

United States Government
2006 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
BENIN

			FY06 Total
Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	
Access to Financial Services Project	The high cost or unavailability of credit and other financial services limits the capacity of small businesses in Benin to expand production and employment, to respond to business opportunities and to manage risk. The Project is designed to improve the ability of micro-, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), particularly those involved in production in Benin, to access financial services that will help them improve the sustainability of their businesses. (1) The Financial Institution and Borrower Capacity Building Activity (\$13 million) aims to improve the capacity of financial institutions to expand existing or establish new services for MSMEs and improve the capacity of MSMEs to access and use expanded financial services productively by improving their creditworthiness. (2) The Financial Enabling Environment Activity (\$6.6 million) will undertake to identify and support legal and policy changes that are needed to facilitate the expansion of the financial sector in Benin. Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	17,640,000
		Business Services & Training	1,960,000
		Activity Total	19,600,000
Access to Markets	This project aims to improve port performance and security, expand capacity, and reduce costs. It will reduce delays at the port and increase the volume of imports and exports. The Studies Activity (\$8 million) will include key feasibility studies, environmental assessments and revision of the master plan for the port. The Port Institutional and Systems Activity (\$11.3 million) will fund computerization and streamlining of customs clearance procedures for merchandise. The Port Security and Landside Improvements Activity (\$73.9 million) will address the safety and security aspects of the port for compliance with international safety requirements. The expansion and reconfiguration plan includes major improvements to the physical infrastructure. Waterside Improvements (\$76 million) will support the construction of a new south wharf, a dry bulk conveyor system, environmental management improvements and an environmentally appropriate solution to address sedimentation of the entrance of the port. Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	5,070,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	16,900,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	131,820,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	8,450,000
		Business Services & Training	3,380,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	3,380,000
		Activity Total	169,000,000

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

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Total FY06 TCB Funding	188,600,000

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