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USAID HONDURAS PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

USAID has been in Honduras since 1961. During the past 49 years, it has provided more than \$3 billion in economic assistance to the country. Currently, USAID focuses on strengthening the participation of marginalized groups in local and national governance, increasing food security for the poorest sectors of society, expanding basic education and skills training for at-risk youth and adults to increase their prospects for employment and higher incomes, and improving the participation of local citizens and civil society in the provision of decentralized health care services. Increases in employment and in productive and social investment are particularly necessary to spur economic growth, advance social justice, improve education and health, and engage the poorest and most marginalized members of Honduran society in the country's development.

USAID's program provides assistance in the following three areas:

Democracy and Governance: USAID supports good governance, political competition and consensus building, anticorruption, and civil society at the local and national levels. This includes support for civil society-led initiatives to 1) increase transparency and accountability in the use of public resources; 2) ensure that elections are free and fair; and 3) advocate for reform where needed. At the local level, USAID strengthens the capacity of municipal governments to respond to citizen needs, through improved decentralized services and increased citizen participation. The budget for Fiscal Year 2010 was \$9.5 million.

Economic Growth: Economic growth activities increase the incomes of poor rural households by linking small farmers to market opportunities. As a focus country under the U.S. Government's new Feed the Future Initiative, USAID is helping Honduras develop a new food security program that will serve as a cornerstone of poverty reduction efforts. Programs also improve the business environment, promote economic diversification, and increase investment and trade at the local, regional, and international levels to reduce poverty. Activities additionally help small farmers and enterprises to take advantage of increased trade opportunities under the Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). USAID also supports the environment by strengthening protected area management, mitigating global climate change, and promoting renewable energy and the implementation of the CAFTA Environmental Cooperation Agreement. Finally, USAID activities provide humanitarian assistance during natural disasters and finance training for emergency preparedness and response. The budget level for Fiscal Year 2010 was \$16.3 million.

Investing in People: USAID supports the Honduran Ministry of Health and other local organizations to improve maternal and child health, family planning and reproductive health, and HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support. USAID also supports health sector reform and decentralization so that local organizations can provide health services for the poor, while the Ministry of Health focuses on financing, regulating, and evaluating these organizations. In education, USAID assists the Ministry of Education's efforts to reform policies, especially in development and implementation of academic standards, formative assessments, and standardized testing in public schools from first grade through high school. These efforts enable Honduran decision-makers as well as parents to know how their children and schools are performing. They also provide critical information to improve educational quality. The budget for Fiscal Year 2010 was \$23.7 million.

USAID ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS

BUDGET	FY 1961-2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total (in \$US millions)	\$3,046.5	\$38.7	\$41.1	\$49.5