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| Activity Title | Activity Description | TCB Category | |
| Anthrax Workshop - Georgia | Support for a trainer for foot-and-mouth disease and anthrax workshop. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture. | Trade-Related Agriculture | 9,216 |
| | | Activity Total | 9,216 |
| Business Climate Reform Project | The Business Climate Reform project provides assistance for customs operations and administration, information technologies (IT), human resources and labor standards, financial sector development, good governance, and WTO awareness. Among many other activities, technical assistance (TA) is being provided for customs operations and administration in implementing more modern, functional organizational structures, streamlining trade across borders, and implementing risk assessment systems. In addition, the project is contributing legal services to assist in the privatization of state-owned energy distribution and generation assets. Other ministries are receiving TA and procurement support to improve IT infrastructure and capacities. TA is also helping to streamline import permits for agricultural products, construction permits and medical licensing, resulting in the development of regulations that have cut 30-60 days from construction permitting process. Funded and implemented by USAID/Georgia. | Other TCB | 25,077 |
| | | Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord. | 1,278,920 |
| | | Tourism Sector Development | 50,154 |
| | | Physical Infrastructure Development | 75,231 |
| | | Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance | 225,692 |
| | | Human Resources & Labor Standards | 225,692 |
| | | E-Commerce & IT | 175,538 |
| | | Customs Operation & Administration | 426,307 |
| | | WTO Awareness | 25,077 |
| | Activity Total | 2,507,687 | |
| Caucasus Agricultural Development Initiative - Georgia | The activities include: (1) Conference with the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs -- Perspectives for Rural Development in Georgia -- with participants and presenters from international organizations, local and international NGOs and government institutions. (2) Training for teachers from agricultural technology colleges. (3) Workshop for teachers and administrators from secondary schools to select teaching materials for translation. (4) Workshops for teachers and students of agricultural tech schools to develop trainings, books and other materials, and explore set up of association for teachers. (5) U.S. interns assisted agricultural tech schools in production, education and extension. (6) Trade and investment mission with U.S. and Georgian companies. (7) Ag. scientists were selected as Borlaug Science fellows. (8) Scholarships to Armenian State Agricultural University. (9) Training for statistical office to process 2004 Agricultural Census. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS. | Trade-Related Agriculture | 1,425,000 |
| | | Other Trade Facilitation | 75,000 |
| | | Activity Total | 1,500,000 |

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| Enterprise Development Project | The Enterprise Development Project is designed to address two of the key constraints faced by Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in agribusiness and other sectors in the regions, namely the need for additional long-term risk capital and the need for improved skills and capacity in enterprises to recognize and take advantage of market opportunities. The objective of the Georgia Regional Development Fund Activity is to increase investment in and improve the performance of SMEs. The Project Activity will create a professionally and independently managed investment fund to provide capital to SMEs, provide technical assistance for portfolio companies and identify legal and policy reforms to encourage further investment in SMEs. Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation. | Trade-Related Agriculture | 7,650,000 |
| | | Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance | 9,350,000 |
| | | Activity Total | 17,000,000 |
| High-Voltage Transmission Lines | The activity provides funding for a feasibility study that will examine the technical, economic and financial feasibility of constructing several high voltage transmission lines in Georgia. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. | Physical Infrastructure Development | 356,500 |
| | | Activity Total | 356,500 |
| Protected Areas Development Project | The Department of Interior (DOI) sent a team to Tbilisi to develop a work plan for DOI technical assistance (TA) to the Georgian Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources (MoE) for FY06. The DOI International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) has consulted with USAID/Tbilisi and the MoE, as well as key conservation non-governmental organizations based in Tbilisi, to create a work plan that will support the goals of the MoE. There were four major areas of TA that were identified as major MoE priorities: (1) the development of a Ministry-wide training center and employee training program, (2) the assessment of current and future needs for Geographic Information System (GIS) data and applications, (3) the development of a protected areas outreach plan, and (4) the development of an urban and rural protected area demonstration site. Funded by USAID/Caucasus and implemented by Department of Interior. | Tourism Sector Development | 350,000 |
| | | Activity Total | 350,000 |

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| Regional Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project | The Millennium Challenge Corporation is funding the Regional Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project. Dilapidated infrastructure, especially the poor condition of the roads, unreliable gas and electricity supply, and deteriorating municipal services, has been consistently identified through the consultative process as a major impediment to economic growth in Georgia. The Road Rehabilitation Project Activity, funded for \$102 million in FY06, is expected to foster economic development in Samtskhe-Javakheti through increasing exports of agricultural products from the region and expanding international trade. The Activity will rehabilitate or construct approximately 245 km of the main road. The second activity, the Energy Rehabilitation Project Activity, is funded for \$60 million in FY06. This project will go towards the main trunk line for the transmission of Georgian natural gas. The Pipeline requires a comprehensive rehabilitation. Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation. | Physical Infrastructure Development | 162,000,000 |
| | | Activity Total | 162,000,000 |
| Sanitary and Phytosanitary Training - Georgia | Support to provide Brucellosis training, May 28-June 16,2006. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture. | Agreement on SPS | 58,388 |
| | | Activity Total | 58,388 |
| Sanitary and Phytosanitary Training II - Georgia | General benchmark training at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL). Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture. | Agreement on SPS | 26,029 |
| | | Activity Total | 26,029 |
| Sanitary and Phytosanitary Workshop - Georgia | Support for a trainer for a foot-and-mouth disease/anthrax workshop. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture. | Agreement on SPS | 20,304 |
| | | Activity Total | 20,304 |

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| Support Added Value Enterprises in Agriculture (AgVANTAGE) | The AgVANTAGE program supports expanded production and export sales of value-added agricultural products and provides advisory support to the Ministry of Agriculture. The project provides technical assistance (TA) to agricultural producers to: support marketing plans/strategies for Georgian enterprises, link Georgian suppliers with potential buyers, establish market information systems to provide timely price information and a web-based platform for offers and bids, and introduce improved packaging practices. AgVANTAGE also provides TA and training support for customs officials related to the new Law on Food Safety and Quality. TA is provided to Georgian enterprises in business planning, feasibility analysis and financial modeling. AgVANTAGE advisors also supported the drafting of the recently adopted Law on Food Safety and Quality which establishes a legal framework consistent with WTO requirements. Funded and implemented by USAID/Georgia. | Tourism Sector Development | 43,400 |
| | | Trade-Related Agriculture | 3,645,600 |
| | | Environmental Trade & Standards | 43,400 |
| | | Business Services & Training | 43,400 |
| | | Export Promotion | 390,600 |
| | | Customs Operation & Administration | 43,400 |
| | | Agreement on TBT | 130,200 |
| | | Activity Total | 4,340,000 |
| Support for Agricultural Exports - Georgia | This project is providing support to develop a cold storage warehouse in Georgia. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC). | Trade-Related Agriculture | 162,500 |
| | | Activity Total | 162,500 |
| USAID's SME Support Project | The Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME) Support project provides assistance for customs operations and administration, business services and training, environmental trade and standards, financial sector development, good governance, and WTO awareness. Many successes have been realized. For example, the business services and training component has helped set up a network of business support organizations throughout Georgia by utilizing existing associations to provide consultations on regulatory and legislative issues, management practices, planning and borrowing, information services, investment and trade promotion services, agribusiness support and other development assistance. The project also provided technical assistance to the Association of Georgian Microfinance Organizations (AGMO) in developing a framework Law of Microfinance. The draft law will create a legislative framework to legalize and support development of the microfinance industry in Georgia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Georgia. | Environmental Trade & Standards | 15,026 |
| | | Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance | 443,260 |
| | | Business Services & Training | 232,899 |
| | | Customs Operation & Administration | 37,564 |
| | | WTO Awareness | 22,539 |
| | | Activity Total | 751,288 |

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| Total FY06 TCB Funding | 189,081,912 |