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**VIETNAM**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>Fiscal Reform project for the National Assembly of Vietnam</b>	The Fiscal Reform Project for the National Assembly of Vietnam supports the development of a research unit in the national assembly to assess the revenue impact of changes in trade and fiscal policies. The project works directly with the Committee of Economics and Budgetary Affairs of the National Assembly. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	<b>145,627</b>
<b>Nghi Son Refinery and Petrochemical Project</b>	This activity partially funds an Orientation Visit (OV) to the United States for eight officials from PetroVietnam to meet with U.S. firms on the development of the Nghi Son Refinery and Petrochemical Project in Vietnam. The US Trade and Development Agency would also sponsor a ninth delegate, a Foreign Service National (FSN) from the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, who would accompany the delegation and assist in post-OV project evaluation work. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>63,965</b>
<b>Scientific Cooperation Research on Soybean Rust Disease with Vietnam</b>	The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Scientific Cooperation Research Program helps solve critical market and trade related problems affecting food, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and the environment in both collaborating countries worldwide and the United States through joint research and scientific exchanges. In one project, the USDA Agricultural Research Service scientists in Illinois and Maryland, and the University of Missouri-Columbia are conducting research with scientists at the Agricultural Science Institute in Vietnam using biotechnology to develop resistance to the trade related soybean rust disease. This collaboration also enhances scientific expertise in Vietnam. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Support for Trade Acceleration (STAR) Project</b>	The program aims to assist the Government of Vietnam (GVN) efforts to undertake trade and investment reforms consistent with the commitments the GVN made in the U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). The Support for Trade Acceleration Program (STAR) program is designed with a wide range of technical assistance, including: (1) legal and economic analysis and recommendations regarding changes in laws and policies needed to comply with the BTA and the related WTO requirements (2) training workshops and policy seminars to advance understanding of the technical issues (3) study tours carefully targeted key GVN officials to advance policy reforms and (4) publication and translation of key reference materials. The program technical assistance has helped build human and institutional capacity of the GVN to benefit more from international rule-based trade, and support initiatives that facilitate BTA implementation. So far, the program has produced good results and impacts. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	WTO Awareness	571,847
		Customs Operation & Administration	285,923
		E-Commerce & IT	142,962
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	1,000,732
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	285,923
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	285,923
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	285,923
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>2,859,234</b>

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<b>Trade and Law Exchange and Partnership Program</b>	The objective of the program is to assist the Government of Vietnam to implement the U.S-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with additional focus on the BTA commitments related to World Trade Organization (WTO) disciplines and international best practices that are important for overall international economic integration. The program is designed through the organization of study tours designed to link GVN's policy makers and law makers with appropriate counterparts in the U.S. and other countries in the region to discuss key issues in the BTA relevant to WTO membership, and support in on-the-ground preparations and follow-up activities for these study missions. Through study missions, research, and seminars, the program has worked, through private-public partnerships. Up to now, 9 study missions and follow-up activities were conducted for 93 Vietnamese government officials on: investment, IPR, telecommunications, SPS measures, financial services/customs valuation, and TBT. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	WTO Awareness	28,153
		Other Trade Facilitation	42,230
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	28,153
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	42,230
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>140,766</b>
<b>US Asia Environmental Partnership (USAEP) Vietnam</b>	Responsible Care was developed by the North American chemical industry in the 1980s. The essence of Responsible Care is performance improvement, building closer links to the community and companies assisting each other to achieve consistency within the industry. USAID in collaboration with the Chemical Society of Vietnam (CSV) and the contractor is supporting the preparation of the Responsible Care Leadership Group (RCLG) membership application and the endorsement for Responsible Care implementation. Support has involved holding technical assistance, site visits, awareness and networking workshop as well as training courses for the Chemical Industry and local and national Government persons. The support from USAID in Responsible Care is a positive step forwards in encouraging industries to implement international good practice to complete in the global market place and support efforts to join the World Trade Organization. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Environmental Trade & Standards	<b>24,500</b>

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<b>Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative</b>	The Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative (VNCI) is a three to five year USAID economic growth project to improve the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Vietnam. Its activities are in three areas: (1) Improve Business Policy Environment through a Provincial Competitiveness Index (PCI) that ranks over 40 provinces on their economic governance, as well as through related policy studies and public-private dialogue events (2) Assist the ICT, fruit and home furnishings industries through various catalytic, demonstration initiatives. These include increasing ICT usage in trade activities, adopting international standards for exporting products in accordance with WTO requirements, improving market access and distribution channels to foreign markets and better accessing into foreign market by promoting Vietnamese products in international trade shows and exhibitions (2) Help joint stock banks in Vietnam to improve their capacity to lend more to SMEs. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	WTO Awareness	354,578
		E-Commerce & IT	332,417
		Export Promotion	354,578
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	509,706
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	664,834
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>2,216,114</b>
<b>Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Vietnam</b>			<b>5,465,206</b>