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Latin American & Caribbean, ns*

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Codex Outreach Program in Latin America and Caribbean Region	Meetings, workshops, and seminars were organized on the subjects of food safety guidelines and avoidance of potential barriers to sanitary-phytosanitary (SPS) protocols. Topics included: WTO/SPS/technical barriers to trade (TBT) equivalence and Codex guidelines, traceability, risk analyses, food additives, and others. Expert presentations were made by private sector representatives and several different U.S. Government agencies. Funded by Department of Agriculture and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	200,000
		Agreement on TBT	200,000
		Activity Total	400,000
Pan American Network of Drug Regulatory Harmonization (PANDRH)	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) participates in the Pan American Network for Drug Regulatory Harmonization (PANDRH) of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). 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	45,000
Peace Corps - Latin America and Caribbean	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	305,500
		Business Services & Training	611,000
		Tourism Sector Development	305,500
		Activity Total	1,222,000
Rapid Response Mechanism (LAC Trade 3)	This activity provides demand-driven rapid response assistance to help LAC countries participating in bilateral and regional free trade agreements to prepare for trade negotiations, implement the rules of trade provisions of trade agreements, and transition to free trade with an emphasis on small business development, rural diversification, and competitiveness. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Areas of the Americas, US-Panama FTA, US-Andean Nations FTA, and US-Central America FTA. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/LAC.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	1,849,041

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Support for Establishment of Government Procurement Hemispheric Network	Support the development of a hemispheric network of the agencies which regulate, administer and/or supervise government procurement to promote the exchange of information and the development of complementary practices and dispute resolution techniques. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/Peru.	Agreement on Gov't Procurement	100,000
Support for Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture	In FY 2005, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided funds to support continuation of an Associate Professional Officer (APO) to work within the Latin America and Caribbean region at the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). The APO works towards increasing the capacity and ability of the members of the Institute to effectively participate in the Codex process and improve agricultural health and food safety in the region. Through the outreach efforts of the APO in IICA, members have increased their understanding of the organization of Codex and the issues it deals with which increased their capacity to effectively participate in Codex meetings. Through this program, opportunities were provided for member countries to focus and articulate their concerns within the Codex process. Through increased participation in Codex and strengthened institutional structures, the ability of countries to participate in the IPPC and OIE has also been strengthened. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	52,000
Support for Market Information Organization of the Americas	The Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA) is a cooperation network comprised of 22 government institutions whose principal functions are the collection, process, analysis and dissemination of information relative to markets and agricultural commodities. The main purpose of MIOA is to promote the importance and transparency of markets through timely and systematic information exchanges. Access to market information among the countries of the Americas would help members identify markets of opportunity and improve their competitiveness. Activities include electronic linkages of market information systems assessment of the market information systems in each country and the development of a Pan-American glossary of terms for exporters in the Hemisphere towards the standardization of market reporting. Funded by Department of Agriculture/AMS and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Export Promotion	80,000
		Business Services & Training	80,000
		Activity Total	160,000
The Codex View on Veterinary Drug Residues	Lecture and consultation for food safety scientists from 8 Central/South American countries concerning methods to determine safe use of animal drugs in food-producing animals. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	3,653

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Western Hemisphere Program	The Pan-American Institute of Highways (PIH) has had great success in the provision of ProVials in Latin America. The ProVials are programs geared toward creating an awareness among investors and politicians in Latin American of the need for appropriate maintenance and infrastructure system investment in order to conserve road systems. The PIH is currently undergoing a reorganization in order to be in compliance with certain organizational requirements of their statutes. The Western Hemisphere Program of the Office of International Programs of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be working closely with the governments of the Western Hemisphere to build on the work that FHWA previously did with PIH. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	Physical Infrastructure Development	35,000
Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to LAC, ns			3,866,694