Administration	1,207,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	120,700
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	724,200
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	241,400
		Activity Total	2,414,000
Demobilization and Reintegration of Child Soldiers in Afghanistan	Project will focus on demobilization and economic and social reintegration of child soldiers/minors associated with the fighting forces in Afghanistan. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	3,000,000
Power Sector	Hosting Afghan power sector officials on a visit to the United States to help them plan their electric power investments. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #2003-80008A)	Other Services Development	84,044
Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Program	This activity is initiating trade related agricultural development activities in Afghanistan in 2003. Emphasis will be placed on interventions that develop regional and international market access for Afghan agricultural products. Training and technical assistance will be provided for enhancing marketable quantities, grades and standards, and information about regional and international markets. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Export Promotion	60,000
		Business Services & Training	90,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	450,000
		Activity Total	600,000
Strategic Business Plan, Ariana Airlines	Developing a business plan for the Afghan state-owned airlines to assist in improving its performance. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200380016A)	Physical Infrastructure Development	333,034
Support for Tourism: ARC Hotels	The project involves the construction and operation of a new, 200-room Hyatt Regency International hotel located in downtown Kabul, Afghanistan. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Tourism Sector Development	1,565,397
Support for Transportation Infrastructure: TBG Holdings	The project facilitates the development of a scheduled airline service between the U.S. and Kabul, Afghanistan via Geneva. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Physical Infrastructure Development	280,224

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Sustainable Economic Policy and Institutional Reform Support Program	Trade is one of five component of the economic governance project in Afghanistan. Trade-related assistance and analysis will be provided to government ministries on how to achieve open markets and to develop a successful trade promotion strategy. Areas of emphasis will include capacity building in relevant government organizations, enhancing the legal and regulatory framework of trade (customs administration, administrative barriers), and enhancing the trade environment by reforming trade-related activities (revising the investment law, SPS and TBT, enhanced capacity of private sector interaction with the government). Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	WTO Awareness	270,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	810,000
		Export Promotion	540,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	810,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	270,000
		Activity Total	2,700,000
Telecom Backbone	Feasibility study to plan a fiber optic telecom backbone linking Afghanistan's major cities. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200280025A)	E-Commerce & IT	280,081
Telecom Policy Review	Assisting the Government of Afghanistan in developing a telecom policy that will encourage competition in private sector investment. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Other Services Development	136,408
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance (TIATA) Program	The Budget Team from the Treasury Department is providing resident advisors to the Government of Afghanistan. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	1,000,000
Total FY03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Afghanistan			12,393,188