

Southern Africa

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN REVIEW

Fiscal Years (FYs) 2011 – 2020

Complex emergencies and natural disasters present significant challenges to vulnerable populations throughout the Southern Africa region. Between FY 2011 and FY 2020, USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) responded to a range of natural and man made crises through the former Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) and Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA). Examples include drought, floods, food insecurity, and pest infestations across the region; cyclones affecting Comoros, Madagascar, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe; a complex emergency in Mozambique; and an earthquake in Comoros; as well as the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

USAID provided nearly \$1.2 billion to assist disaster-affected populations in Southern Africa between FY 2011 and FY 2020. Of the total, USAID/FFP contributed approximately \$944 million in emergency food and nutrition assistance, including U.S. in-kind food aid, locally and regionally purchased food, cash transfers for food, food vouchers, and complementary services, while USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$236 million to support agriculture; health; humanitarian coordination, information management, and assessments; livelihoods; logistics; nutrition; protection; shelter and settlements; and water, sanitation, and hygiene activities.

In the last decade, USAID responded to 54 disasters across nine countries in Southern Africa, with cyclones, drought, and floods constituting the most frequent emergencies. Additionally, in FY 2019, USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to Mozambique to lead the U.S. Government's response to the humanitarian impacts of tropical cyclones Idai and Kenneth, and activated a Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team to further support coordination and cyclone response efforts.



The Southern Africa region comprises Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

\$1,179,974,009

USAID Humanitarian Assistance Funding for Southern Africa¹

FYs 2011 – 2020

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Top Receiving Countries
(FYs 2011 – 2020)



¹ FY 2020 figures represent committed or obligated amounts as of September 30, 2020. FY 2020 figures are subject to fluctuation due to end-of-fiscal-year financial review and reconciliation activities. USAID/BHA funding includes emergency food assistance from the former USAID/FFP and non-food humanitarian assistance from the former USAID/OFDA. Figures do not include USAID/FFP development assistance or USAID/OFDA disaster preparedness and mitigation assistance provided outside of declared disaster responses.