Economic Support Fund
State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill
Title VII

What is the Economic Support Fund?
Managed by the State Department and USAID, the Economic Support Fund (ESF) provides development and economic assistance, particularly to countries of strategic importance to the U.S. In addition to providing critical support to activities funded under the Development Assistance account, ESF helps countries meet near- and long-term political, economic, development, and security needs, provides direct budget support to foreign governments, and supports sovereign loan guarantees.

What do the funds support?
- Bolstering the Indo-Pacific Strategy, including supporting infrastructure investment, strengthening emergency preparedness, and promoting climate adaptation.
- Addressing irregular migration and building economic resilience and democratic stability in the Western Hemisphere.
- Efforts to lead and address global challenges including food insecurity and energy security.
- Efforts to prevent conflict, counter violent extremism, promote the rights and empowerment of women and girls, and prevent and respond to gender-based violence through the Women, Peace, and Security Act, the Gender Equity and Equality Action Fund, the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO), and Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL).

Foreign Aid Delivers
The Economic Support Fund provides the U.S. government with an important tool to support priorities and commitments that advance U.S. interests in countries and regions of strategic importance. From promoting budget transparency and providing loan guarantees to supporting higher education programs and counterterrorism efforts, the ESF supports U.S. political and strategic interests and promotes the political and economic stability of U.S. allies. ESF supports a diversity of accounts such as The Democracy Fund, The Green Climate Fund, the Prevention and Stabilization Fund, and supports programs addressing global crises in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Western Hemisphere.

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.