



CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL



Central Asia is within a region that is among the least economically-integrated in the world. Some neighboring countries enjoy rapidly growing economies, and offer ready-made markets that can fuel regional growth. The Administration's "New Silk Road" initiative targets U.S. assistance at sectors, including energy, trade, natural resource management, security, and people-to-people ties. U.S. Assistance also supports access to information and health initiatives in Central Asia.

Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Central Asia:

Increase trade and investment and improve secure transit of legal goods and services across borders

- U.S. economic assistance encourages trade and information sharing between Central Asian and Afghan firms, including technical assistance to help Central Asian countries to join international trade regimes such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and advance implementation of pro-trade policies, regulations and processes.
- The United States provides assistance to strengthen regional women's business associations and entrepreneurial networks in Central Asia to increase cross-border trade and enhance women's business skills.

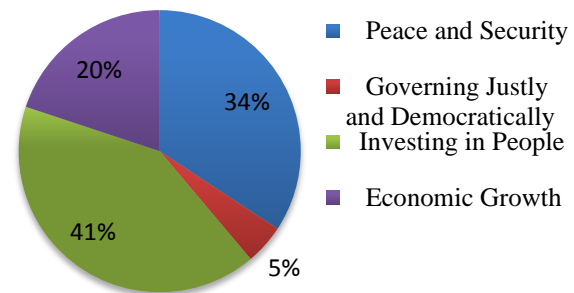
Increase regional cooperation on the use of power sector assets and energy resources

- U.S. technical assistance improves Central Asian countries' capacity to engage in energy trade and to advance regional energy trade agreements amongst themselves and with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Promote cooperation and rational use of natural resources across South and Central Asia

- U.S. water experts are helping regional bodies and local organizations to work on trans-boundary integrated water resources management and adaptation to climate change as well as information sharing between scientists on shared natural resources such as glacier melt, rare earth elements, and marine protected areas.

FY 2013 Foreign Operations Assistance by Objective*



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	28,520	38,422	36,294
Economic Support Fund	8,061	17,928	16,900
Foreign Military Financing	0	0	1,900
Global Health Programs - State	10,215	12,494	12,494
Global Health Programs - USAID	1,000	1,000	1,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	8,044	7,000	4,000
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	1,200	0	0

Counter transnational criminal activity that threatens economic integration

- The United States provides assistance to Central Asian governments to develop highly specialized counter narcotics units, interagency drug task forces, and intelligence-led investigations, as well as promoting regional cooperation to disrupt significant trafficking networks. Activities include mentoring by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration experts; the development of vetted special investigative units and drug task forces linking investigators and prosecutors; and training through regionally-based U.S. regional drug enforcement trainers.
- U.S. assistance supports the Central Asia Regional Information and Coordination Center (CARICC) to expand its operational capacity and serve as a hub for regional counter narcotics intelligence sharing within the region and beyond.
- U.S. funding supports the UNODC/World Customs Organization (WCO) Container Control Program to establish intelligence-based profiling units at select ports of entry.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 653a	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	28,520	38,422	36,294
Peace and Security	9,772	7,600	6,100
Governing Justly and Democratically	1,308	500	1,050
Investing in People	11,765	13,494	14,044
Economic Growth	5,675	16,828	15,100

Develop sustainable “people-to-people” constituencies for authentic cross-border and regional engagement

- U.S. assistance supports access to objective news and information in local languages through a regional satellite television feed and increased local production of quality independent programming that addresses issues of interest to citizens of Central Asia, including regional economic integration challenges and issues.
- U.S. technical assistance promotes regional networks for ongoing cooperation and collaboration among civil society organizations. Best practices are shared regarding civil society-government cooperation through regional seminars, conferences, and peer-to-peer capacity-building.
- U.S. assistance supports the American University in Central Asia (AUCA) in the Kyrgyz Republic, leveraging matching funds from the Open Society Institute (OSI), including the development of a Central Asian Studies Master’s degree program, improved faculty training, scholarships to AUCA for students from the region, and upgrades to information technology at AUCA.

Improve the quality of prevention, care, and treatment programs in HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB)

- U.S. health assistance provides integrated HIV/AIDS and TB prevention, care and treatment programs throughout the countries of Central Asia to improve the delivery of and access to essential HIV/AIDS services and increase access to these services by most-at-risk populations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ace> <http://kazakhstan.usembassy.gov/> www.foreignassistance.gov Millennium Challenge Corporation

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