

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

			FY06 Total
Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	
Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results - Jordan	Achievement of Market Friendly Initiatives and Results (AMIR 2.0) is a broad technical assistance program designed to assist Jordan to improve its economic environment. AMIR helped to liberalize the telecommunications and information technology (IT) sectors, as well as expand capital markets in Jordan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	1,995,685
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	257,508
		Business Services & Training	386,262
		E-Commerce & IT	2,575,078
		Customs Operation & Administration	1,158,785
		Agreement on Gov't Procurement	64,377
		Activity Total	6,437,695
Adjudicating Business Disputes Affecting Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises	The U.S. Embassy in Jordan proposed to conduct, in close cooperation with the Jordanian Ministry of Justice and with the Judicial Institute of Jordan (JIJ), a pilot project of judicial education. Since small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are the main growth engine of the Jordanian economy, the pilot project will be focused on developing skills required for Jordanian judges to efficiently and consistently adjudicate disputes that affect SMEs in Jordan. In April, Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) officials traveled to Jordan to meet with potential advisors and the Jordanian judges selected to participate in the pilot project. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	20,000
		Activity Total	20,000
Adjudicating Disputes Related to International Contracts/Letters of Credit	Participants in the workshop learned about Algerian laws that govern the resolution of disputes related to international contracts and to letters of credit, international treaties or conventions Algeria is a party to that govern the resolution of disputes related to international contracts and to letters of credit, and the cause and the nature of the main types of disputes related to international contracts and to letters of credit. Additionally, they were instructed on the key principles of international merchant law and how to enforce arbitral awards and resolve the most common disputes related to international contracts. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	20,000
		Activity Total	20,000

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Aqaba Zone Economic Mobilization	This activity supports the Aqaba special economic zone in its mission to expand economic development in southern Jordan. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	Tourism Sector Development	240,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	360,000
		Business Services & Training	240,000
		E-Commerce & IT	60,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	300,000
		Activity Total	1,200,000
Border Security: Inspection / Detection Equipment and Training - Jordan	Promotes border security and customs operations by providing Jordan with inspection and detection equipment and training. 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	1,115,000
		Activity Total	1,115,000
Business Development Center - Jordan	The activity provides firm-level assistance to firms in Jordan to help them cope with the integration of Jordan into the global economy. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jordan.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	100,000
		Business Services & Training	600,000
		Export Promotion	200,000
		E-Commerce & IT	100,000
		Activity Total	1,000,000
Financial Sector Development in Jordan: Banking	Technical assistance to the Government of Jordan in the financial sector and specifically for the Central Bank, Deposit Insurance Corporation, Commercial Banks, Agricultural Credit Corporation, Jordan Mortgage Refinance Corporation and the Bankers Association. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/OTA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	200,000
		Activity Total	200,000

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Financial Sector Development in Jordan: Debt Management	Works with the Ministry of Finance in Jordan as it: develops a transparent national debt management strategy and the plans to implement it, develops capacity for debt management, establishes a structure and procedures for primary market issuance, enhances public disclosure, establishes regular communication with market participants, and undertakes other market-enhancing initiatives. Additionally, the advisor provides technical assistance to the Central Bank of Jordan regarding debt issuance and management policy, institutional coordination, and other topics, as appropriate. In addition the advisor assists the private sector as it works towards the enhancement of the secondary market for Government instruments. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/OTA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	500,000
		Activity Total	500,000
NEPCO Reactive Compensation and Transmission Loss Reduction	The United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is funding a grant to the state-owned National Electric Power Company (NEPCO) of Jordan to fund a feasibility study to evaluate and construct an optimal planning approach to reduce transmission loss and manage reactive power sources for existing transmission lines in the country. This project would promote trade capacity building in Jordan by improving the physical infrastructure used in electrical power transmission and increasing the manufacturing capacity of Jordan by expanding power transmission to meet industrial demands. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	79,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	79,000
		Activity Total	158,000
Oil Shale Resources Development	This grant to the Jordanian Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, acting through the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, will fund the cost of Technical Assistance (TA) related to the development of oil shale resources in Jordan. The objective of the TA is to analyze the current state of shale oil extraction and recovery technologies and to apply the best international expertise to the development of a shale oil industry in Jordan. The establishment of a Jordanian oil shale sector would significantly reduce the reliance of the country on imported oil, spur economic development in its rural regions, and create opportunities for employment. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	186,000
		Export Promotion	124,000
		Activity Total	310,000

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Total FY06 TCB Funding	10,960,695