

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

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Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Bill Summary



State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

The fiscal year 2023 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act provides \$59.7 billion, which is \$3.6 billion above fiscal year 2022. In addition, the legislation includes \$16.6 billion in emergency humanitarian, economic, and security assistance for Ukraine, countries affected by the situation in Ukraine, and other assistance to vulnerable populations and communities.

This legislation:

- Invests in Global Health and the Prevention of Future Pandemics by including \$10.56 billion to support the health of families and communities around the world, a \$731 million increase over fiscal year 2022 enacted. Included is robust support for global health security to prevent future pandemics through both bilateral and multilateral mechanisms.
- Provides \$6.8 billion in humanitarian assistance to address the historic levels of global displacement and humanitarian need resulting from natural disasters, economic strain from the pandemic, and the worldwide impact of Russia's aggression in Ukraine. In addition, division M includes \$2.5 billion in emergency supplemental humanitarian funding.
- Provides over \$1.8 billion to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific to help counter the growing influence of the People's Republic of China in developing countries.
- Provides \$2.9 billion to advance democracy programs and global democratic renewal by making democracies more resilient and responsive in countering authoritarian influence.
- Provides \$9.5 billion to support the operation of our diplomatic presence overseas for the Department of State's Diplomatic Programs and \$1.7 billion for USAID's Operating Expenses.

Bill Summary:

State Department Operations and Related Agencies – The bill provides a total of \$17.4 billion for the operational costs of the State Department and related agencies, as well as diplomatic efforts to enhance peace and stability around the globe.

Within this amount, the bill provides \$5.8 billion for embassy security, the same as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. These funds will address needs at more than 275 diplomatic facilities overseas, including facility upgrades and security personnel.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Operations – The bill provides a total of \$2.1 billion for USAID and the USAID Office of Inspector General – an increase of \$108.8 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. The bill increases diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility initiatives in addition to supporting the agency’s Global Development Partnership Initiative to support increased foreign service and civil service personnel, including for global health security, acquisition and assistance support, and climate programs.

Bilateral Economic and Global Health Assistance – The bill contains a total of \$20.5 billion for bilateral economic assistance to foreign countries – an increase of \$1.2 billion from the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. Within this amount, programs that support development assistance, global health, and humanitarian assistance are prioritized.

International Security Assistance – The bill provides a total of \$8.9 billion for international security assistance. Funds are included for international narcotics control and law enforcement activities, antiterrorism programs, nonproliferation programs, peacekeeping operations, and other critical international security efforts. The bill also provides funding to fight terrorist financing networks and bolsters border and airport security.

The bill provides security assistance to key allies and partners by fully funding the \$3.3 billion commitment to Israel’s security, fulfilling the MOU, and it maintains strong support for Foreign Military Financing Program (FMF) assistance for Egypt, Georgia and Jordan.

In addition, another \$560 million is included under division M for international security assistance, including for Ukraine and other countries impacted by the situation in Ukraine.

Multilateral Assistance – The bill provides \$2.8 billion for assistance to foreign countries through international organizations and multilateral development banks– an increase of \$388.7 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. The bill fully funds our assessed Contributions to International Organizations and continues our contributions to international financial institutions such as the World Bank’s International Development Association as well as to other multilateral institutions, including the Global Environment Facility and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

The bill supports increased partnership with multilateral institutions on providing additional assistance to support countries as they recover from the impacts of the pandemic and continue combatting against the climate crisis. In continuation of supporting countries in recovering from the economic impacts of the pandemic, the bill continues a contribution to the International Monetary Fund for the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust and the newly established Resilience and Sustainability Trust. The bill continues a contribution to the Clean Technology Fund to combat the climate crisis and help countries scale up low carbon technologies. The bill also includes a \$10 million contribution to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program to advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals on eliminating poverty and hunger.

Export and Investment Assistance – The bill provides \$1.2 billion on for the Export-Import Bank (EXIM), the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and the Trade and Development Agency (TDA). The bill provides \$125 million for administrative expenses for EXIM, an increase of \$11 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and provides \$15 million to support EXIM’s China and Transformational Exports Program to help American exporters compete fairly against PRC-backed competition.

The bill also provides \$1 billion for the DFC, an increase of \$302 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level, which supports administrative expenses for increased personnel to manage the DFC’s expanding portfolio, including its monitoring and evaluation requirements. In addition, \$5.6 million is provided for the DFC Office of Inspector General, an increase of \$2.8 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level, to be fully operational, equipped with sufficient personnel and resources to conduct oversight on the DFC’s portfolio. The bill also provides \$87 million for the United States Trade and Development Agency, an increase of \$7.5 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Funding for critical programs and organizations:

President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), including the Global Fund:

- \$6.39 billion for PEPFAR, including \$2 billion for the Global Fund – \$440 million more than the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Family Planning & UNFPA:

- \$575 million for family planning – consistent with the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
- \$32.5 million for UNFPA – consistent with the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Other Global Health Programs:

- \$4.166 billion for programs to improve maternal and child health and fight infectious diseases, \$286 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. Includes \$900 million for Global Health Security, a \$200 million increase above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Human Rights of All People including LGBTQI+ Communities:

- \$25 million for the Global Equality Fund – \$10 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
- \$25 million for the Protection of LGBTQI+ Persons, USAID – \$15 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
- \$500,000 for the Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons – same as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
- \$5 million for disability rights – \$1 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

International Basic Education:

- \$970 million for basic education – \$20 million above as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$277 million above the President’s budget request. This includes \$160 million for multilateral partnerships in education.

Humanitarian Assistance:

- \$6.8 billion for humanitarian assistance under the accounts Migration & Refugee Assistance (MRA), U.S. Emergency Refugee & Migration Assistance (ERMA), and International Disaster Assistance (IDA). The funds provided will help address global food insecurity, displacement due to conflict and natural disasters and climate change, and continue to rebuild the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. In addition, \$2.5 billion under IDA and MRA are included in division M for humanitarian needs in Ukraine and in countries impacted by the situation in Ukraine, and for additional support for other vulnerable populations. This brings the total made available for humanitarian assistance to nearly \$9.3 billion for fiscal year 2023.

Educational and Cultural Exchange (ECE) Programs:

- \$777.5 million for exchange programs - \$24.5 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$36.2 million above the President’s budget request.

Climate and Environment Initiatives:

- Includes \$2 billion for bilateral and multilateral climate and other environment programs. Including:
 - \$385 million for biodiversity, of which \$125 million is for wildlife trafficking, same as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level
 - \$185 million for sustainable landscapes, same as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level
 - \$270 million for adaptation programs, same as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level
 - \$260 million for clean energy programs, same as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level
 - \$150.2 million for the Global Environment Facility, \$912,000 above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and the same as the President's budget request.
 - \$125 million for the Clean Technology Fund, same as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level
 - Provides authority for a contribution to the Adaptation Fund and the Least Developed Countries Fund to help countries adapt to new climate realities caused by climate change

Democracy Programs & National Endowment for Democracy (NED):

- \$2.9 billion for democracy programs - \$300 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and same as the President's budget.
- \$315 million for the National Endowment for Democracy – same as the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$15 million above the President's budget.
- \$355.7 million for Democracy Fund, of which \$222.45 million is for the State Department and \$133.25 million for USAID, an increase of \$15 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and the President's budget request

Assessed & voluntary contributions for U.N. peacekeeping activities:

- \$1.5 billion for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) and \$460 million for Peacekeeping Operations (PKO).

Assessed & voluntary contributions to international organizations:

- \$1.438 billion to fully fund our assessed Contributions to International Organizations (CIO).
- \$508.6 million for International Organizations & Programs (IO&P) – \$85.6 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$51.4 million above the President's budget request.

U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM):

- \$875 million for USAGM, which is \$24.7 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$44.3 million above the President’s budget request.
- \$40 million for the Open Technology Fund, which is \$13 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Peace Corps:

- \$430.5 million for Peace Corps – an increase of \$20 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and same as the President’s budget request.

The Asia Foundation:

- \$22 million for the Asia Foundation – an increase of \$500,000 above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$2 million above the President’s budget request.

East-West Center:

- \$22 million for the East-West Center – an increase of \$2.3 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level and \$2.3 million above the President’s budget request.

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC):

- \$930 million for MCC, which is \$18 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

The U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP):

- \$55 million for USIP, which is \$1 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

The Inter-American Foundation:

- \$47 million for the IAF, which is \$5 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

U.S. African Development Foundation:

- \$45 million for the USADF, which is \$5 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Global Internet Freedom

- \$90.5 million for Global Internet Freedom initiatives, which is \$13 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Support for U.S. allies, partners, and programs including:
(amounts are included in account totals above)

- **Pacific Islands Countries:** Includes not less than \$150 million for Pacific Islands countries (PICs) for expanding diplomatic presence in PICs and for: trade capacity building; climate mitigation and adaptation programs; emergency preparedness and technical assistance for emergencies and post-disaster relief and recovery; economic programs to advance inclusive and sustainable long-term economic development; democratic governance; and security.
- **Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia (AEECA):** \$500 million for the countries of Eastern Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia. In addition, \$350 million is included under division M for assistance and related programs for Ukraine and other countries in Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia.
- **Assistance for the Palestinian people:** Includes \$225 million under Economic Support Fund for programs in the West Bank and Gaza serving the Palestinian people. The bill also directs \$75 million in additional funding for **UNRWA** for food assistance to vulnerable Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, given the sharp rise in the cost of food.
- **Israel:** Includes the \$3.3 billion MOU level in security assistance to Israel and extends loan guarantees to until fiscal year 2028.
- **Central America:** Provides funding to support the U.S. Strategy to Address the Root Causes of Migration in Central America, including \$61.5 million to combat corruption, strengthen rule of law, and advance human rights; \$70 million to address violence against women and girls; up to \$100 million to promote locally-led development in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras; and continues support the youth empowerment program to engage youth in the region to measurably reduce migration begun in fiscal year 2022. Maintains strong prior year conditions on assistance to the central governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.
- **The Caribbean:** Includes not less than \$82 million for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, \$12 million for a new initiative to promote inclusive economic growth, \$17 million to strengthen resilience to natural disasters, and \$12 million for the Caribbean Development Program, of which \$7.5 million is for the Caribbean Energy Initiative.
- **Small Island Developing States:** Includes \$50 million to assist Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to mitigate the impact of, and respond to, climate related disaster. Also includes new authority to provide U.S. loan guarantees to help SIDS manage the debt burden caused by such disasters.
- **Colombia:** Recommends \$487 million, including \$37.5 million for rule of law and human rights activities and \$40 million to enhance security in rural municipalities

with high coca production or levels of illicit activities. Continues conditions on assistance to ensure the Government of Colombia is holding accountable all those who committed illegal acts against protesters in 2020 and 2021.

- **Taiwan:** Provides funds from the Foreign Military Financing Program to support loans and loans guarantees for Taiwan; provides funds for a fellowship program; and \$4 million for the Global Cooperation and Training Framework
- **Venezuela:** Recommends \$50 million for democracy programs, as well as funding to support Venezuelan migrants in third countries.
- **Countering Russian Influence Fund:** \$300 million.
- **Countering PRC Influence Fund:** \$325 million, an increase of \$25 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
- **Tibetan Communities:** \$21 million for Tibetan communities, an increase of \$4 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level; and \$1 million for the U.S. Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues.
- **The Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act:** \$50 million to support the 3rd year of implementation, as authorized.
- **Israel:** Extension of loan guarantees to Israel until fiscal year 2028.
- **Middle East Regional Cooperation (MERC):** \$8 million for the MERC program, which is \$2 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Important policy provisions:

Promotes Diversity and Inclusion

- The bill includes increased funding, authority, and guidance to equip the Secretary of State and USAID Administrator to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) within the nation's diplomatic and development workforce. The bill includes \$18 million for paid internships at the Department of State and increases funding for other workforce diversity initiatives at both the Department of State and USAID, including a total of \$12 million for the Pickering and Rangel Fellowships.
- The bill includes an additional \$20 million for USAID to implement the goals and objectives of the agency's new strategy on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Promotes gender equality:

- The bill includes \$200 million for the Gender Equity and Equality Action Fund, \$50 million to support women's leadership, \$250 million to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, and \$150 million to support the Women, Peace and Security Strategy.

Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Program:

- The bill provides authority to extend the Afghan SIV program to sustain the U.S. commitment to resettle vulnerable Afghans who supported the U.S. mission in Afghanistan.
- The bill includes authority and direction for the Secretary of State to use the funding in this legislation to eliminate processing backlogs and expedite the adjudication of SIV cases.

UNESCO:

- The bill supports the United States rejoining **UNESCO**, by providing the Administration the waiver authority required to resume U.S. funding for the organization.