

# THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND USAID BUDGET



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*“America is proud to be more engaged than ever, and, I believe, is playing as critical a role, perhaps as critical as ever, in pursuit of peace, prosperity, and stability in various parts of the world.”*

-Secretary of State John Kerry

With just over 1 percent of the federal budget, the State Department and USAID provide security, stability, prosperity, jobs, and opportunity by addressing some of the most complex challenges of our time. This budget is targeted at issues ranging from combating extremism and improving global food security to fostering economic opportunity and addressing climate change. Mindful of fiscal constraints, the budget provides American taxpayers a remarkable return on their investment.

The FY 2015 budget request of \$46.2 billion promotes American leadership and national security, diplomatic, and development priorities in pursuit of stability and prosperity. It also expands opportunities for diplomatic engagement with the governments and citizens in 190 countries, building partnerships that help protect U.S. interests, promoting common values, expanding economic opportunities at home and abroad, and empowering the next generation.

## PROTECTING NATIONAL SECURITY

- Continues security and economic partnerships with countries across the Middle East and North Africa and provides robust support for Israel and Jordan while helping countries in transition like Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen.
- Includes resources to support the Syrian people by providing life-sustaining aid to those displaced by conflict and responding to ongoing needs in Syria and neighboring countries.
- Supports robust engagement in the Asia-Pacific region by strengthening our alliances and focusing on economic development issues, including energy and the environment.
- Focuses on our relationship with Pakistan's new civilian government to lay the groundwork for stability and growth.
- Sustains our diplomatic platform, security operations, and priority assistance programs as the Administration determines the size and scope of the post-2014 presence in Afghanistan.
- Introduces a new Peacekeeping Response Mechanism to enable the U.S. to respond to unanticipated, urgent peacekeeping needs.

- Reduces potential threats from international terrorist activities; nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons; and illicit trafficking of weapons, narcotics, humans, and wildlife.
- Expands and strengthens people-to-people relationships, and fosters support for academic programs, professional and cultural exchanges.

## STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY AND COMBATING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

- Enables the promotion of American exports, and helps American businesses abroad navigate foreign regulations, settle disputes, and compete for foreign government and private contracts.
- Reflects a comprehensive and integrated global health strategy toward achieving an AIDS-free generation and ending preventable child and maternal deaths.
- Works with partner countries to continue sustainable investments in agricultural development, promotes private sector investment in agriculture, and aims to reduce long-term vulnerability to food insecurity.
- Advances the goals of the President's Climate Action Plan by fostering low-carbon growth, promoting sustainable and resilient communities, and reducing emissions from deforestation and land degradation.
- Continues to support food aid reforms within the Agriculture bill that will provide flexibility to assist approximately 2 million more emergency beneficiaries with the same level of resources.

## OUR PEOPLE AND PLATFORM

- Supports ongoing operations for essential diplomatic and development personnel and programs around the globe to maintain a robust U.S. presence abroad.
- Protects our people and facilities from evolving threats by continuing security protection operations and enhancements, with increased focus on high-threat posts, and funds security construction at Accountability Review Board-recommended levels.
- Helps secure our borders, promotes America's tourism economy and provides critical services to American citizens.