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<b>Activity Title</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>TCB Category</b>	<b>FY 03 Total</b>
<b>Civil Society Outreach</b>	Technical Assistance will be provided to design a strategy and action plan to promote and disseminate the benefits of free trade as well as an understanding of what is being negotiated in the different scenarios. USAID will then fund part of the implementation of the action plan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	WTO Awareness	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Combating Child Labor Through Education: Dominican Rep. Timebound Program</b>	The education project will support the Timebound Program to combat the worst forms of child labor in the Dominican Republic. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Dominican Republic Cochran Fellowships</b>	United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Cochran Fellowship Program promotes global market-driven food systems through short-term agricultural marketing and agribusiness-related training in the United States. In 2003: (1) one veterinarian from the Dominican Republic attended a course in Veterinary Biologics; (2) three inspection officers from the Dominican Republic attended Food Safety and Inspection Service III (FSIS), a Meat and Poultry Inspection program; and (3) two veterinarians from the Dominican Republic attended a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosis course. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>18,260</b>
<b>Impact Studies</b>	Studies identified in the negotiations process in the following scenarios: (1) U.S.-Dominican Republic bilateral free trade agreement; (2) Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA); (3) WTO; and (4) Canada-Dominican Republic bilateral free trade agreement. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Impact Study of Changing Global Trade Rules</b>	This was a study to analyze the impacts on the Dominican Republic of changing global trade rules for textiles and apparel. It analyzes the impacts of eliminating U.S. textile and apparel quotas by January 1, 2005, as well as the impacts of a U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) including or excluding the Dominican Republic. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Export Promotion	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Implementation of Competitive Strategy for Export of Perishable Products</b>	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 U.S. and Canadian markets. Currently, USAID assistance is helping to implement the strategy and action plan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>240,000</b>
<b>Implementation of Competitive Strategy for La Vega Eco-tourism Cluster</b>	La Vega Development Association (APEDEVE) was assisted in developing a preliminary competitiveness strategy which reflected the stakeholders' view of the international and national tourism market situation, as well as the limiting factors faced by the cluster group in promoting tourist development in the La Vega region. This activity contributes to develop trade capacity in tourism services in the Dominican Republic. Currently, USAID assistance is helping to implement the strategy and action plan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Tourism Sector Development	<b>83,825</b>

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<b>Implementation of Competitive Strategy for Puerto Plata Tourism Cluster</b>	The Playa Dorada Hotel Association, Inc. (PDHA) of Puerto Plata, the Puerto Plata Hotel Association (PPHA) and the Puerto Plata Business Association (PPBA) were assisted in developing a competitive strategy to increase the flow of tourists to the area. This activity contributes to develop trade capacity in tourism services in the Dominican Republic. Currently, USAID assistance is helping implement the strategy and action plan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Tourism Sector Development	<b>130,000</b>
<b>Implementation of Competitive Strategy for Romana-Bayahibe Tourism Cluster</b>	The Romana-Bayahibe Hotel Association, Inc. was assisted in developing a competitive strategy to increase the flow of tourists to the area. This activity contributes to develop trade capacity in tourism services in the Dominican Republic. Currently, USAID assistance is helping to implement the strategy and action plan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Tourism Sector Development	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Mine Development</b>	This mining project is the follow-on to an earlier U.S. Trade and Development Agency technical assistance grant for restructuring the environmental regulations of the mining industry. This project will open new mining operations in the interior and urge greater trade in the sector. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Export Promotion	150,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	150,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Rural Electrification for New Economic Opportunities &amp; Trade</b>	USAID is assisting the Dominican Republic to implement the National Rural Electrification Plan through private/public partnerships in off-grid and underserved peri-urban communities. Bringing electricity to poor areas is a key asset for creating new economic opportunities in the small business sector. Reliable and affordable energy sources in rural areas will enhance competitiveness and trade by increasing productivity and diminishing inefficiencies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>100,000</b>
<b>TA on Communication, Arbitration &amp; Intellectual Property Rights</b>	This project provides support for commercial arbitration and intellectual property rights to make local laws compliant with the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs). Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on TRIPs	<b>15,000</b>
<b>TA on Government Procurement to Local Stakeholders</b>	USAID is working with local stakeholders and the Inter-American Development Bank to pass legislation that will make government procurement comply with Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) standards. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on Gov't Procurement	<b>10,000</b>
<b>TA on Notifications to National Committee of Trade Negotiations</b>	All the member institutions of the Dominican Republic Trade Negotiations Committee will be assisted and trained on how to prepare notifications under the WTO agreements as well as other bilateral and regional trade agreements. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Technical Assistance to Help the Energy Sector Reform Process</b>	USAID has funded an objective, qualitative analysis of the Energy sector to identify those aspects of the sector reforms that are functioning well, to identify those aspects of the sector that are failing to function well, and make recommendations on how to improve the operation of the sector in order to increase the sustainability of the reforms and the investments in the sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>45,000</b>

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<b>Technical Assistance on International Arbitration</b>	Technical Assistance will be provided to the Government of the Dominican Republic on the use of international arbitration. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Technical Assistance to Coffee Sector</b>	This activity is assisting producers to develop a competitive strategy with an implementation plan that will set the stage for increased exports of selected agricultural products. In addition, support is being provided to the coffee sector to access the niche coffee market for high quality highland coffee. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Technical Assistance to Minister of Industry and Trade</b>	The Minister of Industry and Trade of the Dominican Republic will be assisted on the implementation of the Dominican Republic regulations on unfair trade practices, as well as on the administration of trade agreements. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Technical Assistance to Ministry of Environment &amp; Natural Resources</b>	A principal focus of our environmental program is to provide technical assistance and training to the recently formed Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources to improve their institutional capacity. This will include developing environmental standards and norms necessary to assure that trade is environmentally neutral or positive. It will also entail strengthening mechanisms for advocating, monitoring and enforcing implementation of environmental norms and standards. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Environmental Trade & Standards	<b>155,000</b>
<b>Technical Assistance to Strengthen Financial Sector</b>	The USAID Fiscal Reform project is assisting the Dominican Republic to strengthen its financial sector. USAID is providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Finance and the Securities Exchange (Bolsa de Valores de la Republica Dominicana-BVRD) to create a liquid, transparent market for short, medium and long-term public and private sector debt instruments. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	<b>765,000</b>
<b>Trade Capacity Building of Business Associations</b>	Training and technical assistance will provided to several Dominican Republic business associations on different trade matters which may include impact studies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Business Services & Training	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Trade Map Workshop</b>	USAID funded a workshop to train public and private sector officials participating in trade negotiations to use the tools available at the International Trade Centre, mainly the "Trade Map" to conduct market and market intelligence analyses in the world markets. The workshop was for one and a half days. There were 23 participants from the government and 19 participants from the private sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>575</b>
<b>Training and Capacity Building on U.S. Bio-terrorism Law</b>	The public and private sectors will be trained on the procedures to comply with the U.S. Bio-Terrorism Legislation that will enter into effect on December 12, 2003. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>30,000</b>

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<b>Workshop on Rules of Origin in General</b>	This workshop will be conducted before the end of September 2003 to train about 30 people on rules of origin. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on Rules of Origin	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Workshop on Rules of Origin in Textiles</b>	The consultant that conducted the study on Economic and Employment Impacts on the Dominican Republic of Changing Global Trade Rules for Textiles and Apparel presented a workshop on rules of origins in textiles. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on Rules of Origin	<b>600</b>
<b>Total FY 03 USG Trade Capacity Building to Dominican Republic</b>			<b>5,328,260</b>