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CENTRAL AMERICANS

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Addendum Combating Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children - Central America	This project 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	4,966,817
Agricultural Information and Statistics Harmonization in Central America	The Central America Agricultural Information Statistics Harmonization Program (APPI) current work plan being implemented involves Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. The primary harmonization product being developed is a Regional Crop/Livestock Condition and Progress Bulletin, providing timely information on crop and livestock condition in each of the countries. The regional work plan also involves pilot activities identified and prioritized by each country to strengthen institutional technical capacity for improving statistical and survey capabilities related to agricultural area and production information, agricultural prices (farm gate) and rural income. The work plan emphasis is on supporting counterpart agencies redeployment of existing human and financial resources to rationalize and strengthen the pilot activities taking place under this program. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	325,000
Aid to Artisans, Handicraft Export Promotion	This activity is aimed at promoting exports of handicrafts through linkages to product developers, attendance at trade fairs, and access to business services. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/PR.	Export Promotion	125,000
		Business Services & Training	125,000
		Activity Total	250,000
CAFTA Trade and Commercial Assessment (Seldon) - G-CAP funded	This activity conducted one trade and law assessment in Central America in the fall of 2004, and then put on a workshop/simulation in Guatemala City in January 2005. Follow on work is expected to take place. The project assesses trade and commercial laws and institutions through studies, short visits, and round tables to discuss results at the national and regional levels. The CAFTA Trade and Commercial Assessment analyzes laws, systems and networks from the following perspectives: framework laws, implementing institutions, supporting institutions, and social dynamics. The regional scope allows intra-regional and subject matter comparisons of commercial legal frameworks and associated institutions. Expected results include: (1) better understanding of constraints that hamper growth within countries (2) prioritized recommendations on strengthening the environment for trade and economic growth and (3) participatory discussions, at the national and the regional level. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	Customs Operation & Administration	50,000
		Business Services & Training	100,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	100,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	250,000
		Activity Total	500,000

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Economic Prosperity for the Central American Region	Under the Regional Strategy for Central America and Mexico (CAM), the USAID E-CAM Regional Program will provide TCB to improve the capacity to negotiate and implement trade agreements to reduce barriers to trade, investment and market integration and to develop commercial laws and regulations more consistent with international commitments and prevailing practice. To this end, E-CAM will provide assistance to support public-private dialogue on the Central American and Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) to implement it and other trade agreements, and to address bottlenecks or policy analysis needs. The program will also provide TA and training for compliance with CAFTA requirements, for customs union and trade facilitation, for harmonization of product norms, standards, measurements and commercial codes, to support private certification of sustainable and environmentally friendly products and for capacity building for meeting sanitary, phyto-sanitary (SPS), and food safety standards. In addition, the program will provide support for the revision, harmonization and distribution of commercial codes, laws and regulations, labor modernization and voluntary compliance with la	Agreement on SPS	730,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	730,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	1,460,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	730,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	365,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	1,460,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	1,095,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	730,000
		Activity Total	7,300,000
Environmental Enforcement Training	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided Environmental Inspector Training in three countries: El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Environmental Trade & Standards	35,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	35,000
		Activity Total	70,000
Environmental Support for Dominica Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement	This activity will include start-up activities of a Secretariat for Public Submissions established under the Environment Chapter of the US-DR-CAFTA. This new office will be a part of the Secretariat for Central Americana Economic Integration (SIECA). This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Environmental Trade & Standards	1,000,000
		Activity Total	1,000,000
Harmonization of Environmental Standards and Regulations	Provided technical assistance to the region in the development and finalization of a Regional Model Wastewater Law that can be used as each country develops its national law or regulation for wastewater discharges. Provided technical assistance to the region in the development of a pilot project on air quality monitoring, including providing and installing refurbished air quality monitoring equipment. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Environmental Trade & Standards	125,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	125,000
		Activity Total	250,000

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International Environmental Agreements	Development of Module for Pesticide Risk Assessment for Central America. Technical assistance for the improvement of regional and national Greenhouse Gas Inventories. Assessment for landfill methane recovery and utilization. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Environmental Trade & Standards	295,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	295,000
		Activity Total	590,000
Labor Support for Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement - Labor Implemented	The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will provide support to the Labor Ministries of Costa Rica, Dominica Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua to build their capacity to enforce labor laws, conduct inspections, and resolve labor disputes, and will work to reduce discrimination against women and sexual harassment in the maquilas. DOL will provide grants to the International Labor Organization (ILO) to work with the Labor Ministries and others to establish initial benchmarks and provide assessments. In addition, the ILO will provide support for modernizing labor justice systems. Activities may include Activities may include training judges, lawyers, and others on issues such as national labor laws, implementing new laws, and establishing oral proceedings and supporting electronic case management systems, and providing labor courts with computers software and other equipment. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Business Services & Training	2,975,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	8,925,000
		Activity Total	11,900,000
Labor Support for Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement - USAID Implemented	USAID will provide support for modernizing the labor justice systems in Costa Rica, Dominica Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Activities may include training judges, lawyers, and others on issues such as national labor laws, implementing new laws, and establishing oral proceedings and supporting electronic case management systems, and providing labor courts with computers software and other equipment. Other USAID activities will provide support to the Labor Ministries to build their capacity to enforce labor laws, conduct inspections, and resolve labor disputes. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID.	Business Services & Training	1,735,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	5,205,000
		Activity Total	6,940,000
Regional Environmental Audits System	Provided training to Central American participants on performing environmental audits (specifically, the U.S. Performance Track audits) at industrial facilities. Ten Central Americans trained. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Environmental Trade & Standards	60,000
		Activity Total	60,000
Rules of Origin Training - Central America	This course addressed the rules that govern origin determination for goods and commodities that may be eligible for preferential treatment under the auspices of the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded by USAID/EGAT/EG and implemented by Department of Homeland Security/Customs.	Agreement on Rules of Origin	80,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	20,000
		Activity Total	100,000

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Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) Regional Conference	Approximately 30 participants from the CAFTA countries Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Trade, and Commerce, attended a 3-day sanitary-phytosanitary (SPS) regulatory workshop in Miami, FL. The objectives and outcomes of the conference are directly correlated to the SPS technical assistance list of priority needs identified by the CAFTA countries prior to conclusion of the negotiations. The conference provided an overview of the U.S. regulatory system with respect to animal/plant health and food safety presented by experts from various U.S. agencies. Presentations focused on import and export regulations as well as principles of equivalence. The conference allowed for general discussions after each presentation as well as in depth discussion and clarification on U.S. regulatory issues during breakout sessions, finally producing a preliminary action plan for additional training. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	100,000
Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Central America, ns			34,351,817