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2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)*

**JORDAN**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>400kV Transmission Line</b>	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) funded a Feasibility Study of \$363,000 to investigate the technical and financial options for the development of a new 400kV power transmission line in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The purpose of the project is to improve the networks' ability to handle higher electricity demand and reduce power losses. The 400kV transmission line will promote Trade Capacity Building by improving the physical infrastructure in Jordan while allowing for increased power trading with neighboring countries. The transmission line would also facilitate electrical interconnections between countries in the Middle East and North Africa. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	363,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>363,000</b>
<b>Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR 2.0)</b>	The U.S. Agency for International Development has been supporting Jordan's trade capacity through the Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR) Program for several years. This activity is designed to help Jordan cope with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as its Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. Much of it is capacity building within various line ministries. There is also a tourism support component. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	Agreement on Agriculture	160,000
		Agreement on TBT	160,000
		General Agreement on Trade in Services	160,000
		Agreement on Gov't Procurement	160,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	2,400,000
		E-Commerce & IT	1,600,000
		Export Promotion	800,000
		Business Services & Training	400,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	400,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	800,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	400,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	160,000
		Tourism Sector Development	400,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>
<b>Aqaba Science and Tech Incubator</b>	In May of 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) approved a grant of \$256,000 to fund a Feasibility Study (FS) on a Science and Technology Incubator project in Jordan. The FS will focus on development of the Jordan Science and Technology Incubator (JSTI) in conjunction with IC2, a research and education institute at the University of Austin, TX. JSTI seeks to become a technology innovation center. The JSTI will combine end-to-end incubation services, entrepreneurial education, development	E-Commerce & IT	128,000
		Business Services & Training	128,000

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	and training, and a multinational technology-hosting center. Sector projects focus on IT with additional consideration for the pharmaceutical/healthcare, agriculture, water, and energy industries. The project is supported by the King Abdullah fund and the Ministry of Planning, the latter of which will serve as the grantee. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>256,000</b>
<b>Aqaba Zone Economic Mobilization</b>	Aqaba Zone for Economic Mobilization (AZEM) was designed to help the Aqaba Special Economic Zone become a trade and investment model and hub in Jordan. Support is designed to help it achieve this goal. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	Customs Operation & Administration	450,000
		E-Commerce & IT	150,000
		Export Promotion	150,000
		Business Services & Training	450,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	150,000
		Tourism Sector Development	150,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
<b>Freight Information System</b>	This \$600,000 grant to the Jordanian Ministry of Transport (JMOT) will fund the cost of a National Freight Information and Transportation Hub (NAFITH) pilot and feasibility study in Jordan. NAFITH is a country-wide freight information transportation system that supports efforts by Jordan to promote trade efficiency, security and global competitiveness through market-oriented reforms. It allows cargo to be catalogued and tracked across a supply chain via a web-based platform, providing system stakeholders with access to immediate information. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	150,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	450,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Jordan Environmental Work Plan Implementation</b>	This activity will support the ecotourism industry in Jordan by establishing a desert ecotourism study tour, and by increasing the capacity of the Jordanian government to conduct environmental economic analysis to implement policies which boost ecotourism and ensure compliance with environmental standards. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Environmental Trade & Standards	27,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	48,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>75,000</b>
<b>Jordan US Business Partnership (JUSBP)</b>	The Jordan U.S. Business Partnership Program (JUSBP) is a firm level assistance project designed to help businesses cope with the competitive pressures of joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) as well as the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US. It works directly with businesses to help them improve production and export outside of Jordan. This activity is in support of the US-Jordan FTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	E-Commerce & IT	750,000
		Export Promotion	900,000
		Business Services & Training	900,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	450,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Jordan</b>			<b>13,794,000</b>

*Source: USG Trade Capacity Building Database, USAID Data Services,  
<http://gesdb.usaid.gov/tcb/index.html>.*