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**Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia  
Humanitarian Assistance in Review, 2000 – 2009**

Natural disasters such as drought, earthquakes, floods, and wildfires, as well as ongoing complex emergencies and limited government capacity in the region, present significant challenges to vulnerable populations throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia (EMCA).<sup>1</sup> Since 2000, USAID/OFDA and USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) have provided humanitarian assistance in response to complex emergencies and natural disasters in



the region, including complex crises in Afghanistan, Georgia, Iraq, Lebanon, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen; wildfires in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, and Macedonia; winter emergencies in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, and Tajikistan; and floods in more than 20 countries throughout the region.

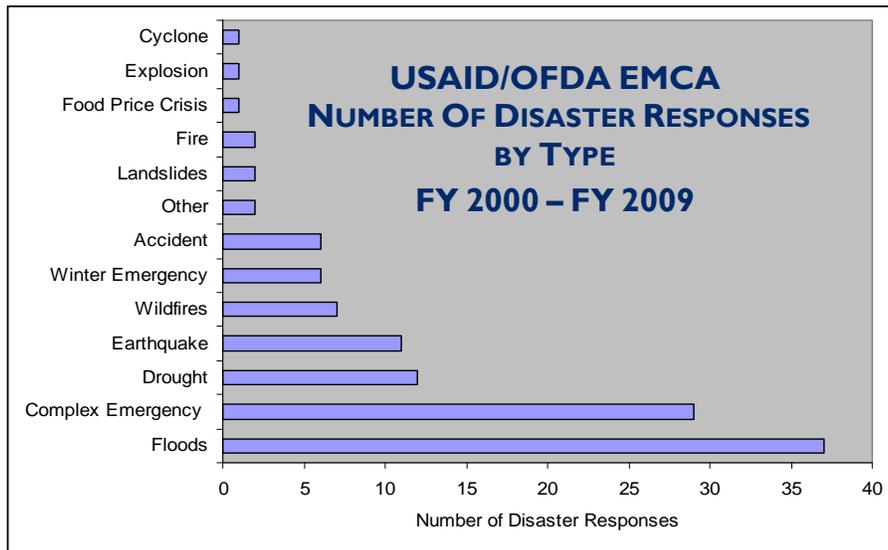
From Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 to FY 2009, USAID provided more than \$1.8 billion in emergency response programming throughout the EMCA region. USAID/OFDA assistance included approximately \$748 million for health, nutrition, protection, agriculture and food security, economic recovery and market systems, humanitarian coordination and information management, logistics and relief commodities, shelter and settlements, and water, sanitation and hygiene interventions, as well as the local and regional procurement of food aid. In addition, USAID/FFP provided nearly \$1.1 billion in emergency food assistance to vulnerable populations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and surrounding countries. In the past decade, USAID/OFDA has deployed nine Disaster Assistance Response Teams (USAID/DARTs) and multiple humanitarian assessment teams to the region. USAID/DARTs deployed to Turkey in FY 2000 and Iran in FY 2004 following destructive earthquakes, as well as Afghanistan in FY 2001, Iraq in FY 2003, Lebanon in FY 2006, and Georgia in FY 2008 in response to complex emergencies. USAID/OFDA also activated Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Teams to support USAID/DART coordination and response efforts.

**USAID/OFDA AND USAID/FFP HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EMCA (FY 2000 – FY 2009), IN MILLIONS<sup>2</sup>**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	TOTALS
<b>USAID/OFDA</b>	\$33.2	\$20.8	\$116.4	\$106.4	\$50.5	\$77.8	\$50.6	\$64.0	\$109.5	\$118.9	\$748.0
<b>USAID/FFP</b>	\$20.1	\$88.4	\$190.6	\$219.1	\$65.1	\$68.6	\$75.7	\$88.6	\$189.0	\$90.6	\$1,095.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$53.3	\$109.2	\$307.0	\$325.5	\$115.6	\$146.4	\$126.3	\$152.6	\$298.5	\$209.5	\$1,843.6

<sup>1</sup> The EMCA region includes Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Belarus, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen.

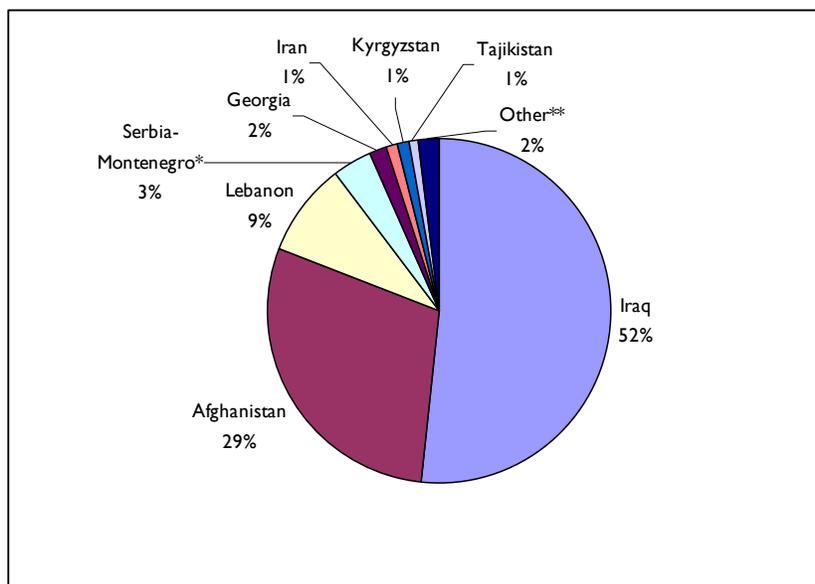
<sup>2</sup> Figures have been rounded. From FY 2000 to FY 2009, primary recipients of USAID/FFP emergency food assistance included Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Balkans, Georgia, Iraq, Lebanon, Russia, Syria, Tajikistan, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen.



To complement emergency assistance and to mitigate the underlying causes of vulnerabilities, USAID/OFDA has developed a disaster risk reduction (DRR) strategy for the EMCA region. The strategy includes technical assistance and technology transfer to build capacity in communities and national agencies, as well as project-level activities such as seismic-resistant shelter construction. For instance, from FY 2006 to FY 2009, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$18.8 million to non-governmental organization partners to implement the Kabul Area Shelter and Settlements (KASS) project in Afghanistan. The KASS project includes seismic-resistant shelter provision, service upgrades, and income generation activities in Kabul to help build resilience to future shocks among vulnerable communities.

The USAID/OFDA EMCA regional office is located in Budapest, Hungary, with a sub-office in Almaty, Kazakhstan. USAID/OFDA also maintains field offices in Iraq and Afghanistan to provide program monitoring and oversight and to assess the humanitarian needs of vulnerable populations in conflict-affected regions.

### USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EMCA BY COUNTRY (FY 2000 - FY 2009)



\* Serbia and Montenegro became independent countries in 2006.

\*\* Includes numerous small-scale responses in the region.