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FY2026

International Disaster Assistance

State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill
U.S. Agency for International Development
Title III

FY2026 Recommendation

No Less Than

\$4.779 Billion

FY2026 President's Request

To Be Announced

FY2025 Enacted

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What is International Disaster Assistance?

The [International Disaster Assistance](#) (IDA) account provides critical humanitarian assistance to civilian populations in response to natural disasters, conflict and insecurity, and other sudden onset emergencies. America's strong bipartisan legacy of global leadership in humanitarian assistance strengthens global communities and bolsters critical U.S. interests and security. It is also a longstanding point of pride for Americans; when disaster strikes, Americans answer the call. IDA also promotes early recovery, builds resilience, and reduces risk in communities vulnerable to recurrent humanitarian crises amounting to a worthwhile return on investment.

By responding to disasters and lending material assistance when a country is most vulnerable, the IDA account builds relationships and engenders goodwill abroad, making America stronger and more secure. Emergency humanitarian assistance provided by the U.S. has helped reduce the incidence of violent conflict in crisis zones like Syria, Sudan, and the Sahel region of Africa making America and the world a safer place.

What the Funds Support

- Emergency food, nutrition, water, shelter, health care, protection, and agricultural resources that help prepare for, respond to, and recover from humanitarian crises.
- Research on localization approaches and impacts in humanitarian settings in partnership with NGO and academic partners.
- Efforts to promote early recovery, build resilience, and reduce risk in communities vulnerable to recurrent humanitarian crises.

Results

- Following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the U.S. government's Disaster Assistance Response Team ([DART](#)) helped [60,000](#) people in Syria gain access to emergency water and provided [30,000](#) relief kits containing winter clothing.
- In 2023, U.S. government funding provided humanitarian support [to 81 countries and territories](#), fostering goodwill across the globe. This included:
 - 28 countries across Africa as armed conflict and disease outbreaks drove humanitarian needs and displaced populations, compounding existing vulnerabilities.
 - Seven countries across Asia recovering from natural disasters, including Tropical Cyclone Mocha in Burma and Bangladesh, Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin in Vanuatu, volcanic activity in Papua New Guinea and the Philippines, and floods in Pakistan.

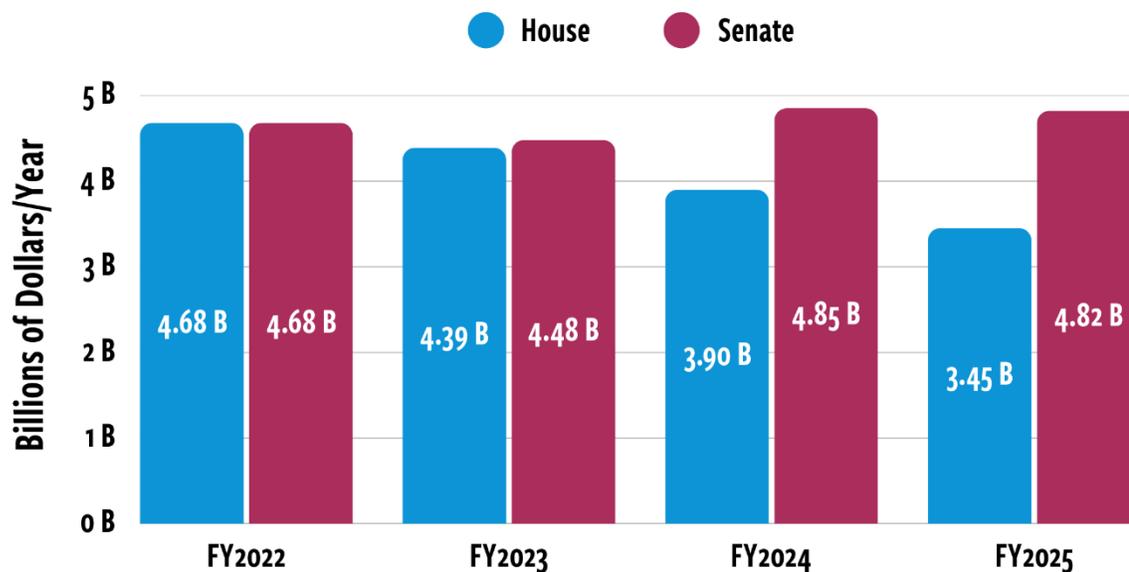


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- In 2023, BHA awarded local partners across 20 countries nearly **\$60 million**, which is a 40% increase from 2023 and exceeds the target for direct funding to local partners.
- BHA supports the UN Women’s Peace and Humanitarian Fund, which supports local women’s organizations in crisis contexts. In 2023, BHA contributed **\$10 million** which supported women-led organizations in Ethiopia, Haiti, South Sudan, and Ukraine that are leading the humanitarian and protection responses.
- The **Horn of Africa Resilience Network** (HoRN) has worked to build resilience in drylands and areas of recurring drought and hunger across East Africa.
- In FY2023, BHA provided **\$69.5 million** to partners in West Africa conducting **Early Recovery, Risk Reduction, and Resilience** (ER4) activities to address food insecurity, climate shocks, and protracted emergencies.
- In Niger, funding created **1,700** village savings and loan associations groups to make communities resilient to shocks by increasing access to credit and grains during the lean season, thus reducing food insecurity.
- In **Burkina Faso**, FEWS NET identified acute food insecurity—driven by conflict and blockades—as impacting more than 3.3 million people. By identifying that millions of people would need emergency food assistance, U.S. government partners were able to help displaced communities in conflict-affected regions.
 - FEWS NET provides similar early warning analysis on acute food insecurity in dozens of countries.

Funding History



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