



**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO ECUADOR
FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY IN 2010**
TOTAL: \$ 70,639,500

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 in coordination with Ecuadorian authorities for decades. This sheet lists USG programs carried out in Ecuador in 2010.

Peace and Security and Investing in People (USAID): \$12,457,000

- 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—especially youth—together in an effort to reduce their vulnerability to conflict
- Combat trafficking in persons through prevention and victim protection activities
- 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

Democracy and Governance (USAID): \$3,911,000

- 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

Economic Growth (USAID): \$9,780,000

- Promote trade and investment and improve business 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): \$5,070,000

- 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 economic activities that result in benefits and better living conditions for the communities located in and around protected areas

Counternarcotics and Other Transnational Crime (Department of State, Narcotics Affairs Section -- NAS): \$6,359,000

- 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
- Construction and furnishing of Ecuadorian National Police and military facilities
- Police Canine training support for 19 anti-narcotics units across the country
- Purchase and maintenance of vehicles for police and military units
- Technical assistance, training and equipment to support the implementation of the criminal procedures code

Counternarcotics (DEA): \$1,920,000

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

Combat Transnational Crime (DHS/ICE): \$350,000

- 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.

Military Support (United States Military Group): \$18,228,000

- Support the Ecuadorian Armed Forces with military training, visits, exchanges, regional exercises, and equipment such as boats, tactical vehicles, spare parts, communications equipment, individual equipment for counternarcotics operations, peacekeeping operations, demining, and munitions management
- Provide military advice for Ecuadorian Armed Forces units and commanders
- Construction of military infrastructure projects such as docks, helipads, 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.

Military Support (Department of State): \$1,085,000

- Provide equipment and materials to improve the site security of Ecuadorian Armed Forces munitions bunkers
- Support destruction of expired or unusable munitions and train Ecuadorian Armed Forces personnel in munitions destruction
- Provide communications equipment to support Ecuadorian Armed Forces demining teams

Humanitarian Aid/Refugee Assistance (Department of State and USAID): \$5,700,000*

- 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.

*This assistance is primarily for refugees along the Northern Border. 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.

Anti-Terrorism (Department of State): \$450,000

- Training and equipment for the Ecuadorian National Police

Education (Department of State): \$2,126,000

- Professional, academic and youth exchanges, including the Fulbright program, and support for related alumni activities
- Support English education with experts, equipment, and scholarships

Peace Corps: \$3,053,500

- 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, Gender and Development

Agricultural Training and Development (Department of Agriculture): \$150,000 plus funds from previous years which are not included in 2010 total

- Prior funding from the P.L. 480 food aid program allowed for the continued implementation of 39 agricultural aid programs that benefitted more than 30,000 small farmers in 15 of Ecuador's provinces, and for the continuation of short-term, practical training programs for Ecuadorian professionals. The Program's disbursements added up to \$4.95 million in 2010.

- In addition, through the Cochran Fellowship Program and the USDA Scientific Exchange Program, USDA financed the training of 17 Ecuadorian scientists and policymakers in the areas of biotechnology, biofuels, soil sciences, water management, among other agricultural research areas. Total funding for both programs reached approximately \$500,000 in 2010.

Note on Education and Health Programs:

- Of the overall total assistance figure above, the U.S. Government devoted over \$2.3 million to education programs in Ecuador.
- Of the overall total assistance figure above, the U.S. Government devoted over \$4.1 million to health programs in Ecuador.