Fact Sheet
State and USAID – FY 2012 Budget
Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)

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Secretary Clinton

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As we shift from military responsibility to civilian responsibility in frontline states, the combined OCO request will present considerable overall savings for the American people. The U.S. government-wide OCO budget is decreasing by $41 billion from the estimated FY 2010 to FY 2012.

In addition to the $5.3 billion in operations and assistance provided in the core State/USAID budget, funding for the extraordinary costs of joint State/USAID and Department of Defense efforts in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan is included in the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) request; State/USAID’s portion of the $126 billion U.S. government OCO budget is $8.7 billion.

Iraq: Securing U.S. Military Gains

- The total U.S. government OCO effort in Iraq is $15.7 billion, which is $48.6 billion (76 percent) less than the FY 2010 enacted total.

- The State/USAID OCO budget of $5.2 billion meets the needs associated with the transition to civilian leadership and sustains the gains made by the military.
  - Includes $1.0 billion to train the Iraq police and $1.0 billion for assistance to Iraqi security forces, both programs previously led by DoD.
  - Expands embassy and consulate facilities to support all U.S. government agencies in Iraq.
Afghanistan: Supporting Stable, Transparent, Representative Government and Capable, Sustainable Security Forces

- Maintains increased civilian staffing to support President Obama's goal of disrupting, dismantling, and defeating al-Qaeda.
- Provides $1.0 billion to sustain an expanded civilian presence -1,500 staff in the next two years – to support the Afghan government.
- Includes $1.2 billion for targeted development and governance programs that will support stabilization and counterinsurgency efforts, such as cash for work and Provincial Reconstruction Teams, as well as counternarcotics efforts that promote alternative livelihoods to poppy production.
- Supports large infrastructure programs that have a combination of short-term stabilization and long-term economic growth outcomes.

Pakistan: Helping Eliminate Violent Extremist Elements and Strengthen Regional Security

- Includes $1.1 billion for the Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund to provide critical equipment and training for Pakistani security forces, increasing the ability of the Pakistani government to combat insurgents inside Pakistan and eliminating the insurgent’s capacity to conduct cross-border operations in Afghanistan that jeopardize U.S. lives and the mission there.