

Proposed Action	Implementing Partner COMSEC	Resources/ Contribution (£)	COMSEC Projects 2008/09/ Status of implementation
1. Boosting Economic Growth			
1.1 Infrastructure			
1.1.1 Regional transport infrastructure, including roads and ports			
1.1.2 Regional power infrastructure			
1.1.3 Water-related infrastructure			
1.1.5 Promotion of public private partnership in infrastructure			
1.2 Trade, Investment and Tourism			
1.2.1 Promote and expand trade		£3.5M	
			<p><b>Improving Trade flows in and from the East African Community:</b>  The overall goal of this project is to strengthen policies and systems that support inclusive and sustainable economic growth in East African Commonwealth countries. The project, which will be implemented over a period of three years, covers four distinct but related components. These are: i) Institutional strengthening of the East African trade support institutions, key among them the East African Business Council; ii) The development of an institutional framework for public~ private sector collaboration and dialogue; iii) The development of action plans for the improvement of trade facilitation in Uganda; and iv) Capacity building for trade support for public and private sector institutions within the region.</p>
			<p><b>Review of Trade-related Legislation and Implementation of WTO &amp; Other Trade Agreements:</b>  The overall objective of this project is to facilitate the successful integration of Malawi into the multilateral trading system in a way which promotes economic growth and sustainable development. The objective is to assist the Government of Malawi in a review of its trade-related legislation and regulations with the aim of making such amendments as may be required to implement Malawi's WTO and other trade commitments.</p>

		<p><b>Support to Develop a Strategy for Ghana's Salt Sector:</b> The overall goal of this project is to enhance the competitiveness of Ghana's salt sector. The project is aimed at developing a strategy to guide the production and export of Ghana's salt. This will entail: a) an assessment of the structure of supply and demand; b) analysis of the national and regional environment within which the industry operates; and, c) a review of the institutional framework to determine the roles and responsibilities of the organisations involved and how these can be strengthened to support the growth and long term development of the sector.</p> <p><b>One Village One Product Programme:</b> The project is helping the Government of Malawi improve the competitiveness of mainly rural based MSMEs through improved access to business services and finance within the One Village One Product (OVOP) approach as part of a comprehensive Rural Non Farm Economy (RNFE) strategy.</p>
		<p><b>Technical support in improving of dairy farming in Kenya for Gacharage Self Help Group:</b> Assistance is provided in transferring new management and dairy farming technologies to members of Gacharage Self Help Group (GSSFHSG)</p>
		<p><b>Implementation of COMESA Plan of Action for Development of Pharmaceutical Industry Sector:</b> The focus of this project is to boost intra-COMESA trade in pharmaceuticals by assisting COMESA states harmonise standards, regulations, enforcement procedures and eventually legislation for the regulation of pharmaceutical industry sector.</p>
		<p><b>Improving the Competitiveness of Mauritius through Benchmarking Customs Procedures:</b> This project aims to improve the competitiveness of Mauritius through benchmarking the efficiency and effectiveness of its customs procedures.</p>
		<p><b>Senior Officials Meeting:</b> The annual Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Meeting takes place in New York in the wings of the UN General Assembly (UNGA). This meeting, which takes advantage of the presence of nearly all Commonwealth Foreign Ministers at the UNGA, provides a cost-effective opportunity for Foreign Ministers to engage on issues of Commonwealth concern. The Secretary-General also takes the opportunity to brief Ministers on the Democracy and Good Offices work. International Trade issues of specific interest to Commonwealth members are also usually discussed, particularly since many Ministers for Foreign Affairs also hold the International Trade portfolio. The Secretary-General also updates Ministers on implementation of key CHOGM mandates, and when relevant, on preparations for CHOGM.</p>

			<b>International Trade and Regional Cooperation:</b> The project seeks to contribute to strengthening trade policy formulation and negotiation in support of growth and sustainable development in Commonwealth developing countries, particularly Small States and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).
			<b>Building the Capacity of ACP Countries in Trade Policy Formulation, Negotiations and Implementation (Hub and Spokes) Project: POCWG006</b> The objective of the Hub and Spokes project is to strengthen the national and regional capacity of ACP countries to effectively participate in trade negotiations. The project was conceptualized jointly with the European Commission (EC), the Commonwealth Secretariat and Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and is part of a larger effort to strengthen trade capacity. The Commonwealth Secretariat has responsibility for the implementation of the project in ACP member states of the Caribbean, Pacific, Eastern and Southern Africa regions. The project continues to build capacity amongst ministries and organizations responsible for trade policy formulation and negotiations, strengthen national and regional trade organizations, provide policy support and advice and build broad-based networks to facilitate information sharing among private sector and community groups on trade-related matters. Regional Trade Policy Advisors and Trade Analysts have been deployed.
			<b>National Export Strategy (NES) Experience Sharing</b> The overall objective of this project is to promote experience sharing and the improvement of understanding of good practices in national export strategy design and implementation among the NES beneficiary Commonwealth countries. The main output of this project will be the publication of an NES manual that will contribute to a better understanding of what works and what does not work in the area of Trade development in developing countries. This will lead to improvements in the future design of national export strategy projects. The manual will also become a useful tool for countries intending to develop national export and other trade development projects either with or without any technical assistance.
			<b>Capacity Building in Gender and Trade:</b> : The purpose of this project is to enhance the national and regional capacities of public and private sector institutions and civil society organizations to integrate gender analysis in trade related negotiations, policy, and implementation. The project will focus on South and East Africa, South Asia and the Caribbean. These regions were agreed upon in collaboration with DFID. The research project provides detailed economy-wide analysis of the likely gender effects of EPAs based on the goods tariff liberalisation schedules agreed by e.g. Tanzania, Mozambique . The study provides an analytic framework that can be used to examine other EPAs and trade agreements. The study will also enhance capacity of public and private sector insitutions and civil society organisations.
			<b>Technical Assistance to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA):</b> A Regional Trade Development Adviser was placed at COMESA to provide support to facilitate and promote trade development in the region through the provision of information to the business community on trading opportunities. The overall key objectives of the project were: (1) To enhance the role of the export promotion organisations in the COMESA region, in the promotion of both intra and extra-regional trade; (2) To foster close working relations among the export promotions organisations; and (3) To develop a regional export-led strategy.
			<b>Support to Develop Ghana's Professional Services Export Strategy:</b> The project will enhance Ghana's competitiveness through re-focussing its service exports and improving its human resource capacity. An audit of the policy framework for the services sector will be conducted which informs a diagnosis of the competitive sectors. An analysis of target markets and formulation of appropriate market entry strategies will also be completed.
			<b>Mauritius Seafood Hub:</b> The aim of this project is to provide technical assistance to Mauritius to study the competitiveness of Mauritius as a seafood hub and to develop a marketing strategy and action plan to position the seafood hub.
			<b>Technical Assistance to Develop a National Export Strategy for Professional Services from Nigeria:</b> The purpose of this project is to enhance the competitiveness of Nigeria's professional services sector. This will entail the following broad activities: a) analysing the sector to establish a value proposition for Nigeria, b) assessing the business environment and the institutional framework for professional services; c) examining the demand for Nigeria's professional services. The outputs of this project are crucial to develop a national strategy for the export of professional services and a business plan for the Business Process Outsourcing sector.

			<b>Promotion of expert services for Mauritius:</b> This technical assistance supports promotion of export of professional services from Mauritius by elaborating a roadmap and assessing the transition costs of moving from a manufacturing to a knowledge-based economy.
			<b>Implementation of a Special Economic (SEZ) regime consistent with World Trade Organisation (WTO) and regional agreements:</b> The objective of this project is to assist the Government of Botswana establish a modern Free Zone (FZ)/SEZ regime as a means to attract investment. The approach is in accordance with best practices, coherent with the National Development Plan, Vision 2016, and fully compliant with all of Botswana's trade obligations, in particular the WTO Agreements, Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and SADC agreements. The focus is the enactment of legislation on Free Zones appropriate to the circumstances of Botswana, a small state seeking to accelerate economic diversification and growth and reduce its dependence on the mining sector.
<b>1.2.2 Encourage foreign investment</b>		<b>£0.6M</b>	
			<b>Promotion of expert services for Mauritius:</b> This technical assistance supports promotion of export of professional services from Mauritius by elaborating a roadmap and assessing the transition costs of moving from a manufacturing to a knowledge-based economy.
			<b>Support to Enhance the Competitiveness of Kenya's BPO Sector:</b> The overall aim of the Project is to enhance the competitiveness of Kenya's Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) sector by strengthening the country's supply capacity. This will entail a profiling and classification of the BPO sector on the basis of international demand and capacity of providers; assessment of the tertiary institutions providing services to the sector; determining existing gaps and elaborating a capacity building plan to ensure long term development of skills in the sector.
			<b>Review of Petroleum Regime:</b> To develop policies and recommendations enabling the revision of the existing petroleum regime in Ghana to attract investment into the deepwater acreage available offshore.
			<b>Technical Assistance on Uranium Exploration and Mining:</b> This project provides advisory services to the Governments of Botswana and Malawi to develop a modern regulatory framework to cover environment, health and safety issues related to uranium mining.

			<p><b>Promotion of Trade Programmes and Techniques:</b> The Export Promotion Council (EPC) has a mandate to provide a service to exporters and thus incorporate assessment of existing and new market opportunities and matching these with the supply capacity. To achieve its mandate the project provides the services of a trade to support the EPC staff and management in carrying out trade promotion programmes in accordance with the EPC strategic goal and the National Export Strategy.</p>
			<p><b>National Export Strategy for Tanzania:</b> This project is developing two national export strategies - one for mainland Tanzania and one for the Islands of Zanzibar and Pemba - that provide export development institutional frameworks. Under these frameworks, initiatives can be undertaken which improve the export performance of Tanzania and of the Islands of Zanzibar and Pemba.</p>
			<p><b>Development of Competition Policy Model:</b> Assistance was provided to the SADC Secretariat in support of the development of a regional competition policy which would contribute to the establishment of an integrated regional market and serve to attract direct foreign investment.</p>
			<p><b>Development of an Export Promotion Manual for the DTI South Africa:</b> The purpose of this project is to assist the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) South Africa develop an Export promotion manual as a practical guide and assistance to DTI staff in the country and those serving in missions overseas. The manual will also be a useful tool for other government departments and private sector organisations involved in export development and promotion.</p>

			<b>One Stop Legal Referral for HIPC:</b> This project was established to assist all HIPC countries achieve exit from debt and litigation from Vulture Funds creditors. It provides technical advice on entering into legally safe Loan Agreements and on the mechanisms to use in order to achieve this by building capacity. A database of financial statistics, balance sheets of each HIPC country and legal expertise in matters of debt litigation was collated.
			<b>CS-DRMS Regional Advisers:</b> This project has involved placing a regional CS-DRMS Adviser in partner institutions in regions and in countries in the West Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa, the Caribbean and the South Pacific. The project supported the delivery of the Commonwealth Secretariat's advisory services and capacity building and institutional development programme in debt management, including the delivery of CS-DRMS 2000+.
			<b>Technical Assistance on Coal-Bed Methane Development:</b> This project assists the Government of Botswana with the development of a modern legislative and regulatory framework for the exploration and development of coal-bed methane and the establishment of funding schemes for rehabilitation of mines.
			<b>Petroleum Sector Assistance for Tanzania:</b> Advice provided under this project assists the Government of Tanzania in securing investment terms that maximize the flow of benefits to Tanzania from petroleum exploration, development and production.
			<b>Legal and Economic Advisory Services for Tanzania's Mineral Sector:</b> This project aims to assist Tanzania reform its Mineral Sector's regulatory arrangements and maximize the contribution of mining activities to economic development and tackling poverty. It provides advisory support in the formulation of a modern and effective Mineral Policy, the drafting of the Mining Code, mining regulations and technical guidelines.
			<b>Development of Competition Policy Model</b> The Southern African Development Community Secretariat (SADC) requested technical assistance on, inter alia, developing a competition policy model with the aim of achieving harmonization and with time a model competition law. assistance to SADC is likely to have a number of inter-related dimensions requiring the sourcing of external consultants. The project focus and key deliverable are the development of a competition model(s) appropriate to the highly varied economic circumstances and legal environment (common and civil law systems) of SADC countries, tailor-made to accommodate the differing stages of development of competition law in the recipient countries. The development of modalities for a phased approach to the implementation of competition policy is envisaged.
<b>1.2.3 Assist private sector development</b>		<b>£1.2M</b>	
			<b>Developing a Private Sector Development Strategy for Botswana:</b> The purpose of this project is to elaborate a strategy for the development of the private sector in Botswana that will contribute more effectively to the growth of the national economy. To achieve this purpose, the project is arched on three mutually reinforcing thrusts. These are the creation of an enabling environment where businesses can thrive and prosper; generating business opportunities and catalysing private investments.
			<b>Assisting Kenya's Export Processing Zone (EPZ) Business Incubator Service (BIS):</b> The focus of this project was to assist Kenya's Export Processing Zone Authority, (EPZA) implement a Business Incubator Service (BIS) for Micro, Small and Medium sized enterprises (MSMEs). The primary goal was to establish, through the process of incubation, MSMEs in certain key sectors, and assist them eventually to export. Activities included developing as-year strategic operational plan, capacity building of staff and establishing a network of small businesses involved in the programme. By February 2009, through this project, 7 businesses had started operating in agro-processing sector, light manufacturing and services. EPZA had pledged a sum of KSh 70 million to implement some of the recommendations and UNIDO had in principle accepted to consider providing assistance to EPZA on market and product development.
			<b>Resource Based Building Materials:</b> This project provides the Government of Mozambique with the necessary tools to develop local, resource based building materials that will reduce the cost of building construction, the importation of building materials and will empower SMEs to use building technologies profitably. The project support trainers to develop training materials and manuals
			<b>The Development of SME Policy and Strategy: PXSEY023</b> A policy framework and strategies for a dynamic and competitive SME sector were developed with this technical assistance. The goal of the project was to assist the Government of Seychelles develop and redefine SME policies and strategies in line with new challenges facing SMEs in Seychelles. These needed revision in view of recent developments, including Seychelles' active participation in regionalisation and in recognition of the globalisation challenges it is facing.

			<b>Capital Market Development: PXUGA010</b> Advice is being given to the Government of Uganda to strengthen the regulatory framework for securities market operations, including the operation of a Stock Exchange, and to establish Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) in the country. The Capital Markets Authority is also being assisted in regional initiatives for the harmonisation of securities regulation and in the development of appropriate implementation measures.
			<b>Technical Assistance on Coal-Bed Methane Development :</b> Assist the Government of Botswana with the development of a modern legislative and regulatory framework for the exploration and development of coal-bed methane and the establishment of funding schemes for rehabilitation of mines.
			<b>Technical Support for Youth Enterprise:</b> This project provides technical support for the establishment of micro credit schemes for young people under the Commonwealth Youth Credit Initiative (CYCI). It aims to build the capacity of national youth organizations in strategic management of youth programmes, including youth enterprise development.
			<b>National Export Strategy for Namibia:</b> This project assists Namibia to operationalise the Export Promotion Agency and to develop a National Export Strategy. The project is undertaken by a small team drawn from the public and private sector stakeholders and supported by a national consultant provided by the Commonwealth Secretariat.
			<b>Increasing Investment Flows:</b> This project supports the development of mechanisms to attract investment, primarily through strengthening institutional capacities for SME development and helping improve the business climate. The programme responds to a CHOGM call in Kampala for an increased focus on developing domestic financial markets and providing opportunities for domestic investors.
			<b>Commonwealth-India Small Business Competitiveness Development Programme (Phase IV):</b> The Commonwealth-India Small Business Competitiveness Development Programme (CW-India Programme) is a pan-Commonwealth institutional capacity building initiative being undertaken as a partnership between the Commonwealth Secretariat (ComSec) and Government of India (GoI). The overall goal of the CW-India Programme is to promote sustainable competitive micro, small & medium enterprise (MSME) development across Commonwealth countries, with a view to learning from the Indian experience, especially with regard to poverty alleviation and pro-poor growth. The Africa region benefits from the programme of assistance.
			<b>Gender and Economic Empowerment Programmes:</b> The project works towards poverty eradication, sustainable development and gender equality by enhancing awareness and capacities of government and non-government partners to mainstream gender in the formulation and implementation of economic policies and programmes at national, regional and international levels. Activities include linking women producers and entrepreneurs to global markets, strengthening institutional response and national capacities towards gender responsive budgeting, the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment within the aid effectiveness agenda, strengthening gender mainstreaming capacities of Commonwealth countries and ComSec staff focusing on Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) as well as disseminating best practices in social protection for the informal economy.
			<b>Establishment of a Stock Exchange:</b> Advice was provided to the Government of Sierra Leone on establishing a regulatory framework for securities market operations. The aim was to develop a legal and regulatory framework for capital market activities, including the establishment of a stock exchange, and to draft a new securities law and a new companies and insolvency law. These new laws were considered integral in supporting the Government achieve greater economic efficiency by strengthening the role of market forces and the private sector and through encouraging the mobilisation of savings for productive use in domestic capital markets.
			<b>Review of Capital Markets and Securities Law:</b> This project will involve the provision of assistance to the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) for the review of existing securities and companies law and security markets operations and arrangements and to prepare an updated regulatory framework for the securities industry in Tanzania.
			<b>Implementation of a Pilot Project for a SME Group Purchasing Scheme in Namibia:</b> The objective of the project is to establish a Pilot Group Purchasing Scheme which will enable SMEs procure their goods and services in a more effective manner and access a wide range of markets that offer better quality inputs and services at more competitive prices.
			<b>Capacity Building for Staff of Minpmeesa: Promoting Effective Policies and Strategies for MSMEs</b> The objective of the project is to enhance the capacity of Government of Cameroon officials, particularly technical staff of the requesting Ministry, to pursue policies, strategies and other actions that more effectively advance the interests and needs of MSMEs and relevant business service providers in Cameroon.
<b>1.2.4 Promote tourism</b>		<b>£0.08M</b>	

			<p><b>Institutional Strengthening of The Gambia Tourism Authority (GTA):</b> This project will review the mandate, functions, structure, staffing requirements and operational procedures of the GTA. Institutional changes required to improve the performance and service delivery of the organization will be recommended in line with global trends in good practices of national tourism organizations. An assessment of required training and capacity building to help the organization achieve good practices will be made.</p>
			<p><b>Kenya Community Based Tourism (CBT) Programme:</b> The project will develop a framework which will form a basis for creating an enabling environment for CBT development by addressing policies; laws; institutional framework; .CBT linkages with large tourism operators/investors; and training and skills development. The project will also undertake capacity building for community representatives on tourism business principles and investor-community relations.</p>
			<p><b>Malawi Tourism Sector Strategy:</b> This project assists Malawi to improve its tourism competitiveness by developing a revised tourism strategic plan, a tourism destination marketing and promotion plan, a tourism human resource plan: and a new institutional framework design.</p>
			<p><b>Southern African Regional Workshop on Tourism Industry Workforce and Competitiveness:</b> The Southern African region hopes to utilize the 2010 Football World Cup, which is being held in South Africa, as a marketing and promotional opportunity. It is expected to have long term effects on tourist demand through visitor experience and impressions generated during the tournament. It is against this background that this regional workshop is being organised to focus on performance issues of the tourism sector workforce. The workshop will look at the specific areas of enabling environment and government support; training and education, recruitment policies, workforce retention, skill demand patterns and relevant good practices.</p>
			<p><b>Cameroon Tourism Destination Marketing Strategic Plan:</b> This project seeks to improve the competitiveness of Cameroon's tourism sector through an improved image on the global tourist market and marketing strategy. The project will aim to develop a tourism destination marketing strategy for the country accompanied by an implementation plan.</p>
			<p><b>Southern Africa Tourism Human Resources Project</b> The overall objective of the project is assist Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland improve the quality of service in the tourism sector through improved training. The project will identify skills gaps; assess training needs; and review training policy, training programs, training delivery and funding sources. Tourism human resource development plans outlining implementation measures will be developed for each of the four countries.</p>
			<p><b>Pan-Commonwealth Programme for Enhancing Competitiveness:</b> The Commonwealth Singapore Third Country Training Programme aims to strengthen the capabilities of senior SME public and private sector practitioners and their institutions to develop and implement SME policies and strategies; to foster an exchange platform for Commonwealth countries to engage in discussions and share solutions to the key trade and transport facilitation issues which inhibit their export/trade competitiveness; and to support the development of skills to drive the growth of professional services and tourism. Collectively the programme seeks to enhance enterprise competitiveness in Commonwealth Developing Countries (CDCs).</p>
			<p><b>Improving Quality of Tourism Accommodation in PNG</b> The main objective of the project will be to conduct a feasibility study that will guide PNG on suitable approaches for grading and classifying of tourism accommodation. The study will assess local conditions and examine relevant regional and international models. Financial, technical, institutional and legal implications will also be assessed.</p>
			<p><b>Ecotourism Best Practice Manual &amp; Accreditation/Certification System, Botswana</b> Botswana through the Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism requested for technical assistance towards implementation of the component on ecotourism standards and accreditation system.</p> <p>The two main objectives of the project will be to develop a manual on ecotourism best practices and to conduct a feasibility study on setting up an ecotourism accreditation system.</p>
<b>1.3 Agriculture and Rural Development</b>			

1.3.1 Enhance capacity to increase food production and agricultural productivity		£0.16M	
			<b>Agriculture Diversification Strategy for Swaziland:</b> The aim of the project is to design an agricultural diversification strategy for Swaziland. The project aims to design a market-driven diversification strategy that would assist Swaziland, produce non-traditional or processed agricultural products for new markets, create new small and medium-sized agribusinesses and enhance the incomes and competitiveness of smallholder farmers.
			<b>Adviser, Marine and Coastal Resources Research Centre:</b> This project aims to lead to the establishment of a national capacity for mariculture research at the Marine & Coastal Research Centre. Assistance focuses on the construction of infrastructure, such as aquaculture ponds, training of technical staff to maintain the facilities and scientific personnel to oversee research activities.
			<b>Enhancing Productivity and Competitiveness of the Handicraft Sector in Swaziland: :</b> The project is aimed at improving the quality and competitiveness of the products made by small scale handicrafts producers. The project also aims to revalidate the needs of the SME producers and exporters and provides training to a group of master craftsmen and women on new product and designs aimed at improving the quality and market competitiveness of the Swazi handicrafts.
			<b>SME Capacity Building to Improve Agribusiness Management in Zambia</b> The purpose of the project is to strengthen the capacity of established agribusiness centres to better meet the market information and other identified priority business needs of their clients, particularly those primarily engaged in agriculture related enterprise.
1.3.2 Improve access to markets and agriculture competitiveness		£0.06M	
			<b>Development of SME Policy for Agri-input Sector in Uganda</b> The Government of Uganda (GoU) specifically identified SME development as an important focus area to support the attainment of the national Plan for the Modernisation of Agriculture and the Medium Term Competitiveness Strategy for the private sector. The SME environment is badly fragmented with innumerable service providers and some of the best donor supported programmes for SMEs worldwide. The development of a national SME policy through an extensive consultation process is the first step towards a framework for introducing policies and strategies that will encourage SMEs to adopt competitive business practices. The outcomes include recommended policy reforms, options for institutional arrangements for SME development and a coherent SME strategy and programme.
			<b>Benchmarking of South Africa's Fruit Export Trade Logistics Chain:</b> The goal of this project is to enhance the competitiveness of South Africa's fresh fruit export chain through improvements to the trade industry logistics chain. The project will carry out a benchmarking study to assist South Africa assess its fresh fruit export trade chain against best practice and international standards, and support the development of an action plan to correct weaknesses identified in the chain.
1.3.3 Support sustainable management of water resources and land use			
2. Achieving MDGs: Economic and Social dimension of "human security"			
2.1 Community Development			
2.1.1 Comprehensive "Glocal" (global and local) community development			
2.1.2 Community based approach building on functional hubs		£0.07M	
			<b>Youth Enterprise/Sustainable Livelihoods:</b> This programme is aimed at empowering young people to play more active and participatory role in the economic development of their communities through enterprise development initiatives
2.2 Education			
2.2.1 Basic education - expansion of access and quality		£0.11M	
			<b>Multi-grade Teaching programme for Africa region:</b> This is a long term programme which will be implemented along with other interventions aimed at improving quality teaching and address teacher shortages. The increased recognition of multi-grade teaching approaches has resulted in a number of countries requesting assistance for its effective implementation. ComSec in partnership with ADEA and the Cape Peninsula University, South Africa will convene a joint conference in multi-grade teaching. By enabling the countries to share lessons learned on the implementation of multi-grade teaching, the conference will contribute to raise the awareness of policy makers, teachers and teacher trainers on the potential role of this pedagogic approach.

2.2.2 Post basic education and higher education/research		£0.12M	
			<p><b>Visiting Professor in Accounting Cameroon:</b> A visiting Professor was appointed to teach a degree programme to undergraduate and postgraduate students. The expert also provided technical training to junior staff, undertook research and developed courses and programmes in Accounting.</p>
			<p>Capacity Building at the Faculty of Law, Kumasi, Ghana: This project provides technical expertise for building capacity for teaching and training graduates of law who are required for legal practice in important sectors of the economy. The Faculty will be a focus of training with the potential to complement courses offered at the main Ghana Law School in Accra.</p> <p><b>Adviser, Institutional Capacity Building, Lerotholi Polytechnic:</b> The purpose of the project is to transform Lerotholi Polytechnic into a high level industry led institution that will spearhead Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) reforms, a high priority strategy to reduce poverty in Lesotho. The specific objectives of the project are to make TVET training responsive to the needs of industry in Lesotho and to make Lerotholi Polytechnic a self-sustaining institution with improved capacity in terms of intake, the level of programmes offered, the quality of staff and management capacity.</p> <p><b>Strengthen the Capacity of the National University:</b> The Secretariat assisted the National University of Lesotho (NUL) to develop a strategic</p>
2.2.3 Multi-sectoral approach		£0.38M	
			<p><b>Youth Work Education and Training:</b> Assistance under this programme is aimed at enhancing human resources and intellectual capital to promote and support youth development in Africa through capacity building in youth development, knowledge sharing and advocacy for youth work to be recognised as a professional field.</p>
			<p><b>Gender Mainstreaming in HIV/AIDS:</b> The aim of this project is to build capacity and raise awareness on gender issues in HIV/AIDS. The project is targeted at information and raising awareness among key stakeholders including politicians and senior policy-makers, middle level professionals, senior officials of the National AIDS Coordinating Agencies, NGO, CBO, community leaders, and the private sector. The project initiated research on the gender and policy implications of unpaid work in HIV care.</p>
			<p><b>Supporting the development of a multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS:</b> This project aims to support member countries in the implementation of a multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support. Key project activities include: supporting member countries to ensure that HIV/AIDS policies are gender sensitive and building capacity in gender analysis in relation to HIV/AIDS; high-level advocacy with Governments and international organisations; hosting training workshops on the use of HIV/AIDS impact tools and frameworks; and awareness raising.</p>
			<p><b>Mainstreaming Gender Equality in Primary and Secondary Education:</b> The primary aim of this project is to eliminate gender disparities in educational participation and performance in both primary and secondary education. Capacity is being built in Ministries of Education to achieve gender parity and equality in primary and secondary education and address boys' underachievement in education through sensitisation of Women Affairs Ministers. This will be achieved through the identification, documentation and dissemination for replication, selected innovative practices that ministries of Education, NGOs, and UN partners have employed to remove barriers to girls' and boys' access, achievement and completion of education.</p>
2.2.4 Education management		£0.3M	
			<p><b>Teacher resource Management for Achieving UPE:</b> This project is intended to expand the work with member governments, relevant Commonwealth teacher organizations and international partner agencies to ensure that issues around teachers' status, mobility, recruitment and migration are kept high on the Commonwealth and global agendas. The objective is to (i) support Commonwealth member countries in respect of managing their teacher resource; (ii) seek solutions to the challenges which recruited teachers encounter in the country which recruited them; (iii) conduct research on teachers, their mobility, recruitment and retention; and (iv) carry out the review of implementation of the protocol for 17 CCEM.</p>
			<p><b>Achieving Universal Primary Education (UPE):</b> This project aims to address the UPE challenge through interventions focusing on: (a) teaching professional development, supply, deployment, management, and retention issues; (b) Access, retention and completion issues – policies, strategies, practices and innovations; (c) HIV/AIDS impact on teachers; and (d) ensuring that the Secretariat continues to play a strong advocacy, brokerage and catalytic role in advancing the Commonwealth MDGs in education.</p>

2.3 Health			
2.3.1 Strengthening of health systems		£0.4M	
			<p><b>Commonwealth e-health Initiative Partnership (Ce-HIP) Programme:</b> This project's objective is to support countries to develop strategies and systems for the use of e-health to strengthen health systems. The project will produce four main reports in its first year which will: 1. assess the current global landscape in e-health by reviewing current programmes and initiatives; 2. present a strategic analysis of the health section's programmes and activities, with a particular focus on possible synergies between existing Secretariat health programmes and Ce-HIP; 3. provide an analysis of the technological, health system, financial and regulatory issues surrounding the implementation of e-health in the Commonwealth; and 4. suggest governance options for a possible e-health programme.</p>
			<p><b>Health and Development and to build capacity:</b> This programme seeks to support the development of high-level policy advocacy initiatives at national/regional and global levels in six health areas: e-health, health workforce, climate change and health, HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health and non-communicable diseases.</p>

2.3.2 Improvement of maternal, new-born and child health		£0.08M	
			<b>Reducing Maternal Mortality:</b> This project addresses maternal and child mortality and women's health issues through the strengthening of capacity of health professionals to provide improved care to women and children, to advocate for improvement of women's and children's health. A series of activities have been identified in consultation with major partners such as WHO and East, Central and Southern African Health Community. These activities include training, development of advocacy materials and documentation and sharing of best practices in maternal health and child nutrition as well as assisting countries with the highest maternal mortality rates to carry out maternal deaths audits.
2.3.3 Measures against infectious diseases			
3. Consolidation of Peace, Good Governance: Political dimension of "human security"			
3.1 Conflict prevention		£0.32M	
			<b>Supporting Capacity Building &amp; Institutional Development:</b> This Pan-Commonwealth programme has assisted in strengthening public confidence in government institutions and promoting political dialogue to foster greater democratic space for political parties and civil society to prevent potential conflict situations or resolve them when they occur.
			<b>Gender Mainstreaming in Democracy, Peace and Conflict:</b> This project is directed to mainstreaming gender into democracy, peace and conflict prevention and conflict resolution processes in Commonwealth countries, both at policy and programme levels. It includes the promotion of women's participation and representation in democratic processes, leadership and decision-making. Support is provided in favour of the achievement of the Commonwealth's target of having women constitute at least 30% of representatives involved in peace negotiation, conflict management, democratic processes and peace education.
3.2 Humanitarian and reconstruction assistance		£0.20M	
			<b>Technical Support in the Implementation of Commonwealth Youth Credit Initiatives in Lesotho:</b> The Commonwealth Service Abroad Programme (CSAP) has been working with CYP Africa Centre in providing technical support to the Government of Lesotho Ministry of Youth in the development of a framework and strategy for the establishment of micro credit schemes for the youth under the Commonwealth Youth Credit Initiative (CYCI).
			<b>Uganda Youth Development Project:</b> This project provided financial and technical assistance in the establishment of the North Uganda Youth Development Centre (NUYDC). The Youth Centre offers: Basic education, vocational and skills training; Peace and Conflict management training; Agriculture and Environment Conservation training; Enterprise Development training and Infrastructure Development. The aim is to assist rehabilitation and strengthen the ability of young people caught up in the conflict to re-establish a normal life. The pilot project attracted donor support from DfID of £12 million over 5 years and has commenced training and other skills development for self-sustaining livelihoods at local level.
3.3 Restoration and maintenance of security		£0.3M	
			<b>Preventing and Combating Terrorism (CT):</b> The purpose of this project is to strengthen counter-terrorism measures in Commonwealth countries so that they conform to international standards. The project aims to enhance the capacity of member states to prevent and combat terrorism through the continuation of the ongoing review of the Commonwealth Plan of Action on Terrorism and updating of Commonwealth Secretariat training and resource materials on CT. <b>Strengthening Criminal Justice Systems:</b> This project aims to holistically strengthen the criminal justice systems of member states to enable them to prevent and combat transnational organised crime, including counter-terrorism, corruption and human trafficking.
3.4 Promotion of good governance		£5.14M	
			<b>Electoral assistance-Lesotho:</b> This activity was aimed at providing an improved understanding of the operational modalities of the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) parliamentary elections system in Lesotho and thus helping to consolidate the democratic culture within the context of Lesotho politics.

			<p><b>Legislative Drafting for African member States:</b> This Commonwealth Secretariat regional training programme on Legislative Drafting for Africa Member States is being delivered in collaboration with the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of Justice and in partnership with Ghana law School. It aims to build capacity of the drafting offices in the Commonwealth African countries (by providing in depth analysis of the principles underlying legislative drafting within a short time frame of three months) thereby addressing the perennial shortage of legislative drafters and drafting skills in Africa region.</p>
			<p><b>Assessment Missions for Commonwealth Observer Group</b> The purpose of the project is to assess whether there is broad support among stakeholders in member countries for the Commonwealth to observe Presidential and Parliamentary elections as well as to explore logistical arrangements for an observer mission.</p>
			<p><b>Public Service Performance Improvement:</b> The Government of Lesotho is implementing a Public Sector Improvement and Reform Programme (PSIRP) which aims to improve public service delivery through improving public sector management, financial management and accountability as well as decentralising public service delivery. One of the key activities in the PSIRP is to effectively implement performance management and promote result-oriented performance within the context of a Poverty Reduction Strategy and the Lesotho Vision 2020. To support the implementation of the PSIRP the Secretariat is assisting the Government of Lesotho to strengthen the Office of the Government Secretary (Head of Public Service) with the capacity to effectively coordinate and spearhead public sector reforms including performance management. During July 2008 and July 2009 a series of interventions took place including sensitisation and consultation workshops for Principal Secretaries, Deputy Principal Secretaries, Directors and PMS Change Facilitators on the concept of integrated and strategic performance management. These workshops also provided a platform to build</p>

			<b>Commonwealth Observer Group to Ghana:</b> The purpose of this project was to observe the 2008 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Ghana, with a view to assessing their credibility and making recommendations to promote improved electoral practice in future elections.
			<b>Prosecutors State Counsel:</b> Two prosecuting State Counsels were provided to assist in clearing the backlog of court cases. Insufficient prosecution skills and a weak legal culture as a whole had constrained the ability of the Justice Department to administer justice effectively. The prosecutors also assisted in strengthening the administration of justice by training junior judges, revising court procedures and instituting efficient court reporting systems.
			<b>High Court Judges:</b> Three judges were provided to the Government of The Gambia to assist in clearing the backlog of cases through the courts. The judges also assisted in strengthening the administration of justice in The Gambia by providing legal advice, hearing cases and training counsel.
			<b>Assessment Mission to Malawi 2009 Elections:</b> The purpose of this project was to assess whether there was broad support among the stakeholders in Malawi for the Commonwealth to observe the general elections in Malawi in May 2009, as well as to explore the logistical arrangements for an observer mission.
			<b>Commonwealth Observer Group to Malawi 2009 Elections:</b> The purpose of this COG was to observe the 2009 General Elections in Malawi, with a view to assessing their credibility and making recommendations to promote improved electoral practice in future.
			<b>Media Assistance to Electoral Commission of Malawi:</b> This project was aimed at providing the services of a Media Adviser to assist the Malawi Election Commission (MEC) prepare for the 2009 elections. Specifically, the Adviser worked with the MEC to help build the Commission's capacity to conduct media outreach, monitor media coverage and regulate media behaviour.
			<b>Restructuring of Public Service Salaries in Seychelles (Phase II):</b> This project is developing an appropriate and effective salary structure that attracts the skills required by the public service and gives managers flexibility to reward performance. The aim is to enable the public service to attract and retain young talent, technical and professional staff, thus motivating a workforce which can provide quality services.
			<b>Governance, Development and Youth Networks:</b> This programme of assistance focuses on enhancing policy development and implementation through the active participation of young people in youth networks, governance and other decision-making fora in African countries.
			<b>Strengthening Capacity of SADC Parliamentary Leadership Centre:</b> This project is developing the capacity of the Parliamentary Leadership Centre to design and deliver appropriate curricula and training programmes for members of parliament and parliamentary staff in the SADC region, in response to identified and emerging needs.
			<b>Needs Assessment Election Commission:</b> The Secretariat conducted a needs assessment of the newly appointed election commission in Cameroon. A two-person team (one ComSec staff member and the head of the Mauritius election commission) travelled to Cameroon and met with Elections Cameroon (ELECAM) and other stakeholders to discuss potential programmes of assistance. The team also identified a series of benchmarks against which any assistance needs to be considered. Engagement on this remains on-going.
			<b>Legislative Drafting for African member States:</b> This Commonwealth Secretariat regional training programme on Legislative Drafting for Africa Member States is being delivered in collaboration with the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of Justice and in partnership with Ghana law School. It aims to build capacity of the drafting offices in the Commonwealth African countries (by providing in depth analysis of the principles underlying legislative drafting within a short time frame of three months) thereby addressing the perennial shortage of legislative drafters and drafting skills in Africa region.
			<b>Capacity Building at the Faculty of Law, Kumasi, Ghana:</b> This project provides technical expertise for building capacity for teaching and training graduates of law who are required for legal practice in important sectors of the economy. The Faculty will be a focus of training with the potential to complement courses offered at the main Ghana Law School in Accra.
			<b>Professionalising the Mozambique Public Service through Strategic Human Resource Management:</b> The purpose of the project is to develop a strategy based on the professional human resource function in the Mozambique public service that is clearly linked to the national strategic goals and key result areas. The project will focus on the Ministry of Public Service, which is core to public service transformation; the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of State Administration, and ISAP (The Higher Institute of Public Administration).

			<p><b>Strengthening the Capacity of Public Sector Institutions in East, West and Southern Africa: PGAFR240, PGAFR241 &amp; PGAFR242</b> These three projects have been developed in response to the capacity gaps that undermine the effectiveness of the public service in Africa to facilitate socio-economic development and to deliver basic social services to its citizens. The projects aim to improve capacity of government ministries and departments as well as Management Development Institutes for improved performance and effective service delivery.</p>
			<p><b>Legal expert for Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in Africa .:</b> The project is to develop frameworks that comply with the required international standards</p>
			<p><b>Enhancing the Institutional Capacity of the Economic &amp; Financial Crimes Commission of Nigeria:</b> The project is building institutional capacity of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (CFCC) of Nigeria through training of trainers for the Commission and of other establishments whose work is closely related in order to enable these organisations to function effectively and deliver on their mandates.</p>
			<p><b>Commonwealth Expert Team (CET) to Local Government Elections in Sierra Leone:</b> This joint ComSec/ Commonwealth Local Government Forum CET observed the July 2008 local government elections in Sierra Leone and presented a report of their findings, including conclusions and recommendations.</p>
			<p><b>Technical Assistance to Swaziland Elections and Boundaries Commission: :</b> Assistance and advice was provided to the Swaziland Elections and Boundaries Commission for the conduct of the September 2008 National Elections. Advice was also provided on follow-up capacity building and democracy strengthening activities.</p>
			<p><b>Commonwealth Expert Team (CET) to the 2008 Swaziland National Elections:</b> This project involved the deployment of a Commonwealth Expert Team to observe the General Elections in Swaziland in September 2008, with a view to assessing their credibility and making recommendations for improved electoral practices in future.</p>
			<p><b>Building of Legislative Drafting Capacity:</b> This project is building the capacity in the Office of the Principal Parliamentary Counsel to draft the necessary legislation to set up institutions as required by the Constitution and to update laws that are essential for the operation of the government, the legislature and the judiciary. The project also provides mentoring support for legislative drafters within the office of the Principal Parliamentary Counsel.</p>

			<p><b>Strengthening Capacity in the Justice System of Swaziland:</b> This project assists in the development of a modern and efficient justice system. It is aimed to strengthen the capacity of personnel within the justice system so that they can administer an efficient justice system and reduce backlogs of cases.</p>
			<p><b>Strengthening the Judiciary in Sierra Leone - through placement 2 Judges and 1 Prosecutor - Phase II Judges to the High Court:</b> The purpose of this project is to strengthen the administration of justice in Sierra Leone. It aims to do so through enhanced capacity of the judiciary and Law officials; training lawyers and local judges; revising court procedures and processes; and putting reporting mechanisms in place.</p>
			<p><b>Supporting Decentralisation in Sierra Leone:</b> This project aims to provide an adviser to help strengthen the leadership and administrative capacity of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Local Government and Rural Development to effectively fulfil its roles with regards to local government and decentralisation.</p>
			<p><b>Commonwealth Assessment Visit:</b> The purpose of the project was to assess whether there was broad support among the stakeholders in South Africa for the Commonwealth to observe the 2009 General Elections, as well as to explore logistical arrangements for an observer mission.</p>
			<p><b>Election Assessment Mission to South Africa:</b> The purpose of this project was to observe the 2009 General Elections in South Africa, with a view to assessing their credibility and making recommendations for improved electoral practice.</p>
			<p><b>Review of Schemes of Service for Specialised Classes of the Civil Service in Ghana:</b> The purpose of the project is to provide a transparent basis for the attraction, selection and retention of highly qualified staff to the Ghana Civil Service for ensuring effective career management and succession planning through the update of the schemes of service.</p>
			<p><b>Secretary-General's Activities for Peace:</b> Activities under this programme of assistance have included the Secretariat's engagement with the Government of the Maldives on advancing the democratic process; assisting Cameroon with key penal and judicial reforms; supporting peace initiatives in Kenya in the aftermath of the 2007 elections and strengthening democratic processes and institutions in The Gambia.</p>
			<p><b>Meeting of Law Ministers and Attorney-Generals, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom:</b> Ministers met to discuss the achievement of shared Commonwealth goals in response to global legal developments, as well as recommendations from senior officials requiring Ministerial action. The Meeting adopted the Edinburgh Statement on Enhancing the Rule of Law in the Commonwealth which commits Member States to enhancing the rule of law, having regard to the individual circumstances of each Member State.</p>
			<p><b>Support to the Financial Action Task Force Regional Bodies in Developing National and Regional Anti-Money Laundering Strategies:</b> This project aims to strengthen the capacity of regional bodies, governments and regulatory authorities in implementing international policies on AML/CFT. The project monitors policy developments and emerging new standards and practices in Anti-Money Laundering /Combating Financial Terrorism strategies and provides policy advice and support to FATF-style regional bodies in implementing the FATF 40 recommendations.</p>
			<p><b>Promoting Good Governance and Combating Terrorism</b> This three-year project includes developing comprehensive model legislative provisions and providing technical guidance on preventing and combating corruption. A report was prepared which contained detailed recommendations for member States and a technical guide on the UN Convention, including its provisions on asset recovery in corruption cases was delivered. A review was undertaken of the Commonwealth Scheme on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters on adding provisions relating to repatriation. Regional conferences were held to take forward recommendations made at the Limassol Colloquium. A major anti-corruption conference was held in conjunction with Chatham House. The project also provides country-specific advice on CT and promoting CG.</p>
			<p><b>Alternative Sentencing in Small Commonwealth Jurisdictions:</b> The purpose of this is to enhance the rule of law and human rights (particularly the human rights of young people, women, and poorer members of society) in small Commonwealth jurisdictions through training on relevant and realistic proposals for alternative sentencing options. Countries such as Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius Swaziland and Seychelles benefit from this assistance.</p> <p><b>Judicial, Justice and Law Reforms:</b> This project seeks to strengthen the rule of law by focusing on strengthening judiciaries and judicial processes, supporting constitutional and legal reforms, supporting good governance including the Commonwealth (Latimer House) Principles, access to information, and addressing gender dimensions in the administration of laws and access to justice.</p>

			<p><b>Promoting Human Rights Standards and Capacity Building in the Commonwealth:</b> This project is aimed at enhancing the promotion and respect of human rights by member countries. It focuses on the promotion and adoption of international human rights standards and capacity building of relevant human rights institutions.</p>
			<p><b>Supporting Capacity Building and Institutional Development Programme:</b> This project aims to strengthen the capacity of local national and regional institutions in areas critical to good governance and sustainable development through the placement of experts.</p>
			<p><b>Building Human Resource Capacities:</b> The purpose of this programme is to strengthen the capacity of public sector institutions in developing Commonwealth countries, most specifically the capacity of those organisations with a responsibility to formulate and implement human resource policies. Effective human resource management is the corner stone of good governance and is critical for the ultimate achievement of national development objectives as well as international goals and targets, such as the Millennium Development Goals.</p>
			<p><b>Commonwealth Public Sector Informatics Programme:</b> This project addresses the CHOGM mandate on bridging the Digital Divide (2002) and mandates related to improving Public Administration (1995, 2002). A number of related strategies are used, including ICT strategy formulation, institutional development, training on knowledge and technical skills for ICT Development and the publication of best practice with respect to e-Governance, connectivity and knowledge management for governments and organisations.</p>

			<p><b>Gender and the Public Service:</b> This project aims to contribute to an effective and accountable public service that ensures gender equity in policies, decision making processes and programming and strives to achieve gender equitable outcomes. The project focuses on building the capacity of Management Development Institutes to design and deliver training that will facilitate effective gender mainstreaming in public sector institutions, including decision making processes.</p> <p><b>Public Sector Forum:</b> The objective of the project is to build the capacity and enhance efficiency and effectiveness of national and regional public sector institutions. It aims to help governments to move away from opportunistic reform toward more strategic reforms by developing a clear vision, building a constituency, devising tactics to achieve results, and communicating this vision and the anticipated results.</p>
			<p><b>Building Public Sector Capacities to implement Public-Private Partnership (PPP):</b> The purpose of the project is to encourage the implementation of PPPs and enhance private sector participation in infrastructure development. Through strengthening governance structures and practices and enhancing the public-private interface the project addresses current weakness and gaps and identifies best practices. It aims to provide training and capacity building to senior mid-level Government officials in implementing PPP projects with private sector investment and to facilitate the countries in developing an enabling framework and institutions for PPP. Technical assistance is provided to help governments identify appropriate donor agencies to fund PPP project development activities.</p> <p><b>Enhancing Institutional Capacities:</b> The purpose of this project is to support Commonwealth member countries enhance their institutional structures for sound corporate governance. The project strengthens national capacities to sustain good corporate governance through professional institutions of directors and company secre</p>
			<p><b>Commonwealth Connects Programme:</b> The 'Commonwealth Connects' Programme (formerly known as Commonwealth Action Programme for the Digital Divide (CAPDD)) is being implemented through a multi-stakeholder partnership. The Programme focuses on five well-defined areas, which will enhance and support the global effort on bridging the digital divide including the work of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The five focus areas are: 1) Building policy and regulatory capacity; 2) Modernising education and skills development; 3) Entrepreneurship for poverty reduction and wealth creation; 4) Promoting local access and connectivity; and, 5) Regional networks, local content and knowledge.</p>
			<p><b>Improving Governance through better Accountability and Citizen's Complaint/Redress Mechanism:</b> This project builds on previous CFTC Capacity Building and Institutional Development Programmes for Commonwealth oversight bodies. The objective of this intervention is to enhance the institutional capacity of Ombudsman Institutions and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in the Commonwealth in the context of contemporary governance issues.</p>
			<p><b>Improving Local Government Service Delivery:</b> The basic aim of the project is to contribute towards building the capacity of the public sector to enable it to steer strategic changes during local government reforms and to develop the skills to manage issues and challenges that emerge up during the reform process. It also aims to enhance skills for changed management, building partnerships with private sector and improving performance in service delivery and hence uplifting quality of life of the citizens. The programme also focuses on better Central-Local Government relations in terms of administrative and fiscal decentralisation. The project generates significant benefits to the member countries in short and medium terms, in terms of capacity building of its public sector to manage local authorities in an efficient, effective and responsive manner.</p>
			<p><b>Gender and Human Rights Programme:</b> Under this programme, a range of activities are being implemented which will support Commonwealth governments in meeting gender equality objectives and commitments under the Plan of Action (PoA). The activities include: providing technical assistance to Commonwealth governments in their work on gender and human rights issues; preparing a report on the Commonwealth's stand on the issue of indigenous people; analysis of cultural beliefs and practices that can undermine women's constitutional guarantees; consolidation of the Commonwealth Secretariat approach to gender-related human rights instruments and policies in the Commonwealth; providing technical and advisory support to youth organisations; and networks to promote new initiatives on gender-based rights amongst young people.</p>
			<p><b>Gender, Human Rights, Culture and the Law: PHCWG198</b> This project aims to advance women's rights through development of gender-responsive laws, judicial processes, customs and practices.</p>
			<p><b>Governance, Development and Youth Networks: PYCWG081</b> This programme focuses on enhancing policy development and implementation through the active participation of young people in youth networks, Ministries of Youth, governance and other decision-making fora in selected countries.</p>

4. Addressing Environmental/Climate Change issues			
4.1 Mitigation			
4.1.1 Promotion of mitigation measures			
4.1.2 Promotion of the use of clean energy and improvement of energy access			
4.2 Adaptation: Promote technical assistance such as establishing and updating the Global Map data for the entire Africa, describing the status of its environment in five years			
4.2.1 Measures against natural disaster		£0.065M	
			In November 2005, the Communiqué of the Malta Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting included two paragraphs addressing Natural Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance. Point 75 calls for “action to strengthen disaster management through increased capacity for disaster preparedness, early warning systems, risk management and post-disaster recovery and reconstruction”. In implementing this mandate a number of areas that require greater focus have been identified. These includes: 1) Development of knowledge base for Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management; 2) Capacity building at regional level on disaster management and 3) Providing technical support through CSAP volunteers in disaster management. in Africa, this has been implemented through a range of activities, including capacity building workshops covering specific aspects of disaster management in the Africa regions and deployment of technical experts to to advise member Government on DRR strategies. during 2008/09 a regional conference was held that examined how DRR &DM can better be mainstremed in development programming. A subsequent national workshop was supported in Uganda and a scoping
4.2.2 Measures to combat desertification			
4.3 Water and Sanitation			
4.3.1 Effective water resource management			
4.3.2 Access to safe water and sanitation facilities			
4.4 Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)		£0.14M	
			<b>Sustainable Development Policy Adviser to the Indian Ocean Committee: PGMRT111</b> The project provided technical assistance to the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) in its role as coordinator for the AIMS Region (Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Seas) to enable it to advance it's role and mechanisms to coordinate the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy and the Barbados Plan of Action to support initiatives towards sustainable development at the national level. The Commonwealth African member states of AIMS are: Mauritius and Seychelles.
5. Broadening Partnership		£0.28M	
			<b>Liaison with International Organisations:</b> This project is designed to maintain liaison with international organisations, selected non-member states and other partners in the international community for promoting Commonwealth political values and objectives and building the widest possible consensus on political issues. Its scope includes liaison with other international organisations, such as the UN, CARICOM, EU, AU, PIF, ASEAN and La Francophonie, non-member governments like USA and other partners, such as NDI, IRI and International IDEA.
			<b>ACP-EC High Level Dialogue on EPAs:</b> The purpose of this project is to facilitate political high-level dialogue and understanding between the ACP and EC on development aspects of the EPAs.