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CAFTA-DR CITES Support Program	The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), through its International Technical Assistance Program, is coordinating efforts of various agencies and NGO's to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES) in CAFTA-DR countries. The focus of this effort is to establish effective implementing legislation, provide comprehensive CITES training, and improve CITES enforcement in the region.	FTAs and Trade Integration	100,000	17,000
		Activity Total	100,000	17,000
CAFTA-DR SPS Capacity Building Program	Supports capacity building in plant health, animal health, and food safety systems. The emphasis is to harmonize SPS regulations with the international standard setting bodies (Codex, IPPC, OIE) and increase export opportunities for plant, horticultural, and animal products regional and internationally, including the United States.	Trade-related Agriculture	200,000	190,000
		Activity Total	200,000	190,000
Central America Competition and Consumer Law and Policy Technical Assistance	The program assists Central American nations to build institutional capacity to apply competition and consumer law and policy, along with other legal and regulatory frameworks, that facilitate the successful operation of a competitive market economy characterized by conditions that encourage entry into markets and undistorted consumer choice among competing offers in the marketplace.	Competition Policy, Business Environment, and Governance	18,400	
		Activity Total	18,400	
Cooperative Development Program	The CDP began in 2004 and runs through 2010. There are eight grantees that will utilize their grants to reduce poverty through trade and investment.	Trade-related Agriculture	30,782	
		Activity Total	30,782	
DR-CAFTA Support	The purpose of this activity is to support the efforts of the Dominican Republic governmental institutions, especially the Directorate of Foreign Commerce (DICOEX) of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MIC), private firms and business associations, and civil society organizations to fully implement the DR-CAFTA agreement in the Dominican Republic. Dominican Republic Description for 2010: The free trade agreement for the Dominican Republic, Central America and the United States (DR-CAFTA) entered into force in the Dominican Republic on March 01, 2007. In order to fully comply with the agreement and take full advantage of the newly opened markets, technical assistance will be provided to the GODR and the Dominican private sector in various areas, such as protection of intellectual property rights, environmental standards, labor rights, and agricultural SPS regulations.	FTAs and Trade Integration	1,163,735	397,454
		Activity Total	1,163,735	397,454
Dietary Supplements Good Manufacturing Practices	USDA in collaboration with FDA conducted a Good Manufacturing Practices for Dietary Supplements workshop in Panama City, Panama. The workshop was attended by officials from 13 Latin American countries and focused on the registration and oversight of the dietary supplements industry.	Other Trade Capacity Building	8,846	
		Activity Total	8,846	
Dominican Republic – IPR Training	Two-day workshop for police Dec 10-11 2008, prosecutors, judges, private industry, and others on combating IPR crimes. Among other things, the participants (about 40 persons) developed a protocol for combating piracy by street sellers in upscale neighborhoods. Shortly after the training, the police made arrests. Presenters included one DOJ presenter, a retired US Customs investigator, a Salvadoran judge, and a U.S. judge.	Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	40,320	
		Activity Total	40,320	

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Enhance Ability of Exporters to Meet Sanitary and Phytosanitary Requirements	This government-to-government project provides training to the competent authorities and private sector of the CAFTA-DR countries to understand and meet international obligations related to SPS regulatory procedures, and practices.	Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures (SPS)	162,661	
		Activity Total	162,661	
Environmental Policy Compliance	The main objectives of this activity are: To advance environmental law enforcement for increased competitiveness to achieve communal economic growth, and promote sustainable use and protection of natural resources - the base of the Dominican economy - through environmental protection in poor communities. Dominican Republic Description for 2010: The protection of the Dominican natural resource base is critical to its future growth and sustainable development. Tourism, which accounts for nearly one fourth of the country's GDP, is linked to a diverse environment and a network of unique national parks and protected areas. Human health, as well as agriculture and industry, are highly dependent on clean air and water, both of which are rapidly dwindling.	Environmental Standards and Trade		2,000,000
		Activity Total		2,000,000
Food Security Initiative with USDA	This activity will assist CAFTA-DR governments to improve their sanitary and phytosanitary capacities as well as their agricultural market information systems and promote a trade-led economic growth.	Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures (SPS)		106,778
		Activity Total		106,778
Good Agricultural Practices Train-the-Trainer Program	Date: April 18-25, 2009 - JIFSAN and FDA CFSAN provided this five-day program in country to 50 potential trainers from government, industry and academia. Topics included basic environmental, human health, and sanitary operational practices necessary for production of safe, wholesome fruits and vegetables. USDA-FAS funded some aspects of this program.	Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures (SPS)	36,500	
		Activity Total	36,500	
Microbiology Laboratory Capacity Building and Assessment, CAFTA-DR-Dominican Republic	May 23-28, 2010. Assess the Quality Assurance System of the Inst for Innovation on Biotech and Industry (IIBI) using the using ISO 17025 as a guideline. Training on Salmonella analysis of fresh produce and E. coli O167:H7 in meat products to personnel from the IIBI, the Ministry of Hlth Nat'l Lab and the Ministry of Ag Central Vet Lab (LAVECEN). Assess the production status and analytical capacity available in microbiology. Visit officials from the DR to introduce FDA Latin A. Ofc. Dominican Republic Description for 2010: Dominican Republic	Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures (SPS)		13,200
		Activity Total		13,200
Pesticide Laboratory Capacity Building and Assessment, CAFTA-DR - Dominican Republic	Training and assessment to build pesticide laboratory capacity in Dominican Republic. Start/End Dates: August 23-27, 2010 Dominican Republic Description for 2010: Dominican Republic	Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures (SPS)		18,000
		Activity Total		18,000

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Public-Private Partnerships in Agriculture - DR	The basic objective of this project is to support small-scale producers and processors of agricultural and wood products to diversify and expand their production in order to enable them to become more competitive in global markets, especially now that the Free Trade Agreement with Dominican Republic, Central America, and the United States (DR-CAFTA) is being implemented. Dominican Republic Description for 2010: Given that DR-CAFTA is now in force in the DR, the GODR and the Dominican private sector are now facing new opportunities and challenges to develop their country and reduce poverty. The Dominican agricultural sector, particularly those on small farms, is now facing new challenges to survive and grow in an open market economy. Many small farmers and processors will have to find new ways to produce, process and market their products more competitively or to diversify.	Trade-related Agriculture	4,434,514	4,401,204
		Activity Total	4,434,514	4,401,204
Public-Private Partnerships in Tourism	The ultimate goal of the USAID Dominican Sustainable Tourism Alliance (USAID/DSTA) is to better equip and strengthen local small, medium-sized and community based tourism enterprises, and relevant tourism entities (most notably the existing tourism clusters) to independently sustain efforts once external funding from USAID/DR is removed. This will be best achieved through continued public-private collaboration and outreach to new development partners at the national, regional, and global levels. Dominican Republic Description for 2010: Tourism in the DR accounts for nearly a quarter of GDP and provides some 500,000 jobs and \$4 billion in revenue. USAID/DR initiated a new sustainable tourism program that will improve the capacity of small and medium-sized businesses to benefit from the domestic and international Dominican tourism markets through increased productivity and competitiveness. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to better equip and strengthen local small, medium-sized an	Trade-related Tourism	2,000,000	2,317,321
		Activity Total	2,000,000	2,317,321
Regional Trade and Food Security Program	This activity will support a regional agenda for food security to engage in strategies, effective dialogue, accountability and partnership to ensure policy effectiveness. Also, it will consolidate a regional platform for research and innovation of sustainable agriculture practices to support dissemination for farm level application and consolidation of efforts at a regional level in partnership with local, regional and international organizations and centers of excellence.	Trade-related Agriculture		361,023
		Enterprise Development		180,511
		Customs Operations		180,511
		Activity Total		722,045
Support Implementation of CAFTA-DR Environmental Chapter Requirements	The project will provide technical assistance to implement Chapter 17 (Environment) obligations, and the Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA) Work Plan. Major areas of assistance are: (a) Strengthening Environmental Management Systems and improving compliance with environmental laws and Multilateral Environmental Agreement, (b) Supporting public participation and consultations under the CAFTA-DR and ECA, and (c) Improving private sector environmental performance and compliance.	Environmental Standards and Trade		1,075,000
		Activity Total		1,075,000
Support Implementation of CAFTA-DR Labor Chapter Requirements	The project will provide technical assistance to implement the CAFTA-DR Labor Chapter and additional commitments by Trade and Labor Ministries, including: (a) Strengthening labor justice institutions, increasing access to justice, (b) Raising professional standards in labor justice and (c) Incrementing the use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and of oral procedures in labor courts.	Trade-related Labor	229,000	1,436,000
		Activity Total	229,000	1,436,000

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Support for Implementation of CAFTA-DR Rules of Origin and Customs Administration Requirements	E-CAM will provide technical assistance and training on CAFTA-DR Chapter 3-4-5 Rules of Origin, Customs Administration and Trade Facilitation. E-CAM will work with the TCB Committee to identify regional priorities. Results: Public and Private sector capacity strengthening for effective implementation of CAFTA-DR Agreement. Activities include: verification of origin, trade facilitation mechanisms and code of ethics for customs officials.	Customs Operations		95,907
		Activity Total		95,907
	E-CAM will provide technical assistance and training on the obligations from CAFTA-DR Chapter Four Rules of Origin (ROO), Chapter Five Customs Administration and Trade Facilitation, and Chapter 19 Trade Capacity Building. E-CAM will work with the TCB Committee to identify regional TCB priorities. Results: Effective implementation of Chapter 3,4, and 5 strengthening of rules of origin and risk management units and development of legislation, policies and regulations required for compliance.	Trade Promotion	352,173	
		Activity Total	352,173	
Technical Assistance: Dominican Republic - Government Debt Issuance and Management	Strengthen Public Credit Office as required by public debt law; improve cash forecasting; put public action operation for government securities in place; formulate a national debt management strategy; recommend changes in legal structure for public debt; reduce foreign exchange vulnerability; improve efficiency of primary market auction; develop a secondary market for government debt; deepen and widen base for government securities.	Financial Sector Development	409,012	624,510
		Activity Total	409,012	624,510