



COUNTRY PROFILE

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UKRAINE SNAPSHOT

Date of independence:
August 24, 1991
Capital: Kiev
Population: 46.3 million
GDP per person: \$7,800

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OVERVIEW

Ukraine plays a key role in U.S. foreign policy objectives due to its strategic position between Europe and Eurasia and its importance for regional stability.



Kiev

The U.S. is committed to helping Ukraine achieve social and economic security for its citizens within a framework of democratic governance, and to help it fulfill its stated goal of joining NATO and the EU. Since 1992, USAID has devoted more than \$1.6 billion to Ukraine. Today, USAID focuses on good governance, economic growth, and improving health conditions. It also works to develop public-private partnerships to leverage resources and expand the reach of its assistance.

PROGRAMS

STRENGTHENING GOOD GOVERNANCE

The period following the Orange Revolution has been marked by political turbulence and slow progress on reforms, which continues today. However, civil society's voice is increasingly heard and the media is free to print what it likes. USAID works with the Ukrainian parliament to reform procedures and increase public accountability. It helps local governments improve services and better manage budgets and programs. To support Ukraine's commitment to the rule of law, USAID works to increase transparency, accountability, public confidence, and access to justice through support for legal clinics, consensus-building for judicial reform, improved court automation, and better court monitoring.

Further, USAID assists nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Ukraine to broaden and deepen their influence, and create new sources of funding. It supports free and independent media by offering training in reporting and business skills, and encouraging free speech. USAID also helps strengthen political parties and election watchdog organizations.

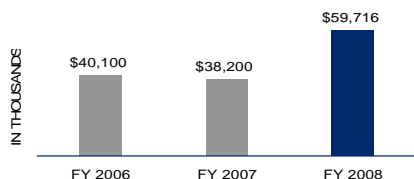
IMPROVING THE BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE

To improve the investment climate and boost participation in international trade, USAID supported Ukraine's successful February 2008 accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and continues to help government and industry realize benefits and comply with WTO requirements.

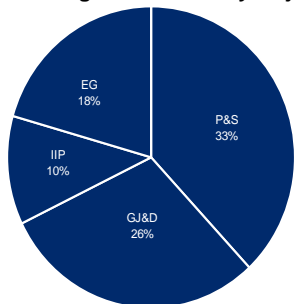


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USAID ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE



FY 2008 Budget Allocation by Objective



Peace & Security: \$19,789,000
 Governing Justly & Democratically: \$15,783,000
 Investing In People: \$10,919,000
 Economic Growth: \$11,475,000

Based on FY 2008 Freedom Support Act and Child Survival and Health funds.

USAID works with financial institutions to stimulate growth through market liquidity, improve the legal and regulatory framework for capital markets and a sound pension system, and develop credit instruments such as mortgage lending, municipal bonds, and financial leasing. USAID is also supporting the international professional accountant certification program.

To ensure continued economic growth, USAID assists Ukraine in developing a legal, commercial base for a market economy, as well as eliminating unnecessary regulations and reducing the time needed for business permits. In addition, USAID promotes new practices and technologies to advance productivity in the agriculture and food processing sectors.

To promote energy efficiency, USAID provided technical assistance and solutions for low-cost financing to selected industrial energy consumers to reduce the country's dependence on imported natural gas.

WORKING TOWARD A HEALTHIER UKRAINE

With HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) rates on the rise, USAID works to prevent their spread by reaching out to high-risk groups, and educating the public about prevention and tolerance. It supports implementation of the newest TB treatments, including those for drug-resistant infections, and works to improve access to TB/HIV co-infection prevention/treatment.

In addition, USAID collaborates with the Government of Ukraine to reform reproductive health policies and improve the quality of maternal and infant health services. USAID supports child welfare for orphans and vulnerable children by providing integrated services to strengthen and support families, and developing family-based care models. It works on prevention of human trafficking and provides counseling and support services to victims.

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COMBATING CORRUPTION

While USAID has incorporated anti-corruption measures throughout its programs, it is also implementing a two-year, \$45 million Anti-Corruption Program funded by the U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation. The program aims to reduce public sector corruption through strengthening civil society's ability to monitor and expose corruption; judicial reform; increased government monitoring and enforcement of ethical and administrative standards; streamlining and enforcing regulations; and combating corruption in higher education.