

United States Government
2004 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
WESTERN AFRICA NS

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
Amendment to Western and Central Africa Child Trafficking Project	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	5,000,000
Cotton	This activity is designed to assist West African countries improve their capacity to produce and export cotton. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Trade-Related Agriculture	499,388
ECOTrade	The ECOTRADE project seeks to assist the 15-country Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) complete its Common External Tariff, a key component of the ECOWAS Customs Union. The Common External Tariff and the Free Trade Area were both agreed to by the ECOWAS Heads of State in 1975, and again in 1993. A Common External Tariff implies that all goods entering into the customs territory of any ECOWAS country will be assessed the same rate of customs duty. Countries that are not members of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (Cape Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone) are eligible to participate in this project. Anticipated results of this project are a freer flow of goods throughout the West African region, improved understanding of the relationship between customs, tariff revenue and trade development, elimination of tariff escalation and improved capacity to formulate trade policy, and harmonized trade policies throughout the region. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	102,820
Growth through Engendering Enterprise in ECOWAS Countries (ECOGEE)	The Growth through Engendering Enterprise in ECOWAS Countries (ECOGEE) project supports West African women's efforts to overcome barriers to business development and regional trade. Begun in September 2002, ECOGEE is a collaboration among West African women's groups, partners such as the West African International Business Linkages program (WAIBL), and the West African Businesswomen's Network (WABNET). The results of this activity are to increase the capacity of West African Businesswomen to conduct business, freer flow of goods throughout the West African region, fewer difficulties for women to engage in income generating activities, and enhanced regional women's networking. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Business Services & Training	66,833
		Other Trade Facilitation	30,846
		Financial Sector Development & Good Governance	5,141
		Activity Total	102,820
Regional Market Information System	The purpose of the Regional Market Information System project is to educate West African traders, producers, and consumers about agricultural markets. Lack of understanding of agricultural markets is a significant barrier to trade. A better understanding of markets will lead to informed decision making, resulting in higher profits for producers and traders as well as lower prices for consumers. The end goal of this activity is increased trade in agricultural products and trade based food security, by providing commercially relevant and timely information to those involved in cross-border trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	E-Commerce & IT	1,673,416
		Trade-Related Agriculture	2,510,123
		Activity Total	4,183,539

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TCB Activity Support	This activity relates to providing appropriate supervision, technical assistance, and support to Trade Capacity Building activities in West Africa. The USAID Regional Mission for West Africa supports a diverse range of TCB activities, including the West African Trade Hub, with the goals of promoting intra-regional economic integration and fostering extra-regional trade linkages. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	WTO Awareness	27,700
		Agreement on SPS	27,700
		E-Commerce & IT	249,300
		Export Promotion	124,650
		Business Services & Training	124,650
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	13,850
		Other Trade Facilitation	263,150
		Physical Infrastructure Development	41,550
		Trade-Related Agriculture	373,950
		Other Services Development	138,500
	Activity Total	1,385,000	
West African Gas Pipeline	The West African Gas Pipeline (WAGP) is a project to construct a 630 km pipeline that will deliver the methane component of Nigerian gas to Ghana, Togo, and Benin. The pipeline will allow countries access to cleaner and cheaper gas, facilitating economic growth through access to cheaper energy. USAID/WARP contributes to this effort by providing technical assistance to the Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS), involved states, and the private developer consortium. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Physical Infrastructure Development	300,000
West African International Business Linkages (WAIBL)	The West African International Business Linkages (WAIBL) project develops and facilitates trade links between West African and North American businesses. The project also facilitates the financing of business opportunities by connecting West African businesses to commercial banks and relevant U.S. Government entities, such as the Export-Import Bank. The WAIBL project began in 1998 and has supported transactions in the agriculture, shea butter, textile, infrastructure, information technology, jewelry, and finance sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	E-Commerce & IT	50,000
		Export Promotion	125,000
		Business Services & Training	75,000
		Activity Total	250,000

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West African Power Pool	The purpose of the power pool is to provide a reliable and competitively priced supply of energy in the region, promote energy trade, and promote investment in the sector. This activity supports the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to address the legal, fiscal, administrative, management, and technical issues necessary for the power pools creation and development. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	Other Services Development	890,000
West African Trade Hub	The West African Trade Hub opened in 2003. The objective of Hub, headquartered in Accra, Ghana, is to encourage West African businesses to take advantage of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and to develop capacity for better engagement in the multilateral trading system. The Hub activities support four key areas: trade capacity building, AGOA export development, AGOA support services, and information dissemination. Funded and implemented by USAID/WARP.	WTO Awareness	180,010
		Agreement on SPS	180,010
		Export Promotion	720,042
		Business Services & Training	720,042
		Other Trade Facilitation	1,800,105
		Activity Total	3,600,209
Total FY04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Western Africa ns			16,313,776