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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
Amendment to Dominican Rep. Timebound Project to include Trafficking	Provides capacity to governments to adhere to internationally accepted labor standards, including freedom from child labor, which is a requirement for receipt of U.S. trade benefits. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	900,000
Civil Society Outreach	USAID/Dominican Republic provided assistance to the Secretariat of Industry and Commerce was for: (1) the preparations for the first negotiating round of the DR-CAFTA agreement in the DR; (2) evaluation and recommendations to improve the State Secretariat of Industry and Commerce's (SEIC) internet site on the DR-US FTA; (3) assistance to SEIC in organizing and financing the participation of nine media representatives during the second negotiating round in Puerto Rico in February of 2004; (4) assistance to SEIC in the development, revision and publishing of documents, pamphlets, information materials and an interactive CD on the DR-US FTA; and (5) assistance to SEIC in the development and execution of several workshops and information sessions on the DR-US FTA with members of the Dominican negotiating team in different parts of the country. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	200,000
Competitive Strategy and Action Plan for Mango Exports	A market study for the Eastern U.S. will be performed to provide the basis for developing a competitive strategy for Dominican mangoes in the U.S. market from which an Action Plan will be developed. This will assist the Dominican exporters to identify specific geographic targets in the U.S. and buyers in those markets. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Export Promotion	110,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	110,000
		Activity Total	220,000
Cumple Y Gana	The goals of this project are (1) Increase understanding of target audience in each country about national labor laws and norms (2) More effective and reliable Labor Ministry Inspection Systems to enforce labor laws (3) Increase and improve use of conciliation and mediation by the Ministries of Labor and (4) Increase knowledge among interested parties of conciliation and mediation. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	1,121,654
Energy Sector Reform	Following recommendations of the Analysis of the Sustainability of the Electrical Power Sector of the Dominican Republic, USAID will fund technical assistance to improve policies for increased sustainability of power sector reforms thus enhancing the country's competitiveness and trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Physical Infrastructure Development	200,000

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Evaluation of the Dominican Republics Meat Regulations	This activity will evaluate Dominican Republic regulations for slaughterhouse and meat processing plant activities and the Meat Inspection and recommend changes that will provide equivalency to U.S. regulations to the Dominican Republic legal framework. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	26,000
Export Growth Sector Analysis	The sectors that have served as leading growth sectors over the last 15 years, such as textiles, are maturing. There is a need to identify and promote new growth sectors. The Dominican Republic is fortunate to have several sectors which appear to have rapid growth potential such as, optical, technical, medical apparatus, electrical, electronic equipment and information communication technology. USAID is assisting the public/private sectors to examine the opportunities for and constraints on the Dominican Republic's competitiveness in these sectors and where appropriate, recommend a strategy with specific initiatives to resolve near-term barriers. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Export Promotion	150,000
Implementation of Competitive Strategy & Action Plan for Export Perishable	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/DR is providing assistance to help implement such strategy and action plan. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Export Promotion	200,000
Regional Training on E-Commerce	USAID/Dominican Republic is providing funding for five Dominicans to attend a regional seminar on the use of E-Commerce to Promote Exports Under CAFTA that will be conducted in El Salvador during September 20 to 24, 2004. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	E-Commerce & IT	7,000
Regional Training on Technical Barriers to Trade	USAID sponsored five Dominicans to attend a regional seminar on Technical Barriers to Trade that was conducted in Costa Rica on September 6 to 10. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on TBT	7,000
Rural Electrification	USAID is assisting the Dominican Republic implement the National Rural Electrification Plan through public/private 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	250,000

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TA and Workshop on Rules of Origin for DR-CAFTA Negotiations	USAID provided a consultant that assisted the Dominican Republic team. He provided assistance on rules of origin in relation to the DR-CAFTA. He also provided two workshops: one at the State Secretariat of Industry and Commerce (SEIC) on January 20 during 6 hours to 20 people and another at the State Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SEREX) on March 2 and 3 for a total of 9 hours to 37 people. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	40,000
TA for Commercial Arbitration and Intellectual Property Rights	With USAID support, the Foundation for Institutionality and Justice (FINJUS) provides support for commercial arbitration and intellectual property rights to make local laws compliant with TRIPS. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on TRIPs	15,000
TA in Government Procurement	USAID is working with local stakeholders and the Inter-American Development Bank to pass legislation that will make government procurement comply with FTAA standards. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on Gov't Procurement	5,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	5,000
		Activity Total	10,000
TA on Administration of Trade Agreements	USAID is providing a consultant to the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Dominican Republic to design a system for the administration of trade agreements. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Other Trade Facilitation	54,000
TA on Analysis of Trade and Tourism	USAID is providing TA to the government of the Dominican Republic to increase the participation of the tourism private sector in the trade negotiations of tourism services. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Tourism Sector Development	21,000
TA on CAFTA Experience in IPR for DR-CAFTA Negotiations	USAID funded a workshop about the CAFTA experience in Intellectual Property Rights for the DR-CAFTA negotiation on March 3, 2004. There were 21 participants. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on TRIPs	2,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	2,000
		Activity Title	4,000
TA on CAFTA Transition and Implementation	USAID is providing technical assistance to the government of the Dominican Republic to prepare for the transition and implementation stages of the DR-CAFTA. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	144,000
TA on CAFTA experience in Market Access for DR-CAFTA Negotiations	USAID provided a consultant to assist the Government of the Dominican Republic in analyzing the market access proposals in the DR-CAFTA negotiations. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	35,000

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TA on Competition Policy	USAID provided a consultant to the government of the Dominican Republic to provide assistance reviewing law proposals and drafting a document on Institutional Development of a Competition Policy in the Dominican Republic. The consultant also assisted the government in promoting and discussing the proposed legislation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	40,000
TA on Custom Trade Databases	USAID is providing technical assistance to the government of the Dominican Republic, specifically the Customs Department, in organizing trade statistics to improve their accuracy, consistency and presentation. This will allow the Dominican Republic to comply with WTO notifications and with transparency requirements of the DR-CAFTA. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Customs Operation & Administration	23,000
TA on Database Management for DR-CAFTA Negotiations	USAID provided a local consultant to provide assistance on the management of a database on trade and the tariff code to compare the USA code with the Dominican Republic code at the 8 digit level. The consultant also facilitated the analysis of alternative scenarios. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	50,000
TA on Dispute Settlement for DR-CAFTA Negotiations	USAID provided a consultant to assist the negotiating team regarding how to present alternative dispute settlement mechanisms in the DR-CAFTA negotiations. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on Disputes Settlement	17,500
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	17,500
		Activity Title	35,000
TA on Experience in Investment and Services for DR-CAFTA Negotiations	USAID is providing TA to the Dominican Republic by having consultants to share the experience of various countries in Investment and Services. One consultant provided the experience of Mexico on investments and services in NAFTA. Another consultant presented the experience of Chile in the USA-Chile FTA and provided training and guidelines to the Dominican Republic negotiating team. (His time was donated by the Government of Chile, while USAID paid for his travel associated costs.) Another consultant discussed the investments and services experience of CAFTA with both the private and official sector. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	44,000
TA on International Arbitration	USAID provided a consultant to assist the government of the Dominican Republic. He drafted proposed regulation on a national law on international arbitration. This draft incorporated the modern concepts accepted by the international community. He also assisted the negotiating team in analyzing alternatives to be incorporated in the DR-CAFTA negotiations. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	55,000

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TA on Technical Trade Barriers for DR-CAFTA Negotiations	USAID provided assistance on the relevant aspects of technical trade barriers to the USA-DR FTA. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	30,000
TA on U.S. Procurement System for DR-CAFTA Negotiations	USAID provided a consultant to assist the Government of the Dominican Republic by helping them understand the U.S. Government's procurement systems. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on Gov't Procurement	25,000
TA to Coffee Sector Competitive Enhancement	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. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	42,000
TA to Design a Customs Reform Project	This TA will assist the government of the Dominican Republic, specifically the Customs Department, in designing a project to reform Customs. The project paper would then be used by the government of the Dominican Republic to seek financing from other institutions, mainly the multilateral lending agencies as Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Customs Operation & Administration	48,000
TA to Design a Documentation Center on Trade	This TA will assist the government of the Dominican Republic in designing a trade documentation center located at the State Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SEREX). This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	19,000
TA to Evaluate Meat Testing Labs	USAID is providing TA to evaluate a national laboratory for competency in conducting testing for chemical residues and microbiological contaminants of meats. This activity will evaluate a national laboratory for microbiological contaminant and pathology testing of meat products that could be upgraded for accreditation by ISO 17025. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	61,000
TA to Evaluate Pesticide Residue Testing Laboratory	This activity will provide the Phase I evaluation of the infrastructure, personnel, and funding of two national pesticide laboratories for their ability to meet the needs of the export agricultural community to meet the requirements of international markets for food safety. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on SPS	10,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	10,000
		Activity Total	20,000

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TA to Implement a Transparent System for Trade in Services	USAID is providing TA to assist the government of the Dominican Republic in establishing a transparent system for trade in services. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	General Agreement on Trade in Services	28,000
		Other Services Development	28,000
		Activity Title	56,000
TA to Implement a Virtual System of Information for Investments	USAID is providing TA to assist the government of the Dominican Republic to establish a virtual system of information for investments. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	E-Commerce & IT	61,000
TA to Strengthen the Financial Sector	The USAID Fiscal Reform project is assisting the Dominican Republic to strengthen its financial sector. We are 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. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	500,000
TA to Tourism Clusters	USAID/Dominican Republic is providing assistance in the design and implementation of competitive strategies and action plans for multiple tourism and eco-tourism clusters, including LR-Bayahibe, Puerto Plata, La Vega, Barahona, Punta Cana, and Samana. These activities contribute to developing trade capacity in tourism services in the Dominican Republic. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Tourism Sector Development	646,000
TA to the Dominican Republics Trade Negotiations Committee	USAID is assisting and training all the member institutions of the Dominican Republics Trade Negotiations Committee on how to prepare notifications under the WTO agreements as well as other bilateral and regional trade agreements. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	WTO Awareness	23,000
TA to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	A principal focus of the USAID/Dominican Republic 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	1,000,000

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Textile Sector Adjustment	The upcoming elimination of marketing quotas in the textile and apparel international market will have a far-reaching impact on the textile and apparel industry worldwide. There is special concern in the Dominican Republic where apparel exports are approximately 50 of total exports and the sector employees 140,000 workers. A study in 2003 suggested that the industry could lose up to 39 of its exports and more than 46,000 jobs. As a result of the devaluation of the Dominican peso over the last year there is a belief that the industry is more competitive. Likewise, the CAFTA trade agreement terms are known and the Chinese currency is under pressure to be appreciated. Given the importance of the sector USAID is assisting the public and private sectors to analyze the potential of the sector and recommend actions to improve competitiveness. In addition, USAID will provide assistance to help the small and medium sized firms to adjust to the new trade environment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Export Promotion	100,000
		Business Services & Training	100,000
		Activity Title	200,000
Training Pesticide Application Trainers	Design and implement an integrated program for the State Secretariat for Agriculture (SEA) for pesticide application education, supervision and regulation of the export fruit and vegetable industry with internet access to a current Spanish language version of U.S. pesticide regulations of the U.S. and with the technical and logistical capacity to reach all farmers with a long term, sustainable integrated pest management (IPM) program that includes a program of continuous training and testing of the pesticide application trainers to assure the quality of the educational program. The technical assistance sought would be to support such a program by providing "train the trainer" education to the IPM and SEA technicians currently responsible for pesticide outreach in the export fruit and vegetable production industry. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on SPS	43,500
		Trade-Related Agriculture	43,500
		Activity Title	87,000
Training and Capacity Building on U.S. Bio-Terrorism Legislation	USAID sponsored a hands-on workshop addressing U.S. Bio-Terrorism Legislation in December 2004. Topics included the registration of food handling facilities, prior notice, detention, and record-keeping. There were approximately 120 participants and a second training for record keeping will be conducted in September 2004. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on SPS	28,000
Training in Food Safety in Slaughterhouses	Provide training on the U.S. laws and regulations controlling slaughterhouse and meat processing operations for the processing of meats for exports and inspections of such operations. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	9,000
Training in Fruit Fly Control	This training will provide the Dominican Republic with the technical competency needed for a program to monitor, detect and identify newly introduced exotic fruit fly pests. This would enable the Dominican Republic to more quickly react to the introduction of such pests for their control and thereby provide some protection to the agricultural sector in the Dominican Republic from exotic fruit fly pests. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	14,000

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Training in Meat Inspection	Provide training needed to establish a national Meat Inspection Program with equivalency in standards and procedures to those of the U.S. Meat Inspection Program. Included training on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOPs). This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	24,000
Training in Pest Risk Assessment	USAID is providing TA in pest risk assessment. The use of a pest risk assessment when considering requests for imports of plant materials will provide a scientific-based decision-making tool for the government of the Dominican Republic that will serve to protect the Dominican Republic's agricultural sector from the importation of exotic pests. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	26,000
Training in U.S. Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) Act	This activity will provide Dominican exporters with training regarding the Perishable Agricultural Commodity Act (PACA) of the U.S., including the requirements and mechanism of the PACA trust, protection of foreign exporters from nonpayment by U.S. buyers, the characteristics of those cases where PACA is not an alternative for debt recovery, and alternative forms of legal recourse when PACA is not an option. Additionally, the consultant will discuss protection from bad debt in the Canadian legal system for Dominican suppliers of perishable fruits and vegetables to Canadian importers. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Agreement on SPS	1,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	1,000
		Activity Total	2,000
Total FY04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Dominican Republic			6,772,654