## Bosnia and Herzegovina



ASSISTANCE GOALS: The overriding U.S. Government (USG) interest in Bosnia and Herzegovina remains its emergence as a stable, democratic, multiethnic state on the road to Euro-Atlantic integration. To ensure the stability of the region, it is important that Bosnia and Herzegovina develop cooperative relationships with its neighbors, successfully combat crime, consolidate democratic institutions, build a society based on mutual tolerance and understanding, and achieve sustainable economic growth.

## **AREAS OF FOCUS:**

#### Peace and Security (P&S)

- Increase Bosnian law enforcement agencies' capacity to combat terrorism and organized crime
- Bring the Bosnian military into full compliance with NATO standards. Strengthen security institutions, particularly those at the state level which combat terrorism and organized crime, contributing to regional security
- Further strengthen Bosnia and Herzegovina's control of its borders

#### Governing Justly and Democratically (GJD)

- Improve the efficiency and professionalism of the Bosnian justice system and enhance its capacity to handle cases involving terrorism and war crimes
- Develop the institutional capacity of the Bosnian State Parliament by supporting work on legislative drafting and procedural reforms
- Expand local NGOs' capacity to provide research to legislative bodies and impact policy decisions
- Improve the capacity of local and municipal governments to deliver services effectively to citizens

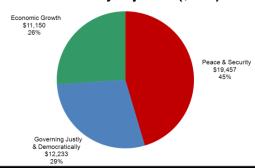
### Economic Growth (EG)

- Promote an accountable, transparent, and modern tax regime that simplifies compliance with tax laws and regulations
- Increase employment opportunities by enhancing the profitability and competitiveness of Bosnia's private sector, particularly in competitive sectors such as wood processing and tourism
- Encourage the growth of private sector economic activity through reform of Bosnia's legal, regulatory and fiscal environment

### **RECENT SUCCESSES:**

- U.S. experts trained and mentored BiH law enforcement and judicial institutions to combat Trafficking in Persons. USG assistance also resulted in the opening of a legal aid center for women and created trafficking prevention education in schools.
- USG support for the 2010 general elections increased participation of urban youth by 200,000 voters, developed online tools to reach citizens, and allowed the preliminary election results to be announced on election night.
- Training for judges, prosecutors, police, and customs officials on copyright, trademark, counterfeit medicine, and piracy issues initiated intellectual property regime infringement cases to strengthen the investment and business environment.
- Assistance to the Armed Forces of BiH supported improvements in training and equipment, and supported BiH's contribution of 55 personnel within NATO units in Afghanistan.
- Training for 294 police officers and prosecutors fostered cooperation and best practices in apprehending suspects, building sound cases and prosecuting suspects for war crimes, organized crime offences, corruption and terrorism.
- A USG project helped microenterprises run by women improve agricultural production of specialty products such as organic herbs and honey.

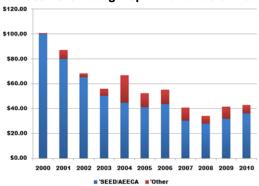
# FY 2010 Foreign Operations Assistance by Objective\* (\$000s)



BY OBJECTIVE		FY 2011 REQUEST	
TOTAL (\$000s)	\$42,840	\$53,474	\$50,250
Peace & Security	\$19,457	\$23,856	\$24,433
Governing Justly & Democratically	\$12,233	\$17,058	\$17,133
Economic Growth	\$11,150	\$12,560	\$8,684

BY ACCOUNT	FY 2010 ESTIMATE	FY 2011 REQUEST	FY 2012 REQUEST
TOTAL	\$42,840	\$53,474	\$50,250
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia & Central Asia (AEECA)	\$36,000	\$44,784	\$39,000
Foreign Military Financing (FMF)	\$4,000	\$6,440	\$5,000
International Military Education & Training (IMET)	\$990	\$1,000	\$1,000
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining & Related Programs (NADR)	\$1,850	\$1,250	\$5,250

#### FY 2000-2010 Foreign Operations Assistance



#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Coordinator's Office Annual Reports
<u>U.S. Embassy Website</u>
www.foreignassistance.gov

<sup>\*</sup>This fact sheet does not reflect centrally managed or regional Foreign Operations funding that is not specifically budgeted for Bosnia and Herzegovina.