

Impacts of Proposed Aid Cut-off to USAID Programs in the Northern Triangle

The below programs are funded and led by USAID and provide examples of critical United States (U.S.) foreign assistance programs in Central America.¹ USAID partners with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society, the private sector, and Northern Triangle governments to provide diverse and effective programs that address issues across all sectors, including food security, violence, education, corruption, credible democratic processes, and economic stability. Such programs support a multi-faceted approach to address key drivers of migration to the U.S. and help to foster an environment where families can envision a safe and successful future. Cutting off foreign assistance to these programs will jeopardize progress made towards a prosperous and more secure Northern Triangle region achieved through strategic U.S. investment.

Programs in Honduras:

USAID programs such as the following have increased 97% of incomes and lifted over 89,000 people out of poverty (since 2011), resulted in a 90% drop in homicides (2013-17), and increased corruption prosecution.

- **Private Sector Alliance with World Food Program**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$350,000; **Duration:** Sept. 2017 – Sept. 2019
 - Using a market-based approach, the partnership between USAID, Cargill, and WFP fosters sustainable school feeding supply chains to improve the dietary diversity and nutritional status of children, while providing an economic opportunity for poor, community family farmers.
 - This project strengthens the sustainability of the government's Home-Grown School Feeding model that serves over 1.3 million children across 18,615 pre-primary and primary schools.
- **Governance for Citizen Security Activity**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$15.06 Million; **Duration:** Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2022
 - Improves security and reduces migration by supporting community and local government actors to employ locally driven, comprehensive, and functional crime and violence prevention agendas.
 - This program decreases high rates of gang-related violence, crime, and homicides in Honduras.
- **Honduras Reading Activity**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$54.96 Million; **Duration:** Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2022
 - Improves reading skills of over 700,000 children and students by investing in teachers' effectiveness and approaches in classrooms, strengthening schools' use of student assessment results, increasing the quality, availability, and use of reading materials, and working with parents and community members to increase their involvement in education.
 - Helped 21,817 families living in poverty increase their incomes from an average of \$0.90 person per day to \$1.38 person per day in 2016. Nearly 5,000 households — or 25,000 people — rose above the extreme poverty line (\$1.25 a day). Farmers earned \$50 million more in income (FY16).

Programs in El Salvador:

USAID programs such as the following have contributed to a decrease in homicides by 61% (from 2015-17), created 22,000 jobs (2011-16), and increased transparency and accountability in the government.

- **Economic Competitiveness Project**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$47.8 Million; **Duration:** March 2017 – March 2022

¹ This document provides a sampling of programs and should not be treated as a comprehensive list. For more information about current USAID programs in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, see <https://www.usaid.gov/central-america/programs>.

- Increases the competitiveness of the nation's key economic sectors by strengthening the capacity of micro, small, and medium enterprises to compete in domestic and export markets. The project improves the national/subnational business environment, encourages private sector investment, innovation, and business expansion, and fosters economic growth and job creation.
- **Education and Coexistence for Schools and Communities Free of Violence**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$10 Million; **Duration:** March 2018 – March 2023
 - Provides psychosocial services to youth, parents, and teachers in up to 76 schools in high risk communities. Participating schools serve as platforms for after school sports activities to help keep students safe, develop life skills, promote well-being, and improve academic performance.
- **Justice Sector Strengthening**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$31.4 Million; **Duration:** March 2013 – March 2019
 - Serves to better satisfy citizens' needs through a justice system that more effectively and transparently solves criminal cases by providing assistance to the Supreme Court, Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender's Office, and the National Police to elevate professionalism among justice sector employees, improve investigation techniques and inter-institutional coordination, and establish efficient systems and procedures that facilitate the administration of justice.
 - Expands community policing to improve public confidence in the police and reduce crime.

Programs in Guatemala

USAID programs such as the following have significantly reduced and prosecuted criminal extortion, increased incomes of rural workers, created 20,000 jobs (FY2016), and reduced judicial impunity.

- **Electoral Governance and Reforms Project**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$9 Million; **Duration:** June 2017 – June 2020
 - Supports the development and implementation of reforms; increases the transparency and accountability of electoral processes. Provides technical assistance, capacity building, and opportunities for dialogue to Guatemala's Electoral Tribunal, Congress, civil society, and political parties.
- **Global Health Supply Chain for Procurement and Supply Management**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$3.65 Million; **Duration:** Oct. 2016 – April 2020
 - Supports the Ministry of Health in its efforts to improve the supply chain and expand the availability of micronutrients, vaccines, contraceptives, and other essential medicines.
- **Protecting Victims, Providing Services and Preventing Human Trafficking in Guatemala**
 - **Projected Investment:** \$2.2 Million; **Duration:** Feb. 2018 – Feb. 2021
 - In partnership with a local NGO, provides child victims of human trafficking integrated care (e.g. medical care, psychosocial services, and education) and legal support.
- **Feed the Future**
 - Strengthens market-led agricultural development (i.e. black beans), improves access to food and health services, prevents and treats chronic malnutrition, and improves nutrition status.
 - In areas where Feed the Future has worked, there has been a 15% reduction in the prevalence of poverty and a 12% reduction in the prevalence of stunting in children under 5.
- **Community Strengthening Project (CONVIVIMOS)**
 - **Total Projected Investment:** \$40 million; **Duration:** 2015 - 2020
 - Supports efforts by the Government of Guatemala, civil society, and community actors to address the causes and consequences of violence through holistic prevention approaches.