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2003 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
TAJKISTAN

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
Banking Supervision	The Banking Supervision activity: (1) identifies and evaluates, using BIS Core Principles of Effective Banking Supervision, the on-site/off site processes and tools used by the National Bank of Tajikistan (NBT); (2) strengthens the on-site supervisory capacity of the banking supervision department through advisor assisted, on site bank inspections in a select number of banks; (3) improves the off-site information system; (4) strengthens the links between off-site analyses with on-site inspection efforts and incorporate relevant legal and regulatory changes within these supervisory functions; (5) assists in strengthening legal framework for prompt corrective actions concerning undercapitalized banks, including court actions initiated by the NBT; (6) coordinates legal and regulatory reform efforts with the other USAID legal advisors; and (7) provides training to the commercial banking sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	220,316
Economic and Business Education (EdNet)	Economic and Business Education project (EdNet) focuses administrative and academic efforts in four primary areas: (1) improving teaching by helping professors learn new content and new skills; (2) improving university administration understanding of international standards; (3) supporting the establishment of mechanisms for accreditation under international academic standards; and (4) providing resources to member institutions to support their efforts in improving quality in business and economic education in Central Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	Business Services & Training	304,041
Enterprise Development	In Tajikistan, the Business Development Services component provides small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with targeted consulting services, to assess their businesses and help to build a strategy to resolve identified challenges. The Regional Trade Promotion (RTP) component assists the economic development of Central Asia through increased SME trade. RTP is an Internet-based marketplace that links buyers and sellers in Central Asia with each other and with the global market. Through this link, Central Asian companies will have regional and international exposure for their products; access to a broader, more competitive supply base; links to general information related to trade in the various regions served; and opportunities to compete for business with specific buyers requesting products and services. The Business Training component prepares businesses to succeed in a competitive environment. The Customized Training component is designed for specific corporate/industry needs based on business advisors' assessment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	Export Promotion	513,000
		Business Services & Training	570,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	57,000
		Activity Total	1,140,000

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Fiscal Reform	Fiscal Reform in Tajikistan works to improve the ability of the Ministry of Revenues to collect revenues by implementing transparent processes for collecting taxpayer data and develop improvements to the tax code that would foster greater tax compliance through simplification. The broad areas of this assistance are targeted at improving tax administration, the Tax Code and skills of the Ministry of Revenues staff. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	55,493
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	2,921
		Activity Total	58,414
Junior Achievement	Junior Achievement activities focused on improvement of business education at high schools in Tajikistan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	Business Services & Training	50,000
Trade Facilitation and Investment	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 effectively, consistently, and transparently 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 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 and cooperation between customs and tax authorities within and among the Central Asian countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	WTO Accession	367,500
		Customs Operation & Administration	157,500
		Export Promotion	157,500
		Business Services & Training	105,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	262,500
		Activity Total	1,050,000
Total FY03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Tajikistan			2,822,771