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<b>Activity Title</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>TCB Category</b>	<b>FY 04 Total</b>
<b>Biotechnology Funding for Inter-American Inst. for Coop. in Agriculture</b>	The office of International Cooperation and Development (USDA/FAS/ICD) in the Foreign Agricultural Service (a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture) supported biotechnology unit funding for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) outreach through Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA). This will help facilitate agricultural trade and development by helping enhance Latin American and Caribbean country capacities to satisfy CPB standards. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>160,000</b>
<b>Caribbean-Central American Action Port Security Alliance</b>	Failure of ports, vessels and companies engaged in international commerce to comply with international port security standards could result in fines and interruption of commerce. Lack of enforcement of these standards could have an adverse effect on free trade and harm the economies of the Caribbean Basin. This alliance will seek to maintain uninterrupted maritime trade. Funded by USAID/GDA and implemented by USAID/Haiti.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Combating Child Labor Through Education in Central America and the D.R.</b>	Provides capacity to governments to adhere to internationally recognized 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	<b>5,500,000</b>
<b>Developing business information for export and import markets</b>	Assistance in the development of the Market Information Network of the Americas, which facilitates the dissemination of market information to all countries in the Americas, including the Caribbean. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/AMS.	Export Promotion	180,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	90,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	30,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Drafting Commercial Codes for Food Crop Production</b>	Develop standards to facilitate international trade of fresh, processed, dry and dried produce (fruits and nuts) through Codex Alimentarius and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Over the year in review eight new standards were developed and fifteen are ongoing development. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/AMS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>189,000</b>
<b>E-business fellowships</b>	Training for 10-20 business professionals per year to learn best practices in e-business technology methods from U.S. companies. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Commerce.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>241,000</b>

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<b>Farmer-to-Farmer, Capacity Building Activity on Agricultural Biotechnology</b>	The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Services office for International Cooperation and Development (USDA/FAS/ICD) in collaboration with Cornell University and Zamorano University hosted a Latin America Biotechnology Farmer-to-Farmer Workshop in Honduras August 16 - 19, 2004 for farmers and farm-leaders from 15 Latin American countries. The main objective was to discuss the risks and benefits of agricultural biotechnology and the role farmers' play in promoting the understanding and adoption of agricultural biotechnology in their countries. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>126,000</b>
<b>Fifth Latin American Symposium for Food Science</b>	U.S. support to a major food science forum with speakers from Europe, the United States, Latin America and FAO lectures on food additives, generally recognized as safe (GRAS) principles, food packaging and contact substances, and the legal framework, organized by the State University of Campinas in Brazil. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	<b>6,420</b>
<b>Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Manuals on Web - JIFSAN</b>	Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFAN) web page provides downloadable good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) manuals in English and Spanish. On the web at <a href="http://www.jifsan.umd.edu/gaps.html">http://www.jifsan.umd.edu/gaps.html</a> . Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture Marketing Reports</b>	The office for International Cooperation and Development, part of the Foreign Agricultural Service (an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture or USDA) coordinated funds from the Agricultural Marketing Service (another agency with USDA) to help member countries standardize marketing reporting systems, which enhances trade related agricultural development by allowing for market-by-market comparisons. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>220,000</b>
<b>Meeting on Document Requirements under Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</b>	The Trade and Investment Program entered into a partnership (known as a cost reimbursable) with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). The first event under this partnership was in Argentina. IICA arranged a conference on common documentation for the trade in bulk commodities under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) (based on U.S.-Canada-Mexico agreement). The objective of the conference was to ensure that trade in the region is not impeded among Western Hemisphere countries based on documentation requirements under the CPB. February 3-4, 2004. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>40,000</b>

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<b>Pan America Institute of Highways</b>	One of the larger projects that the Pan-American Institute of Highways (PIH) has collaborated with great success has been the project denominated Geographic Information Systems (GIS). This project was developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the Maritime Administration (MARAD), the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), in response to the disaster caused by hurricane Mitch Honduras and Nicaragua. The final phase of the project was the training in a GIS program by professionals from the United States Maritime Administration. The Border Technology Exchange Program (BTEP) was created in 1994 to provide opportunities for sharing transportation information and technology among the U.S. border States and their counterparts in Mexico. The BTEP is designed to enhance and expand the bi-national working relationships of the border State Department of Transportation. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Pan American Network of Drug Regulatory Harmonization (PANDRH)</b>	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) participates in the Pan American Health Organizations (PAHO) Pan American Network for Drug Regulatory Harmonization (PANDRH). PANDRH is an initiative to support the processes of drug regulatory harmonization throughout the Americas. Its mission is to promote drug regulatory harmonization for all aspects of quality safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical products as a contribution to the quality of life and health care of the citizens of the member country of the Americas. Through working groups --e.g., good manufacturing practices (GMPs), bioequivalence, good clinical practices (GCPs)-- PANDRH is providing training, examining existing regulations, identifying differences and setting up action plans for collaboration between countries to developing harmonized instruments for drug regulations. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on TBT	<b>72,000</b>
<b>Rapid Response Mechanism</b>	This activity seeks to assist countries to prepare for free trade agreements (FTAA, CAFTA, Andean FTA, bilateral FTAs - including U.S.-Panama FTA). The focus of this activity is on civil society outreach and improving consultative mechanisms for civil society input to formulation of a government's trade negotiating positions. Funded and implemented by USAID/LAC.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>2,200,000</b>
<b>Support for Eco-tourism Development</b>	The project involves the formation of Amerindia International, Inc., which seeks to offer the first one-stop shop for upscale eco-tourism and active travel to Latin America. Amerindia's target destinations include internationally branded products such as Machu Picchu in Peru, the coral reefs and rainforests in Belize, and Patagonia in Argentina. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Tourism Sector Development	<b>1,279,590</b>

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<b>Support to Trade Unit at the Organization of American States</b>	Funding to help maintain the official Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) website that ensures secure document distribution among FTAA participating countries, and assist developing countries in the Hemisphere to refine their national or regional TCB strategies and hold regional seminars to implement them. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>350,000</b>
<b>Trade Facilitation</b>	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology, (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills, and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	E-Commerce & IT	350,700
		Business Services & Training	701,400
		Tourism Sector Development	350,700
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>1,402,800</b>
<b>WTO/SPS Participation by IICA Member Countries</b>	The office of International Cooperation and Development (USDA/FAS/ICD) of the Foreign Agriculture Service (part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture) mobilized resources to support greater Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) member involvement within the WTO on SPS issues. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Total FY 04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to LAC NS</b>			<b>15,796,810</b>