HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP)

The **Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP)** is designed to develop infrastructure projects and professional improvement to mitigate, prepare, and manage natural disasters in accordance with Department of Defense guidelines to provide military humanitarian assistance at organizational, national, and regional levels, and help improve the Civil Defense and national emergency systems. In support of this program, the United States Government has executed and/or delivered projects during Fiscal Year 2009 for a total of approximately **$3,500,000**. These projects include the construction of Emergency Operations Centers (EOC), disaster preparedness, infrastructure improvements to medical facilities, schools, and community centers, as well as the execution of Medical Readiness Training Exercises (MEDRETE), the Humanitarian Demining Program, and the donation of Excess Defense Articles (EDA) of the United States Government to various Ecuadorian institutions and non-government organizations.