



East Africa Program Overview



USAID is helping hundreds of traditional Ethiopian weavers export local products to global markets. Traditional shawls now sell for up to \$175 a piece in the United States. Photo by East Africa Trade Hub



Thanks to a community-built, USAID-supported clinic, Kenyan women can now cross to Somalia to deliver babies safely at a new maternity ward. There are 40 such trans-border "Peace Dividend" projects--providing services and lowering tensions across the border. Photo by Pact Inc.

USAID/East Africa

2013 Operational Year Budget Funding:

\$112.8 million for East Africa and N/LPCs Burundi, Djibouti, Somalia. (Excludes humanitarian assistance and additive funding for Somalia)

Geographic Location:

Serves numerous countries in East and Central Africa including: Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo (DRC), Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

Regional Program Overview

Based in Nairobi, USAID/East Africa (USAID/EA) provides assistance across borders, supporting innovative regional programs.

- The Mission works to improve regional cooperation, conflict resolution, food security, trade, environment and mitigation. A key element of the Mission's programs is building the capacity of African regional organizations.
- When needed, USAID/EA supports humanitarian assistance, including delivery of emergency food aid.
- The Mission manages programs in the "limited/non presence countries" (L/NPCs) of Burundi, Central African Republic, Djibouti and Somalia.
- USAID/EA supports six Presidential Initiatives: PEPFAR, Malaria, Feed the Future (FTF), Energy and Trade, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) and Global Climate Change (GCC), as well as three Agency initiatives: Resilience, Basic Education and Biodiversity.

Improving Agriculture, Trade and Environment

USAID/EA sponsors the East African Trade Hub, supporting regional trade associations to enhance private-sector capacity, as well as working with intergovernmental organizations to integrate policies and expand regional trade.

The FTF program improves regional food security and nutrition by fostering structured markets and increasing the volume and value of intra-trade in staple foods. FTF also supports African partners to improve conditions for small-scale farmers through policy, science and technology, in addition to private investment.

USAID/EA addresses uncertainties and risks linked to global climate change through coordinated research, capacity building and sharing of best practices on alternative, climate change resilient development options.

Improving Health in East Africa

USAID/EA's health programs address a wide range of challenges in this often volatile region. Inadequate food causes stunting in over 30 percent of children under five years in Djibouti, and 58 percent in Burundi. Maternal and child mortality rates remain high as well. Sexual and gender-based violence and commercial sex work are common. More than six million people in the region live with HIV/AIDS. Tuberculosis resistant to antibiotics is an increasing concern.

Using the principles of USG's Global Health Initiative (GHI), USAID/EA's health programs respond to regional and national

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and Central Africa



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Authority on
Development



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Conference on the
Great Lakes Region

priorities and emphasize proven innovative approaches. They provide technical assistance and training to regional institutions and national Health Ministries to advance health policies, strengthen national health systems, and improve training and curricula for health workers.

Novel programs for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment include a network of recreation and health centers in 44 communities along important highways in 11 countries. Approximately 4 million people have visited these centers, including 300,000 truck drivers.

Promoting Peace

USAID/EA works through local and regional organizations to address the root causes of instability, conflict and extremism. We are also improving conflict early-warning and rapid response systems. USAID/EA programs empower cross-border communities and others in conflict to engage in dialogue, promote reconciliation, work on joint projects and create networks of mediators to respond quickly to conflict, safeguard peace, and promote prosperity.

Sharing Food, Saving Lives

This region is the least food-secure in the world, with tens of millions of people vulnerable due to conflict, political instability, climatic shocks and endemic poverty. Farm productivity remains low, as does opportunity for other livelihoods.

USAID/EA is tackling the roots of chronic food insecurity through strengthening the region's agriculture sector and decreasing dependence on food relief. USAID/EA meets critical emergency food needs when natural disasters and complex emergencies arise.

Limited/Non Presence Countries

USAID/EA is helping Burundi consolidate a hard-won peace, build civil society, improve governance and health services, and stimulate agricultural growth.

In Djibouti, USAID/EA is working to support democracy and good governance, increase school enrollment (particularly for girls) and raise the quality of education in this strategic country. USAID/EA has also contributed to wider immunization, lower child mortality, and controlling the third-highest tuberculosis rate in the world.

USAID/EA's programs in Somalia are working to promote peace, stability and strong governance, while improving access to social services. With these programs, the U.S. Government stands out as a leader in providing financial and programmatic support in this highly volatile environment.



USAID is supporting projects with an emphasis on girls' education while respecting cultural norms in Djibouti. Photo by USAID/EA

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