



El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras - Regional Response

JULY 29, 2021

SITUATION AT A GLANCE

30.7 MILLION

Estimated Total Population of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras

UN - March 2021

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Estimated Number of People in Need of Humanitarian Assistance

UN – April 2021

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Estimated Number of People Impacted by Tropical Storms Eta and Iota in Guatemala and Honduras

UN – December 2020

5.5

Estimated Number of People in Urgent Need of Food Assistance

FEWS NET - June 2021

■ MILLION

Estimated Number of Asylum Seekers, IDPs, and Refugees Displaced in the Region

UNHCR - May 2021

- Guatemala and Honduras continue to report record COVID-19 caseloads, with approximately 20,170 and 7,380 new confirmed cases, respectively, identified from July 13 to 19, according to WHO.
- USAID/BHA staff conducted monitoring visits with NGO partners in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras in mid-July, meeting with people receiving USAID/BHA-funded food assistance, MPCA, and protection support.
- In May and June, State/PRM partner UNHCR increased access to IDs and work permits for asylum seekers and refugees in Costa Rica and Panama.



TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING	USAID/BHA ^I	\$123,387,171
For the El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras Regional Response in FY 2021	State/PRM ²	\$126,444,000
	Total ³	\$251,831,171

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

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

³ Figures include 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.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Health Actors Identify Record COVID-19 Caseloads in Guatemala and Honduras

Guatemala experienced its highest weekly coronavirus disease (COVID-19) caseload since the start of the pandemic from July 13 to 19, confirming nearly 20,170 new cases, according to data compiled by the UN World Health Organization (WHO). Overall, nearly 352,100 COVID-19 cases had been reported in the country as of July 27, with 10,100 related deaths. Guatemala's COVID-19 vaccination rate remains one of the lowest in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Health actors had administered nearly 1.5 million vaccine doses as of July 27, reaching an estimated 8 percent of the country's population of more than 17.9 million people with at least one vaccine dose, according to WHO. On July 20, Guatemala received 3 million doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine as a donation from the United States; the arrival marks the second shipment of U.S.-donated vaccines in July, following the July 8 arrival of 1.5 million Moderna COVID-19 vaccine doses. Meanwhile, USAID/BHA partner Save the Children Federation (SCF) is training health care workers in the country and promoting proper infection prevention and control (IPC) measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

In Honduras, health actors identified nearly 7,380 new COVID-19 cases during the week ending July 19, representing the second highest weekly case count to date. WHO reports a total of more than 286,600 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Honduras as of July 27, with 7,594 related deaths. With among the lowest vaccination rate in the region, health actors in Honduras had administered nearly 1.6 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine as of July 27, reaching approximately 14 percent of its population of more than 9.9 million with at least one dose. In response, USAID/BHA supported GOAL and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) to conduct risk communication and community engagement and hygiene promotion activities to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission among populations in Honduras. Additionally, USAID/BHA partner the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is providing essential health and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in both Guatemala and Honduras, including strengthening community surveillance and distributing hygiene kits to further assist in mitigating coronavirus transmission.

While Guatemala and Honduras are experiencing record-high caseloads, the weekly total of new confirmed COVID-19 cases in El Salvador for the week ending July 19 was approximately 1,840, which remains below the country's highest peak recorded in July 2020. As of July 20, 2021, WHO had reported nearly 84,700 cases of COVID-19 in El Salvador, with 2,558 related deaths. Approximately 3.9 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in the country as of July 27, reaching more than 52 percent of its population of nearly 6.5 million with at least one dose of the vaccine. To address COVID-19 needs in El Salvador, USAID/BHA partner Americares is distributing medical commodities, such as personal protective equipment and IPC supplies, and training health care staff on IPC measures and epidemiological surveillance.

USAID/BHA Staff Conduct Site Visits in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras

USAID/BHA staff conducted multiple site visits in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras in recent weeks. On July 16, USAID/BHA staff traveled with partner World Vision to two communities in El Salvador's Santa Elena municipality, Usulután Department, to discuss program start up activities and observe beneficiary registration for multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA). With USAID/BHA support, the non-governmental organization (NGO) aims to reach more than 160 households in the two communities visited. During the visit, USAID/BHA staff also met with community members, who described varying impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, drought, and tropical storms, including reduced opportunities for day labor and informal sector income. Most of these household members noted that they had reduced some aspect of their food consumption due to lost crops or income, including eliminating meat consumption and reducing the number of meals.

Separately, USAID/BHA staff traveled to Guatemala's Santa Bárbara municipality, Huehuetenango Department, on July 13 to monitor Project Concern International (PCI) cash transfer, health, livelihoods, nutrition, and WASH activities supported by USAID/BHA. During the visit, USAID/BHA staff met with participants in a women's savings group, a livelihoods program that teaches financial management practices and encourages women to set savings goals, and observed a group session with 11 participants; group session sizes have been limited to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, USAID/BHA staff observed one of 15 rain catchment systems that the NGO partner has installed to help provide safe drinking water to 31 communities. The system has the capacity to provide more than 1,300 gallons of safe drinking water, allowing households to access potable water on a regular basis without traveling long distances. USAID/BHA personnel also met with people supported by PCI's cash transfer program and shelter activities, including repair of houses damaged by tropical storms Eta and lota. After the PCI site visits, USAID/BHA staff traveled to Huehuetenango's Cuilco municipality with partner Action Against Hunger (AAH) to observe a USAID/BHA-funded cash transfer program, during which 180 households received cash transfers to help meet basic needs.

Meanwhile, USAID/BHA personnel observed a NGO partner Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)-implemented emergency food distribution in Honduras' Choluteca Department on July 20, where more than 120 households from three communities received food rations sufficient to meet food needs for up to four weeks. Through the program, ADRA also holds optional workshops for households receiving food assistance on topics such as cash saving and WASH best practices. During the visit, beneficiaries noted that the USAID/BHA-funded food assistance has enabled individuals to increase the number of meals consumed per day and allowed households to purchase other essential items, such as hygiene commodities and internet service for remote school learning.

State/PRM Partner UNHCR Provides Assistance to Asylum-Seekers and Refugees

In May, State/PRM partner the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) supported Costa Rican authorities to issue identification documents (IDs) and work permits to nearly 7,000 asylum seekers. The UN agency also supported the onboarding of more than 10 new registration staff at the Government of Costa Rica's Refugee Unit in the capital city of San José, which will expand the unit's capacity to issue additional IDs and permits per month and reduce the backlog of pending requests. Meanwhile, in June, UNHCR coordinated with local officials in Panama's Darién region to renew the IDs of nearly 180 refugees and asylum seekers.

KEY FIGURES



People supported monthly through USG emergency food assistance

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. 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 that rely heavily on agricultural production.



PROTECTION

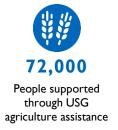
With State/PRM support, UNHCR is working with the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to implement the governments' respective commitments under the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework—known in Spanish as MIRPS—to address forced displacement. State/PRM efforts include building government capacities to conduct protection screenings, receive and process asylum claims, and respond to protection concerns among internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other at-risk communities. In addition, State/PRM provides funding to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNHCR, and UNICEF 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 individuals; and people with disabilities. UNHCR also leads the Protection Clusters—the coordinating bodies for humanitarian protection activities, comprising 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 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—such as support related to missing persons—and support to individuals in situations of detention.

USAID/BHA's protection partners in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras 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. At present, USAID/BHA partners are assisting populations in Honduras who have become increasingly vulnerable to GBV and child protection concerns due to displacement and other impacts, such as those generated by the COVID-19 pandemic and tropical storms Eta and lota. Moreover, USAID/BHA partners are scaling up programming to address additional protection needs in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.



USAID/BHA partners are supporting smallholder 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 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, households also receive training on how to increase egg production in chickens to serve as 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.



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 tropical storms Eta and lota, and the impact of COVID-19 have adversely affected thousands of subsistence farmers and exacerbated food insecurity in rural and urban 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 resumed 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	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
	EL SAI	VADOR	
	USAI	D/BHA	
Americares	Health, Protection, WASH	San Miguel, Usulután	\$1,000,000
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Agriculture, MPCA	Ahuachapan, La Unión, Morazan, Sonsonate	\$2,409,500
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	MPCA, Protection	San Miguel, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Usulután	\$592,031
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	ERMS, MPCA, Protection	La Paz, La Libertad, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Sonsonate, Usulután	\$2,307,607
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health	Ahuachapán, La Paz, La Unión, Morazán, San Miguel, Usulután	\$800,000

UN World Food Program (WFP)	Agriculture, Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Practice (DRRPP), Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	Ahuachapan, La Unión, Morazan, San Miguel, Usulután	\$7,000,000
World Vision	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, WASH	Ahuachapan, Morazan, San Miguel, San Salvador, Santa Ana, Sonsonate, Usulután	\$2,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNI	DING IN EL SALVADOR		\$16,109,138
	STATE/PRM		
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$7,700,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$3,570,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNI	DING IN EL SALVADOR		\$11,270,000
	GUATEMAL	A.	
	USAID/BHA		
AAH	Food Assistance–Cash Transfers	Huehuetenango	\$3,000,000
CARE	ERMS, Protection	Alta Verapaz, Izabal, Quetzaltenango, Quiché, San Marcos	\$4,498,659
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, Nutrition, MPCA, WASH	Alta Verapaz, Chiquimula	\$13,500,000
IFRC	ERMS, MPCA, Nutrition	Izabal	\$1,075,650
IRC	MPCA, Protection	Chimaltenango, Huehuetenango	\$499,989
PCI	Agriculture, ERMS, Health, MPCA, WASH	Huehuetenango	\$11,400,000
Plan USA	Agriculture, ERMS, Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, WASH	Alta Verapaz	\$2,500,000
SCF	Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Quiché	\$6,578,865
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 FUNI	DING IN GUATEMALA		\$51,553,163
	STATE/PRM		
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$14,300,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$4,395,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNI	DING IN GUATEMALA		\$18,695,000
	HONDURAS	•	
	USAID/BHA		
ADRA	Agriculture, Food Assistance–Local, Regional, and International Procurement	Choluteca, El Paraiso, Francisco Morazán, Valle	\$9,000,000
CARE	MPCA, Protection	Cortés, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$1,736,000
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Cortés, Francisco Morazán, La Paz, Lempira, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$7,085,670
Global Communities	Agriculture; ERMS; Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments (HCIMA); MPCA; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Choluteca, Copan, Cortés, El Paraiso, Ocotepeque, Santa Bárbara, Valle	\$4,500,000

GOAL	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Atlántida, Colon, Cortés, Francisco Morazán, Gracias a Dios, Intibucá, Lempira, Olancho, Yoro	\$6,585,670
IRC	MPCA, Protection	Cortés, Francisco Morazán, Santa Bárbara	\$399,980
NRC	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Protection	Copán, Francisco Morazán, Santa Bárbara	\$2,000,000
РАНО	Health	Choluteca, Gracias a Dios, Santa Bárbara	\$1,500,000
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, Protection	Atlántida, Cortés, Yoro	\$2,000,000
WFP	Agriculture, DRRPP, ERMS, Food Assistance– Cash Transfers	Atlántida, Colon, Cortés, Olancho, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$15,500,000
World Vision	Agriculture, ERMS, MPCA, Protection, WASH	Copán, Cortés, Santa Bárbara, Yoro	\$2,500,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA	A FUNDING IN HONDURAS		\$52,807,320
	STATE/PRM		
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$9,700,000
UNICEF	Education, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$3,636,000
TOTAL STATE/PRN	1 FUNDING IN HONDURAS		\$13,336,000
	BELIZE		
	STATE/PRM		
UNICEF	Education, Protection	Countrywide	\$687,000
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TOTAL STATE/TIME			4007,000
	COSTA RIC		
	STATE/PRM		
UNHCR	ERMS, MPCA, Protection	Countrywide	\$7,900,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,120,000
TOTAL STATE/PRI	1 FUNDING 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, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$10,250,000
TOTAL STATE/PRI	1 FUNDING IN MEXICO		\$53,650,000
	PANAMA		
	STATE/PRM		
UNICEF	Education, Health, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,446,000
TOTAL STATE/PRI	1 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	DRRPP, HCIMA	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	\$120,469,621
TOTAL STATE/PRM EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021	\$126,444,000
TOTAL USG EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021	\$246,913,621

¹ State/PRM funding figures reflect a portion—totaling \$69,344,000— of the more than \$104 million 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 Migration Amy Pope on June 10, 2021. Included in the overall total is \$10.8 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act in response to COVID-19.

ER4 FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 20212

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT	
	USAID/BHA			
	El Salvador			
CRS	DRRPP	La Unión, San Miguel, San Vicente, Usulután	\$380,000	
Miyamoto International	DRRPP	San Salvador	\$150,000	
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUND	ING FOR EL SALVADOR		\$530,000	
	Guatemala			
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, Natural Hazards and Technological Risks	Baja Verapaz, Chiquimula	\$905,802	
	DRRPP, Shelter and Settlements	Guatemala Department	\$1,000,000	
PCI	DRRRPP	Guatemala Department, Huehuetenango, Jalapa, Jutiapa, Quetzaltenango, Quiché, San Marcos, Santa Rosa, Sololá, Totonicapán	\$371,748	
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR GUATEMALA			\$2,277,550	
	Honduras			
CRS	Agriculture, ERMS, Natural Hazards and Technological Risks	Intibucá, La Paz, Lempira	\$1,000,000	
	DRRPP, Shelter and Settlements	Francisco Morazán	\$650,000	
GOAL	DRRPP, ERMS, Natural Hazards and Technological Risks, Shelter and Settlements	Cortés, Yoro	\$460,000	
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR HONDURAS			\$2,110,000	
TOTAL USAID/BHA ER4 FU RESPONSE IN FY 2021	JNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMAI	LA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL	\$4,917,550	

² Activities include support of early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) programs to address chronic vulnerabilities, reduce the overall impact of recurrent shocks and stresses, and build resilience to future shocks.

TOTAL USAID/BHA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND HONDURAS REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2021	\$125,387,171
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 ³	\$251,831,171

 $^{^3\,\}mathrm{Reflects}$ portion of funding announced, committed or obligated as of July 29, 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