

Humanitarian Assistance in Review, FY 2002 - 2011

Latin America and the Caribbean



The Latin America and Caribbean region encompasses Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) are highly vulnerable to a range of natural hazards, including droughts, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, landslides, and volcanic eruptions. At times, El Niño meteorological events and poor land use management exacerbate the effects of potential hazards. Several countries in the region also remain vulnerable to civil unrest and associated humanitarian impacts. Between Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 and FY 2011, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) and USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) provided humanitarian assistance in response to a range of natural hazards, including earthquakes in Haiti and Chile and tropical storms and hurricanes throughout the region.

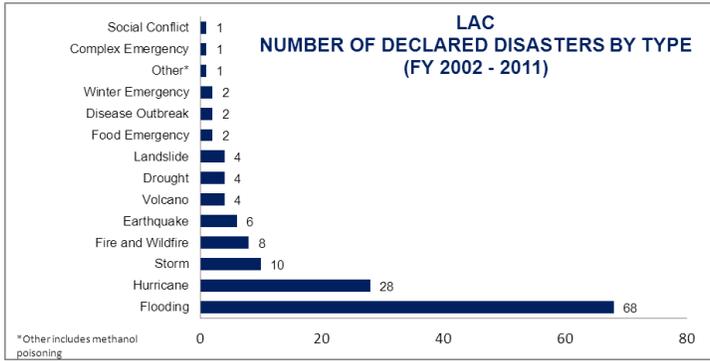
Between FY 2002 and FY 2011, USAID provided more than \$950 million in humanitarian assistance in LAC countries. Of the total, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$517 million for disaster response and mitigation programs in the region, including more than \$406 million provided in response to the January 2010 Haiti earthquake and more than \$40 million in response to the October 2010 cholera outbreak in Haiti. USAID/FFP assistance included approximately \$433 million in emergency food aid.

In the last decade, USAID deployed humanitarian assessment and response teams throughout the region, including 11 Disaster Assistance Response Teams (DARTs) to the Bahamas, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, and Jamaica. At the height of the 2010 Haiti earthquake response, the DART comprised 545 individuals, including 511 urban search-and-rescue team members and 34 technical and functional experts. USAID/OFDA also activated five Washington D.C.-based Response Management Teams to support DART coordination and response efforts.

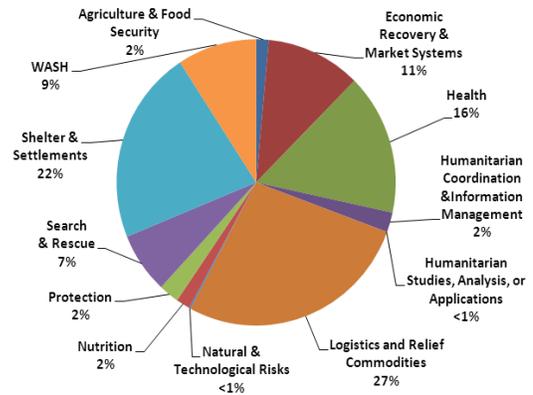
USAID/OFDA AND USAID/FFP DISASTER RESPONSE FUNDING TO LAC (FY 2002 – 2011)¹, IN MILLIONS

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	TOTAL
USAID/OFDA	\$2.1	\$0.8	\$9.4	\$7.9	\$6.6	\$5.6	\$19.5	\$2.9	\$380.8	\$81.5	\$517.1
USAID/FFP	\$6.0	\$14.1	\$6.6	\$12.5	\$15.3	\$6.9	\$61.9	\$39.3	\$215.4	\$55.0	\$433.0
TOTAL	\$8.1	\$14.9	\$16.0	\$20.4	\$21.9	\$12.5	\$81.4	\$42.2	\$596.2	\$136.5	\$950.1

¹FY 2011 rounded figures represent committed or obligated amounts as of November 18, 2011. FY 2011 figures are subject to fluctuations due to end-of-fiscal-year financial review and reconciliation activities. Figures do not include USAID/OFDA disaster preparedness and mitigation assistance provided outside of declared disaster responses.



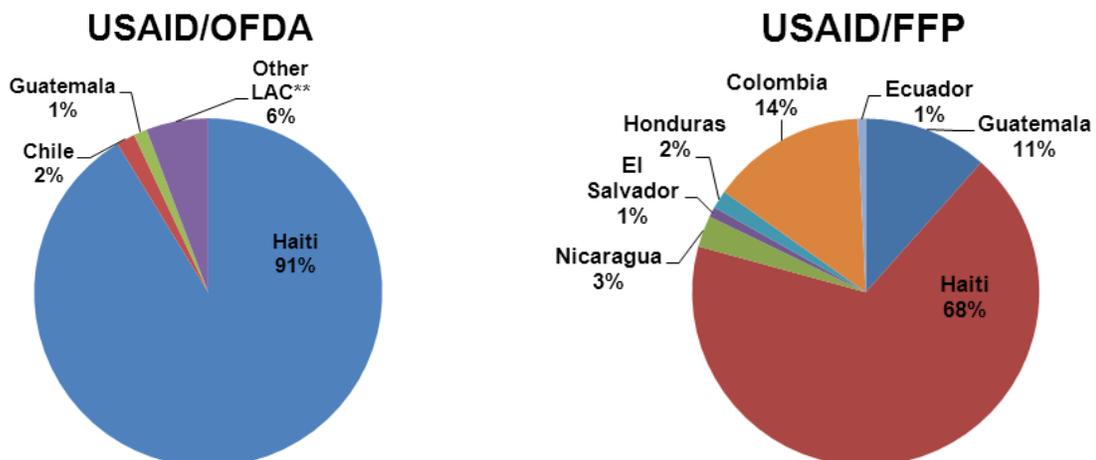
**USAID/OFDA Assistance to LAC by Sector
(FY 2002 - 2011)***



Recognizing unique vulnerabilities in the LAC region, USAID/OFDA supports disaster preparedness and mitigation programs aimed at reducing loss of life, alleviating human suffering, and reducing the social and economic impact of natural disasters. USAID/OFDA resources help reduce the risk of natural hazards and increase local populations' resiliency and preparedness for disasters. Between 2012 and 2014, USAID/OFDA plans to capitalize on current USAID/OFDA disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities in the LAC region and align USAID/OFDA goals with internationally-recognized humanitarian community priorities. DRR programs in the region include support for training and technical assistance to local ministries of health through the Pan American Health Organization and earthquake monitoring assistance, in collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey.

USAID/OFDA prioritizes hurricane preparedness and capacity-building activities in the LAC region throughout the year to enable rapid response to humanitarian needs during hurricane season. In the event of a disaster, stockpiled emergency relief supplies are available for rapid shipment throughout the LAC region from the USAID/OFDA warehouse in Miami, Florida, to address needs identified by USAID/OFDA staff. In addition, USAID/OFDA has agreements with air charter services for transportation of personnel and relief supplies to storm-affected areas, if needed. USAID/OFDA's disaster risk management specialists and surge-capacity consultants throughout the region are also immediately available to monitor and assess the impact of disasters and provide technical assistance to national governments, as needed.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LAC BY COUNTRY
(FY 2002 - 2011)**



*Chart does not include stand-alone DRR projects or administrative and support costs.

**Other LAC includes countries receiving less than \$6 million in funding: Argentina, the Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, the Caribbean, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela.