



# UZBEKISTAN



Uzbekistan is critical to regional stability and economic integration, including international efforts in Afghanistan. The U.S. government’s assistance portfolio aims to improve Uzbekistan’s control over its borders; increase civil-society participation in government decision-making; support rule-of-law and judicial reform; strengthen small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) to promote regional economic integration; provide technical assistance to Uzbekistan as it seeks to accede to the World Trade Organization (WTO); support agriculture-sector exchanges; expand trade between companies in Uzbekistan and the United States; and improve the prevention and control of infectious diseases through interventions to strengthen the diagnosis and management of multi-drug-resistant (MDR) tuberculosis (TB).

## Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Uzbekistan:

### *Increase Citizens' Role in Governance*

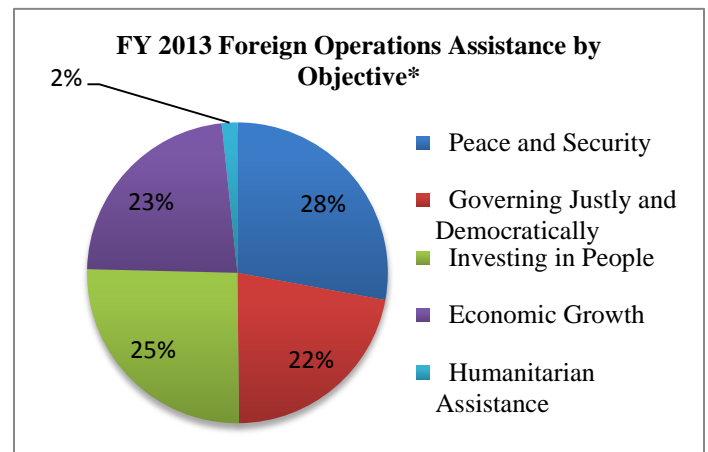
- The United States provides assistance to improve the legal and operating environment for NGOs, as well as providing direct assistance to local NGOs and independent media through small grants, which enables them to advocate and engage with the government on key issues.

### *Improve Livelihoods for Individuals Engaged in Agriculture*

- The United States provides technical assistance to help farmers use improved techniques and more efficient technology, including the introduction of higher-quality, more disease-resistant plant materials, processing grapes and other fruits, and the use of small cold-storage facilities. U.S. assistance also funds agricultural exchange programs and helps to create avenues for expanded trade between companies in Uzbekistan and the United States.
- The U.S. government provides assistance to advance Uzbekistan’s WTO accession efforts, and also works with firms to develop solutions for shortcomings in export capacity and formal or informal barriers to trade.

### *Reduce Deaths Due to Infectious Diseases*

- U.S. health assistance is expanding the capacity of the Government of Uzbekistan (GOU) to prevent Tuberculosis (TB) transmission, particularly among vulnerable groups; to improve the quality of TB and multi-drug resistant TB case identification, diagnosis



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 REQUEST
<b>TOTAL (in thousand \$)</b>	<b>11,917</b>	<b>11,818</b>	<b>10,330</b>
Economic Support Fund	5,366	4,738	4,900
Foreign Military Financing	1,624	1,500	700
Global Health Programs - USAID	3,045	4,000	3,000
International Military Education and Training	299	300	450
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	1,044	740	740
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	539	540	540

and treatment; and to strengthen the role of primary healthcare providers in delivering TB services, with the goal of expanding access to TB diagnosis and treatment. U.S. assistance will also continue to help Uzbekistan strengthen its ability to prevent and control infections in health care facilities.

***Enhanced GOU response to transnational crime and security***

- U.S. assistance supports nongovernmental organizations that help trafficking in persons (TIP) victims receive psychological and medical support, find shelter, and reintegrate into society. U.S. experts advise TIP civil society organizations on legal issues and case management for TIP survivors; provide training to increase the capacity of NGOs, civil society organizations and social services to prevent TIP; give technical assistance to improve the National Referral Network; and encourage greater cooperation between government and civil society.
- The United States supports Uzbekistan’s defense modernization, including strengthening its counterterrorism and border security capacities.
- U.S. drug enforcement experts provide training, study tours, mentoring, and equipment to their Uzbek counterparts to enhance investigative capacities and increase arrests and prosecutions of drug traffickers, including through laboratory certification, donated equipment, and forensics training.
- The United States is helping the GOU implement rule of law and other justice-sector reforms by providing training for prosecutors, judges, and defense lawyers; peer exchanges; and supporting government’s implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.
- The U.S. government continues to promote improvements to Uzbekistan’s strategic trade control legal and regulatory structures, strengthen Uzbekistan’s capacity to review export-license applications, and institutionalize specialized enforcement curriculum in Uzbekistan’s Customs Service training academy.

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Peace and Security	3,325	3,100	2,375
Governing Justly and Democratically	2,614	2,180	2,105
Investing in People	3,045	4,000	3,000
Economic Growth	2,733	2,538	2,850
Humanitarian Assistance	200	0	0

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