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<b>Activity Title</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>TCB Category</b>	
<b>CAFTA-DR Sanitary and Phytosanitary /Trade Capacity Building-Nicaragua</b>	The activities support sanitary and phytosanitary trade capacity building in Nicaragua. They also address the technical needs to enhance trade within the region, and to ensure that Nicaragua meets its free trade agreement commitments. Funded by USAID/Nicaragua and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	1,100,000
		Activity Total	1,100,000
<b>Compromiso Nicaragua - FUNIDES</b>	This project will assist in the development of the Fundación Nicaragüense para el Desarrollo Economico y Social (FUNIDES), a non-profit organizational model that will provide an independent forum to push forward the execution of policy recommendations. FUNIDES will be responsible for reaching out to existing business and civil society associations and organizations and integrating them as active collaborators into the COMPROMISO NICARAGUA within a well-defined program of activities. It will foster private/public partnerships to implement CAFTA. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	200,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	200,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	500,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	200,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	100,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	400,000
		Export Promotion	400,000
		Activity Total	2,000,000
<b>Export Development - Nicaragua</b>	The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is providing insurance for oil and gas exploration in Nicaragua. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Physical Infrastructure Development	135,019
		Activity Total	135,019
<b>Forestry, Agriculture, and Tourism Alliance</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.	Tourism Sector Development	200,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	400,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	400,000
		Business Services & Training	200,000
		Export Promotion	800,000
		Activity Total	2,000,000

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<b>Fostering Economic Growth from National Protected and Forested Areas</b>	This activity works in the agricultural and natural resources sectors to help foster economic growth and sustain natural resources in Nicaragua. It also fosters tourism and other income generating activities in national protected and forested areas. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	Tourism Sector Development	250,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	100,000
		Business Services & Training	150,000
		Activity Total	500,000
<b>Improved Policy Environment for Trade in Nicaragua: Tax Administration</b>	Technical assistance to the Government of Nicaragua, General Directorate of Tax (DGI), to: (1) implement the Strategic and Tactical Plans for period 2005 to 2008, (2) deliver Basic Management Techniques training to all levels of the DGI management structure, (3) deliver Internal Audit and Ethics training essential to enhance organizational integrity and in support of ongoing anti-corruption efforts in the DGI, (4) increase the DGI Human Resources function efficiency and effectiveness by working with the DGI executive team to develop a practical human resources development plan that incorporates training, position descriptions, equitable pay scales, and infrastructure support goals and objectives, and (5) strengthen the DGI Tax Compliance Function (Audit and Collection). Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/OTA.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	297,647
		Activity Total	297,647

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<b>Legal and Institutional Reform in Support of Nicaraguan Competitiveness</b>	The proposed activity will improve the institutional capacity of the Government of Nicaragua to draft legislation and regulations harmonizing its trade and investment regime with the agreement or international best practices that were not covered specifically under the treaty (i.e., commercial law on business registration, secured transactions, and bankruptcy). The expertise and technical assistance it will provide will improve the ability to formulate and execute policies that will empower the Nicaraguan private sector to respond to its new opportunities and challenges under CAFTA-DR, as well other existing and potential new free trade agreements (FTAs), such as with Chile, the EU, and Colombia. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	700,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	350,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	350,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	350,000
		Agreement on Disputes Settlement	350,000
		Agreement on TRIPs	350,000
		Agreement on TRIMs	350,000
		Agreement on TBT	350,000
		Agreements on Trade in Goods	350,000
		Activity Total	3,500,000
<b>Managua International Airport Modernization</b>	This feasibility study will help the International Airport Administration of Nicaragua, Empresa Administradora de Aeropuertos Internacionales (EAAI), develop a plan for the modernization of Managua International Airport through the construction of a new air cargo facility, an improved runway airfield lighting system, and an integrated security system. Implementation of these projects will improve the commercial competitiveness of Nicaragua and its capacity to take advantage of CAFTA-DR. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	324,180
		Activity Total	324,180

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<b>Partnership for Food Industry Development in Nicaragua</b>	The Partnership for Food Industry Development (PFID) fruit and vegetable programs approach to addressing these issues is to identify potential buyers and evaluate markets, build lasting alliances between buyers and Nicaraguan suppliers, and partner with various public and private organizations to remove supply chain constraints to increase the sales of fresh produce. This is a market-oriented strategy to access markets for the small- and medium-scale producers and as such, will focus on the needs and wants of the buyers. Further, the program is designed to increase the general capacity of Nicaraguan suppliers to respond to market opportunities and to enhance country performance in the formulation of strategies and policies to help Nicaraguan firms become a major market presence. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	Trade-Related Agriculture	4,080,468
		Activity Total	4,080,468
<b>Port of Corinto Competitiveness Upgrade Project</b>	This technical assistance (TA) grant to the National Port Authority of Nicaragua, Empresa Portuaria Nacional (EPN), will provide recommendations for upgrades to improve the competitiveness of the Port of Corinto including upgrading the cargo facilities, introducing modern information technology, improving the security infrastructure, expanding port operating areas, and reviewing operational procedures. The TA will promote stronger commercial ties with the United States through the CAFTA-DR regional trade initiative, as well as provide a more competitive physical and modern infrastructure for the port. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	430,000
		Activity Total	430,000

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<b>Sanitary and Phytosanitary Training - Nicaragua</b>	Support for international veterinary epidemiology training. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	7,394
		Activity Total	7,394
<b>Sanitary and Phytosanitary Training II - Nicaragua</b>	Support for international foreign animal disease diagnosis training. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	5,181
		Activity Total	5,181
<b>Sanitary and Phytosanitary Training III - Nicaragua</b>	Support for training in the use of spread models for sanitary and phytosanitary issues. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	6,554
		Activity Total	6,554
<b>Support for Agricultural Exports - Nicaragua</b>	This project is supporting the cultivation and harvest of leatherleaf ferns (ornamental greens for flower arrangements) for export to European markets. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Trade-Related Agriculture	193,689
		Activity Total	193,689
<b>Technical Consultations on Dairy Plants - Nicaragua</b>	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sent experts to conduct training and to hold technical consultations in dairy plants. Funded and implemented by Health and Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	40,000
		Activity Total	40,000
<b>Tourism Development - Nicaragua</b>	The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is supporting the development of a resort near San Juan del Sur in Nicaragua. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Tourism Sector Development	396,093
		Activity Total	396,093
<b>Tourism Development in Nicaragua</b>	The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is providing support for a project that will promote tourism in Nicaragua. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Tourism Sector Development	159,595
		Activity Total	159,595

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<b>Export Development - Nicaragua</b>	135,019
<b>Forestry, Agriculture, and Tourism Alliance</b>	2,000,000
<b>Fostering Economic Growth from National Protected and Forested Areas</b>	500,000
<b>Improved Policy Environment for Trade in Nicaragua: Tax Administration</b>	297,647
<b>Legal and Institutional Reform in Support of Nicaraguan Competitiveness</b>	3,500,000
<b>Managua International Airport Modernization</b>	324,180
<b>Partnership for Food Industry Development in Nicaragua</b>	4,080,468
<b>Port of Corinto Competitiveness Upgrade Project</b>	430,000
<b>Sanitary and Phytosanitary Training - Nicaragua</b>	7,394
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<b>Total FY06 TCB Funding</b>	15,175,820