



# POLICY ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC AND REGULATORY REFORM

AMEX believes that sound economic and fiscal policy formulation and good regulatory systems are essential to meaningful and sustained economic growth. As a result, the firm has spearheaded many projects designed to assess the impact of macroeconomic and fiscal policies on the productive capacity, trade and investment climates in several countries and recommend measures to stimulate economic growth. The following are examples of the services that AMEX has provided in these areas:

- Analysis, formulation, and implementation of macroeconomic policies conducive to growth of private enterprises in The Gambia;
- Program design for employment generation in Senegal;
- Evaluation of the USAID's non-project assistance program on fiscal reforms, regulatory revisions, and export promotion in Burundi;
- Design of productivity enhancement schemes in Tunisia through compensation structuring and other methods of rewarding increased worker output;
- Evaluation of trade policies and structure in Burundi, followed by the design and implementation of an export promotion agency and a series of training modules to familiarize entrepreneurs with the mechanics of foreign trade;



## ECONOMIC POLICY REFORMS AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Under the Financial and Private Enterprise (FAPE) Development Support Project sponsored by the USAID, AMEX-as the prime contractor-provided advisory service and technical assistance to the Gambian Ministry of Finance and Economic Development to improve the ministry's capability in economic and financial analyses and to consolidate and strengthen a market-based macroeconomic policy framework conducive to increased private investment and accelerated private-sector-led growth. The scope of AMEX's technical assistance covered training in economic and fiscal policy analysis, financial performance monitoring and

- Midterm evaluation of Niger's Economic Policy Reform Program, including analysis of economic growth conditions, balance-of-payments position, and monetary and fiscal policy issues, as well as assessment of the adequacy of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to measure the program's impact; and
- Management of a four-year project in Guinea to assess the social impact of the World Bank's structural adjustment program and the design of a series of projects to alleviate the disruptions caused by the program.

AMEX has also evaluated the impact of structural reform programs on various economic sectors and population groups throughout Africa and has recommended policies and programs to alleviate poverty and increase economic growth. AMEX' work has focused on programs that are aimed towards increasing the access of affected groups to productive assets and enhancing production incentives to increase workers' incomes.

In addition, AMEX provides a range of expertise in sectoral policy analysis and review, trade policies, tax reform and administration, financial sector reform, and trade and investment-promotion.