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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	
Afghanistan Bank Networking Project	The objective of this project is to assist the central bank in establishing a computerized network that connects its headquarters with all of its branches, thereby establishing a national payment system. Accomplishments: (1) 35 branches are equipped and connected for internet-based payments and communications. Of these, 31 are fully functioning with the inter-branch payments system, Afghan Funds Transfer System (AFTS), and are using the computerized branch accounting system (BAS). (2) The number of AFTS transactions increased from 3,417 transactions and 31,790 billion Afs to 6,550 transactions involving 53,116 billion Afs from the period Jun 2004- May 2005 and June 2005 - May 2006. (3) The central bank reserves have grown to \$2.0 billion. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	4,869,132
		Activity Total	4,869,132
Afghanistan Civil Aviation Assistance Team	Assistance to the Ministry of Transport to rebuild the Afghanistan Civil Aviation System. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by Department of Transportation.	Physical Infrastructure Development	1,000,000
		Activity Total	1,000,000
Afghanistan National Innovation and Competitiveness Program	The purpose of this US Agency for International Development cooperative agreement is to build the competitiveness of the Afghan economy through specific strategies for key industry clusters and general outreach and technical training on competitive business practices through the creation of a national innovation and competitiveness unit, which will develop competitive strategies and implementation plans for three priority clusters in the Afghan economy over two years. These strategies will serve as both concrete plans to expand the economic impact of key sectors of the economy and they will serve as models for how other clusters in the Afghan economy can develop competitive strategies to compete globally. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	445,469
		Other Trade Facilitation	445,469
		Business Services & Training	890,937
		Activity Total	1,781,874

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Afghanistan Small and Medium Enterprise Development (ASMED)	Afghanistan Small and Medium Enterprise Development (ASMED) works to develop the Afghan private sector by addressing non-governmental barriers to enterprise development. Key activities include improving market information, improving business and management skills, strengthening business associations, creating private-public partnerships, and building human capacity through professional internships. One important aspect of supporting business associations is the implementation of trade fairs (domestic), trade missions, and participation of leading Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) and associations in international trade fairs. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Trade-Related Agriculture	747,500
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	260,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	487,500
		Business Services & Training	1,007,500
		Export Promotion	747,500
		Activity Total	3,250,000
Afghanistan State Owned Enterprises Privatization and Land Titling Project	This project promotes a new property rights regime in Afghanistan through the privatization of state-owned enterprises and the development of pilot experiences to design best practices for establishing land rights. Accomplishments:(1) Conducted two pilot projects in informal settlements in the City of Kabul, in Districts 7 and 13, focusing on new methodologies for formalization of property rights in informal settlements. (2) Completed the reorganization and cataloging of property records in sixteen provinces. (3) Assisted the Ministry of Finance with preparation and approval of policy, legislation and procedures to enable privatization of state-owned enterprises.(4) Prepared valuation reports for 46 of state-owned enterprises (SOE), including an inventory of all land and buildings owned by the SOEs, totaling more than 600 separate parcels throughout Afghanistan. (5) The Cabinet of Ministers approved the first three liquidations of SOEs. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	3,721,499
		Activity Total	3,721,499
Agriculture Advisor - Afghanistan	Agriculture advisor to Operation Enduring Freedom Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs). Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	21,547
		Activity Total	21,547

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Agriculture, Rural Investment and Enterprise Strengthening	The purpose of the Agriculture, Rural Investment and Enterprise Strengthening (ARIES) program is to provide access to rural financial services in four of the seven economic zones of Afghanistan, and to strengthen the private sector foundation for an incipient rural finance system that is capable of providing a full spectrum and sustainable financial services. The target regions will be the north, south, and east with a likely addition in the west. ARIES was designed to support a thriving licit economy led by the private sector, which includes the rehabilitation of the rural economy, developing financial organizations and services, improving economic policy, increasing trade and export, and repairing and expanding infrastructure to support the improved productivity and profitability of the agricultural sector. The goal is to use commercial principles to the extent possible in developing a sustainable market driven rural financial system. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	823,750
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	823,750
		Business Services & Training	1,647,500
		Activity Total	3,295,000
Assessment of Proposed Reconstruction Opportunity Zones - Afghanistan	U.S. government agencies are sponsoring a study to help Afghan officials make informed decisions on the possible scope for Reconstruction Opportunity Zones (ROZs) with the view of implementing the program through legislation to be introduced in 2007. President Bush publicly announced in Islamabad that the United States would seek legislation to create ROZs in vital areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Goods produced within the ROZs could enter the U.S. duty-free if imported directly. Although there will certainly be differences, the Qualifying Industrialized Zone (QIZ) program for Israel, Egypt and Jordan presents an example of how ROZs might function in developing and further promoting regional economic integration. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	35,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	35,000
		Export Promotion	70,000
		Activity Total	140,000

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Border Security: Inspection/Detection Equipment and Training in Afghanistan	Promotes border security and customs operations by providing training and equipment for inspection and detection to Afghanistan. This activity is part of the Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance (EXBS) program, the premier initiative by the U.S. Government to help other countries improve their export control systems. The EXBS program takes a regional and multilateral approach, promoting harmonization of national export control systems with international standards and facilitating information-sharing agreements among nations. The program also organizes a number of regional fora to bring national policymakers and technical experts together to share information and best practices. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Customs Operation & Administration	400,000
		Activity Total	400,000
Financial Sector Development in Afghanistan: Banking	Support to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) in Afghanistan through institutional strengthening and capacity building in the areas of bank restructuring, credit access, payments systems, and supervision. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/OTA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	677,059
		Activity Total	677,059
Industrial Estates Development - Afghanistan	The goal of the project is to design, construct and promote three industrial parks as model parks, through sound marketing and promotion procedures. Specifically, the project works in three industrial estates offering sale of plots in three different provinces of Afghanistan (Kabul, Kandahar and Mazir-I-Sharif. This project will promote investment and encourage economic growth, particularly among small and medium-sized enterprises, by providing access to secure land title, water, electricity and a safe and secure work environment. Accomplishments: (1) completed construction of one industrial park (Bagrami) (2) sold all 34 land plots in Bagrami IP (3) completed 98 of construction of the Kandahar IP. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Physical Infrastructure Development	7,356,588
		Activity Total	7,356,588
Infrastructure Improvements in Afghanistan: Airports	Funding for improvements at Kabul International Airport and capacity building at the Afghan Ministry of Transport. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by Department of Transportation.	Physical Infrastructure Development	25,000,000
		Activity Total	25,000,000

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Mission-funded Assessment of Reconstruction Opportunity Zones - Afghanistan	U.S. government agencies are sponsoring a study to help Afghan officials make informed decisions on the possible scope for the Reconstruction Opportunity Zones (ROZs) with the view of implementing the program through legislation to be introduced in 2007. President Bush publicly announced in Islamabad that the United States would seek legislation to create ROZs in vital areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Goods produced within the ROZs could enter the U.S. duty-free if imported directly. Although there will certainly be differences, the Qualifying Industrialized Zone (QIZ) program for Israel, Egypt and Jordan presents an example of how ROZs might function in developing and further promoting regional economic integration. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	37,500
		Other Trade Facilitation	37,500
		Export Promotion	75,000
		Activity Total	150,000
Promoting Private Sector Development - Creation of Business Association	This activity supports two association development programs in Afghanistan - the Afghanistan International Chamber of Commerce and the Afghanistan Business Federation for Women. The intent is to create and build the capacity of the Afghan International Chamber of Commerce, a consortium of business associations designed to enhance private sector development. The aim is: (1) to increase the capacity of other private sector business associations to play a role in public policy advocacy on all levels of government (2) improve the professionalism and sustainability of national, provincial and local business associations, and other civil society groups to provide a sound foundation for policy dialogue, investment promotion, and economic development (3) improve public access to economic information affecting policy debate through the creation and translation of publications and improved media coverage of business association initiatives and economic policy issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	1,450,000
		Business Services & Training	1,450,000
		Activity Total	2,900,000

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Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulation Development for Afghanistan	The US Department of Agriculture is providing technical assistance to build capacity for sanitary and phytosanitary regulation development within the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. At present the program is focused on the dried fruit and nut sector, a major export earner for the country. The program has been able to develop a processing plant audit for raisin and nut processors in Afghanistan. This program is ongoing and is done in collaboration with other US Agency for International Development contractors and grantees working in this product area. Funded by USAID/Afghanistan and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	250,000
		Activity Total	250,000
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Workshop - Afghanistan	Support for Operation Enduring Freedom Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT) agriculture advisor. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	39,094
		Activity Total	39,094
Strengthening Private Sector through Capacity Building	The goal is to establish proper economic governance within the economic-centered ministries and agencies of Afghanistan: Ministries of Finance, Commerce, and Telecommunications, administration of the president, as well as the central bank and the Afghan National Development Strategy. Results: (1) Customs generated \$150 million in Afghan fiscal year 1383 (2004-5), surpassing the IMF domestic revenue generation goal. (2) The project assisted privatization of the telecom industry, in drafting the telecom law and in creating the Afghan Telecom Regulatory Authority. Four national mobile licenses (AWCC, Roshan, Etisalat and Areeba) exist now, and the sale of these four licenses raised \$90.2 million for the government. In 2005, AWCC and Roshan paid \$19 million in taxes. The value of Afghan Telecom is estimated to be between \$50 and \$150 million. A 20 percent stake in AWCC is worth about \$8 million now, compared to \$10 million for the full license purchased in 2003. Funded and implemented by USAID/Afghanistan.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	6,600,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	660,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	1,430,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	1,540,000
		WTO Accession	770,000
		Activity Total	11,000,000
Support for Agricultural Exports - Afghanistan I	The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is providing support to expand a grape and raisin processing enterprise in Afghanistan. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Trade-Related Agriculture	700,000
		Activity Total	700,000

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Support for Agricultural Exports - Afghanistan II	The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is providing insurance to a grape juice production and bottling enterprise in Afghanistan. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Trade-Related Agriculture	23,766
		Activity Total	23,766
Veterinary Infrastructure Rebuilding Effort	This activity supports efforts to rebuild the veterinary infrastructure. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	30,244
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Total FY06 TCB Funding	66,605,803