International Disaster Assistance

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

FY2025 Recommendation
No less than
$4.85 Billion

FY2025 President's Request
$4.54 Billion

FY2024 Enacted*
$4.78 Billion

What is International Disaster Assistance?

The International Disaster Assistance (IDA) account, managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), provides critical humanitarian assistance to civilian populations in response to natural disasters, conflict and insecurity, and other sudden-onset emergencies in their home or host countries. IDA also promotes early recovery, builds resilience, and reduces risk in communities vulnerable to recurrent humanitarian crises.

What do the funds support?

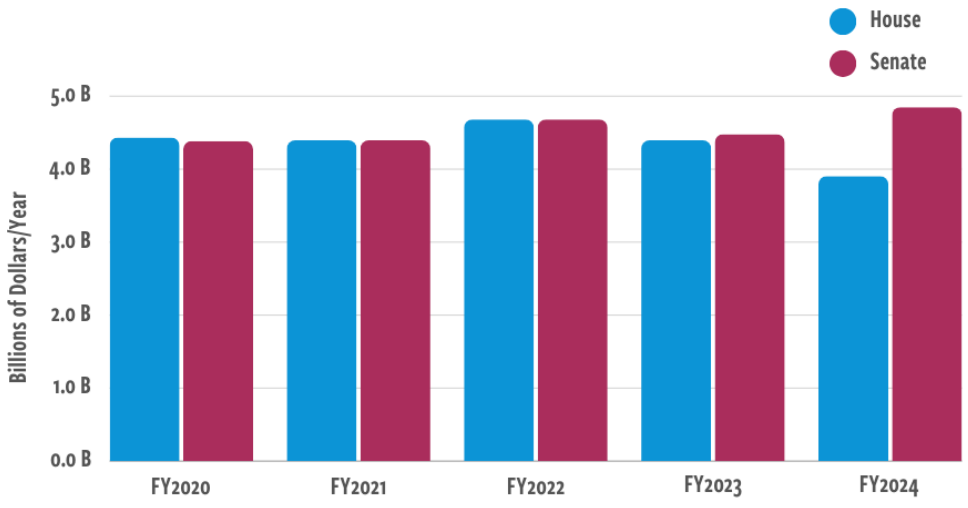
- The majority of U.S. humanitarian response resources for emergency food assistance, nutrition, water, shelter, health care, protection, and agricultural rehabilitation and support U.S. leadership in humanitarian response worldwide.
- Countries preparing for, responding to, and recovering from humanitarian crises and reducing underlying vulnerabilities through disaster risk reduction programming.
- Research on localization in humanitarian settings in partnership with NGO and academic partners.

Foreign Aid Delivers

As complex conflicts and severe natural disasters increase in frequency and severity, rising operational costs and commodity prices coupled with high inflation are increasing the cost of humanitarian response. The IDA account allows for the flexibility needed to adjust to changing contexts and respond to protracted crises and new emergencies as they arise. IDA resources support the full range of humanitarian assistance activities necessary to save lives; alleviate human suffering; reduce the physical, social, and economic impacts of rapid and slow onset disasters; and support and build resilience among at-risk populations. In 2022, BHA funding provided humanitarian support to 79 countries and territories with nearly $11.9 billion in resources across many sectors. Resources supported food assistance and WASH by enabling U.N. and NGO partners to provide rice and vegetable oil to households facing food insecurity, and provided access to safe water and hygiene education to displaced populations. Outside of programming, IDA funding is also advancing the localization agenda, with more than $140 million in direct and indirect funding contributions to 242 local NGOs in FY2022, more than twice the number of partners compared to the previous year.

Funding History

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



**This account received supplemental resources in recent years. See "About Choose to Invest" for more info.*