Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN REVIEW

Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 – 2017

The EMCA region comprises Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen.

Protracted complex emergencies and natural disasters, including drought, earthquakes, floods, and wildfires, present significant challenges to vulnerable populations in Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia (EMCA). Between FY 2008 and FY 2017, USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) and USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) provided assistance in response to a range of disasters, including complex emergencies in Georgia, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Ukraine, and Yemen; earthquakes in Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkey; floods in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, and Ukraine; and fires in Canada, Montenegro and Portugal.

Between FY 2008 and FY 2017, USAID provided more than $6.5 billion for emergency response programs in EMCA. USAID/FFP assistance included more than $3.5 billion for food assistance in the form of U.S. purchased food, locally and/or regionally purchased food, cash transfers for food, food vouchers, and related activities such as community asset building, nutrition messaging, and support for UN World Food Program special operations. USAID/OFDA assistance included nearly $3 billion for agriculture and food security, health, livelihoods, nutrition, protection, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions, as well as support for humanitarian coordination and logistics and the provision of relief commodities.

In the last decade, USAID responded to 85 disasters in EMCA. USAID also frequently deployed humanitarian teams to the region, including five Disaster Assistance Response Teams (DARTs). DARTs deployed to Georgia in FY 2008 and Libya in FY 2011 in response to complex emergencies. During FY 2011, a DART deployed to Israel in response to wildfires. Escalated conflict in Syria prompted USAID to stand up a DART in FY 2013, and a DART deployed to Iraq in the wake of deteriorating security that prompted significant population movement in FY 2014; both DARTs remained active throughout FY 2017. During the past ten years, USAID also activated multiple Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Teams to facilitate DART coordination and response efforts.

USAID Disaster Response Funding for EMCA

Top Receiving Countries (FY 2008 – 2017)

- **Syria**: $3,746,308,788
- **Yemen**: $1,527,012,793
- **Iraq**: $949,877,224
- **West Bank/Gaza**: $80,334,107
- **Ukraine**: $76,551,771

$6,567,338,647

USAID Disaster Response Funding for EMCA (FY 2008 – 2017)

COMPLEX EMERGENCIES

are the most frequent disaster in the EMCA region

1 Includes funding for regional response to Syria complex emergency.

2 FY 2017 figures represent committed or obligated amounts as of September 30, 2017. FY 2017 figures are subject to fluctuation due to end-of-fiscal-year financial review and reconciliation activities. Figures do not include USAID/OFDA disaster preparedness and mitigation assistance provided outside of declared disaster responses or USAID/FFP development assistance.