

## BUREAU FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



## Logistics

### OVERVIEW

USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) supports logistics and supply-chain related assistance, deploys experienced logistics personnel, and maintains warehouses storing relief commodities around the globe as part of its effort to ensure rapid responses to humanitarian emergencies. USAID/BHA logistics experts are based in Washington, D.C., and manage the procurement and delivery of food and relief commodities to vulnerable populations; provide technical assistance to host government counterparts, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and UN agencies in the immediate aftermath of a humanitarian emergency; and support disaster risk reduction efforts to mitigate the impact of future disasters on supply chains. USAID/BHA also stores up to 100,000 metric tons (MT) of food commodities and emergency relief supplies—such as blankets, hygiene supplies, kitchen sets, and plastic sheeting—at five warehouses located in Djibouti, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, and Texas and Florida in the United States to prepare for and respond rapidly to any emergency. In FY 2022, USAID/BHA offered logistical assistance in response to rapid-onset and continuing humanitarian emergencies by providing operational support and supplying relief items to address health; food insecurity; nutrition; shelter; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs.

USAID/BHA Logistics  
Funding in FY 2022

**\$188,266,918**

## **Delivery of Relief Commodities to Populations in Northern Ethiopia**

Conflict in northern Ethiopia since November 2020 resulted in widespread damage to critical infrastructure, livelihoods, and local markets. In response to the continued conflict, USAID/BHA provided a range of in-kind relief items to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Tigray Region in FY 2022. USAID/BHA's logistics team coordinated nine flights to bring life-saving commodities, including household and shelter materials, from USAID/BHA's Dubai warehouse to Ethiopia's capital city of Addis Ababa. IOM subsequently transported and distributed the commodities to affected communities in nearby Afar and Amhara regions, which helped meet the emergency shelter needs of 75,000 people. USAID/BHA also delivered hygiene supplies to IOM, which reached an estimated 53,000 people in northern Ethiopia during the year. Additionally, USAID/BHA provided WFP with approximately 10,000 kitchen sets, 3,000 buckets, 3,000 rolls of plastic sheeting, 150 blankets, and 100 hygiene supply kits for at-risk communities in Afar and Amhara. In addition, USAID/BHA supported UNICEF with nearly 8 million water purification tablets.

## **Providing Transport and Other Assistance to Storm-Affected Populations in Southern Africa**

Four consecutive tropical cyclones or storms made landfall in Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique between January and April 2022, adversely affecting more than 900,000 people and leaving approximately 400,000 people in need of humanitarian assistance, compounding already high needs in the region. USAID/BHA provided agriculture, food, nutrition, shelter, and WASH assistance to all three countries in response to impacts of the four storms via six humanitarian implementing partners. For example, USAID/BHA partnered with CARE to organize international and national transport options for relief operations, and transport relief commodities to storm-affected populations. In addition, USAID/BHA supplied approximately 6,300 shelter fixing kits for affected communities in Madagascar and Malawi.

## **Responding to Floods in Pakistan With Critical Shelter Supplies**

Catastrophic monsoon rains and glacial lake outbursts led to severe floods and landslides across Pakistan between June and September 2022, affecting approximately 33 million people—one-third of the country's population—and damaging or destroying more than 2.3 million houses, particularly in Balochistan and Sindh provinces. In response, USAID/BHA's logistics team coordinated the provision of critical shelter supplies to WFP to assist more than 335,000 flood-affected people in Pakistan, including 630 MT of kitchen sets, plastic tarps, and shelter repair kits. USAID/BHA's logistics team coordinated the transportation of these shelter supplies from the USAID/BHA Dubai warehouse with the help of U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) aircraft to Pakistan's capital city of Islamabad and Sindh's Karachi and Sukkur cities for distribution to flood-affected communities. Relief actors planned to reuse many of these shelter supplies in FY 2023 to protect vulnerable households from continued, seasonal monsoon rains.

## **Pre-Positioned Shelter Materials in the Philippines Support Rapid Response to Super Typhoon Rai**

USAID/BHA has supported IOM to pre-position relief items since November 2020, allowing them to increase disaster preparedness. In December 2021, Super Typhoon Rai generated torrential rains and strong winds in the Mindanao and Visayas islands in the Philippines, resulting in landslides and storm surges which affected approximately 12 million people. IOM used its stock of pre-positioned shelter materials funded and procured by USAID/BHA—including 26,000 plastic tarps—to assist people internally displaced by Super Typhoon Rai.

## Responding to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine With Food, Logistics Coordination, and Relief Items

The Government of Russia commenced a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, marking a major escalation in the conflict and causing civilian deaths and injuries, large-scale population displacement, and widespread damage to infrastructure in Ukraine. The UN estimate that 6.2 million people were internally displaced and 17.7 million people required humanitarian assistance across Ukraine as of September 2022. In response to the humanitarian crisis, USAID/BHA delivered various food items—including High Energy Biscuits—as well as relief commodities, such as hygiene supplies, tarps, shelter repair kits, water purification units, and personal protective equipment, to Ukraine. Multiple NGO and UN partners subsequently distributed these items to populations in need across the country. For example, in February 2022, USAID/BHA delivered more than 400 MT of thermal blankets to partner IOM, who delivered the blankets directly to people in need.

USAID/BHA also partnered with the NGO Première Urgence Internationale—through a consortium with NGO Humanity & Inclusion, which consists of more than 40 partner organizations including local NGOs operating in hard-to-reach areas along the front lines—to improve humanitarian access in conflict-affected areas. Through storage and transportation services, including two operational logistics hubs in Dnipropetrovsk and Vinnytsia *oblasts*, the consortium facilitated the rapid delivery of critical assistance. Finally, USAID/BHA supported the Logistics Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian logistics activities, comprising UN agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders—to organize humanitarian operations around the country.

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