

*United States Government*  
**2004 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)**  
**SOUTHERN ASIA NS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
<b>ASEAN Competition Policy Enforcement Development</b>	The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) are providing technical assistance to develop a more coherent regional competition policy that will reinforce ASEAN integration, improved commercial law systems that contribute to greater international trade and investment in ASEAN and legal and regulatory practices consistent with international norms and broader U.S. interests. This assistance has primarily taken the form of regional seminars in which FTC and DOJ career staff transfer their practical skills with ASEAN member countries. The program enhances these authorities' ability to take action against anticompetitive practices that inhibit trade and investment as well as harm domestic consumer welfare. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Federal Trade Commission/ITA.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	<b>34,000</b>
<b>Labor Rights in the Global Economy</b>	Support to the Southeast Asia Labor Network on International Financial Institutions (ALNI), to promote labor rights. Activities conducted by the Solderarity Center, a U.S. nongovernmental organization. Funded and implemented by USAID/DCHA.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>56,400</b>
<b>South Asia Free Trade Area Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops</b>	The objective of the proposed South Asia Free Trade Area (SAFTA) Stakeholder Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops is to support trade liberalization within South Asia so as to accelerate regional economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction and to promote political and economic cooperation. There will be three phases involving consultations in the region, preparations of international and country-specific papers, and an orientation workshop and a final regional conference involving participants from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), public and private sector, USG agencies, and/or other donors. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>200,000</b>
<b>South Asia Seminar on Navigating Export Requirements in a Global Market</b>	The two day seminar on Navigating Export Requirements in a Global Market took place in Kathmandu, Nepal. The seminar was for public and private sector participants from three South Asian LDCs: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal. This 'hands on' seminar helped participants gain a better understanding of the market requirements their products will have to meet to compete globally in the context of the Multi-Fiber Agreement phase-out on December 31, 2004. The seminar touched on such topics as market research, international distribution channels, and trade rules and regulations (GSP, SPS, customs, IPR). The seminar was co-sponsored by U.S. Agency for International Development and United States Trade Representative (USTR), along with the Department of Agriculture/APHIS, Department of Commerce/ITA, U.S. Patent and Trademarks Office, and the U.S. Embassy. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Agreement on SPS	19,621
		Agreement on TBT	9,810
		Agreement on Anti-Dumping	9,810
		Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	9,810
		Agreement on Rules of Origin	9,810
		Agreement on TRIPs	9,810
		Customs Operation & Administration	9,810
		Export Promotion	49,052
		Business Services & Training	49,052
		Governance/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	19,621
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>196,207</b>
<b>Total FY04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Southern Asia NS</b>			<b>486,607</b>