# Foreign Assistance Framework

**Goal:** "Helping to build and sustain democratic, well-governed states that will respond to the needs of their people and conduct themselves responsibly in the international system."

## Objectives
- Peace and Security
- Governing Justly and Democratically
- Investing in People
- Economic Growth
- Humanitarian Assistance

### Accounts within State/USAID
- FMF, IMET, ESF, INCLE, NADR, PKO, ACI, FSA, SEED
- DA, SEED, FSA, DF, ESF, INCLE, IOM, ACI
- DA, TI, CSH, ESF, IDAP, FSA, SEED, GHAI, Title II
- DA, TI, ESF, SEED, FSA, IDAP, Title II
- IDA, MRA, ERMA, Title II

### Other USG Agency Contributions
- Counter Terrorism
- Combating WMD
- Stabilization Operations and Defense Reform
- Counternarcotics
- Transnational Crime
- Conflict Mitigation and Response
- Rule of Law
- Human Rights
- Good Governance
- Political Competition and Consensus-Building
- Civil Society
- Health
- Education
- Social Services and Protection for Vulnerable Populations
- Macroeconomic Foundation for Growth
- Trade and Investment
- Financial Sector
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Private Sector
- Competitiveness
- Economic Opportunity
- Environment
- Protection, Assistance and Solutions
- Disaster Readiness
- Migration Management

## Foreign Assistance Program Areas

### Category Definition

#### Rebuilding Countries
- States in or emerging from and rebuilding after internal or external conflict.
- Prevent or mitigate state failure and/or violent conflict.
- Assist in creating and/or stabilizing a legitimate and democratic government and a supportive environment for civil society and media.
- Start or restart the delivery of critical social services, including health and educational facilities, and begin building or rebuilding institutional capacity.
- Assist in the construction or reconstruction of key internal infrastructure and market mechanisms to stabilize the economy.
- Address immediate needs of refugee, displaced, and other affected groups.
- Stable environment for good governance, increased availability of essential social services, and initial progress towards policies and institutions upon which future progress will rest.
- Advance to the Developing or Transforming Category.

#### Developing Countries
- States with low or lower-middle income, not yet meeting MCC performance criteria, and the criterion related to political rights.
- Address key remaining challenges to security and law enforcement.
- Support policies and programs that accelerate and strengthen public institutions and the creation of a more vibrant local government, civil society and media.
- Encourage social policies that deepen the ability of institutions to establish appropriate roles for the public and private sector in service delivery.
- Encourage economic policies and strengthen institutional capacity to promote broad-based growth.
- Encourage reduced need for future HA by introducing prevention and mitigation strategies, while continuing to address emergency needs.
- Continued progress in expanding and deepening democracy, strengthening public and private institutions, and supporting policies that promote economic growth and poverty reduction.
- Advance to the Transforming Category.

#### Transforming Countries
- States with low or lower-middle income, meeting MCC performance criteria, and the criterion related to political rights.
- Nurture progress toward partnerships on security and law enforcement.
- Provide limited resources and technical assistance to reinforce democratic institutions.
- Provide financial resources and limited technical assistance to sustain improved livelihoods.
- Provide financial resources and technical assistance to promote broad-based growth.
- Address emergency needs on a short-term basis, as necessary.
- Government, civil society and private sector institutions capable of sustaining development progress.
- Advance to the Sustaining Partnership Category or graduate from foreign assistance.

#### Sustaining Partnership Countries
- States with upper-middle income or greater for which U.S. support is provided to sustain partnerships, progress, and peace.
- Support strategic partnerships addressing security, CT, WMD, and counter-narcotics.
- Address issues of mutual interest.
- Create and promote sustained partnerships on trade and investment.
- Address emergency needs on a short-term basis, as necessary.
- Continued partnership as strategically appropriate where U.S. support is necessary to maintain progress and peace.
- Continue partnership or graduate from foreign assistance.

#### Restrictive Countries
- States of concern where there are significant governance issues.
- Prevent the acquisition/proliferation of WMD, support CT and counter narcotics.
- Foster effective democracy and responsible sovereignty. Create local capacity for fortification of civil society and path to democratic governance.
- Address humanitarian needs.
- Promote a market-based economy.
- Address emergency needs on a short-term basis, as necessary.
- Civil society empowered to demand more effective democracies and states respectful of human dignity, accountable to their citizens, and responsible towards their neighbors.
- Advance to other relevant foreign assistance category.

#### Global or Regional
- Activities that advance the five objectives, transcend a single country's borders, and are addressed outside a country strategy.
- Achievement of foreign assistance goal and objectives.
- Determined based on criteria specific to the global or regional objective.

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**End Goal of US Foreign Assistance**

**Graduation Trajectory**

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