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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
Afghan National Innovation & Competitiveness Program	This activity will the following objectives: (1) To create and increase the capacity of the National Innovation and Competitiveness Unit to coordinate the activities of public sector, private sector, and donor/NGOs to improve the competitiveness of the Afghan economy; (2) To create competitive business strategies for three key industry clusters and two cross-cluster initiatives during the two-year engagement; (3) To improve the professionalism and sustainability of cluster groups, this project will facilitate all major cluster and cross-cluster meetings during the 2 year project; and (4) To improve the competitiveness debate in Afghanistan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Business Services & Training	1,250,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	1,250,000
		Activity Total	2,500,000
Afghanistan Economic Governance Program	The activity aims to support the development strategy of the Government of Afghanistan to implement key sector policy reforms and promote a competitive economy by establishing: (1) Fiscal Sector Reforms--a sound macroeconomic policy framework--a robust revenue and expenditure management system (focusing on customs operations and administration), (2) Banking Sector Reforms--a well functioning central bank promoting a healthy and modern banking system, (3) Trade Sector Reforms--an economic policy environment that promotes the private sector and removes constraints on business activity--a competitive open economy that promotes market institutions, and (4) Legal and Regulatory Sector Reforms--a market oriented commercial law regime with effective institutional framework for protection of property rights and enforcement of contracts--a legal and regulatory framework for public utilities that promotes private sector participation. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	WTO Awareness	270,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	14,850,000
		Business Services & Training	540,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	540,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	8,100,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	2,700,000
		Activity Total	27,000,000
Private Sector Development Through Creation of Business Associations	The activity aims to (1) create and build the capacity of the Afghan International Chamber of Commerce, a consortium of business associations, designed to enhance private sector development, (2) increase the capacity of Afghanistan's other private sector business associations to play a role in public policy advocacy on all levels of government, (3) improve the professionalism and sustainability of national, provincial and local business associations and other civil society groups to provide a sound foundation for policy dialogue, investment promotion, and economic development, and (4) improve public access to economic information affecting policy debate through the creation and translation of publications and improved media coverage of business association initiatives and economic policy issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Business Services & Training	1,200,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	200,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	200,000
		Other Services Development	200,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	200,000
		Activity Total	2,000,000
Rebuilding Agriculture 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. Rural Finance: Leasing/Finance Agency Bank Interventions (LOCs, guarantees, training) Equity Fund for Agro-business. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Export Promotion	1,450,000
		Business Services & Training	2,175,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	10,875,000
		Activity Total	14,500,000

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Revitalizing Industrial Parks	This project focuses on Industrial Estate Development through provision of key infrastructure at three pilot sites (Kabul, Kandahar, Mazar) to provide developed land to investors to set up their industries. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Physical Infrastructure Development	10,000,000
Support for Kabul-Kandahar Road	The project involves insuring equipment used to the build the Kabul-Kandahar road and other construction projects. Contractor involved was ARC Construction Company LLC. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Physical Infrastructure Development	235,695
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance-Budget Program	The Budget Team from the Treasury Department is providing advisors to the Government of Afghanistan to assist in managing budget inflows and outflows. 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/IATA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	179,277
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance-Government-Debt Program	The Government Debt Team from the Treasury Department is providing advisors to help the Government of Afghanistan to improve its strategic debt management, leading to more prudent fiscal policies, an expanded its financial sector, and the enabling environment for international trade. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/IATA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	853,384
Vocational Training for Vulnerable Afghans	The goal of this project is to improve the economic well-being of vulnerable Afghans. Activities include job skills training, apprenticeships, and micro-enterprise development training. Seventy percent of project graduates are now employed in jobs that pay 50 percent more than the average Afghani wage. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	400,000
Total FY04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Afghanistan			57,668,356