



Supply Chain Logistics Resources

USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance maintains a full-time supply chain and logistics division composed of seasoned humanitarian professionals with decades of experience in a combination of private and non-profit sectors.

The division sources and makes available food (Title II) and non-food items; maintains multiple stockpiles around the world; reviews the logistics/supply chain aspects of partner applications for funding; and provides technical assistance for humanitarian evaluations, needs assessment, and emergency response programs before, during and after emergencies. During emergencies, the division facilitates procurement and delivery of food and relief commodities to affected populations through our partnerships with the private, public and the non-profit sectors.

Food and Non-Food Items (NFIs) in-kind provision

Food

- Supply Chain Division coordinates the procurement, transport, inspection, and delivery of food (Title II) to partner warehouses. Food stockpiles are located in Houston, TX, Durban, South Africa, Djibouti, and Dubai, UAE. Please consult relevant parts of Application Guidelines to apply for Title II food and funding.
- USAID defines commodity requirements documents (CRDs) for each commodity available [here](#).
- Call forward schedule can be found [here](#).
- Commodity Calculator can be found [here](#).
- Commodity and Ocean Freight Price Estimates can be found [here](#).

NFIs

- Supply Chain Division coordinates the procurement, transport, inspection, and delivery of non-food items (NFIs) to BHA's warehouses and disaster preparedness locations following the signature of In-Kind Donation Agreement (IKGA). USAID maintains warehouses in Miami and Dubai due to their proximity to major transportation hubs, which allows rapid supply mobilization. Since Miami and Dubai are also major sea ports, USAID can re-supply warehouses more cost-effectively following disasters. The Pisa warehouse is mainly used for responses in Eastern Europe and West Africa.
- Typical commodities include plastic sheeting, kitchen sets, hygiene commodities (unkitted, including soap, laundry soap, sanitary cloths, and pads), buckets, water containers, and water treatment equipment. Each stockpiled item is selected with input from BHA technical advisors and field staff, as well as relief agency partners. The selection criteria incorporate best practices and lessons learned from the humanitarian

community. Rapid procurement mechanisms can be employed to obtain items that are not normally stocked in the warehouses.

- The division maintains the partnership with the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depots (UNHRD) network which holds a small stockpile of PPE for partners responding to infectious disease outbreaks. The division maintains contracts with several pharmaceutical contractors for vendor-based inventory of IEHKs.
- Please consult Application Guidelines and reach out to the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) or Regional BHA team in the country of operation if you are interested in applying for in-kind NFIs. The commodity catalogue can be found [here](#).

Transport and Inspection

The Supply Chain Division can assist with sea and air transport of food and NFIs during emergencies and as part of DRR programming. USAID primarily relies on commercial carriers to transport emergency supplies; however, in cases where DoD's unique capabilities are required, USAID may call upon DoD's services.

The Supply Chain Division routinely inspects the commodities during manufacturing and at the warehouses and can assist with inspections during the response.

Please reach out to DART, Regional BHA team, or Supply Chain division with specific requests during the response.

Supply Chain Monitoring and Technical Support

The Supply Chain Division works with a variety of regions, UN and NGO partners, and freight forwarders. If you have questions about a specific supply chain, comments about the NFI or food pipeline operations or prepositioning as part of DRR programming, please feel free to reach out to a BHA representative.

Additional Resources

General:

[Global Logistics Cluster](#)

[Sphere Thematic Sheet on reducing the environmental impact of humanitarian response](#)

[EHA Connect - Environment in Humanitarian Logistics](#)

[UNICEF Implements Sustainable Procurement](#)

[Fleet Forum: Managing the Environmental Impact of Your Fleet](#)

Food-related:

[Commodity Management Toolkit 2017](#)

[Commodity Management Handbook 2017](#)