

United States Government
2006 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA NS

			FY06 Total
Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	
Border Security: Export Control Enforcement Introductory Workshop for the Maghreb	An export control enforcement introductory workshop for the Maghreb. 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	300,000
		Activity Total	300,000
MEPI Environmental Impact Assessment and Review Capacity Building	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing training and technical assistance to strengthen Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) programs within the Middle East region to both prepare Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) countries in anticipation of negotiations on FTAs with the U.S. and to continue to build capacity within Jordan. The goals of the program are to (1) enhance transparency and effectiveness of decision making, (2) identify and avoid or mitigate adverse environmental impacts, (3) consider alternatives, (4) involve the public, and (5) improve follow-up monitoring and compliance with conditions for approval. The program also includes delivery of EPA training courses. The training for EIA reviewers will provide real experience in a range of EIAs and offer tools, techniques, and approaches. The program will also result in a cadre of trained facilitators to continue to deliver training. Course materials will be translated into Arabic. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Environmental Protection Agency.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	27,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	18,000
		Activity Total	45,000

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MEPI Middle East Free Trade Area (MEFTA) Technical Assistance	Under the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), programs will focus on setting up arbitration mechanisms where they fail to exist and setting up a federal notification system. Program will focus on creating open systems of feedback to government, including legislative hearings, regulatory review panels, citizen advisory panels and other communication channels between society and the State. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	600,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	600,000
		Activity Total	1,200,000
Middle East Partnership Program (MEPI) - USDA-implemented	The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided technical assistance and capacity building activities to strengthen sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) capabilities, thereby supporting the economic pillar of the Middle East Partnership Program (MEPI). Activities promote trade, investment, and economic growth in North Africa and the Gulf Region. Activities include Borlaug and Cochran Fellowships, US-based SPS and technical barriers to trade (TBT) capacity building, in-country technical assistance on trade and regulatory support. USDA also provided assistance on avian influenza to several countries. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	77,600
		Environmental Trade & Standards	77,600
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	155,200
		Agreement on TBT	77,600
		Agreement on SPS	77,600
		Agreement on Agriculture	155,200
		WTO Accession	77,600
		WTO Awareness	77,600
		Activity Total	776,000
NIST Standards in Trade Workshop on Standards, Codes, and Conformity Assessment for Life Safety and Building	The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Standards in Trade Program brings standards officials from key markets to the U.S. to familiarize them with the U.S. Standardization and Conformity Assessment system. NIST collaborates with the private sector and other government agencies to carry out these tasks. This activity was held for representatives from the Middle East, North Africa, and Pakistan. Funded and implemented by Department of Commerce/NIST.	Physical Infrastructure Development	75,000
		Activity Total	75,000

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Telecommunications Management Training	The Telecommunications Management Training Program will provide training for approximately 16 delegates from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and Yemen to gain a better understanding of spectrum management and telecommunications/information technology policy and regulation issues. This two-part training program at the U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute will improve communications infrastructure management within the Middle East and North Africa and facilitate economic development in the region. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Business Services & Training	191,650
		Activity Total	191,650
Trade Facilitation	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with host country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to (1) integrate information communication technology, (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills, and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	Business Services & Training	35,559
		E-Commerce & IT	35,559
		Activity Total	71,117

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Telecommunications Management Training	191,650
Trade Facilitation	71,117
Total FY06 TCB Funding	2,658,767

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