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<b>Activity Title</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>TCB Category</b>	
<b>Benchmarking Monitoring Progress by the International Labour Organization</b>	This activity supports ILO assessments of progress toward better labor conditions. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	3,000,000
		Activity Total	3,000,000
<b>Biodiversity Conservation in Central America</b>	The operations of this activity utilize the technical expertise of both the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development. This activity improves protection and management of wildlife in trans-boundary areas and where it has been impacted by trade. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/LAC.	Environmental Trade & Standards	3,000,000
		Activity Total	3,000,000
<b>CAFTA-DR - Sanitary and Phytosanitary Technical Assistance</b>	The activities support sanitary and phytosanitary trade capacity building and address the technical needs of the Central American Free Trade Agreement and the Dominican Republic (CAFTA-DR) partners to enhance trade within the region and to better ensure that free trade agreement commitments are met. Funded by USAID/E CAM and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	600,000
		Activity Total	600,000
<b>CAFTA-DR Trade Integration Initiative: Transportation</b>	This grant will provide technical assistance to transportation sector projects in support of the recently announced U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) sponsored CAFTA-DR Trade Integration Initiative. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	430,000
		Activity Total	430,000
<b>Certified Sustainable Products Alliance (CSPA) for Central America</b>	The project focuses on strengthening the competitiveness and sustainability of agriculture and timber operation in these regions. It fosters new investment and trade, while supporting practices that benefit the environment as well as protect the rights and resources of workers and local communities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	Environmental Trade & Standards	1,000,000
		Activity Total	1,000,000

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

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<b>Eliminate Gender and Other Discrimination</b>	The operations of this activity utilize the technical expertise of both the U.S. Department of State and the Central American Regional Mission of the U.S. Agency for International Development. This activity promotes adherence to labor standards at the enterprise level. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/E CAM.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	4,000,000
		Activity Total	4,000,000
<b>Enhance Ability of Exporters to Meet SPS Requirements</b>	The objective of this project is to assist the competent authorities of the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) countries to understand and meet international obligations related to sanitary and phyto-sanitary (SPS) regulatory procedures and practices. This is a government-to-government activity to provide the following technical training to CAFTA countries: (1) Addressing each mission, policies and procedures related to agricultural trade of each agency, including animal and plant health and food safety. (2) Assessing the regulatory status of each participating country. (3) Development of an action plan for additional training as needed. Accomplishments have been countries are able to meet the requirements of the treaty, detention levels at the borders are reduced, pre-shipment pest inspections are improved, and pepper exports to the U.S. have increased. Funded and implemented by USAID/E CAM.	Agreement on SPS	1,000,000
		Activity Total	1,000,000
<b>Environmental Enforcement</b>	Environmental compliance inspections training is being provided to Costa Rica and Panama. Funded by USAID/E CAM and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	35,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	35,000
		Activity Total	70,000

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<b>Environmental Information and Access by the Public</b>	The purpose of the activity is to develop a strategy for providing information access to the citizens of CAFTA-DR so that they can take part in a meaningful way in the decision-making and public submissions processes of the free trade agreement. The objective is to develop a draft strategy for environmental information and test the strategy through a pilot project. The public is expected to participate in this development and testing. The format of this project will make information available to the public, allow the public to engage in decision-making, and provide the member governments of CAFTA-DR with experience in soliciting and using public input and feedback. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	200,000
		Activity Total	200,000
<b>Free Trade Agreement - Sanitary and Phytosanitary - Trade Capacity Building</b>	The Emerging Markets Program, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, supports the implementation of the Central American Free Trade Agreement and the Dominican Republic (CAFTA-DR) and is working with central partners to meet free trade agreement commitments, by providing sanitary and phytosanitary technical assistance. A World Trade Organization (WTO) enquiry point seminar was provided to train CAFTA-DR partners on the notification process. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	300,000
		Activity Total	300,000
<b>Harmonization of Environmental Standards</b>	The activity helped the Central American region harmonize environmental standards by (1) completing a Regional Wastewater Model Regulation and implementing the plan with the help of country partners, and (2) developing a draft Regional Solid Waste Strategy. Funded by USAID/E CAM and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	125,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	125,000
		Activity Total	250,000

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<b>Improve Private Sector Environmental Performance in Central America</b>	The operations of this activity utilize the technical expertise of both the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Promotes cleaner industrial production and mobilize financing for cleaner production through the Central American Renewable Energy and Cleaner Production Facility (CAREC). Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/LAC.	Environmental Trade & Standards	2,200,000
		Activity Total	2,200,000
<b>Labor Justice Training for CAFTA-DR Countries</b>	Labor justice training for Central American - Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR), in support of the agreement. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	2,000,000
		Activity Total	2,000,000
<b>Modernize Labor Justice</b>	This activity trains judiciary officials on labor reforms. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/E CAM.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	2,000,000
		Activity Total	2,000,000
<b>NIST Standards in Trade Workshop on Electrical Safety</b>	The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) held a Standards in Trade Workshop on Electrical Safety for Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. This workshop assisted standards and regulatory officials, and industry representatives from the invited countries and the United States to familiarize themselves with the electrical codes and safety systems of each country. The workshop also provided a forum to discuss issues to assess the relevance of different requirements to the needs of the participating countries. Funded and implemented by Department of Commerce/NIST.	Physical Infrastructure Development	47,000
		Activity Total	47,000

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<b>Pollution Prevention</b>	This activity is assisting with (1) the completion of demonstration wastewater treatment plants in La Union, El Salvador and Livingston, Guatemala, (2) development of a Cleaner Production Manual for the tannery sector in the region, (3) a Landfill Methane Utilization Project, and (4) technical assistance to El Salvador on removal and disposal of stockpiled hazardous materials. Funded by USAID/E CAM and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Environmental Trade & Standards	130,000
		Activity Total	130,000
<b>Promoting Market-based Conservation in Central America</b>	The operations of this activity utilize the technical expertise of both the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Promotes sustainable tourism management of agriculture and forest products. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/LAC.	Environmental Trade & Standards	3,000,000
		Activity Total	3,000,000
<b>Promoting a Culture of Compliance with Labor Laws</b>	The operations of this activity utilize the technical expertise of both the U.S. Department of State and the International Labor Affairs Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor. This activity supports outreach to workers and employers to improve understanding of rights and obligations, and to strengthen organization building and conflict resolution. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	6,000,000
		Activity Total	6,000,000

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<b>Rainforest Alliance with Global Development Alliance (GDA)</b>	The Rainforest Alliance (RA) is working to use a set of complementary and cross-promoted supply-side and demand-side activities to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of agriculture and timber operations that supply private sector Alliance partners, comply with labor and environmental standards, and improve their access to international markets. As a result: (1) Sales of certified products from October 2005 to March 2006 were \$52 million in bananas, \$18 million in coffee, and \$2 million in timber (2) New areas equal to over 72,000 hectares certified during reporting period and more than 1.5 million hectares cumulatively certified since the activity started (3) Multinational food companies sharply increased purchases of RA-certified coffee and initiated substantial market promotion campaigns in Europe (4) Started support for sustainable pineapple/forestry operations in Panama and forestry operations in Nicaragua. Funded and implemented by USAID/E CAM.	Trade-Related Agriculture	400,000
		Activity Total	400,000
<b>Risk Analysis Workshop - Central America</b>	Support for a risk analysis course. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	4,410
		Activity Total	4,410
<b>Sanitary and Phytosanitary Training - Central America</b>	Support for sanitary and phytosanitary training. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	10,850
		Activity Total	10,850
<b>Strengthen Institutions to Implement and Enforce Environmental Laws</b>	The operations of this activity utilize the technical expertise of both the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Funding improves environmental regulations, policies and procedures, and strengthen public participation and transparency. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/LAC.	Environmental Trade & Standards	9,000,000
		Activity Total	9,000,000

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<b>Strengthen Labor Ministries in Central America</b>	This activity will help to develop worker support centers and to professionalize Labor Inspectorates in Central American countries. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	6,100,000
		Activity Total	6,100,000
<b>Strengthening Labor Justice Ministries of Labor in CAFTA-DR Countries</b>	The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will promote specific changes in judiciary institutions in the region that are critical constraints to effective implementation of labor justice. In order to raise the professionalism of the judiciary, USAID will support personnel system reforms that establish minimum standards for different job categories and support training and evaluation efforts to create incentives for capacity building in labor law and procedures. USAID will strengthen training institutions and support procedural streamlining to sustain this effort. USAID will also provide the Information Communications Technology (ICT) and in-house expertise as the backbone upon which the Ministries of Labor can reorganize operational workflows enabling them to manage key priorities such as case tracking, statistics, planning, budgeting and financial management. Funded and implemented by USAID/E CAM.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	9,850,000
		Activity Total	9,850,000

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<b>Strengthening Labor Systems in Central America: Cuple y Gana</b>	Accomplishments and products to date: (1) inspection case management systems piloted in three countries, (2) computer training for 351 Ministry of Labor participants, (3) mobile inspection unit in Honduras to focus on maquila sector, (4) mobile unit provided workers with social security cards, (5) resource management diagnostics to improve the efficiency of the inspectorate, (6) national labor law resource website, (7) dissemination of more than 222,000 informational materials about national labor laws, (8) 106 public awareness activities, (9) radio spots on core labor standards, vetted by the tripartite partners, aired in an initial five countries, (10) a self-evaluation mechanism for workers and employers in five countries and currently being validated by tripartite partners, (11) production of mediation procedures manuals, (12) mediation rooms, with computer equipment, furniture, and privacy walls, and (13) training of 184 mediators. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	6,490,000
		Activity Total	6,490,000
<b>Successful Implementation of CAFTA-DR Treaty Requirements by Governments</b>	The U.S. Agency for International Development Regional Mission will provide technical assistance and training to countries in the region to meet obligations from the Central American and Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR) Chapter Four - Rules of Origin (ROO), Chapter Five - Customs reform, and Chapter 19 - Trade Capacity Building. Specifically, this means that CAFTA-DR countries are successfully implementing the requirements specified in Chapters 4 and 5 by the deadlines established in the treaty and that CAFTA-DR countries are provided regionally oriented technical assistance coordinated through the Trade Capacity Building Committee process. Funded and implemented by USAID/E CAM.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	200,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	1,800,000
		Activity Total	2,000,000

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<b>Support Implementation of Chapter 17 of CAFTA Requirements</b>	The project will focus on providing CAFTA-DR countries with the technical assistance required to respond to needs related to Chapter 17 (Environment) implementation. These needs have been identified in the National Action Plans for each country, in the Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA), and in the Cooperative Work Program. The program will work in the following major areas: (1) Strengthening the Environmental Management System of each Party (2) Supporting public participation and consultations under the CAFTA-DR and ECA and (3) Implementing and improving compliance with environmental laws and Multilateral Environmental Agreements. The USAID Regional Mission will work with the Environmental Ministers to identify additional regional environmental priorities that complement the national priorities. The implementers may be asked to provide additional tools, best practices, and technical support to respond to these additional priorities. Funded and implemented by USAID/E CAM.	Environmental Trade & Standards	2,535,000
		Activity Total	2,535,000
<b>Support for CAFTA-DR Specific Obligations in the Environmental Sector</b>	The operations of this activity utilize the technical expertise of both the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Support public submissions process to Secretariat of the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR), performance benchmarking and evaluation, and other priorities of the Environmental Cooperation Commission. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/LAC.	Environmental Trade & Standards	1,200,000
		Activity Total	1,200,000

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<b>Technical Assistance to Central America</b>	The Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice conducted a single seminar in El Salvador to promote convergence in competition policy in the Central American region. The seminar focused on skills used to address cartels, abuse of dominance, and potentially anticompetitive mergers in an environment when similar conduct affects multiple jurisdictions. Funded by USAID/Guatemala and implemented by Federal Trade Commission/ITA.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	30,345
		Activity Total	30,345

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<b>Total FY06 TCB Funding</b>	66,847,605

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