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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

			<b>FY06 Total</b>
<b>Activity Title</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>TCB Category</b>	
<b>Biological Control of Pest Fruit Flies</b>	Support for biological control of pest fruit flies. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	33,594
		Activity Total	33,594
<b>Development of Tourism in Dominican Republic</b>	Support for this transaction will allow for the development of a new golf course and marina complex in Punta Cana. Funded and implemented by Export Import Bank.	Tourism Sector Development	337,127
		Activity Total	337,127
<b>Energy Sector Assistance: Rural Electrification in the Dominican Republic</b>	This activity addresses the serious problems affecting the electricity sector and helps to improve reliability and commercial sustainability of electric service in productive rural areas by improving both the quality of delivery systems and by improving management of rural electric service providers. It will analyze the sustainability of the rural electricity sector, work with a government energy team to implement recommended actions, demonstrate commercially viable alternatives, increase energy efficiency in the public sector, and build local design, construction, and management capacity. This activity, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development Mission, leverages a technical assistance loan from the World Bank, funds from other donors, additional funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and funds from the Government of the Dominican Republic. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Physical Infrastructure Development	555,000
		Activity Total	555,000

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<b>Environmental Policy Compliance in the Dominican Republic</b>	This activity will help to: (1) advance environmental law enforcement, increase competitiveness, community economic growth, and sustainable use of natural resources in poor communities, (2) build the knowledge-base and confidence of the Dominican people to demonstrate that a transparent functional environmental regulatory regime can be achieved, (3) strengthen the capacity of local government, community based organizations (CBOs), and NGOs to build and implement partnerships to participate in effective management of protected areas, (4) support development and expansion of environmentally-friendly products and ecotourism, (5) strengthen the capacity of the Dominican Republic to comply with environmental requirements under CAFTA, (6) harmonize and enforce environmental law and regulations, (7) increase market access for environmentally-friendly products and services, and (8) increase use of clean production technologies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Environmental Trade & Standards	677,600
		Physical Infrastructure Development	169,400
		Activity Total	847,000
<b>Epidemiology Course - Dominican Republic</b>	Support for veterinary epidemiology course for official veterinarians. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	10,596
		Activity Total	10,596
<b>Improved Policy Environment for Trade in the DR: Tax Policy</b>	Assisting the Dominican Republic to upgrade the tax enforcement and collection processes and eliminate current inefficiencies. Other specific areas of assistance include help in developing complex tax fraud cases with activities such as indirect methods training, taxpayer interviewing techniques and case development. The transfer pricing program that advisors from the U.S. Treasury Department has been conducting in neighboring countries was of special interest and would have regional application. Additional assistance is needed in the implementation of improved organization structure, planning and management. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/OTA.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	300,000
		Activity Total	300,000

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<b>Key Trade and Investment Policies Reformed in the Dominican Republic</b>	This activity assists the Dominican Republic in improving the business climate, developing policies supportive of free trade and a competitive environment, aiding the DR in trade negotiations, the administration of trade agreements and a smooth transition to free and open trade. Activities have included: (1) protection of unprotected tourism areas, (2) drafting laws for international arbitration, competition policy, bankruptcy, WTO-compatible free trade zones, and fair trade practices for perishable products, (3) providing macroeconomic policy support, mainly in trade policy, (4) reducing the time it takes to register a business, (5) analyzing the impact of CAFTA-DR on the manufacturing sector, (6) developing regulations to control fruit flies in mango producing areas, and (7) modifying laws and regulations to comply with CAFTA-DR commitments. Expected results include expanded foreign direct investment, trade, and job creation. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Tourism Sector Development	120,242
		Trade-Related Agriculture	120,242
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	120,242
		Export Promotion	280,564
		WTO Awareness	160,322
		Activity Total	801,611
<b>Mango Pre-Clearance Programs - Dominican Republic</b>	Support for the Mango Pre-clearance Program in the Dominican Republic. As part of the pre-clearance program, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), an office of the US Department of Agriculture, conducts offshore agricultural commodity pre-clearance inspections, treatments and/or other mitigation measures in foreign countries to support trade facilitation and pest exclusion. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	3,172
		Activity Total	3,172
<b>Passenger Pre-departure Inspection Program</b>	The activity supports the passenger pre-departure inspection program (PIIP) in the Dominican Republic. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	3,784
		Activity Total	3,784
<b>Pest Risk Analysis Training - Dominican Republic</b>	Support for pest risk analysis (PRA) training. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	4,901
		Activity Total	4,901
<b>Pre-Clearance Program Observation - Dominican Republic</b>	This activity supports pre-clearance program observation. As part of the pre-clearance program, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), an office of the US Department of Agriculture, conducts offshore agricultural commodity pre-clearance inspections, treatments and/or other mitigation measures in foreign countries to support trade facilitation and pest exclusion. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	2,502
		Activity Total	2,502

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<b>Presentation on US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Dominican Republic</b>	Two presentations on the US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), and the Export Procedures and Certifications of the National Center for Import and Export (NCIE). Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	3,794
		Activity Total	3,794
<b>Public/Private Partnerships in the Dominican Republic: Agriculture</b>	Increased Public/Private Strategic Partnerships in the Dominican Republic (Agriculture) assists the DR in improving the competitiveness of selected clusters in agriculture: La Vega horticultural crops, mango, and coffee in Jarabacoa. Activities focus on: (1) improving the capacity of producers and exporters to comply with phytosanitary and food safety requirements through technology transfers (2) identifying new buyers and markets and (3) strengthening institutional capacity of enterprises and farmers by improving post-harvest handling practices to increase yields and decrease costs. Expected results are increased sales, incomes and employment in rural areas safer post-harvest handling and packaging of products identification of new niche markets and increased exports of coffee, mangoes and oriental vegetables. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Trade-Related Agriculture	326,728
		Activity Total	326,728
<b>Public/Private Partnerships in the Dominican Republic: Tourism</b>	Increased Public/Private Strategic Partnerships in the Dominican Republic for Tourism assists the DR in improving the competitiveness of selected clusters in tourism: La Vega ecotourism, Barahona ecotourism, Romana-Bayahibe tourism, Puerto Plata tourism, Punta Cana tourism, and Samana tourism. Activities are accomplished by: (1) creating linkages between the communities and tourism businesses, (2) supporting key environmental measures to protect beaches and marine life, (3) supporting development of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and (4) incorporating local culture in tourism development to enhance the destination. Expected results are enhanced destinations, new SMEs, sound and environmentally sustainable management of coastlines, improved quality of tourism services, increased incomes and employment, and an empowered and involved community. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Tourism Sector Development	556,320
		Activity Total	556,320

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<b>Strengthened Capacity to Meet Trade Obligations by the Dominican Republic</b>	This activity assists the Dominican Republic in trade negotiations, the administration of trade agreements and transition to free trade. It builds capacity in international arbitration, trade database management, technical trade barriers, rules of origin, market access, government procurement, investment and services, tourism sector, intellectual property rights, dispute settlement, tariff-rate quotes, agricultural safeguards, U.S. food import laws, and civil society outreach. It provides trade sector studies of textiles, apparel, footwear, electronic/electrical equipment, medical equipment, and other products. It also supports the development of a communications strategy for the CAFTA-DR. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	435,700
		Activity Total	435,700
<b>Training Pink Hibiscus Mealy Bug - Dominican Republic</b>	This activity supports training on the prevention of Pink Hibiscus Mealy Bug. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	10,850
		Activity Total	10,850

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<b>Total FY06 TCB Funding</b>	<b>4,232,679</b>

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