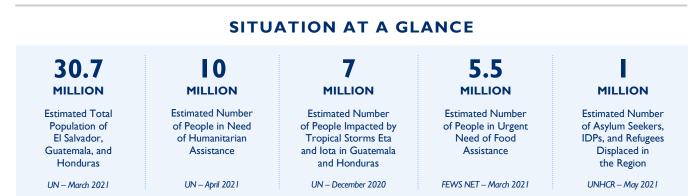




# El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras – Regional Response

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- On June 10, State/PRM announced \$57 million in new humanitarian assistance to support displaced people from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras within these countries and the region.
- USAID Administrator Samantha Power and USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) staff met with USAID/BHA humanitarian assistance recipients in Guatemala and Honduras in mid-June.
- Populations in the region continue to be affected by loss of agricultural labor income, low yields, and rising food and fuel prices, the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) reports.



TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING	USAID/BHA'	\$125,000,000
For the El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras Regional Response in FY 2021	State/PRM <sup>2</sup>	\$126,444,000
	Total <sup>3</sup>	\$251,444,000

1USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA)

2 U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

3 Figures include a portion of the funding for the El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras regional response announced by Vice President Kamala D. Harris on April 26, 2021 and additional State/PRM funding announced by Senior Advisor to the President on Migration Amy Pope on June 10, 2021. USAID/BHA has committed or obligated \$109,525,049 of the funding announced on April 26 as of June 14, 2021.

## State/PRM Announces \$57 Million in Additional Humanitarian Funding

On June 10, Senior Advisor to the President on Migration Amy Pope announced more than \$57 million in new State/PRM funding during the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS) Solidarity Event for Forcibly Displaced Persons and Host Communities in Central America and Mexico which took place in San Jose, Costa Rica. Through State/PRM's international organization partners, this funding will help meet the immediate humanitarian needs of forcibly displaced persons and support access to protection assistance in line with the national action plans of the MIRPS member countries—Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama. Activities include education, livelihoods, protection, shelter, and water sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) assistance to asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, and vulnerable migrants.

# USAID Administrator and DART Staff Visit Affected Communities in Guatemala and Honduras

USAID Administrator Samantha Power and USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) staff visited communities receiving USAID/BHA-funded humanitarian assistance in Honduras and Guatemala on June 13 and 16, respectively. In Honduras' Cortés Department, Administrator Power and DART staff met with community members and program beneficiaries in a community near San Pedro Sula that was heavily impacted by flooding from tropical storms Eta and lota, which reached the strength of Category 4 and Category 5 hurricanes on the Saffir-Simpson Wind Scale at their respective peaks in November 2020. The community members and staff from non-governmental organization (NGO) partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and local partner the Foundation for the Development of Honduras (FUNADEH) discussed the humanitarian situation and shared their experiences with USAID/BHA-funded multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA), shelter, and WASH assistance; community participants in the discussions expressed traumatic experiences during and after the storms and stressed the importance of the assistance for their ongoing recovery. In Guatemala, the USAID Administrator traveled to Huehuetenango Department to meet with indigenous women who have been impacted by recurrent drought, tropical storms Eta and lota, and the COVID-19 pandemic, and are receiving food assistance through USAID/BHA partner Project Concern International (PCI). During the meetings facilitated by community leaders and PCI staff, Administrator Power discussed with the program beneficiaries their recent experiences and humanitarian situation, and the USAID support they are receiving through PCI to cope with increased food insecurity and loss of livelihoods due to the storms and other factors. In addition to providing food assistance, PCI's program in Huehuetenango is working to build resilience through several complimentary activities, including women's savings groups and home gardens.

### Acute Food Insecurity Projected to Rise in Region Through August

Rural and urban livelihoods in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras continue to be negatively affected by low household purchasing power, which is linked to under- and unemployment related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, loss of crops and agricultural labor income during the 2020/2021 production year, and rising food and fuel prices, FEWS NET reports. Many poor households continue to experience food consumption gaps or are utilizing harmful coping strategies to afford food, such as taking on debt and selling productive assets. Food assistance needs are highest in rural areas, where food availability and income are at an annual low during the ongoing lean season. FEWS NET anticipates that the population requiring urgent food assistance within the region will increase until the start of the primera harvest in mid-to-late August.

## **Rainfall Anomalies Impact Parts of the Central America Region**

Below-average rainfall has led to atypical dryness in parts of eastern El Salvador and southern Honduras as of early June, according to FEWS NET. In eastern Guatemala's Chiquimula Department, many farmers participating in a USAID/BHA-funded agriculture program have reported insufficient rain to plant maize crops; those who planted maize with the first rains in May have experienced crop losses. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall in late May and early June in parts of southern and central Guatemala caused landslides near Fuego and Santiaguito volcanoes.

## USG Partners Deliver Support to Food-Insecure Households, IDPs

With USAID/BHA funding, NGO partner CRS reached nearly 10,800 Guatemalan households in May with cash transfers for food in Alta Verapaz and Chiquimula departments, including households impacted by tropical storms Eta and lota in November 2020. Additionally, the USAID/BHA partner conducted training activities for more than 50 community agricultural leaders on resilient agriculture practices; the community agricultural leaders subsequently trained nearly 900 small-scale farmers. CRS also distributed approximately 800 WASH kits and more than 1,700 kits to ensure households have safe drinking water. Moreover, the NGO trained nearly 500 community leaders on the importance of safe water management; after the training, the community leaders reached an estimated 8,200 households with messaging on safe water management.

USAID/BHA partner Save the Children (SCF) continued providing assistance to storm-affected households in Guatemala's Quiché Department in May, including activities to restore and improve access to running water, promote healthy hygiene practices, ensure child protection and prevention of sexual abuse, provide psychosocial support, and distribute MPCA to help households meet their basic needs while also stimulating the local economy. During the month, SCF provided MPCA transfers to 3,300 households—16,500 individuals—across 44 communities in Quiché. The USAID/BHA partner has conducted market price monitoring of key food and non-food products to ensure that MPCA transfers maintain the intended purchasing power; as of May, average prices for monitored foods were approximately 16 percent lower than during the initial project design. SCF is also providing psychosocial support (PSS) to people who have been emotionally or psychologically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and impacts of tropical storms Eta and lota. During May, SCF conducted PSS sessions in 11 communities with more than 100 participants.

With USAID/BHA support, the UN World Food Program (WFP) reached more than 20,700 households—103,700 individuals—during the month of May with cash transfers for food to vulnerable households in Honduras' Atlántida, Colón, Copán, Cortés, Gracias a Dios, Lempira, Ocotepeque, and Santa Bárbara departments. The program provides lifesaving food assistance to households impacted by the tropical storms in November 2020. To date, WFP has provided food assistance to more than 250,000 people affected by the storms. Additionally, USAID/BHA partner Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) reached more than 5,420 households—27,100 people—with in-kind food assistance in Francisco Morazán and Valle departments; the NGO partner also conducted hand washing demonstrations at food distribution sites to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In mid-June, ADRA also started food distributions in Francisco Morazán, Choluteca, and El Paraíso under a new USAID/BHA program.

In June, DART staff visited communities in Cortés, Santa Bárbara, and Yoro with partners CRS, Global Communities, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and World Vision. The communities visited had experienced unprecedented flooding from tropical storms Eta and Iota in November 2020; USAID/BHA partners are providing multi-sector support—including health, MPCA, protection, shelter, and WASH programs—to help families recover after months of displacement and limited livelihoods options.

State/PRM partner the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) hosted a workshop for the Government of El Salvador's Ministry of Local Development on protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) in May. The PSEA workshop trained staff on safeguards to prevent PSEA and when and where to report cases when exploitation or abuse occurs. Additionally, UNHCR supported nearly 40 families forcibly displaced from their homes in El Salvador's capital city of San Salvador during the end of May with immediate humanitarian and protection needs.

#### **KEY FIGURES**



People supported monthly through USG emergency food assistance



People supported monthly with USG-funded protection activities

## **U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

### FOOD SECURITY

To address acute food insecurity in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras that has been exacerbated by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, recurrent droughts, and damage from multiple tropical storms, USAID/BHA supports the delivery of cash assistance for food and food vouchers to reduce food consumption gaps and prevent and address malnutrition among food-insecure households during the lean season, which is projected to last through August FEWS NET reports. USAID/BHA is building upon years of strategic emergency food assistance to address increased needs within the three countries in a manner that improves food consumption patterns and increases dietary diversity, while building resilience to shocks for vulnerable communities who rely heavily on agricultural production.

#### PROTECTION

With State/PRM support, UNHCR is working with the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to implement the governments' respective commitments under the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework-known in Spanish as MIRPS-to address forced displacement. State/PRM efforts include building government capacities to conduct protection screenings, receive and process asylum claims, and respond to protection concerns among IDPs and other at-risk communities. In addition, State/PRM provides funding to the International Committee of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (ICRC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), and UNHCR in the three countries to support shelter, livelihoods, and other assistance to refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs, and vulnerable migrants including children; survivors of gender-based violence (GBV); Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) individuals; and people with disabilities. UNHCR also leads the Protection Clusters-the coordinating bodies for humanitarian protection activities, comprised of UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders-in countries throughout the region—including El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras—providing humanitarian leadership to partner organizations on coordinated responses to forced displacement within each country. With State/PRM funding, UNHCR is working with the Government of El

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With State/PRM funding, UNHCR is working with the Government of El Salvador to train staff on how to identify persons in need and make referrals for services provided by the Protection Cluster. State/PRM also supports UNICEF efforts throughout the region to strengthen child welfare services for displaced and unaccompanied migrant children, while State/PRM partner ICRC is responding to protection needs in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras and the region, including through restoring family links—including support related to missing persons—and support to individuals in situations of detention.

USAID/BHA's protection partners provide psychosocial support, learning and recreational opportunities, and case management and referral services for children and women at high risk of exploitation, GBV, and other forms of abuse. In particular, USAID/BHA partners are assisting populations in Honduras who have become increasingly vulnerable to GBV and child protection concerns due to increasing displacement and other impacts, such as those generated by the COVID-19 pandemic and tropical storms Eta and lota.

## AGRICULTURE

USAID/BHA partners are supporting small-scale farmers and other agriculture-dependent households in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. With USAID/BHA support, humanitarian actors are providing critical agricultural assistance to farmers to ensure appropriate and timely inputs for planting and growing seasons to mitigate worsening food insecurity in the region. Partners are working with rural households through the provision of farming tools, fertilizer, livestock feed, poultry, seeds, and access to veterinary services.

USAID/BHA partners aim to complement the agricultural inputs by providing agricultural training on climate-smart farming practices such as drip irrigation, diversification of crops, and soil management to increase crop production and to build resilience to future climate shocks. In Honduras, families also receive training on how to increase egg production in chickens to be a source of protein and generate additional income. USAID/BHA-funded agricultural programming strengthens livelihood opportunities and market access for rural households and helps to improve nutritional outcomes through increased availability of nutritious local foods.



People supported through USG agriculture assistance



Communities in Honduras' Dry Corridor supported with USG-funded ERMS activities

# ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS

USAID/BHA partners are implementing economic recovery and market systems (ERMS) interventions to support vulnerable households to restore livelihoods, increase financial resilience, and mitigate the impact of future shocks. Program activities include establishing community savings and loans groups and restarting and expanding income-generating activities. Additionally, in some communities, USAID/BHA partners are also holding financial literacy courses to promote savings and increased awareness of and access to financial services.

## **CONTEXT IN BRIEF**

- Consecutive years of drought, damages caused by Hurricanes Eta and lota, and the impact of COVID-19 have adversely affected thousands of subsistence farmers and exacerbated food insecurity in rural communities in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, poor health infrastructure, high population density, and insufficient availability of water and sanitation services have challenged efforts to control spread of the disease, while the socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic exacerbated existing health, food, nutrition, and protection needs, increasing the total population requiring humanitarian assistance across El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.
- USAID/BHA was required to freeze its humanitarian assistance programming in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras between March 2019 and May 2020. During the period of the freeze, food insecurity increased dramatically across the three countries. In June 2020, USAID/BHA began to re-engage with its partners in the region and restarted support for food assistance programming to vulnerable populations in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.
- The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season was the most active season ever recorded, with 30 named storms and 13 hurricanes, including six major hurricanes, according to the UN. In particular, Tropical Storm Amanda in El Salvador in May 2020 and tropical storms Eta and lota in Guatemala and Honduras in November 2020 resulted in widespread destruction and large numbers of people in need, further exacerbating vulnerabilities within the region. USAID/BHA's disaster response experts in San José, Costa Rica, and Washington, D.C., are monitoring the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season in coordination with local partners and U.S. mission disaster relief officers in the region.
- On February 26, 2021, U.S. Ambassador William W. Popp issued a disaster declaration for Guatemala; on March 8, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Colleen A. Hoey issued a disaster declaration for Honduras; and on March 15, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Brendan O'Brien issued a disaster declaration in El Salvador. All three disaster declarations were issued for FY 2021 in response to severe food insecurity resulting from the increased displacement due to violence, the compounding impact of natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic, and recurrent drought.

#### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
	EL SALVADO	R	
	USAID/BHA		
Americares	Health, Protection, WASH	San Miguel, Usulután	\$1,000,000
CRS	Agriculture, MPCA	Ahuachapán, La Union, Morazán, Sonsonate	\$2,409,500
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	MPCA, Protection	San Miguel, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Usulután	\$592,031
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health	Countrywide	\$800,000
WFP	Agriculture, Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Practice (DRRPP), Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	Ahuachapán, La Union, Morazán, San Miguel, Usulután	\$7,000,000
World Vision	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, WASH	Ahuachapán, Morazán, San Miguel, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Sonsonate, Usulután	\$2,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUND	ING IN EL SALVADOR		\$13,801,531
	STATE/PRM		
UNHCR	ERMS, Education, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$7,700,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$3,570,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUND	ING IN EL SALVADOR		\$11,270,000
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	USAID/BHA		
Action Against Hunger/Spain	Food Assistance–Cash Transfers	Huehuetenango	\$3,000,000
CARE	ERMS, Protection	Alta Verapaz, Izabal, Quetzaltenango, Quiche, San Marcos	\$4,498,659
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, Nutrition, MPCA	Alta Verapaz, Chiquimula	\$13,500,000
IRC	Protection, MPCA	Chimaltenango, Huehuetenango	\$499,989
PCI	ERMS, MPCA, WASH	Huehuetenango	\$7,000,000
Plan USA	Agriculture, ERMS, Food Assistance–Cash Transfers, WASH	Alta Verapaz	\$2,500,000
SCF	MPCA, Nutrition, WASH	Quiche	\$5,000,000
WFP	Food Assistance–Cash Transfers	El Progreso, Jalapa, Jutiapa, Retalhuleu, Santa Rosa, Sololá, Zacapa	\$5,500,000
World Vision	Agriculture, Food Assistance–Cash Transfers, Protection, WASH	Alta Verapaz, Totonicapán	\$3,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUND	ING IN GUATEMALA		\$44,498,648
	STATE/PRM		
UNHCR	ERMS, Education, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$14,300,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$4,395,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUND			\$18,695,000

USAID/BHA

ADRA	Agriculture, Food Assistance–Local, Regional, and International Procurement	Choluteca, El Paraíso, Francisco Morazán	\$9,000,000
CARE	MPCA, Protection	Cortes, Santa Barbara, Yoro	\$1,736,000
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements , WASH	Cortes, Francisco Morazán, La Paz, Lempira, Santa Barbara, Yoro	\$7,085,670
Global Communities	Agriculture; ERMS; Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments (HCIMA); MPCA; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Choluteca, Copan, Cortes, El Paraíso, Ocotepeque, Santa Bárbara, Valle	\$4,500,000
GOAL	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Atlántida, Colon, Cortes, Francisco Morazán, Gracias a Dios, Intibucá, Lempira, Olancho, Yoro	\$6,585,670
IRC	MPCA, Protection	Cortes, Francisco Morazán, Santa Barbara	\$399,980
РАНО	Health	Countrywide	\$1,500,000
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Atlántida, Cortes, Yoro	\$2,000,000
WFP	Agriculture, DRRPP, Food Assistance–Cash Transfers	Cortes, Santa Barbara, Yoro	\$11,000,000
World Vision	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Protection, WASH	Copan, Cortes, Santa Barbara, Yoro	\$2,500,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUI	NDING IN HONDURAS		\$46,307,320
	STATE/PRM		
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$9,700,000
UNICEF	Education, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$3,636,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUI	NDING IN HONDURAS		\$13,336,000
	BELIZE		
	STATE/PRM		
UNICEF	Education, Protection	Countrywide	\$687,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUI	NDING IN BELIZE		\$687,000
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	STATE/PRM		
UNHCR	ERMS, MPCA, Protection	Countrywide	\$7,900,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,120,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUI	NDING IN COSTA RICA		\$9,020,000
	MEXICO		
	STATE/PRM		
IOM	MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
UNHCR	Education, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$38,400,000
UNICEF	Education, ERMS, Protection, WASH, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$10,250,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUI	NDING IN MEXICO		\$53,650,000
	PANAMA		
	STATE/PRM		
UNICEF	Education, Health, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,446,000

TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN PANAMA		\$1,446,000		
	REGIONAL			
	STATE/PRM			
ICRC	Education, Health, Protection	Regional	\$10,200,000	
IOM	Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Regional	\$1,500,000	
UNHCR	ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Regional	\$6,100,000	
UNICEF	HCIMA, DRRPP	Regional	\$540,000	
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN REGION		\$18,340,000		
TOTAL USAID/BHA EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021		\$104,607,499		
TOTAL STATE/PRM EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021 <sup>2</sup>		\$126,444,000		
TOTAL USG EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN FY 2021	FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEM	ALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL	\$231,051,499	

 <sup>1</sup>USAID/BHA funding figures reflect a portion of the \$125 million in humanitarian assistance for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras announced by Vice President Harris on April 26, 2021; funding figures represent committed or obligated funding from April 6, 2021 to June 14, 2021.
<sup>2</sup> State/PRM funding figures reflect a portion of the \$104,848,739—totaling \$69,344,000—announced by Vice President Harris on April 26, 2021; figures do not include announced \$25 million from prior fiscal years reallocated to address new priorities and approximately \$10.5 million in funding under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in the Western Hemisphere that is not included as part of State/PRM's overseas assistance totals. Additionally, State/PRM funding includes \$57,100,000 announced by Senior Advisor to the President on the State PRM funding includes and the president on the president of the president on the presiden Migration Amy Pope on June 10, 2021.

#### ER4 FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 20213

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/BHA			
	El Salvad	or	
CRS	DRRPP	La Union, San Miguel, San Vicente, Usulután	\$380,000
Miyamoto International	DRRPP	San Salvador	\$150,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUND	ING FOR EL SALVADOR		\$530,000
	Guatema	ala	
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS	Baja Verapaz, Chiquimula	\$905,802
PCI	Agriculture, DRRPP, Natural Hazards and Technological Risks (NHTR), Shelter	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
	DRRRPP	Countrywide	\$371,748
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUND	ING FOR GUATEMALA		\$2,277,550
	Hondura	as	
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, NHTR	Intibucá, La Paz, Lempira	\$1,000,000
GOAL	DRRPP, Shelter and Settlements	Francisco Morazán	\$650,000
	DRRPP, ERMS, NHTR, Shelter and Settlements	Cortes, Yoro	\$460,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUND	ING FOR HONDURAS		\$2,110,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA ER4 FU RESPONSE IN FY 2021	JNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEN	1ALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL	\$4,917,550
<sup>3</sup> Activities include support of early recover stresses, and build resilience to future sh		ress chronic vulnerabilities and reduce the overall impact of re	current shocks and

TOTAL USAID/BHA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND \$109,525,049 HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021

TOTAL STATE/PRM HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021

\$126,444,000

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021<sup>4</sup>

\$235,969,049

<sup>4</sup>Reflects portion of funding announced, committed or obligated as of June 14, 2021.

#### **PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - o USAID Center for International Disaster Information: cidi.org
  - o Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at reliefweb.int.

USAID/BHA bulletins appear on the USAID website at usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance/where-we-work