



TRANSLATION

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AID TO ECUADOR
FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY IN 2008
TOTAL: US\$42,424,300

The United States and Ecuador cooperate closely in many areas to address common priorities, such as poverty reduction, job creation, counternarcotics efforts, agricultural development, emergency preparedness, environmental protection, and strengthening democracy. The support is given in the spirit of friendship and partnership, to contribute to the development and prosperity of the Ecuadorian people. The United States Government (USG) has been providing aid to Ecuador in a number of ways for decades. This fact sheet lists USG aid programs carried out in Ecuador in 2008.

Peace and Security and Investing in People (USAID): \$8,306,000

- Contribute to the economic and social development of northern and southern border populations
- Generate job opportunities and licit income, strengthen local government capacity, and improves the production and marketing of local production chains both nationally and internationally
- Build bridges, roads, and water and sewage, garbage recycling, and irrigation systems, and provide the population better access to these services

Democracy and Governance (USAID): \$2,680,000

- Contribute to strengthening the democratic system by supporting local governments, strengthening the criminal justice system, broadening civil society participation in democratic processes, and promoting both transparent and inclusive elections.
- Ease the participation of people with disabilities (PWD) in democratic processes, promote PWD inclusion in the labor force, and create natural disaster response plans that are inclusive of PWD
- Combat trafficking in persons (TIP) through TIP crime prevention and victim protection activities

Economic Growth (USAID): \$2,211,000

- Promote trade and investment and improve competitiveness, encouraging civil society and the private sector to promote the economic reforms needed for Ecuador's development
- Assist productive clusters that bring together small and medium enterprises to improve their product quality and access new markets

Environment (USAID): \$5,100,000

- Improve conservation of natural resources through the National System of Protected Areas, which includes indigenous territories and watersheds, increasing the economic benefits for those who participate in conservation activities
- Strengthen local groups to create sustainable tourism activities in protected areas that result in benefits and better living conditions for the communities located in and around these areas.
- Improve the infrastructure of protected areas and create job opportunities in flood-prone areas

Military Support (United States Military Group): \$9,350,000

- Construction of infrastructure works such as clean water systems, wharfs, training programs, equipment donation, medical assistance, vehicle donation, fuel allocations, construction and equipping of Emergency Operation Centers in Guayaquil and Quito, and humanitarian aid in a number of locations in Ecuador

Counternarcotics (NAS): \$6,233,300**

** pending signature of the counternarcotics cooperation agreement

- Train the police, military, and judiciary to combat criminal organizations involved in drug trafficking, money laundering, and trafficking in persons

Counternarcotics (DEA): \$1,700,000

- Aid, training, and infrastructure works for the Ecuadorian National Police
- Information sharing on large drug-trafficking networks

Emergency Humanitarian Aid (Department of State and USAID): \$3,180,000

- Includes \$880,000 for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees mission in Ecuador.

Education (Department of State): \$1,000,000

- Professional and educational exchanges, including the Fulbright program
- Support English education with experts and scholarships

Anti-Terrorism (Department of State): \$174,000

- Training and equipment for the Ecuadorian National Police

Peace Corps: \$2,490,000

- Programs for natural resource conservation, community health, sustainable agriculture, and youth and family development

- Projects and training in youth entrepreneurship and leadership
- Prevention of HIV/AIDS
- Microbusinesses and programs for savings and loans and creating income
- Education on gender equality

Agricultural Training and Development (Department of Agriculture): funds from previous years

- Prior funding from the food aid program, P.L. 480, allowed for the continued implementation of 31 agricultural aid programs that benefit more than 42,000 small farmers in 18 of Ecuador's provinces, and for the continuation of a short-term, practical training program for Ecuadorian professionals.