



**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO ECUADOR
FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY IN 2009**
TOTAL: \$ 59,767,437

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 assistance to Ecuador in a number of ways for decades. This fact sheet lists USG aid programs carried out in Ecuador in 2009.

Peace and Security and Investing in People (USAID): \$8,800,000

- Contribute to the economic and social development of northern and southern border populations
- Generate job opportunities and increased incomes, strengthen local government capacity, and create supply and value chains for products and services that compete nationally and internationally
- Build and improve bridges, roads, water and sewage systems, garbage recycling centers, and irrigation systems, and expand access to these services
- Bring diverse groups together in an effort to reduce their vulnerability to conflict

Democracy and Governance (USAID): \$9,424,000

- Contribute to strengthening the democratic system by supporting local governments, improving the capacity of participants in the criminal justice sector, broadening civic participation in democratic processes, and promoting transparent and inclusive elections
- Facilitate the participation of persons with disabilities (PWD) in democratic processes, promote PWD inclusion in the labor force, and create natural disaster response plans that take PWD into account
- Combat trafficking in persons through prevention and victim protection activities

Economic Growth (USAID): \$4,590,000

- Promote trade and investment and improve businesses' competitiveness, encouraging civil society and the private sector to promote reforms needed for economic development
- Assist supply and value chains that bring together small and medium enterprises to improve product quality and access new markets

Environment (USAID): \$5,546,000

- Contribute to the conservation of natural resources in the National System of Protected Areas, including indigenous territories, watersheds, and coastal areas, and generating economic benefits for local communities participating 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

Military Support (United States Military Group): \$12,761,137*

- Support the Ecuadorian Armed Forces with military training and equipment such as boats, tactical vehicles, spare parts, munitions and weapons, including for peacekeeping operations, demining, and munitions management
- Provide military advice for Ecuadorian Armed Forces units and commanders
- Construction of military infrastructure projects such as docks, landing strips, barracks, potable water and fuel systems. Peacekeeping Operations training and equipping support for the Ecuadorian Armed Forces
- Support the Government and citizens of Ecuador through infrastructure construction projects such as potable water systems, health clinics, construction and the equipping of Emergency Operations Centers
- Donations of equipment, medical assistance and humanitarian aid throughout Ecuador. Support for PLAN ECUADOR.

*Not included in this number is the donation of the facilities and equipment connected to the Forward Operating Location in Manta. Approximate value of these donations to the Ecuadorian Air Force and non-governmental organizations is \$35,140,000.

Counternarcotics and Other Transnational Crime (NAS): \$7,853,300

- Train and equip the police, military, and judiciary to combat criminal organizations involved in drug trafficking, money laundering, and trafficking in persons
- Drug prevention and demand reduction programs

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

- Provide aid, training, and infrastructure works for the Ecuadorian National Police
- Share information to assist in combating large drug-trafficking networks

Combat Transnational Crime (DHS/ICE): \$517,000

- Under the auspices of NAS, provide training, technical assistance and equipment for police units, and prosecutors that are focused on combating transnational crime including trafficking in persons, money laundering, customs fraud and migration crime.

Emergency Humanitarian Aid (Department of State and USAID): \$4,700,000*

- Includes \$1.25 million in contributions to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for its activities in Ecuador. Support is also provided for humanitarian assistance programs that offer food and non-food items, water-sanitation infrastructure, shelter improvements, health and psychosocial assistance, access to education, combating gender-based violence, and integration activities for refugees in Ecuador.

*Not included in this number is support that the USG provides to the International Committee of the Red Cross for its activities in the Americas, including in Ecuador.

Education (Department of State): \$1,250,000

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

Anti-Terrorism (Department of State): \$100,000

- Training and equipment for the Ecuadorian National Police

Peace Corps: \$2,526,000

- 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
- Micro-businesses and programs for community banking and income generation
- Working Groups for HIV/AIDS, Trafficking in Persons, Gender and Development

Agricultural Training and Development (Department of Agriculture): funds from previous years; not included in 2009 total

- Prior funding from the P.L. 480 food aid program will allow for the continued implementation of 31 agricultural aid programs that will benefit more than 25,000 small farmers in 14 of Ecuador's provinces, and for the continuation of short-term, practical training programs for Ecuadorian professionals in 2010. The Program's disbursements will add up to \$5.6 million in 2010.