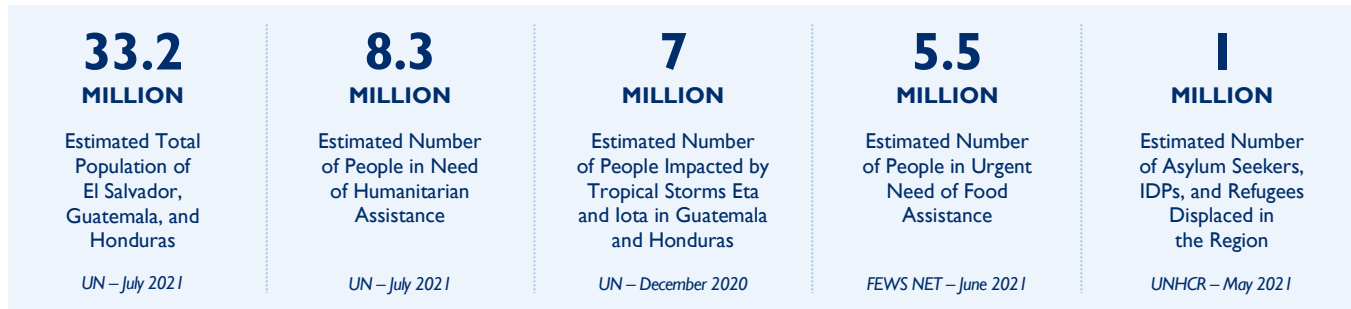




# El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras – Regional Response

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## SITUATION AT A GLANCE



- UN releases 2021 HNO for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, identifying 8.3 million people in need of humanitarian assistance across the three countries.
- Health actors identified the highest and second highest weekly COVID-19 caseloads to date in Guatemala and Honduras, respectively, from July 27 to August 2.
- USAID/BHA staff traveled to Guatemala and Honduras in late July to observe USAID/BHA-funded food, nutrition, protection, and WASH programming.



<b>TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING</b> For the El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras Regional Response in FY 2021	USAID/BHA <sup>1</sup>	\$123,387,171
	State/PRM <sup>2</sup>	\$126,444,000
	<b>Total<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$251,831,171</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

<sup>3</sup> Figures include funding for the El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras regional response announced by Vice President Kamala D. Harris on April 26, 2021 and additional State/PRM funding announced by Senior Advisor to the President on Migration Amy Pope on June 10, 2021.

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

### **HNO for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras Notes 8.3 Million in Need**

On August 9, the UN released the 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, reporting that 8.3 million people—approximately 25 percent of the 33.2 million people residing in the three countries—are in need of humanitarian assistance. The number of individuals in need includes 1.7 million people in El Salvador, 3.8 million people in Guatemala, and 2.8 million individuals in Honduras. Moreover, the figure represents a 60 percent increase compared to the 5.2 million people assessed to be in need of assistance in early 2020 due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and 2020 hurricane season, as well as ongoing limited access to basic services, mass population movements, high poverty, and recurrent climate shocks, the UN reports. The UN also released the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Honduras on August 9, appealing for \$222 million to reach 1.8 million individuals in the country; the HRPs for El Salvador and Guatemala are expected to be launched in the coming weeks.

### **WHO Reports Record COVID-19 Caseloads in Guatemala and Honduras**

Health actors recorded nearly 21,030 new COVID-19 cases in Guatemala from July 27 to August 2, representing the highest weekly case count in the country to date, according to data compiled by the UN World Health Organization (WHO). As of August 2, more than 390,500 COVID-19 cases and 10,770 associated deaths had been identified in Guatemala since the start of the pandemic. To date, an estimated 13 percent of the country's population had received at least one vaccine dose. Meanwhile, authorities reported approximately 8,830 new COVID-19 cases in Honduras during the same period, the second highest weekly caseload of the pandemic. Overall, Honduras had identified 305,900 COVID-19 cases and 8,120 related deaths as of August 2, and 18 percent of the population had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Despite record case counts in Guatemala and Honduras, the number of new weekly COVID-19 cases recorded in El Salvador from July 27 to August 2 remains below the country's July 2020 peak, with 1,750 new cases identified. Overall, nearly 88,400 COVID-19 cases and 2,720 deaths have been reported in El Salvador, with approximately 47 percent of the population receiving at least one vaccine dose. In response to COVID-19 related needs in the region, USAID/BHA continues to work with partners to conduct essential health and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities, including distributing hygiene kits and personal protective equipment, strengthening community surveillance, and training health care workers on infection prevention and control measures.

### **USAID/BHA Staff Conduct Site Visits in Guatemala and Honduras**

In late July, USAID/BHA staff traveled to Guatemala's Quetzaltenango and Totonicapán departments to observe USAID/BHA-funded food security, nutrition, protection, and WASH activities through partners CARE and World Vision. In Totonicapán, World Vision is working with communities in Dry Corridor areas of three municipalities to provide agricultural inputs and cash transfers for food, promote small-scale livestock production, conduct nutritional education sessions, and deliver hygiene kits to households affected by multiple shocks, including the COVID-19 pandemic and tropical storms Eta and Iota. During the visit, World Vision reported it had initiated cash transfers for food to beneficiary households in all three municipalities; each participating household will receive approximately \$65 per month for six months. The nutrition component of the USAID/BHA-funded program includes training on the purchase and use of locally available foods for improved nutrition; World Vision coordinated with the Government of Guatemala Ministry of Health to validate and promote a nutritional recipe book that is specifically designed for the region.

Meanwhile, USAID/BHA staff traveled to Honduras' Cortés Department to observe USAID/BHA-funded protection and WASH activities with implementing partner the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and their sub-

partner Save the Children Federation (SCF). In the department’s Chamelecón community, USAID/BHA staff visited a shelter that previously hosted nearly 20 households during tropical storms Eta and Iota. While the shelter was operational and with USAID/BHA support, UNICEF implementing partner SCF established a child-friendly space, provided safe drinking water via water trucking, and made the bathrooms functional by cleaning and adding separate areas for men and women. Additionally, in Cortés’ La Lima municipality, USAID/BHA staff visited two houses that had received USAID/BHA support, including hygiene kits and access to safe drinking water through approximately 30 water tanks that were provided in the area with USAID/BHA funding.

### **State/PRM Partner UNHCR Supports Asylum-Seekers and Refugees in Mexico**

During the week of July 26, State/PRM staff traveled to Mexico’s Puebla municipality to meet with State/PRM partners and beneficiaries. State/PRM partner the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) currently works with 20 companies—including auto manufacturers, restaurants, and supermarkets—in Puebla as part of its local integration programming. UNHCR facilitates durable solutions for asylum seekers and refugees in Mexico by helping them relocate from impoverished areas in southern Mexico and integrate in communities like Puebla, where they have better access to jobs without displacing local workers. As of late July, UNHCR, with State/PRM support, had helped approximately 400 refugees—the majority of whom are from Central American countries—to relocate to and near Puebla.

Additionally, State/PRM supports UNHCR to improve the processing time and backlog of refugee applications in Mexico. With State/PRM and UNHCR support, the Government of Mexico’s refugee agency—known by its Spanish acronym, COMAR—implemented simplified refugee status determination procedures in 2019, applying the broadened categories of persons in need of international protection defined by the Cartagena definition. This reduced processing time and increased the approval rate for Honduran asylum seekers applying for refugee status from 25 percent in 2018 to 88 percent in 2021 and for Salvadorans from 32 percent to 87 percent during the same period.

#### **KEY FIGURES**



**76,630**

People received USG emergency food assistance in July



**4,500**

People supported monthly with USG-funded protection activities

### **U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

#### **FOOD SECURITY**

To address acute food insecurity in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras that has been exacerbated by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, recurrent droughts, and damage from multiple tropical storms, USAID/BHA supports the delivery of cash assistance for food and food vouchers to reduce food consumption gaps and prevent and address malnutrition among food-insecure households during the lean season. USAID/BHA is building upon years of strategic emergency food assistance to address increased needs within the three countries in a manner that improves food consumption patterns and increases dietary diversity, while building resilience to shocks for vulnerable communities that rely heavily on agricultural production.

#### **PROTECTION**

With State/PRM support, UNHCR is working with the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to implement the governments’ respective commitments under the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework—known in Spanish as MIRPS—to address forced

displacement. State/PRM efforts include building government capacities to conduct protection screenings, receive and process asylum claims, and respond to protection concerns among internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other at-risk communities. In addition, State/PRM provides funding to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNHCR, and UNICEF in the three countries to support shelter, livelihoods, and other assistance to refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs, and vulnerable migrants, including children; survivors of gender-based violence (GBV); lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex individuals; and people with disabilities. UNHCR also leads the Protection Clusters—the coordinating bodies for humanitarian protection activities, comprising UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders—in countries throughout the region, including El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, providing humanitarian leadership to partner organizations on coordinated responses to forced displacement within each country.

With State/PRM funding, UNHCR is working with the Government of El Salvador to train staff on how to identify persons in need and make referrals for services provided by the Protection Cluster. State/PRM also supports UNICEF efforts throughout the region to strengthen child welfare services for displaced and unaccompanied migrant children, while State/PRM partner ICRC is responding to protection needs in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras and the region, including through restoring family links—such as support related to missing persons—and support to individuals in situations of detention.

USAID/BHA’s protection partners in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras provide psychosocial support, learning and recreational opportunities, and case management and referral services for children and women at high risk of exploitation, GBV, and other forms of abuse. At present, USAID/BHA partners are assisting populations in Honduras who have become increasingly vulnerable to GBV and child protection concerns due to displacement and other impacts, such as those generated by the COVID-19 pandemic and tropical storms Eta and Iota. Moreover, USAID/BHA partners are scaling up programming to address additional protection needs in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.



**35,900**

People directly  
benefitted from  
improved agricultural  
production through USG  
assistance in July

## **AGRICULTURE**

USAID/BHA partners are supporting smallholder farmers and other agriculture-dependent households in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. With USAID/BHA support, humanitarian actors are providing critical agricultural assistance to farmers to ensure appropriate and timely inputs for planting and growing seasons to mitigate worsening food insecurity in the region. Partners are working with rural households through the provision of farming tools, fertilizer, livestock feed, poultry, seeds, and access to veterinary services.

USAID/BHA partners aim to complement the agricultural inputs by providing training on climate-smart farming practices such as drip irrigation, diversification of crops, and soil management to increase crop production and to build resilience to future climate shocks. In Honduras, households also receive training on how to increase egg production in chickens to serve as a source of protein and generate additional income. USAID/BHA-funded agricultural programming strengthens livelihood opportunities and market access for rural households and helps to improve nutritional outcomes through increased availability of nutritious local foods.



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Communities in Honduras' Dry Corridor supported with USG-funded ERMS activities

## **ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS**

USAID/BHA partners are implementing economic recovery and market systems (ERMS) interventions to support vulnerable households to restore livelihoods, increase financial resilience, and mitigate the impact of future shocks. Program activities include establishing community savings and loans groups and restarting and expanding income-generating activities. Additionally, in some communities, USAID/BHA partners are also holding financial literacy courses to promote savings and increased awareness of and access to financial services.

### **CONTEXT IN BRIEF**

- Consecutive years of drought, damages caused by tropical storms Eta and Iota, and the impact of COVID-19 have adversely affected thousands of subsistence farmers and exacerbated food insecurity in rural and urban communities in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, poor health infrastructure, high population density, and insufficient availability of water and sanitation services have challenged efforts to control spread of the disease, while the socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic exacerbated existing health, food, nutrition, and protection needs, increasing the total population requiring humanitarian assistance across El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.
- USAID/BHA was required to freeze its humanitarian assistance programming in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras between March 2019 and May 2020. During the period of the freeze, food insecurity increased dramatically across the three countries. In June 2020, USAID/BHA began to re-engage with its partners in the region and resumed support for food assistance programming to vulnerable populations in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.
- The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season was the most active season ever recorded, with 30 named storms and 13 hurricanes, including six major hurricanes, according to the UN. In particular, Tropical Storm Amanda in El Salvador in May 2020 and tropical storms Eta and Iota in Guatemala and Honduras in November 2020 resulted in widespread destruction and large numbers of people in need, further exacerbating vulnerabilities within the region. USAID/BHA's disaster response experts in San José, Costa Rica, and Washington, D.C., are monitoring the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season in coordination with local partners and U.S. mission disaster relief officers in the region.
- On February 26, 2021, U.S. Ambassador William W. Popp issued a disaster declaration for Guatemala; on March 8, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Colleen A. Hoey issued a disaster declaration for Honduras; and on March 15, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Brendan O'Brien issued a disaster declaration in El Salvador. All three disaster declarations were issued for FY 2021 in response to severe food insecurity resulting from the increased displacement due to violence, the compounding impact of natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic, and recurrent drought.

**USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL  
RESPONSE IN FY 2021**

<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNER</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>EL SALVADOR</b>			
USAID/BHA			
Americares	Health, Protection, WASH	San Miguel, Usulután	\$1,000,000
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Agriculture, Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)	Ahuachapan, La Unión, Morazan, Sonsonate	\$2,409,500
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	MPCA, Protection	San Miguel, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Usulután	\$592,031
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	ERMS, MPCA, Protection	La Libertad, La Paz, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Sonsonate, Usulután	\$2,307,607
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health	Ahuachapán, La Paz, La Unión, Morazán, San Miguel, Usulután	\$800,000
UN World Food Program (WFP)	Agriculture, Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Practice (DRRPP), Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	Ahuachapan, La Unión, Morazan, San Miguel, Usulután	\$7,000,000
World Vision	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, WASH	Ahuachapan, Morazan, San Miguel, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Sonsonate, Usulután	\$2,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN EL SALVADOR</b>			<b>\$16,109,138</b>
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$7,700,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$3,570,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN EL SALVADOR</b>			<b>\$11,270,000</b>
<b>GUATEMALA</b>			
USAID/BHA			
Action Against Hunger (AAH)	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	Huehuetenango	\$3,000,000
CARE	ERMS, Protection	Alta Verapaz, Izabal, Quetzaltenango, Quiché, San Marcos	\$4,498,659
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, Nutrition, MPCA, WASH	Alta Verapaz, Chiquimula	\$13,500,000
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	ERMS, MPCA, Nutrition	Izabal	\$1,075,650
IRC	MPCA, Protection	Chimaltenango, Huehuetenango	\$499,989
Project Concern International (PCI)	Agriculture, ERMS, Health, MPCA, WASH	Huehuetenango	\$11,400,000
Plan USA	Agriculture, ERMS, Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, WASH	Alta Verapaz	\$2,500,000
SCF	Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Quiché	\$6,578,865
WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	El Progreso, Jalapa, Jutiapa, Retalhuleu, Santa Rosa, Sololá, Zacapa	\$5,500,000
World Vision	Agriculture, Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, Protection, WASH	Alta Verapaz, Totonicapán	\$3,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN GUATEMALA</b>			<b>\$51,553,163</b>
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$14,300,000

UNICEF	Education, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$4,395,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN GUATEMALA</b>			<b>\$18,695,000</b>
<b>HONDURAS</b>			
<b>USAID/BHA</b>			
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Agriculture, Food Assistance—Local, Regional, and International Procurement	Choluteca, El Paraiso, Francisco Morazán, Valle	\$9,000,000
CARE	MPCA, Protection	Cortés, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$1,736,000
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Cortés, Francisco Morazán, La Paz, Lempira, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$7,085,670
Global Communities	Agriculture; ERMS; Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments (HCIMA); MPCA; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Choluteca, Copan, Cortés, El Paraiso, Ocotepeque, Santa Bárbara, Valle	\$4,500,000
GOAL	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Atlántida, Colon, Cortés, Francisco Morazán, Gracias a Dios, Intibucá, Lempira, Olancho, Yoro	\$6,585,670
IRC	MPCA, Protection	Cortés, Francisco Morazán, Santa Bárbara	\$399,980
NRC	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Protection	Copán, Francisco Morazán, Santa Bárbara	\$2,000,000
PAHO	Health	Choluteca, Gracias a Dios, Santa Bárbara	\$1,500,000
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, Protection	Atlántida, Cortés, Yoro	\$2,000,000
WFP	Agriculture, DRRPP, ERMS, Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	Atlántida, Colon, Cortés, Olancho, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$15,500,000
World Vision	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Protection, WASH	Copán, Cortés, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$2,500,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN HONDURAS</b>			<b>\$52,807,320</b>
<b>STATE/PRM</b>			
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$9,700,000
UNICEF	Education, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$3,636,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN HONDURAS</b>			<b>\$13,336,000</b>
<b>BELIZE</b>			
<b>STATE/PRM</b>			
UNICEF	Education, Protection	Countrywide	\$687,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN BELIZE</b>			<b>\$687,000</b>
<b>COSTA RICA</b>			
<b>STATE/PRM</b>			
UNHCR	ERMS, MPCA, Protection	Countrywide	\$7,900,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,120,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN COSTA RICA</b>			<b>\$9,020,000</b>
<b>MEXICO</b>			
<b>STATE/PRM</b>			
IOM	MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
UNHCR	Education, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$38,400,000

UNICEF	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$10,250,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN MEXICO</b>			<b>\$53,650,000</b>
<b>PANAMA</b>			
STATE/PRM			
UNICEF	Education, Health, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,446,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN PANAMA</b>			<b>\$1,446,000</b>
<b>REGIONAL</b>			
STATE/PRM			
ICRC	Education, Health, Protection	Regional	\$10,200,000
IOM	Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Regional	\$1,500,000
UNHCR	ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Regional	\$6,100,000
UNICEF	DRRPP, HCIMA	Regional	\$540,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN REGION</b>			<b>\$18,340,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>			<b>\$120,469,621</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021<sup>1</sup></b>			<b>\$126,444,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>			<b>\$246,913,621</b>

<sup>1</sup> State/PRM funding figures reflect a portion—totaling \$69,344,000—of the more than \$104 million announced by Vice President Harris on April 26, 2021; figures do not include announced \$25 million from prior fiscal years reallocated to address new priorities and approximately \$10.5 million in funding under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in the Western Hemisphere that is not included as part of State/PRM's overseas assistance totals. Additionally, State/PRM funding includes \$57,100,000 announced by Senior Advisor to the President on Migration Amy Pope on June 10, 2021. Included in the overall total is \$10.8 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act in response to COVID-19.

#### ER4 FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021<sup>2</sup>

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>USAID/BHA</b>			
El Salvador			
CRS	DRRPP	La Unión, San Miguel, San Vicente, Usulután	\$380,000
Miyamoto International	DRRPP	San Salvador	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR</b>			<b>\$530,000</b>
Guatemala			
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, Natural Hazards and Technological Risks	Baja Verapaz, Chiquimula	\$905,802
	DRRPP, Shelter and Settlements	Guatemala Department	\$1,000,000
PCI	DRRRPP	Guatemala Department, Huehuetenango, Jalapa, Jutiapa, Quetzaltenango, Quiché, San Marcos, Santa Rosa, Sololá, Totonicapán	\$371,748
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR GUATEMALA</b>			<b>\$2,277,550</b>
Honduras			
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, Natural Hazards and Technological Risks	Intibucá, La Paz, Lempira	\$1,000,000
	DRRPP, Shelter and Settlements	Francisco Morazán	\$650,000
GOAL	DRRPP, ERMS, Natural Hazards and Technological Risks, Shelter and Settlements	Cortés, Yoro	\$460,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR HONDURAS</b>			<b>\$2,110,000</b>



<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA ER4 FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>	<b>\$4,917,550</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>	<b>\$125,387,171</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>	<b>\$126,444,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$251,831,171</b>

<sup>2</sup> Activities include support of early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) programs to address chronic vulnerabilities, reduce the overall impact of recurrent shocks and stresses, and build resilience to future shocks.

<sup>3</sup> Reflects portion of funding announced, committed or obligated as of August 10, 2021.

## PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at [interaction.org](https://interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [cidi.org](https://cidi.org)
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [reliefweb.int](https://reliefweb.int).

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