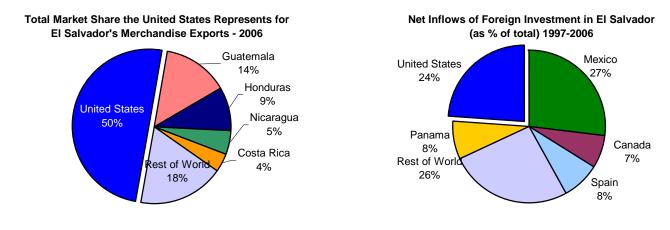


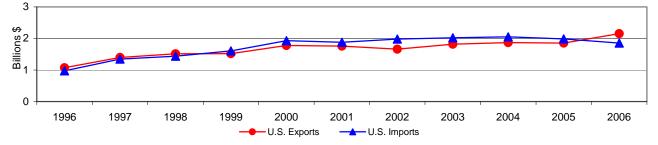
# The United States Contributes to Economic Prosperity in El Salvador



- In 2006, U.S. direct investment in El Salvador reached \$774 million (BEA, Survey of Current Business, Sept. 2007); this is equivalent to 4.2 percent of El Salvador's GDP of \$18.3 billion (World Bank, World Development Indicators).
- The Peace Corps currently has approximately 156 volunteers working throughout El Salvador; since 1963, 1,858 volunteers have aided communities in El Salvador.
- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provided over \$33.2[11] million in aid to El Salvador in 2006.
- In 2006 the Millennium Challenge Corporation committed over \$461 million to El Salvador for development projects.
- The United States purchased approximately 50 percent of El Salvador's total merchandise exports in 2006 (IMF Direction of Trade).
- U.S. merchandise exports to El Salvador grew from \$1.1 billion in 1996 to \$2.16 billion in 2006, an increase of 100 percent (U.S. Census Bureau).
- In 2006 over \$3.3 billion in remittance money was sent by Salvadorans living abroad (Inter-American Development Bank).







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U.S. Companies Contribute to Economic Prosperity and Social Development



## Fighting Cancer and Supporting Women - Avon

To date, Avon El Salvador has donated over \$253,000 to support cancer treatment to patients in the National Cancer League. The donations have also equipped a pathology lab in use for conducting tests at the institution. In addition to this fund-raising effort, Avon also makes inkind donations to various NGOs in El Salvador, donating over \$90,000 since 2004 to benefit schools, children hospitals, hospices, and more. Avon's commitment to women around the world is also demonstrated through a program called Avon Women, instituted in 2002, which recognizes one woman each year whose humanitarian organization has made a significant contribution to society. The winner's organization receives a cash-prize.

### Improving Technical Training - Microsoft

In 2003, Microsoft donated \$125,000 to build a Center of Qualification in Computer Science. The Center provides training in Computer Technology to police officers who have become disabled in the line of duty. The center also provides training for family members of agents killed in the line of duty. The center has helped over 7,000 people since its founding. Through the Fundación Amigos de la Educación (FUNDAEDUCA) program, Microsoft has donated \$65,000 to build computer centers in 20 state schools, benefiting over 25,000 students.

### Building Educational Resources - ESSO Standard Oil, S.A. Ltd

Since 2004, Esso has donated more than \$35,000 through Fundación Amigos de la Educación (FUNDAEDUCA) program in order to improve the educational and social conditions of more than 675 students at Centro Educativo San Luis Gonzaga, La Libertad. This includes the remodeling of the computer center, a donation of 85 computers and computer classes, as well as the construction of recreational areas such as a covered basketball court. With this program, Esso is helping the community where its main office resides.