

# GEORGIA



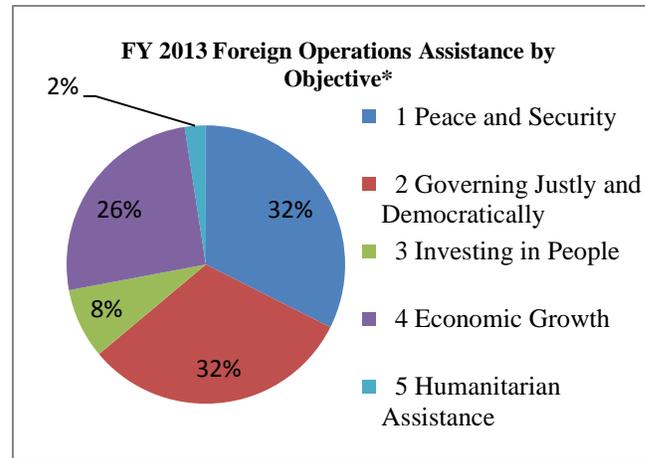
U.S. strategic goals in Georgia include the consolidation of Georgia’s democracy and free market economy; its integration within Euro-Atlantic institutions; and its progress toward a peacefully unified nation that is secure in its borders. U.S. assistance bolsters democratic and participatory governance; develops institutions that uphold and enforce the rule of law; improves the quality of primary education; promotes integration with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and

increased regional cooperation; lays the groundwork for a sustainable resolution of conflicts with the occupied territories based on Georgia’s territorial integrity; and supports broad-based economic growth.

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

### *Sustained and deepened democratic development following Georgia’s first ever democratic and peaceful transfer of power in 2012*

- U.S. technical assistance to civil-society organizations (CSOs) and media outlets develops CSO networks and capabilities; creates a more favorable enabling environment for CSO development; and supports the development of independent media and distribution of objective public-affairs content. The United States also supports improved rule of law, including increasing the capacity of the judicial sector, improved legal education and legal representation, and enhanced CSO ability to effectively advocate for justice-sector reform.
- U.S. experts assist political parties to better represent their constituents’ interests and adopt platform-based campaigns, while also improving the administration and oversight of electoral processes.
- U.S. assistance helps to develop national and municipal administrative capacity; increase public agencies’ capacity to carry out inclusive, decision-making processes; and increase citizens’ access to information.



### *Broad-based economic growth through trade, investment, and commerce*

- U.S. agricultural experts introduce modern agricultural practices designed to shorten harvesting periods, promote off-season production, and increase the availability of cold-storage and packing facilities. U.S. assistance also increases utilization of Georgia’s water resources and other natural resources, and conserves ecological systems critical to sustained economic growth, including the use of better water-saving technologies and pricing strategies.

BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 653a	FY 2015 REQUEST
<b>TOTAL (in thousand \$)</b>	<b>75,269</b>	<b>58,397</b>	<b>75,066</b>
Economic Support Fund	47,769	39,400	38,266
Foreign Military Financing	13,672	12,000	30,000
Global Health Programs - USAID	3,664	0	0
International Military Education and Training	1,799	1,800	1,800
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	5,565	3,947	3,500
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	2,800	1,250	1,500

- U.S. technical assistance promotes the use of clean and energy-efficient resources in Georgia and is developing a national greenhouse gas inventory system, promoting policies favorable to low emission economic growth, and strengthening natural resource governance. These efforts are supported by loan guarantees that enable commercial lending for energy-efficiency improvements and other low-emissions technologies undertaken by municipal governments.
- U.S. experts are helping Georgian small and medium-sized enterprises to expand their businesses and bolster their business networks to diversify sources of inputs and sales markets, including adopting and implementing internationally recognized standards of product quality and delivery. The United States is also promoting women's access to credit and business loans; working to strengthen Georgia's intellectual property rights enforcement capabilities; and ensure its compliance with the World Trade Organization's Intellectual Property Rights requirements.

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Peace and Security	22,684	18,364	36,850
Governing Justly and Democratically	24,024	20,583	21,113
Investing in People	5,693	3,168	1,298
Economic Growth	20,859	16,282	15,805
Humanitarian Assistance	1,708	0	0

***Greater peace and security within Georgia, at its borders, and with the occupied territories***

- The U.S. government provides Georgian security forces with equipment and training to support peacekeeping and coalition deployment operations and improve the quality of pre-deployment instruction, including NATO-compatible air surveillance and air-traffic control; civil-military relationships appropriate for a civilian-led, democratic country, including respect for democratic values and human rights; and enhanced strategic management skills for senior leadership.
- The United States provides equipment and technical assistance to help Georgia improve its capacity to maintain border security and build an effective interagency system of export controls; reinforce Georgia's capabilities to detect, identify and interdict the export, re-export, transit and trans-shipment of WMD and related materials, delivery systems, dual-use items and conventional weapons; support the process of amending and implementing Georgia's export control laws; and rebuild Georgia's maritime enforcement capabilities.

***Increasingly stable, integrated, and healthy society***

- The United States provides vulnerable groups in Georgia with medicines, medical supplies and equipment, food, clothing, health and emergency shelter items; helps the government respond to disasters; and supports small reconstruction projects such as heating upgrades in internally displaced persons centers.
- U.S. experts work with the Georgian government and civil society groups to support confidence-building activities between people living on both sides of the Administrative Boundary Lines (ABL) within the internationally recognized borders of Georgia. This includes efforts to establish grassroots, people-to-people, and "Track II" (i.e., non-official) mechanisms through which communities and key actors across the ABLs can interact, including those in Abkhazia and, when possible, with South Ossetia.
- U.S. education experts are working with Georgian educators to improve classroom instruction, strengthen testing standards, and develop subject expertise in reading and math.
- U.S. provides expert technical assistance and technology transfer to enhance and support disease detection, response, and prevention.

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<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ace> [U.S. Embassy Website](http://www.foreignassistance.gov) [www.foreignassistance.gov](http://www.foreignassistance.gov) [Millennium Challenge Corporation](http://www.millenniumchallengecorporation.com)

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