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 2006 and FY 2015, 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 floods, wildfires, winter emergencies, and complex crises.

Between FY 2006 and FY 2015, USAID provided nearly $3.8 billion for emergency response programs in the EMCA region. USAID/OFDA assistance included more than $1.6 billion for agriculture and food security, health, livelihoods, nutrition, protection, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions, as well as support for humanitarian coordination and logistics and the provision of relief commodities. USAID/FFP assistance included nearly $2.2 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.

In the last decade, USAID deployed six Disaster Assistance Response Teams (DARTs) and multiple humanitarian assessment teams to the region. DARTs deployed to Lebanon in FY 2006, 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
FY 2015 figures represent committed or obligated amounts as of September 30, 2015. FY 2015 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.

Countries categorized as “other” have each received less than $3 million cumulatively from USAID/OFDA over the past 10 years, and include—in order of descending funding—Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Greece, Serbia, Russia, Israel, Moldova, Romania, Albania, Turkey, Montenegro, Tunisia, Slovenia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Uzbekistan, Portugal, Poland, Oman, Macedonia, Italy, Cyprus, Croatia, Algeria, Czech Republic, and Iran.

Through emergency and development food assistance programs, USAID/FFP works to save lives and reduce food insecurity in times of crisis and situations of chronic food insecurity. In recent years, USAID/FFP has responded to several high-profile crises, including in Iraq, Syria, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen. Since 2013, USAID/FFP has provided over $800 million in food assistance inside Syria, the vast majority of this assistance being locally and regionally procured food for conflict-affected families. In response to the Syrian regional refugee crisis, USAID/FFP, through the UN World Food Program, has also provided over $600 million in food vouchers and other assistance to refugees in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey. USAID/FFP emergency food assistance includes both in-kind food aid and cash-based assistance in the form of local and regional procurement of food commodities, cash transfers, and food vouchers, where market conditions allow.