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Development Assistance

State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill
Title III

What is Development Assistance?

Implemented by USAID, [Development Assistance](#) (D.A.) is one of the [primary bilateral development accounts](#) focused on poverty reduction and the development of self-reliant, resilient, and democratic societies. This core account funds most of USAID's development work outside of global health and humanitarian assistance. D.A. supports the sectors, activities, and programs that help countries and communities address poverty; fight hunger and malnutrition; promote conservation and end wildlife trafficking; address root causes of migration; improve basic education; increase access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); and spur economic growth.

D.A. makes America safer by bolstering economic growth and job opportunities in Central America and elsewhere that address the root causes of migration and create stable futures for people in their own countries. It makes America more prosperous by producing large returns on its investments—from increased trade through Prosper Africa and partnership opportunities for U.S. universities and companies.

What the Funds Support

- Programs to address irregular migration, expand economic prosperity and development opportunities, and invest in good governance and democratic institutions in the Western Hemisphere.
- [Prosper Africa](#), an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative.
- [Power Africa](#), which convenes over 200 public and private sector partners to stimulate investment in sub-Saharan Africa's energy sector, bringing over 210 million people electricity access that improves health, education, and prosperity.
- Greater [economic security](#) for women and girls by increasing their access to resources, services, and leadership opportunities that enhance their ability to participate fully in the economy.
- Enhanced access to [quality education](#) and improved learning outcomes and skills development for children and youth through the [U.S. Government Strategy on International Basic Education](#). Its efforts to expand access to education support 48% of refugee children who are out of school.
- The Global Water Strategy's efforts to provide an additional [22 million](#) people with clean water and sanitation, especially in conflict-affected areas in Sub-Saharan Africa. Sustainable [water](#) and [sanitation](#) services [limit tensions](#) that generate fragility in countries and across borders.
- Biodiversity programs that [improve food security](#) by increasing agricultural productivity and keeping soils fertile.
- The bipartisan Global Fragility Act, an initiative to expand resources for conflict prevention and stabilization in [five strategic countries and regions](#) of importance to U.S. national security: coastal West Africa, Haiti, Libya, Mozambique, and Papua New Guinea.

[FY2026 Recommendation](#)

No Less Than

\$3.931 Billion

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To Be Announced

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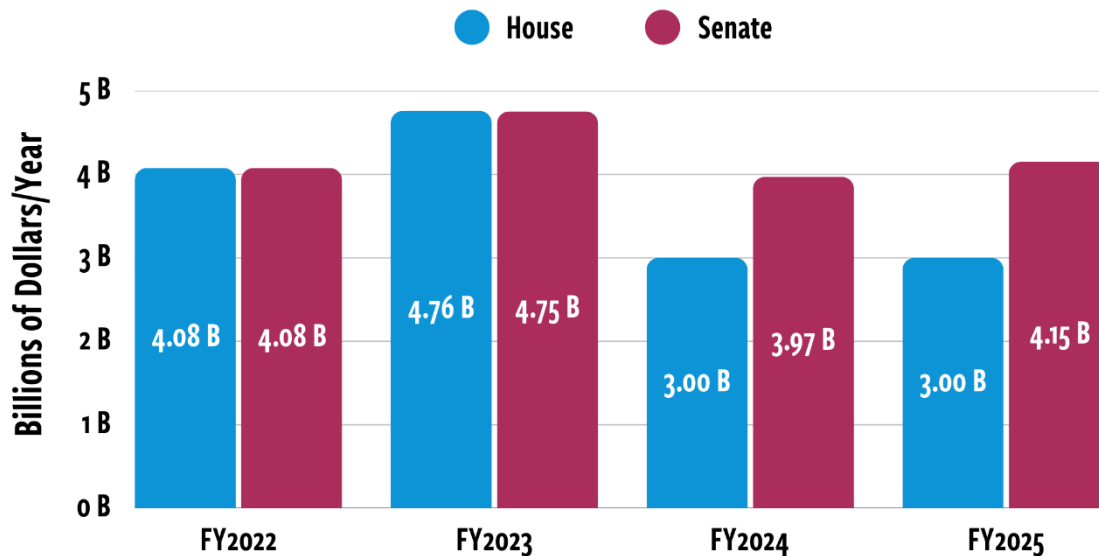
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Results

- **Feed the Future** has brought **23.4 million** people above the poverty line and prevented the stunting of **3.4 million** children across 20 countries.
- Prosper Africa has closed nearly 2,500 deals, facilitating an estimated **\$120.3 billion** in regional investments in agribusiness, energy, and manufacturing by working with African governments and private sector partners.
- In its first two years, USAID's Enterprises for Development, Growth, and Empowerment (EDGE) Fund has boosted business and commercial operations alongside development objectives. It has provided **\$100 million** to entrepreneurial USAID missions for partnerships with the private sector.
- The President's Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience (**PREPARE**) invests in disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness systems that lower financial losses, create jobs, and contribute to security and stability. Every \$1 invested yields between \$2 and \$10 in economic benefits.
- The **Central America Youth Empowerment Program (CAYEP)** motivates youth to engage in community projects that reduce migration and improve local economies. More than **60,000** youths have participated in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Mexico.
- In FY2023, U.S. investment in basic education programs **reached** 44.9 million learners around the world, distributed over 30.6 million textbooks and other learning materials, and trained and provided professional development to nearly one million teachers.
 - In the Philippines, U.S. investments **tripled** the school enrollment of children who are deaf and/or blind.
- In 2024, USAID helped **over 6 million** people gain access to sustainable drinking water services, approximately half of whom were women and girls.

Funding History



*Funding levels may not accurately reflect those in the appropriations bills and/or reports due to rounding.