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International Humanitarian Assistance

The International Humanitarian Assistance (IHA) account is a new account in the fiscal 2026 National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act. It consolidates the former International Disaster Assistance and Migration and Refugee Assistance accounts. IHA provides life-saving assistance to civilians affected by natural disasters, conflict, insecurity and other emergencies.

FY2027 Recommendation
\$6 Billion
FY2027 President's Request
\$4 Billion
FY2026 Enacted
\$5.4 Billion

America's bipartisan leadership in humanitarian assistance strengthens vulnerable communities while advancing U.S. security interests. When disasters strike, the United States responds. The State Department's **rapid response to Hurricane Melissa** in the Caribbean—including emergency aid to Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba and the Bahamas—demonstrated continued U.S. leadership. The response included deployment of Disaster Assistance Response Teams and search-and-rescue teams from Los Angeles and Fairfax counties, reflecting the transfer of full humanitarian response authorities to the State Department.

By responding to crises and natural disasters in places such as **Sudan** and the **Philippines**, IHA saves lives, builds partnerships and fosters goodwill. U.S. humanitarian assistance has also helped reduce the risk of violent conflict in crisis zones including Syria, Sudan and the Sahel, making the United States and the world safer. Sustained and now increased funding for FY 2027 is critical to meeting growing global humanitarian needs and advancing U.S. foreign policy and national security goals.

What IHA Funds Support

- Emergency food, nutrition, water, shelter, health care, protection and agricultural assistance during disasters, conflict and other crises.
- Deployment of U.S. Disaster Assistance Response Teams to assess needs and lead the U.S. government response.
- The Famine Early Warning Systems Network, which provides data-driven analysis of acute food insecurity to inform humanitarian planning.
- Early recovery, resilience-building and risk-reduction efforts in communities vulnerable to recurring crises.