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USAID Assistance to Asia



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America's Pacific Century

"One of the most important tasks of American statecraft over the next decade will ... be to lock in a substantially increased investment -- diplomatic, economic, strategic, and otherwise -- in the Asia-Pacific region."

**-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton,
"America's Pacific Century," Foreign
Policy, November 2011**





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USAID in Asia: A Snapshot

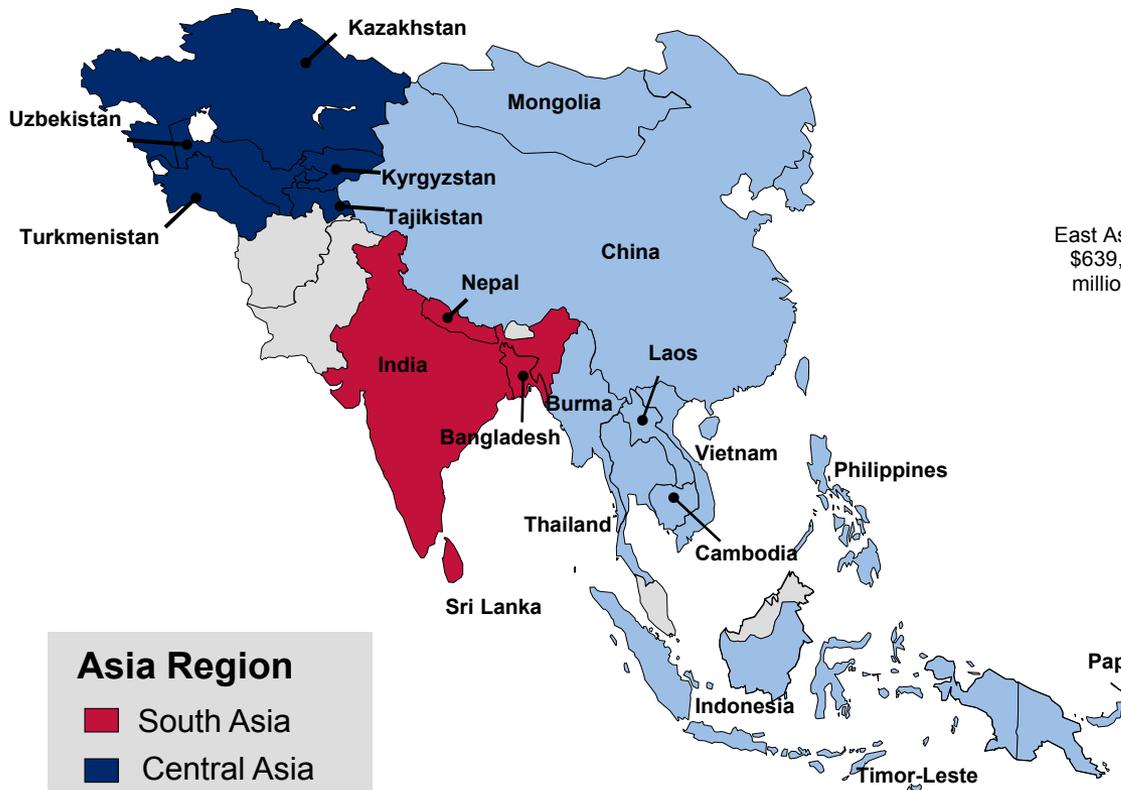
- Providing assistance in countries home to:
 - **more than half the world's population**
 - the largest **Muslim population** in the world
 - **the majority of the world's poor**
- More than 1,200 staff throughout the region and in Washington, DC
- In FY 2011, managed development budget of more than \$1.14 billion
- Half of resources devoted to Presidential Initiatives in food security, global health, and climate change



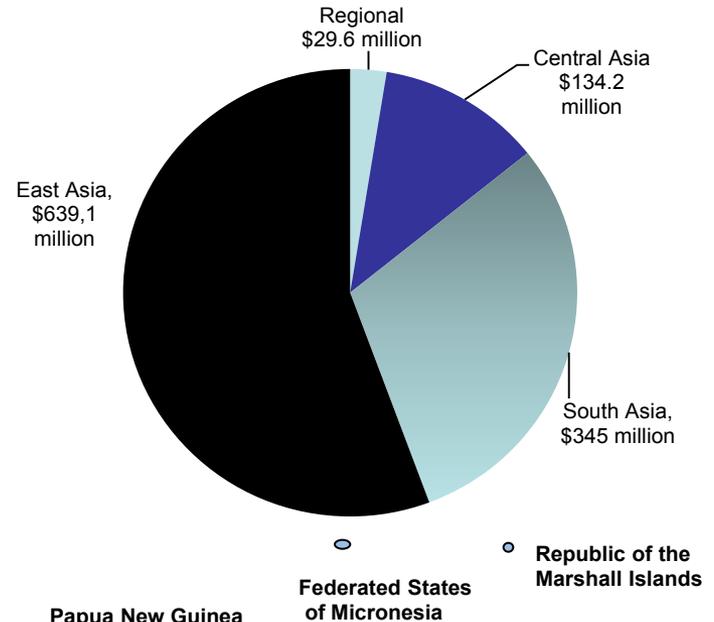


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Asia Bureau Programs in South, Central, East Asia



FY 2011 Total: \$1.14 billion



*Includes Economic Support Funds, Child Survival and Health Funds, Development Assistance Funds, and Assistance for Europe-Eurasia and Central Asia Funds



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USAID's Objectives in Asia for 2012

- Develop “new” strategic plans for “anchor” countries: Indonesia and India - where we have strategic dialogues or two or more Presidential Initiatives
- Reflect transition from traditional assistance relationship toward more mature, “cooperation-based” partnerships
- Protect and elevate governance as a major program priority both when designing program strategies in Initiatives countries, as well as countries that have fragile institutions, are post-conflict, or are autocratic democracies
- Provide transformative assistance through innovation, partnership, and sustainability



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East Asia

Development Priorities

- Advancing strategic partnership with **Indonesia** in key areas such as climate change, health and education
- Promoting economic growth in **Philippines** through Partnership for Growth
- Advancing innovation, reform, and partnership within the region through **regional platform in Bangkok**
- Enhancing coordination with **Asian donors** including **South Korea and China**
- Supporting regional and transboundary solutions through the **Lower Mekong Initiative**
- Supporting the transition in **Burma**





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South Asia

Development Priorities

- Transforming our strategic **partnership** with India to focus on innovative Indian-sourced solutions to address global challenges
- Supporting core development objectives in Bangladesh through **Presidential Initiatives** (Food, Health, and Climate) and strengthening governance
- Supporting democratic **transition** in Nepal
- Addressing **reconciliation** in Sri Lanka
- Enhancing regional capacities for **disaster response** and **risk reduction**





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Central Asia

Development Priorities

- Strengthening the **democratic transition** in Kyrgyzstan
- Stabilizing Tajikistan through **food security** and **health**
- Fostering **peace** and **stability** in Afghanistan through regional integration with Central Asia, especially in **energy, trade** and **economic development**
- Supporting **human rights, democracy and civil society organizations** operating in largely autocratic environments





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Pacific Islands

Development Priorities

- Increasing resilience to **climate change**
- Providing a continuum of care and treatment for **HIV/AIDS** in Papua New Guinea
- Improving the ability of agencies and individuals to **respond to disasters**
- Addressing **gender-based violence** and **trafficking**
- Working with donor partners to advance development programs and **leverage resources**





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Regional Architecture

Development Priorities

To spur economic growth and strengthen regional governance on key transnational issues, USAID is partnering with:

- ASEAN, to help achieve its goal of **economic integration** into a single ASEAN Community by 2015
- APEC, to support its goals of **regional integration**, and launch **public-private initiatives** on disaster resilience and food security
- Lower Mekong Initiative partners, to promote cooperation on **transboundary issues** such as sustainable environment management and emerging pandemic threats





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Examples of Our Impact

- **Cambodia**: Reduced HIV/AIDS prevalence by half and brought antiretroviral therapy to over 90% of those in need
- **India**: Eliminated 93 million tons of greenhouse gasses since 1994 by introducing technologies and best practices that enhanced the efficiency of India's coal-fired power plants and by promoting alternative energy sources
- **Tajikistan**: Provided agricultural production assistance, benefiting 5% of the country's farmers (>280,000 people) and improving food security





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Challenges

- Governance
- Corruption
- Capacity
- Transboundary threats
 - E.g., disease, disaster resilience and response, trafficking, climate change





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Opportunities

- Civil society
- Private sector partnerships
- Innovation
- Traditional and emerging donors
- Regional architecture

