

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

<b>Activity Title</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>TCB Category</b>	<b>FY 03 Total</b>
<b>Capacity Building in Social Insurance in Vietnam</b>	The project aims to increase the capacity of the Vietnam Ministry of Labor and the coordinating agencies to reform the social insurance system effectively. Activities include: (1) Providing general training to the Vietnam partner organizations on general and administrative principles of social insurance; (2) Conducting training workshops, seminars, and study tours on the following five curriculum topics: general and administrative principles of social insurance, legislative design, strategic planning, policy analysis, and public awareness; and (3) Developing a special skills team for each curriculum topic. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Information and Communication Technology</b>	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency is inviting officials from Vietnam's leading communications and data firms to the United States to meet with U.S. sources of supply for numerous planned e-commerce development projects. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200330020A)	E-Commerce & IT	<b>125,750</b>
<b>Support for Industrial Parks: GE Energy Rentals</b>	This project will provide electric power to businesses in the Phu My Industrial Park. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>495,422</b>
<b>Support to Trade Acceleration (STAR) Program</b>	The program aims at supporting the Government of Vietnam (GVN)'s efforts to undertake trade and investment reforms consistent with its commitments under the U.S.- Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). Many of these commitments reflect the internationally recognized rules and procedures under the WTO. The STAR program is provides 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 underpinning such changes, to build public support for such reforms, and to help training those involved in the BTA implementation; (3) study tours carefully targeted to advance priority reforms; and (4) publication and translation of key reference materials. This technical assistance will help build human and institutional capacity of the GVN to benefit more from international rule-based trade, and support. Funded and implemented by USAID/Vietnam.	WTO Awareness	300,000
		WTO Accession	300,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	2,400,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Trade and Law Exchange and Partnership Program</b>	This Cooperative Agreement aims at assisting the Government of Vietnam (GVN) in the implementation of the U.S. Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with particular focus on the BTA commitments related to WTO disciplines and international best practices that are important for overall international economic integration, including WTO accession. Specifically, the program aims to promote vibrant public-private partnerships and provide GVN's officials with the key tools and expertise needed to make policy decisions crucial to the BTA implementation. The program's technical assistance is delivered through the organization of study tours designed to link GVN's policy makers and lawmakers with appropriate U.S. Government counterparts 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. In 2003, the program has planned to organize a workshop on the accession to the International Convention on Settlement of Investment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Vietnam.	WTO Awareness	90,000
		WTO Accession	45,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	315,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>450,000</b>

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<b>Vietnam 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, four Vietnamese attended training on biotechnology research, management and policy. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>11,540</b>
<b>Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative (VNCI)</b>	The Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative (VNCI) is a three-year comprehensive program to support Vietnam's indigenous private sector. This new initiative will focus on: (1) improving the enabling environment for the private sector by promoting small and medium enterprises (SME)-supportive policies and regulations in such areas as land and taxation; (2) increasing the capacity of the private sector through improved management skills, increased access to technology and other services, and strengthened business associations; and (3) improving access to credit. The primary target groups for SME development and growth are private SMEs in export-oriented sectors (such as software, industrial processing, leather products, fruits, and ceramics) in secondary cities and towns over the country. The program is designed with a set of instruments such as policy dialogues, training and business association linkages, information and communication technology (ICT)-based business development networks and guarantee facilities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Vietnam.	Export Promotion	300,000
		Business Services & Training	400,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	1,300,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
<b>Vietnam Employment Service Center Project</b>	This project aims to improve the job placement rates of ten Employment Service Centers targeted for assistance. Activities include: (1) Establishing an Internet-based, computerized job information system to link the local labor markets of the targeted Centers, and train staff in its use; (2) Establishing management/staff training plans for each Center and train staff in the following areas: employer outreach, job interviewing, vocational counseling, cooperation with training institutions, public awareness, personnel management, and human resource development; and (3) Developing a strategic management system for each Center to monitor its performance, with goals and targets regarding operational costs, revenues, job applicants, job announcements, training referrals, and job placements. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Vietnam Supermarket Training</b>	United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducted supermarket management training for approximately 100 Vietnamese supermarket managers and owners. The training focused on best management practices in the global supermarket industry. Such training helps facilitate additional trade in food products. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>110,356</b>
<b>Total FY 03 USG Trade Capacity Building to Vietnam</b>			<b>7,293,068</b>