

# Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance

## The Challenge

The Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) is the lead coordinator of U.S. Government responses to non-food disasters in foreign countries. OFDA works to minimize the human costs of displacement, conflicts and natural disasters, thus supporting sustainable development - the key to maintaining development gains, stability, and prosperity - and U.S. national interests. As the largest bilateral donor, the U.S. Government has a unique role to play in shaping the nature of humanitarian assistance. As such, OFDA's programs influence the perception that people around the world have of the United States. Through close cooperation with other U.S. Government agencies, bilateral and multilateral donors, host governments and implementing partners, OFDA's activities help maintain good relations and contribute positively to the United States' image. Supplemental funding provided in FY 2004 for Sudan and Liberia, and in FY 2005 for Hurricane and Tsunami Relief.

## Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Acting Office Director: Greg Gottlieb

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance Score	Direct SO Admin. Cost Ratio
961-001 International Disaster & Famine Assistance (IDFA)	303,324	556,800	297,880	233,000	-23.2%		0.02
<b>Country Total</b>	<b>303,324</b>	<b>556,800</b>	<b>297,880</b>	<b>233,000</b>	<b>-23.2%</b>		

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Child Survival and Health Programs Fund	50	0	0	0	N/A
International Disaster and Famine Assistance	296,274	486,800	297,880	233,000	-21.4%
Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund	7,000	70,000	0	0	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>303,324</b>	<b>556,800</b>	<b>297,880</b>	<b>233,000</b>	<b>-23.2%</b>

Program Budget by Sector and Account	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Conflict Management / Humanitarian Assistance IDFA	296,274	486,800	297,880	233,000	-21.4%
IRRF	7,000	70,000	0	0	N/A
Child Survival and Maternal Health CSH	50	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>303,324</b>	<b>556,800</b>	<b>297,880</b>	<b>233,000</b>	<b>-23.2%</b>

Workforce	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	Percent Change FY 04-07
US Direct Hires	23	20	27	28	21.7%
US Non Direct Hires	71	79	80	80	12.7%
Foreign Nationals	21	21	22	21	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>12.2%</b>

Operating Unit Summary	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Program per US Direct Hire (\$000)	13,188	27,840	11,033	8,321
Program per All US (\$000)	3,227	5,624	2,784	2,157
Program per Position (\$000)	2,638	4,640	2,309	1,806

### Other Major Donors:

**Bilateral:** OFDA also collaborates with other donors and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the international relief community. Coordinating relief efforts is essential to bring resources to the table and use them efficiently. For example, OFDA and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) co-sponsor a security training program for NGOs and other relief workers.

**Multilateral:** OFDA and several international agencies, including DFID and the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO), support the Integrated Regional Information Networks run by the United Nation's Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA), and OFDA and ECHO work together to fund several country-specific Humanitarian Information Centers. At the field level, OFDA staff meet regularly with representatives of the United Nations to coordinate relief responses and avoid duplication of effort.