

Table of Regional Cooperation Projects

Cooperation Projects in Africa

Burkina Faso

Bagré Right Bank Farmland Reclamation Project	This project is developing 1,200 hectares of farmland and carrying out irrigation engineering, as well as providing maintenance for roads, transport systems, and rice fields. The mission also provides rice cultivation and extension, offers training, and creates production and marketing teams.
Upland Rice Cultivation Extension Project	This project is developing 1,800 hectares of farmland in Dionkélé. In cooperation with the Burkina Faso Ministry of Agriculture, upland rice cultivation is now being extended nation-wide on 4,200 hectares for a total of 6,000 hectares.
Food Processing Technical Assistance Project	The TaiwanICDF is assisting in the development of the food processing industry by providing technology to improve processing, extend the shelf life of agricultural products, and increase the added value of farm goods.
Farmland Development Assessment and Research Project	Experts were sent to Burkina Faso to assist Taiwan's Management and Technical Corporation (MTC) in the international bidding process to develop 1,500 hectares of farmland on the left bank of the Bagré River.
Aquaculture Project	This project is helping to develop an aquaculture system in Burkina Faso by transferring fish breeding technology, by promoting commercial aquaculture activities, and by improving local economic incomes and the availability of fresh fish.
Medical Assistance Project	The medical mission is providing services at CHR de Kougougou L'Hospital de l'Amitie in Koudougou, offering knowledge and technology transfers to boost the medical standards of the hospital.
Rural Credit Project	Banque Agricole et Commerciale de Burkina is disbursing loans provided by the TaiwanICDF to farmers and women to improve production and business activities, increase revenues for rural people and reduce rural poverty.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF has sent four volunteers to engage in hydraulic engineering, environmental protection, handicrafts, and medical work.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	The TaiwanICDF has provided six servicemen for assistance in the areas of hydraulic engineering, farming machinery maintenance, and medicine.

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Rice Yield Increase Project	This project is developing 600 hectares of farmland in Bongor, designing irrigation systems, creating an upland and paddy rice production zone, and improving farm roads. Locals are being trained to repair farm machines, and farmers are being instructed on enhanced rice growing techniques. A revolving fund has been established to provide capital for fertilizers and pesticides to help farmers achieve self-reliance.
Vegetable Production Marketing Team Project	The technical mission has established vegetable plots in the Djadeya area near the capital of N'Djamena. To raise profits, the mission is also assisting farmers in the creation of co-production and marketing organizations.
Medical Assistance Project	The medical mission provides services at N'Djamena's L'Hospital de la Liberte in internal, surgical, pathological, and gynecological medicine as well as ultra-sound. It also offers training of medical personnel and periodically holds free clinics to boost the impact of its services.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	The TaiwanICDF has provided five servicemen for assistance in the areas of hydraulic engineering, medicine, and agronomy.

The Gambia

Paddy Rice Yield Increase and Agricultural Machinery Center Project	Cooperation is being carried out with the local government in the extension of 500 hectares of paddy and upland rice, and farmers are also being assisted in creating 40 hectares of rice seed. The TaiwanICDF is working with Action Aid on developing 80 hectares of tidal rice paddies and is expanding the grinding factory, strengthening the grading system and packaging, and instructing farmers on marketing the high quality rice.
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Vegetable Yield Increase and Extension Project	The technical mission is providing assistance in giving production materials and technical consultations to production and marketing teams. It has created a farm products wholesale market in Banjul to improve distribution of the area's output.
Food Processing Technical Assistance Project	The TaiwanICDF cooperates with local agricultural authorities in developing the food processing industry and in improving the processing technology for crops such as sorghum, millet, corn, and mangos. These activities are increasing the added value of agricultural products and creating products with a high economic value.
Micro-financing and Capacity Building Project	This project assists Gambian MSMEs, and the agricultural sector in developing economic activities, helping to reduce poverty and increase employment. It boosts the structure of Gambian micro-credit institutions, including strengthening the VISACA Promotion Centre. Micro-credit is extended primarily to women, farmers, and youth, so they have access to obtain financing resources to stage economic activities and improve their lives.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	The TaiwanICDF has provided three servicemen for assistance in civil engineering, horticulture, and administration-related work.
Malawi	
Grain Development and Extension Project	The project has completed maize extension on 4,000 hectares, and is training farmers in growing techniques and in the operational management of farmers' organizations. Over 10,000 kilograms of rice seed has been supplied to paddy rice farmers. Assistance is being provided to production teams to raise yields and breed superior rice varieties.
Horticulture Development and Extension Project	Courses were held that trained 310 local officials and extension personnel in vegetable and fruit orchard planting techniques. Various trial cultivations were carried out. Assistance was provided in creating vegetable and fruit production and marketing teams with the farmers.
Vocational Training Cooperation Project	The technical mission is cooperating with Lilongwe Technical College to design courses and instructional materials. The project is also providing instructional demonstrations, assisting in the maintenance of various equipment and facilities, and providing consultation services.
Small Sized Corn Grinding Factory Project	Five model cornstarch factories have been completed in the south of the country, five in the center, and seven in the north. Extension assistance is also being provided to farmer organizations.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF has sent one volunteer to assist in computer and IT related work.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Nine servicemen are assisting in agronomy, administration, and medicine.
São Tomé and Príncipe	
Vegetable Yield Increase Project	The technical mission is introducing tropical fruit trees and vegetables suited to the local environment and is carrying out extension work. The mission helps farmers form production and marketing teams and create family gardens. It also offers technology to raise vegetable yields and boost farmer incomes.
Livestock Development Project	The project is improving equipment in demonstration chicken farms and is creating a comprehensive egg production model. A basic fertilizer mixture factory has been erected to reduce production costs. Chicken farmer cooperatives are also being established.
Medical Assistance Project	Medical services are being provided at Centro Policlínico de Agua Grande. Management systems at the clinic are also being improved to raise the country's overall medical standards.
Malaria Eradication Project	The TaiwanICDF is assisting in establishing a control and therapy mechanism to help reduce the spread of malaria and the number of deaths caused by the disease. Information campaigns are staged to raise basic health and sanitation awareness among the public to reduce the spread of malaria.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Five servicemen are assisting in medicine, agronomy, and veterinary medicine.



Senegal

Rice Extension Project	This project is extending rice cultivation in the southern and southeastern areas of Senegal, providing farmers with technical assistance to help them boost output. New rice varieties and deep-water cultivation technology are being introduced. Post-harvest processing techniques are also being instructed to farmers, which is raising the yields and quality of the rice.
Vegetable Extension Project	This project has provided assistance to a 200-hectare vegetable production zone, instructing farmers how to utilize rotation systems and make sales plans. It also carries out a smallholder loan system. The project increases the scale of banana farming to reduce the need for imports, saving foreign exchange. The project carries out asparagus cultivation extension on over 75 hectares and is experimenting with tea growing.
Aquaculture Project	The technical mission is selecting outstanding fresh-water fish species for raising, rearing, and extension. It is developing suitable raising techniques in order to reduce culture costs. The mission is also providing guidance in oyster farming and is investigating other aquaculture opportunities in the region.
Vocational Education Project	The TaiwanICDF will provide a loan to assist secondary vocational schools raise the quality of education and train personnel needed in the country's industrial development. Electronic, electrical machinery, and machinery lab equipment will be upgraded to help improve the students' practical knowledge. Teachers will be trained, coursework mapped out, and textbooks compiled.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	The TaiwanICDF has provided four servicemen to assist in the fields of horticulture, agronomy and administration.

Swaziland

Small Farmer Corn and Sweet Potato Project	In conjunction with the Government of Swaziland's policy on increasing staple food outputs, the technical mission is assisting in the extension of corn and sweet potato cultivation and in the organization of production and marketing teams. The mission is gradually developing other staple foods to raise self-sufficiency and boost farmer incomes.
Royal Project	This project introduces superior varieties of rice, vegetables, and sweet potatoes to increase per-unit output. To boost income, assistance is provided to the Royal Family Tisuka Organization Farm in personnel training and management procedures. In addition, advice is being given on creating farmer production and marketing teams at the Ngwempisi reclamation area and to carry out direct sales. Mission members also provide instruction on post-harvesting and packaging to raise farmers' incomes.
Handicrafts Training Project	By training technicians and seed instructors, the technical mission has established training courses in handicrafts, sewing, machinery, domestic trades, and computers. It has also established a handicrafts display and sales center. The project works to create educational and business opportunities for local residents. A self-sufficient demonstration-training center is in place with an eye to long-term sustainability.
Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project	This project is a financing project involving cooperation with six international organizations—the AfDB, the BADEA, the DBSA, the EDF, the EIB, and the IFAD to develop irrigation systems in the Lower Usuthu Basin. Dams and other infrastructure are also being constructed to create a beneficial production environment to help smallholders grow high value crops, increase direct and indirect employment opportunities, raise incomes, and reduce poverty.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen are providing assistance in the areas of horticulture and administration.

Regional Cooperation Projects

International Conference on Digital Opportunities/ Workshop on ICT Policy Evaluation and Bridging the Digital Divide	In conjunction with Executive Yuan's policy to help friendly countries to upgrade their IT capabilities and reduce the digital divide, the TaiwanICDF sent technology delegations to Swaziland and Senegal in March and November of 2004 to hold seminars on developing digital opportunities. Taiwan's experience in developing a digital society was shared with conference participants. Taiwan experts visited high-tech companies and academic institutions. The information they collected is being used to draft and implement follow-up plans for possible technical assistance projects in 2005.
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Latin America and the Caribbean

Belize

Seed Rice Production and Technology Transfer Project	This project includes creating a production system of superior rice seed, instructing farmers in modern farming and management technology, and training local extension personnel. The jasmine rice introduced by the technical mission has been well received locally and has been successfully exported to Canada.
Food Processing Project	In cooperation with the Belize Ministry of Agriculture, this project is mapping out food processing projects, holding courses to train processing technicians, providing assistance to factories, and helping manufacturers in setting up safety standards. A food products exhibition center has been created and is being integrated with the tourism and leisure sectors to develop and extend local specialties.
Vegetable and Crop Production Improvement and Extension Project	This project is being implemented in conjunction with Belize's policy of diversifying the agricultural industry through introducing and developing vegetables and staple crops with market potential. The technical mission is not only providing farmers with superior seeds and seedlings for tomatoes, peppers, bean seeds, and sprouts, but is also assisting farmers in production and marketing techniques, promoting school vegetable garden projects, and training students in planting and management procedures. The vegetables grown are a source of nutrition for students and teachers.
Small Farmholders' Financing Scheme	This project is being carried out in conjunction with the Vegetable and Crop Production Improvement and Extension Project, creating a revolving fund to assist in crop extension. Loan recipients are selected by the technical mission and Belize's Ministry of Agriculture, with the names of those selected provided to financial institutions for reference. Those receiving financing will use the funds to purchase equipment, fertilizer and seed.
Tourism Development Financing Project	In order to boost tourism, the TaiwanICDF and the IDB provide financing to build roads and tourist organizations near Mayan ruin sites. The project also takes environmental factors into consideration and the preserves of Mayan artifacts. By improving the tourism sector, employment opportunities will be created to increase foreign exchange earnings and government revenue.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent six volunteers to assist in horticulture, computer education, medical services and herbal medicine research.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen are providing assistance in horticulture, agronomy, and food processing.

Chile

IT School Project	A telecenter has been created in the remote northern section of the country, training seed teachers to provide students and residents with computer network systems and Internet resources. Information hardware and language software is used to reduce the rate of illiteracy in remote areas and train residents in basic word processing and typing, boosting skills necessary in finding work.
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Costa Rica

Agriculture Development Project	This project covers fruit trees, flowers, bananas, root vegetables, and guava jam processing. The goal is to produce all types of high quality seedlings and jam to provide to the local farmers and consumer market.
Fisheries Development Project	The TaiwanICDF introduces highly efficient fishing methods and provides training seminars for local fishermen. In addition tilapia cultivation is being introduced in remote mountainous areas to address the insufficient levels of protein in the local diets. The project is also carrying out trials on raising fish in saltwater cages and is helping fishermen raise economically valuable fish to boost their incomes.
Highway Construction Loan Project	This project provides a loan to construct a 40-kilometer highway in the San Carlos region. The road is 10.9 meters wide and includes 11 bridges. Upon completion, it will connect rural and urban areas, facilitating the transport of agricultural and livestock products and sparking regional development.



Moin Port Expansion Project	This project aims to expand Moin Port. In addition to extending the length of the pier, machinery and infrastructure are being improved, thus strengthening the cargo transport facilities at the port.
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Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF has sent 13 volunteers for assistance in work related to Chinese language instruction, computers, flower marketing consultation, horticulture, and medicine. One short-term volunteer is also involved in historical document compilation.
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Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Three servicemen are providing assistance in horticulture and administrative work.
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Ecuador

Vegetable Project	This project provides guidance to underprivileged single-crop smallholders who focus primarily on growing corn or rice. By planting a variety of vegetables, these farmers will be able to improve their income. The project also assists farmers in developing new farmland and has created a vegetable extension area, providing instruction in farming management and sales.
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Rice Project	The technical mission is providing superior rice seed to farmers to improve the yields and seed propagation. Workshops are also held to improve cultivation technology.
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Bamboo Handicraft Development and Cultivation Project	This project is held in conjunction with the local Ministry of Agriculture and a natural resources protection foundation to promote the growth of bamboo to prevent erosion. Bamboo cultivation and farm management courses are held, and a bamboo handicrafts training center has been opened. Persons are trained to produce bamboo furniture and handicrafts.
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Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen are providing assistance in horticulture and agronomy work.
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El Salvador

Vegetable Production Extension Project	The technical mission assists the national agriculture institute in establishing model farms and in training farming technicians, with an eye to developing vegetables with large market potential. The project also instructs farmers in creating simple nurseries to improve propagation techniques and also helps them in organizing production and marketing teams.
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Fruit Tree Production Improvement Project	This project creates demonstration orchards and trains extension personnel in planting and seedling propagation. Cultivation technology is passed to farmers to raise tropical fruits, such as guava, bell-fruit, jujube, and lychee. Temperate fruits such as tangerines are also being introduced.
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Fish Breeding and Aquaculture Extension Project	This project assists the local fisheries authority in propagating tilapia fry for raising purposes. In addition to providing production technology and sales guidance to fishermen, the project is working to increase the scale of fish farming and to commercialize such operations, increasing the added value of aquaculture and leading to sustainable development.
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Program for Environmental Pollution Control in Critical Areas	The TaiwanICDF co-finances this project with the IDB to assist El Salvador in creating a public hazards, including air, water, and waste processing regulations. It also assists local framework to guard against governments in waste processing and in integrating environmental protection organizations throughout the country.
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Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen are providing assistance in aquaculture, horticulture, and administrative work.
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Guatemala

Bamboo Cultivation and Utilization Project	This project assists in creating a bamboo cultivation and utilization center. Types of bamboo suited to processing are being introduced and extended. This reduces damage to wood forests and helps prevent erosion. Courses are also held on making furniture, houses, and greenhouses from bamboo.
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Horticultural Export Development Project	This project helps to strengthen crop export diversity and provides technology assistance and equipment loans. A cooperative arrangement has been forged with local distributors, and production and marketing teams work to expand export markets. Papaya and guava are being exported to the US and other countries, while vegetables are being exported to the US and EU.
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Aquaculture and Farm Product Processing Technology Improvement Project	A freshwater fish-breeding center has been established at San Carlos University to carry out research and training for advanced propagation technology, with an eye to improving output. Old factories at the Agriculture Research Institute are being refitted to enable farm product processing capabilities. Training and technology transfers are being carried out. New products are also being developed to increase diversity.
Tea Technology Improvement Project	Technicians have been sent to Guatemala for short periods to provide assistance in tea tree planting and tea garden management. A tea-bagging machine has also been donated. Two tea farmers from Guatemala have been brought to Taiwan for a four-week study course and returned home to serve as seed teachers, training other farmers in the techniques they have learned.
Investment Extension Project	This project is providing Taiwan companies with advice on investment cooperation and strategic alliances within Guatemala. The trade mission provides information on land and utilities costs as well as taxes and other regulations for companies that would like to invest in Guatemala. It also assists local companies in analyzing investment risks, maps out investment plans, and finds investment opportunities.
Export Extension Project	This project assists importers from Taiwan in understanding business conditions in Guatemala and provides commercial opportunities and procurement services for them. It also provides analysis on the state of exports from Central American countries and assists Guatemalan companies in formulating export strategies, thus strengthening competitiveness and marketing. Courses and seminars are held to share the "Taiwan experience" while training local people.
SME Development Symposium	In cooperation with local economic authorities, a symposium and consultative services were provided to government officials, representatives of business associations, and executives of individual companies. Discussions were also carried out on financing for SMEs and major companies.
Technical Education Project	Financing is being provided to establish the three-year ITGS school to serve as a model vocational institute in Guatemala. Funds are being used for school buildings and dormitories, curricula enhancement, educational materials, teacher training, and equipment procurement.
Child Sponsorship Project	The TaiwanICDF works with the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families in setting up a Taiwan "adoption zone" in Guatemala. Approximately 400 needy children receive assistance on a regular basis through this project.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen are providing assistance in work related to aquaculture at the technical mission and administration at the investment and trade service mission.
Honduras	
Crop Production Project	The technical mission is extending production of Taiwan guava, papaya, Oriental vegetables, and rice and is assisting farmers in developing export markets. The mission is also helping to establish production and marketing teams, providing seed and seedling propagation techniques, and creating demonstration orchards for tropical fruit. Training courses are held regularly to train local technicians in cultivation management and propagation technology.
Aquaculture Project	A tilapia fry propagation demonstration station has been created and loans provided to fishermen to purchase production materials. Technical assistance is provided to fishermen for raising the quality and output of their catch. Tilapia production and marketing cooperatives have been established to boost export competitiveness. Courses are held regularly to train technicians and fish farmers.
Hog Breeding Project	Operations at a pig farm in Comayagua continue, and a new farm is being developed, which will produce superior piglets for farmers to raise. Regular lectures are held for production and marketing teams and instruction is given on production techniques and disease prevention. Cooperation with a local university and international aid organizations is being carried out to help farmers improve breeding techniques and productivity.
Quimistan Valley Irrigation Project	The TaiwanICDF provides loans to establish irrigation and farming systems in the northern Quimistan valley, including construction of dikes at Blanco and Chiquila as well as two conduits and other maintenance facilities. A 50-hectare demonstration farm will also be established.



Small Farmholders' Financing Scheme--Tilapia Raising Program	To support the technical mission's Aquaculture Project, the TaiwanICDF provides fishermen in the Logo Yojoa region with revolving funds for raw materials and cage equipment. This helps to improve living condition for fishermen.
Small Farmholders' Financing Scheme—Rice Production Program	This scheme is carried out to complement the technical mission's rice extension component by providing revolving funds for participating farmers to purchase raw materials. It helps to produce rice seeds and increase rice yields and quality, raising the incomes of farmers.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF has sent two volunteers to provide computer instruction.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Four servicemen are providing assistance in the areas of agronomy, horticulture, livestock, administration, and veterinary medicine.

Nicaragua

Oilseed and Rice Production Improvement Project	In conjunction with the Nicaraguan government and international organizations, this project is helping to breed superior rice varieties, create a rice production training center, and hold paddy rice cultivation training courses. It also provides instruction in the use and repair of machinery. It assists farmers in producing staples and oilseed as well as in improving production and marketing techniques to boost exports.
Horticultural Crop Production Improvement Project	This project provides assistance on developing vegetables breeds as well as planting and production technology to expand output and boost quality. It assists farmers in creating vegetable production and marketing teams and helps arrange for the sale of products in major supermarkets in the capital. It also works with the government and international organizations to improve production and marketing mechanisms for smallholder farmers.
Livestock Extension Project	This project produces superior breeder hogs and ewes, providing these animals to farmers for extension. Specialists have created a breeder hog semen bank, provided instruction on hog breeding and held training courses for farmers in the industry, instructing them on how to use refuse to make organic fertilizer. Technicians also analyze the state of chicken egg production for reference in future extension projects.
Aquatic Product Processing Technology Assistance Project – Stage II	The TaiwanICDF has been commissioned by the IDB's Japan Program to carry out this project. The project entered its second stage in 2004. The TaiwanICDF sent two aquaculture specialists to instruct local farmers in processing technology to increase the added value of aquatic products.
Medical Equipment Improvement Project	Held in conjunction with the short-term medical clinical services, the TaiwanICDF donated medical equipment and medicines that were urgently needed by four local clinics.
Small Farmholders' Financing Scheme	This scheme provides financing to the Omar Torrijos Cooperative to resolve its financial problems and improve administrative and fiscal management systems. The project aims to boost farming techniques and introduce superior rice varieties to raise the productivity and incomes of cooperative members.
Agricultural Production Reactivation—Phase II	The TaiwanICDF provides co-financing with the IDB to build infrastructure and expand farm product support services, such as irrigation engineering, farming technology, warehousing, and facilities to protect against natural calamities. This assistance is helping small- and medium-sized farmers in improving production and management techniques, is raising profits for low-income farmers, and is promoting agricultural production on a nation-wide basis.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent nine volunteers to teach Chinese, computers, dance, music and provide nursing services. Another three short-term medical volunteers have been dispatched for a one-month period to conduct free medical services in four cities around Managua Province.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Five servicemen are providing assistance in the areas of livestock, agronomy, veterinary medicine, and administration.

Panama	
Fruit and Vegetable Project	The technical mission has established propagation centers in eastern, central and western Panama to provide the seeds and seedlings needed by farmers. In addition, other crops such as Taiwan sweet potatoes, guava, and medicinal herbs are being introduced. The mission is creating production and marketing teams for farmers and providing guidance on production and sales.
Food Processing Project	The TaiwanICDF has helped Panama create a food-processing center and develop a number of food processing techniques, including fruit and vegetable processing, nutritional products, and medicinal foods. It also trains food-processing instructors for agricultural schools.
Fishing Village Development Project	This project has helped fishermen create cooperatives and jointly carry out production and marketing activities. It also provides loans to help fishermen purchase boats and equipment, reducing reliance on intermediaries and thereby increasing incomes.
Small Farmholders' Financing Scheme—Fishing Boat Loans	This project is held in conjunction with assistance provided by the technical mission. A fisheries fund has been established, providing loans for fishermen and cooperatives, helping them to obtain production materials, thus increasing the efficiency of fishing operations.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF has sent 20 volunteers to engage in Chinese-language, English-language, computer, fine arts and athletics instruction, as well as agricultural extension, nursing, and computer hardware repair.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Four servicemen are providing assistance in the areas of horticulture, food processing, and administration work.
Paraguay	
Agricultural Crops Extension Project	This project provides support in the operation of vegetable production and marketing centers as well as in propagating cotton and sugar cane seedlings. The technical mission also offers assistance to farmers in farming technology. In each extension area, the mission sets up local marketplaces for farmers, instructs them on exhibition and sales functions, and helps the farmers sell their farm products at regional supermarkets.
Floriculture Project	This project trains horticulturists to produce high quality flowers. Flower exhibitions and fairs are organized by the mission to boost sales and distribution channels for flowers.
Hog Raising Project	A hog-farming center has been established for providing high-quality disease-free pork to local markets. Hog farmers have been trained in growing corn for feed to reduce the costs in purchasing feed. Superior hogs, along with artificial insemination technology, help to improve hog breeding.
Export Processing Zone Project	Experts have been sent to export processing zones to train operation managers and textile/garment import/export experts to increase Paraguayan textile exports. Persons associated with the project also visit local textile companies to provide assistance to factories.
IT School Project	The TaiwanICDF helps to strengthen the equipment and network systems at four telecenters throughout the country based on the needs expressed by the authorities in Paraguay. Seed instructors are trained under the project, and students and residents can use the computer networks and Internet systems. The hardware and language software are also used to reduce illiteracy and train residents in simple word processing and typing, helping them to boost their job skills.
Child Scholarship Project	The project is carried out in cooperation with the Office of the First Lady of Paraguay and is in response to Vice President Annette Lu's call for Taiwan to express its concern for Latin America. The project provides academic scholarships for 500 needy children in Paraguay who have excellent school records, enabling them to continue their studies without concern for tuition.

Medical Support to Paraguay Supermarket Fire Victims	In response to a call by Vice President Annette Lu and with the assistance of Taiwan's Embassy in Paraguay, the TaiwanICDF is working with a local relief committee to assist persons who suffered from major fire at an Asuncion supermarket.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Five servicemen are providing assistance in the areas of livestock, agronomy, and horticulture.

Peru

IT School Project	This project, held in conjunction with the Government of Peru's Information Education Project, provides computer equipment to the Edelmira del Pando School in the capital city of Lima.
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Dominican Republic

Industrial Technology Cooperation Project	Experts have been sent to the Dominican Republic to provide assistance to strategic industries, to provide diagnosis to individual companies, and to hold industrial technology conferences. In addition, training courses are held to train local people and promote industrial competitiveness. In 2004, assistance was provided to the metals and food processing industries.
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Rice Seed Improvement and Yield Enhancement Project	This project seeks to purify, develop, and extend superior rice varieties. It also offers production models and technology to major rice producing areas and helps farmers implement rice seed propagation systems.
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Horticultural Crop Cultivation and Bamboo House Project	This project introduces new vegetable varieties, carries out organic cultivation, and produces organic compost. It is also providing demonstrations on bamboo construction, training seed teachers, enhancing the ability of students to design and develop products, and raising the quality of bamboo handicrafts. Tropical and sub-tropical fruit trees are being introduced, and orchards for mother trees and saplings are being created. Farmers are being trained in production and management technology.
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Aquaculture Development Project	The technical mission is helping local authorities to develop an aquaculture industry, including the nurturing, propagation, and raising of fresh water fish fry and the development of appropriate species of fish for farming. Demonstrations, training, and extension work are carried out.
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Program for Modernizing the National Congress and the Office of the Comptroller General	This project is being co-financed with the IDB and is modernizing the Congress and strengthening its legislative and oversight functions. Facilities are being upgraded, and consultations and training on law drafting techniques and procedures are provided. Budget and fiscal management planning and employee human resource mechanisms are being improved and relevant information systems established.
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Grenada

Horticulture Project	This project is helping Grenada develop and extend horticulture crops. Equipment in demonstration farms is being upgraded. Flower production and marketing teams have been created, and flowers are being provided to meet the needs of the tourism industry.
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Agricultural Product Processing Project	The technical mission is assisting agricultural authorities in creating a fruit dehydration processing center and is holding courses on fruit processing. Extension work is being carried out. Products include dried papaya, dehydrated papaya, dried star fruit, and dried bananas.
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Trade Project	This project collects economic development policy and industrial trends on Grenada and East Caribbean nations to pave the way for investment by Taiwan companies. To help boost bilateral trade, the technical mission also provides consultation and trade information for companies in those nations.
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Medical Equipment Improvement Project	The TaiwanICDF provides US\$100,000 annually to upgrade medical equipment. Portable X-ray machines, blood bank coolers, patient room monitors, freezers, ice makers, and EKG monitors were purchased in 2004 in the wake of damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.
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Small Farmholders' Financing Scheme	This project is carried out in conjunction with the technical mission's horticulture extension work. A US\$100,000 smallholder revolving fund has been created to provide participating farmers with initial investment and working capital. The technical mission and local authorities select qualified farmers and recommend them to financial institutions. The farmers then apply for loans to buy machinery, fertilizer, and seeds.
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Micro-credit Project	The TaiwanICDF is cooperating with the NDFG to provide micro-credit, promoting the development of the private sector and strengthening credit delivery.
Eastern Caribbean Scholarship Program	To elevate the national educational standards and to help develop human resources, the TaiwanICDF provides US\$100,000 to train teachers and help students with tuition and textbook purchases. A total number of over 4,500 students benefited from the project.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent two volunteers to provide assistance in computer networks and social work.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	One serviceman is providing assistance in agronomy.

Haiti

Rice Yield Enhancement Project	Rice varieties that are resistant to local diseases are being selected and introduced in this project. Technicians assist farmers in improving their farming technology and fertilizing method, helping to reduce production costs and increase yields.
Bamboo Cultivation and Handicraft Project	This project propagates bamboo saplings and carries out extension work. Training courses are held to provide instruction on the manufacture of bamboo furniture and other items, as well as on the sale of those products.
Investment and Lending Project to Micro-credit National S.A. – Phase I and II	The TaiwanICDF provides financing to assist MCN in extending its financing operations.
Drinking Water Distribution Project in Petion-Ville Lot I	This four-lot project is being co-financed with the EIB. It assists the Haiti government in water system engineering and improving the quality of water supplied in Petion-Ville, helping to reduce water-borne illnesses.
Emergency Relief Project for Hurricane Jeanne	Haiti suffered tremendous damage as a result of Hurricane Jeanne. To ensure local access to clean water, the TaiwanICDF provided 10,000 water barrels to residents after their storage containers were ruined from mud.

St. Christopher and Nevis

Fruit and Vegetable Project	This project helps farmers develop production technology for pineapple and other fruits. Talented farmers are assisted in commercializing their production management mechanisms.
Medical Equipment Improvement Project	The TaiwanICDF provides US\$100,000 annually to upgrade medical equipment. In 2004, the funds were used to purchase five medical transportation vehicles to strengthen local community medical networks.
Small Farmholders' Financing Scheme	Carried out in tandem with the technical mission's Fruit and Vegetable Project, a US\$100,000 revolving smallholders' fund has been created. The technical mission and local authorities select qualified farmers to receive investments and funding from financial institutions. This increases the output of farmers and raises their working capital.
Micro-credit Project	The TaiwanICDF is cooperating with the NFD to provide micro-credits to help micro-enterprises obtain funding that they would otherwise not be able to access given their lack of collateral. This project has entered the stage in which companies are beginning to repay their loans.
Eastern Caribbean Scholarship Program	To elevate the national educational standards and to help develop human resources, the TaiwanICDF provides US\$100,000 to train teachers and help students with tuition and textbook purchases. In 2004, 125 elementary students, 370 secondary school students, and 103 college level students benefited from the project.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF has sent one volunteer to engage in nursing-related work.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen are providing assistance in horticulture.



St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Horticultural Crop Development Project	This project is helping to train local technicians with pineapple and flower growing technologies. It also helps farmers in vegetable and fruit tree planting and seedling propagation.
Livestock Extension Project	A breeder chicken and incubation farm has been completed, and a chicken company to produce meat has been jointly established by the government and private companies. The technical mission provides assistance to farmers in selling their meats to supermarkets and fried chicken outlets. Assistance continues to be provided to hog farms. Guidance is provided in maintaining sanitation at slaughterhouses to raise the quality and sanitation of pork.
Micro-credit Project	The TaiwanICDF cooperates with the NDFSVG to provide financing to micro-enterprises to assist them in obtaining financial services. This aims to promote development within the private sector.
Medical Equipment Improvement Project	The TaiwanICDF provides US\$100,000 annually to upgrade medical equipment. In 2004, the funds were used to purchase an MRU endoscope, an industrial dehydrator, a portable ultrasound and scanner, bulbs used in phototherapy units, and incubators and respirators for newborns.
Eastern Caribbean Scholarship Program	To elevate the national educational standards and to help develop human resources, the TaiwanICDF provides US\$100,000 to train teachers and help students with tuition and textbook purchases. In 2004, 261 elementary school students, 421 secondary school students, 103 college level students, and 64 overseas students benefited from the program.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent four volunteers for work in the areas of medical care, computer and music education, and forest preservation.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen are providing assistance in the area of horticulture.

Regional Cooperation Projects

Special Fund for the Social Transformation of Central America (FETS)	The TaiwanICDF has provided a US\$10 million loan to participate in the CABEI's Special Fund for the Social Transformation of Central America. This Fund will strengthen social development in HIPC countries within the region through preferential loans. Sub-projects include upgrading infrastructure and improving living conditions.
Specialized Financial Intermediary Investment Fund	The TaiwanICDF will cooperate with the IDB's MIF in creating the Specialized Financial Intermediary Investment Fund. This financing will help friendly countries in the region with the development of their market economies and MSMEs.
Central America SME Policy Seminar	In cooperation with CABEI, experts from Taiwan were invited to Honduras to take part in a seminar at CABEI headquarters on SME development policies, cooperative systems, and financial assistance. The "Taiwan experience" was shared with the participants, who included business leaders and high-ranking officials from friendly and allied countries.
Central America Farming and Fisheries Workshops	In cooperation with CABEI, officials and technicians from eight allied countries in the region were invited to take part in agricultural training workshops held by host-country technical missions to learn about rice production, Oriental vegetable production, shrimp farming, tissue culture, and bamboo processing.
Latin America Organic Farming Seminar	The technical mission in Panama invited the IICA, the OIRSA, and the MIDA to hold a regional seminar jointly to strengthen cooperation between the missions and these organizations. Taiwan shared its experience in organic farming. Officials and technicians from nine Latin American countries participated in the meetings. A certification system for organic produce in the American region was also discussed.
Cooperation with World Links	Technology education has been pegged as an important educational policy in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic. In 2004, the TaiwanICDF continued its cooperation with World Links in helping these countries set up network computer education facilities in secondary schools.

International Conference on Digital Opportunities: The Taiwan Experience	In line with the Executive Yuan's policy to help bridge the digital divide in allied countries, the TaiwanICDF sent experts to Guatemala in March 2004 to hold a seminar on developing digital opportunities. Taiwan's experience in developing a digital society was shared with seminar participants. The delegation also made visits in the region to collect information that will be used in technical assistance projects in 2005.
InfoBiz Youth Information Project	Given the lack of online commercial information in Latin America and the East Caribbean, the TaiwanICDF and the YABT, an organization affiliated with the General Secretariat of the OAS, cooperated to set up an e-business information portal to encourage young entrepreneurs in the region to carry out e-business.
CABEI Cooperation Loan for Physical Infrastructure	Capital is provided to strengthen infrastructure development in Central America. Two sub-projects are helping to develop electricity in Guatemala and road construction in Costa Rica.
Agricultural Enterprise Video Conferences	The TaiwanICDF, the World Bank's GDLN, and the YABT cooperated to hold audio-visual conferences in May and December. A total of 12 nations participated in the conference, which shared the successes of agricultural enterprise development assisted by the TaiwanICDF technical missions in the region.



Asia-Pacific and the Middle East

Azerbaijan

Taipei-EBRD Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund—SME Re-lending Project	Financial projects are carried out via the Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund, providing loans to SMEs to promote private sector development.
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Bahrain

Horticulture Project and Landscaping Project	The technical mission is assisting Bahrain's Ministry of Agriculture in developing a tourism sector. Specialists are helping locals with urban planning and landscaping work to raise the quality of life in Bahrain. This project is also assisting the local government in creating a sod and grass production system, which reduces the need to use foreign exchange to import ornamentals. This plan also increases employment opportunities and boosts farmer incomes.
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Fiji

Off-Season Vegetable and Fruit Tree Extension Project	The technical mission is introducing suitable vegetables and tropical fruits and is carrying out extension work. In addition to providing planting instructions to farmers, the project is strengthening farmer production and marketing systems. It provides packaging technology essential for the export of top quality products to Australia and New Zealand and for the provision of fruits and vegetables to tourist hotels and markets.
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Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	One serviceman is providing assistance in horticulture.
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Georgia

Taipei-EBRD Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund—Micro-credit Bank of Georgia	Through the Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund, the TaiwanICDF has provided funds to the Micro-credit Bank of Georgia. The funds are then re-lent to MSEs to ease their capital needs.
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India

Medical Infrastructure Project for the Tibetan Community in India	Implemented in conjunction with the Taiwan-Tibet Exchange Foundation, this project assists the Tibetan government-in-exile to improve the equipment in public clinics and raise the level of care for Tibetan refugees.
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The Tibetan Refugee Self-help Center Medical Infrastructure Improvement Project	The TaiwanICDF assisted the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Center in repairing and building new grassroots clinics to improve the level of medical care for area residents.
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Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF has sent three volunteers to engage in medical care, Chinese-language instruction, and computer education.
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Indonesia

General Agriculture Management Project	This project establishes a vegetable production and marketing system to boost farmer incomes. Farmer organizations have been strengthened and vegetable and fruit production and marketing teams created. To strengthen the bilateral relationship between the two countries, the project also encourages Taiwan investment in other related industries.
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Livestock Project	This project is developing the meat and milk potential of the Indonesian Peranakan Ettawa goat and is establishing a production and marketing system for goat milk in the region, raising farmer incomes, and improving the economy of farming villages.
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Aquaculture Project	This project focuses on biological purification methods to improve the ecology and water quality of feeding ponds and to reduce pollution for the purpose of increasing the success of shrimp farming. Taiwan aquaculture experts were sent to provide assistance on shrimp disease prevention. The project also encourages Taiwan aquaculture firms to invest in Indonesia, introducing the latest technologies to improve the country's aquaculture industry.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent one volunteer to engage in Chinese language instruction.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Three servicemen are involved in livestock work.
Kiribati	
Aquaculture Project	This project cooperates with local fisheries officials on developing milkfish artificial propagation techniques and assists farmers with raising technology. It strengthens demonstration and extension to increase farmer incomes.
Horticulture Project	This project assists farmers to develop vegetable cash crops and improve fruit tree cultivation technology to provide a more varied nutritional balance for local residents. It encourages family farms to become self-sufficient in produce. To beautify the environment, specific plants are also introduced.
Livestock Project	The technical mission cooperates with livestock authorities to raise hogs, improve the environment of livestock farms, and establish waste water systems. It develops feed for use by pig and chicken farmers, reducing the need for imported feed. Mission staffs regularly hold hog farming technology-training courses for local farmers and extension instructors.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent two short-term volunteers to engage in cooking and nutritional education.
Kyrgyzstan	
Taipei-EBRD Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund—MSE Finance Facility	The Kyrgyzstan MSE Finance Facility began in April 2002, with capital to establish institutional credit operations.
The Marshall Islands	
Horticulture Crop Development Project	Fruits and vegetables suited to the local environment are selected for the project. Farmers are instructed in specialized skills to have small-sized, but productive farms. A farm division of labor system has been established in the capital, creating a cooperative production and marketing system for farmers.
Livestock Project	A demonstration farm with breeder pigs provides the source of piglets for farmers to raise. Farmers are instructed in proper hog raising techniques. The technical mission has created a revolving fund used for purchasing feed and the materials for new projects. Feed crops will be grown in outlying islands to provide feed for hog farms, helping to reduce production costs.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent four volunteers to assist in the areas of medical care and computer instruction. Another two short-term volunteers engage in cooking and nutrition education.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen engage in livestock and horticulture work.
Mongolia	
Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Extension Project	In 2004, the TaiwanICDF continued to provide technical assistance to chicken farmers. Locals were also instructed in creating vegetable gardens and in utilizing fertilizer compost made from waste products. This assistance is helping to develop the small-scale poultry and agricultural industry in Mongolia.



Mongolia Cooperation Fund	The EBRD-established Mongolia Cooperation Fund assists the country in implementing economic and systematic reforms, enabling transformation into a market economy that enhances the investment environment and supports private sector development. Donor nations and international development institutions cooperate with local authorities to provide technical assistance.
XacBank Project	The TaiwanICDF loan will be channeled through the XacBank to provide micro-financing services to MSEs, as well as nomadic people.
Mongolia SME Workshop	This seminar was carried out under the commissioning of the Mongolia Cooperation Fund under the EBRD. It aims to provide the developmental experience of Taiwan SMEs to Mongolia, raising the managerial skills of local SME executives.
Children's Scholarship Program	This project is held in cooperation with Mongolia World Vision, providing education fees required by needy children in Mongolia and helping to raise the educational opportunities for these children. Each year, 1,000 first- to fourth-grade children receive US\$100. Funds are used for books, food, pens and paper, transportation, sanitation items, and coats.
Ulaanbaatar Oral Hygiene Project	Cooperation is carried out with Taiwan's Dental Association. The TaiwanICDF provides funds for dental equipment, which is provided to clinics in Ulaanbaatar.
Myanmar (Burma)	
Flying Eye Hospital Humanitarian Assistance Project	The TaiwanICDF cooperates with ORBIS Taiwan, sending ophthalmologists to Myanmar to provide medical services. The training of local specialists is also being conducted through this project.
Palau	
Horticultural and Crop Extension Project	The technical mission works in unison with local government policies that focus on enabling the country to be self-sufficient in agricultural products. The mission is developing new crops, providing demonstration, extension and farmer training. It is also improving the staple and produce supply system.
Taiwan Youth Overseas Service	Two servicemen engage in horticulture and hydro engineering work.
Papua New Guinea	
Cereal Grain Production Project	The project works in harmony with local government policies to promote crops such as upland rice, vegetables, corn, and peanuts. Agricultural workshops are held regularly, and farmers are assisted in planting technology.
The Philippines	
Subic Bay Industrial Park Development Project—Phase II	In a continuation of the first phase of the project, the TaiwanICDF is providing financing to develop 40 hectares of land with comprehensive infrastructure facilities that will attract Taiwan companies to invest there as well as investment and technology from other areas. This will create jobs and prosperity in the area.
Saudi Arabia	
Agriculture and Fisheries Project	This project carries out aquaculture experiments on raising various types of fishes and shrimp. It also conducts market surveys to determine which types are most suitable to Saudi Arabia's aquaculture environment. In addition, tissue culture technology is used to create large numbers of superior quality date palm seedlings and other crops.
Transportation Technology Cooperation Project	Specialists from Taiwan assist the Saudi Ministry of Transportation in designing and supervising bridge projects and reviewing structural blueprints and construction standards. Ten construction projects were completed in 2004. Taiwan specialists also train Saudi engineers in worksite supervision technology and provide assistance in surveying the need for maintenance in bridges throughout the country.

Printing Technology Cooperation Project	Printing technicians and specialists were sent to assist agencies under the Saudi Ministry of Finance in upgrading printing technologies.
The Solomon Islands	
Rice Project	The technical mission works with local authorities to assist smallholders in developing rice paddies and to instruct public and private farms in grain rotation techniques. The project also helps organize production and marketing teams for farmers, plans related systems, and helps farming organizations provide assistance to farmers.
Livestock Project	This project assists local authorities in strengthening the hog production system and to provide high-quality breeder hogs. It also has designed a hog rating system so that superior breeder hogs will be provided to farmers. A livestock and feed supply center has been created, as have production and marketing teams. A supply system has also been designed for domestic and export sales.
Thailand	
Northern Thailand Horticulture and Agricultural Product Processing Development Project	The technical mission is cooperating with the Thai Royal Foundation, providing assistance in the processing of fruits, vegetables, bamboo and farm products at various highland stations. It also provides training for workstation technicians to help them carry out extension work, aiding in the development of the northern highlands and enhancing the lifestyles of villagers.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent seven volunteers to teach Chinese, computers, and commerce.
Tuvalu	
Horticultural Crop Development Project	The technical mission has created experimental farms for vegetable and fruit tree production. Suitable crops are selected for extension to farmers, who are provided with technology training. This increases yields and incomes and enables farmers to become self-sufficient in vegetables, reducing the needs for the import of produce.
SME Credit Project	This project provides loans to assist the Tuvalu Development Bank strengthen its institutional functions and improve the capacities of management consultation, operations and employee training. This increases the bank's chance to obtain international financial assistance and provide higher quality of domestic financial services.
Taiwan Overseas Volunteers	The TaiwanICDF sent three volunteers to teach English and engage in computer maintenance work.
Regional Cooperation Projects	
Emergency Regional Support to Address the Outbreak of SARS	The TaiwanICDF was invited by the ADB to participate in this project, which provides emergency assistance to strengthen and improve the health systems of ADB member countries to prevent and control SARS and other outbreaks, such as the avian flu. It also carries out assessments on the impact of outbreaks on the economy to serve as a basis for assistance projects in the future. The TaiwanICDF is also looking into small-scale assistance and finance projects related to infectious disease prevention.
International Conference on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Development in the Pacific Islands	This seminar was held in the Marshall Islands to share Taiwan's experience in the advancement of its aquaculture industry and better understand any problems and challenges that the Marshall Islands, Palau, Kiribati, Fiji, Micronesia, and Nauru face in near-shore fisheries development. This information will serve as reference material in future assistance to countries in the region.
Central Asia Community Health and Sanitation Project	The TaiwanICDF cooperates with Mercy Corps to promote public health education and improve infrastructure in 12 communities in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.



Europe

Bulgaria

ProCredit Bank Project	The TaiwanICDF provides US\$3 million of financing to ProCredit Bank for re-lending to small enterprises to promote private sector development.
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Lithuania

Taipei-EBRD Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund—Drobe Privatization Project	The fund is led by the EBRD, but the TaiwanICDF and the IFC are also donors. In this project, the fund is providing investment and financing to the Drobe Wool Company – one of Eastern Europe’s largest wool and wool yarn manufacturers. Investment comes in the form of purchasing the company’s shares, while credit is in the form of loans to the company so that it can modernize its equipment.
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