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2007 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
Former Soviet Republics*

			FY07 Total
Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	
Black Sea Biotechnology Network	The US Department of Agriculture provided support to the Black Sea Biotechnology Network (BSBA), an international Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), which is currently composed of members from Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, and Turkey. The objectives of BSBA are to support fair and pragmatic trade practices in agricultural commodities and seeds produced with biotechnology, support science-based regulatory systems, and provide economic, environmental, and public health information to decision makers. BSBA provides workshops, scientific papers, and a web site. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	16,665
		Activity Total	16,665
Cochran Fellowship Program - Former Soviet Republics	The Cochran Fellowship Program provides training opportunities for agriculturalists from middle-income and emerging market countries throughout the world. US-based training is provided for senior and mid-level specialists and administrators concerned with agricultural trade, agribusiness development, management, policy and marketing from the public and private sectors. A major objective is to strengthen and enhance trade linkages between eligible countries and agricultural interests in the US. An estimated 44 percent of Cochran Fellowship trainings can be classified as related to trade capacity building. This includes training in such areas as sanitary and phytosanitary standards for agricultural goods, removing technical barriers in the agricultural sector related to trade, agricultural finance and credit that enhances trade and improving an understanding of regulatory and safety systems in agriculture. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	240,500
		Activity Total	240,500
Eurasian Council of Certified Accountants and Auditors (ECCAA)	This activity is part of a regional program – the Certified International Professional Accountant (CIPA) Global Development Alliance. It is co-funded by USAID/Europe and Eurasia and USAID/Ukraine. The Eurasia Council of Certified Accountants and Auditors (ECCAA) is a regional federation to improve the accounting profession throughout the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). In Ukraine, the project will help the four Ukrainian accounting associations – ECCAA members - to meet international accounting standards, principles and ethics. The CIPA education, examination and certification program will allow accountants to validate their competency in international accountancy practices. The activity also supports the adoption of international financial reporting standards as the Ukrainian National Accounting Standards. The activity builds the professional and market recognition of the CIPA qualification in Ukraine and throughout the CIS. No fewer than eighty per cent of the CIPA exam candidates are women. Funded and implemented by USAID/Ukraine.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	120,000
		Business Services & Training	120,000
		Activity Total	240,000

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Global Accounting Education Benchmarking: Eurasia Region	In transition economies across Eurasia, the Benchmarking International Standards of Transparency and Accountability (BISTA) project accelerates implementation of harmonized international standards, closes compliance gaps, and fosters global and regional alliances and the transfer of best practices. BISTA serves the public interest by ensuring the sustainability of regional and national institutions that improve and oversee the competency and credibility of accountants and auditors in the private and public sectors. Overall, BISTA initiatives enhance economic governance and the anti-corruption environment, contribute to improvement of the macroeconomic environment, encourage foreign and domestic investment, and increase human and institutional capacity. Funded and implemented by USAID/E and E.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	125,000
		Activity Total	125,000
Regional Energy Markets Assistance Program (REMAP)	Developing a transparent, efficient, open regional electricity market in Central Asia requires a structured and sequential approach that is carefully designed to fit the situation in the region. Therefore, REMAP will have three key components, (1) Regional Electricity Market Development, (2) Market Development Policy Work, and (3) Support for Electricity Sector Reforms. Funded and implemented by USAID/Central Asian Republics.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	172,800
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	172,800
		Business Services & Training	86,400
		Activity Total	432,000
Regional Trade Liberalization and Customs Project - Central Asian Republics	This new activity will foster economic growth and improve the competitiveness of Kazakhstan by improving conditions for international and cross-border trade and transit. This mechanism will assist Kazakhstan with final stages of World Trade Organization (WTO) accession and post-accession compliance. Other activities will work to: reduce trade barriers relating to transport, transit, border crossing, and custom clearance strengthen Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) measures as this is a key element both in WTO compliance and at the implementation levels in reducing barriers related to transit and border crossing and support regional cooperation for data collection and sharing, including increased access of SMEs to market information. Although Kazakhstan's trade environment has improved in recent years, this activity will support needed efforts to increase transparency, clarity, predictability and certainty and to minimize government intrusion. The project includes two components: i)Trade Liberalization through developing and implementing WTO-compliant trade policies and supporting integrated data sharing and consolidation and expanded access to market information and i	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	31,620
		Business Services & Training	52,701
		Customs Operation & Administration	316,203
		Agreement on Gov't Procurement	31,620
		Agreement on TRIPs	31,620
		General Agreement on Trade in Services	31,620
		Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	31,620
		Agreement on TBT	52,701
		Agreement on SPS	52,701
		WTO Accession	316,203
		WTO Awareness	105,401
Activity Total	1,054,011		

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Trade Facilitation - Former Soviet Republics	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	126,646
		E-Commerce & IT	126,646
		Activity Total	253,291

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Total FY07 TCB Funding	2,361,467