

KOSOVO



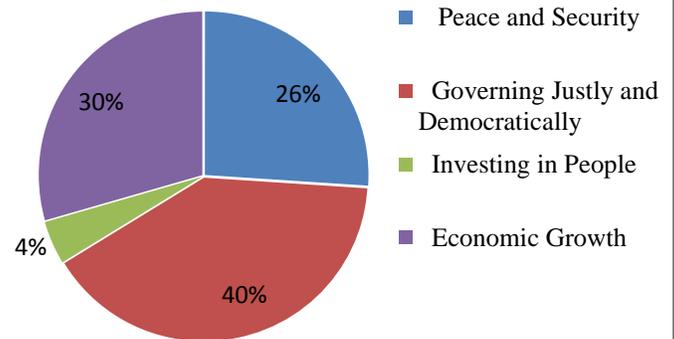
The United States' goal is to help Kosovo become a stable, democratic, and economically viable country within Europe, offering equal opportunity and protections to all its citizens. To this end, the United States emphasizes the following priorities: encouraging private-sector-led growth; promoting rule of law and transparent, accountable institutions; protecting and promoting minority rights; building the institutions necessary for a strong democratic society; and working with European partners to realize Kosovo's regional and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Kosovo:

Kosovo's Economy Develops so its Citizens Can Prosper

- U.S. assistance promotes a modern energy sector in Kosovo, including the use of renewable energy and technical assistance to improve energy sector operations.
- U.S. agricultural assistance helps farmers and other agribusinesses to increase agriculture sales and exports, improve food quality and safety, and diversify cultivation. For both agricultural and other products, U.S. experts are helping businesses in targeted value chains to become more competitive, resulting in new jobs.
- U.S. training is also improving international trade and commercial law and practices, including the enforcement of contracts, strengthening arbitration and mediation mechanisms, and helping the government define policy priorities on property rights such as the enhancement of women's rights in resolving property claims.
- U.S. economic policy assistance helps the government to enhance the policy, legal and regulatory environment affecting businesses, improves economic governance, and increases national and municipal capacities to structure public-private partnerships. In addition, financial sector assistance is helping the government to manage public debt, strengthen insurance and housing markets, and combat financial crimes.

FY 2013 Operations Assistance by Objective



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	62,419	54,035	48,120
Economic Support Fund	46,151	37,891	35,450
Foreign Military Financing	2,848	4,000	4,400
International Military Education and Training	819	750	750
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	11,751	10,674	6,800
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	850	720	720

- U.S. experts are helping border and customs personnel to interdict trafficking of illicit items and establish a functioning strategic trade control system that meets international standards by providing equipment and training to enhance the capabilities of Customs and Border Police to inspect and detect contraband; improve radiation detection and response capacity; and promote regional cross border cooperation.

Kosovo Remains the Home of all its Diverse Peoples and Minority Communities

- To encourage respect for diversity and minority rights, U.S. assistance supports government engagement at the grassroots community level; the protection of minority language, cultural, and religious rights; and job-creation in minority areas, particularly for Kosovo Serb communities south of the Iber/Ibar River.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 653a	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	62,419	54,035	48,120
Peace and Security	16,256	18,915	13,170
Governing Justly and Democratically	25,092	18,503	17,800
Investing in People	2,680	795	3,000
Economic Growth	18,391	15,822	14,150

Kosovo Progresses Toward Euro-Atlantic Integration

- U.S.-funded equipment, mentoring, and training helps the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) attain full operational capacity in emergency response, search and rescue, explosive ordnance disposal, handling of hazardous materials, firefighting, and civil defense.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ace> [U.S. Embassy Website](#) www.foreignassistance.gov

*This fact sheet does not reflect Peace Corps funding or centrally managed or regional Foreign Operations funding that is not specifically budgeted for Kosovo.