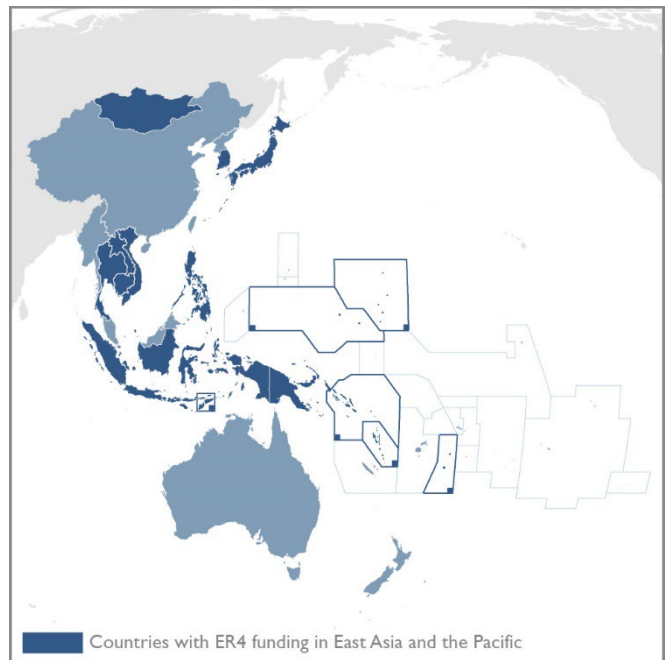


Early Recovery, Risk Reduction, and Resilience

Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance – East Asia and the Pacific

REGIONAL SUMMARY

- In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) provided more than \$50 million to partner organizations conducting early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) activities in 16 countries across East Asia and the Pacific (EAP). Populations throughout EAP are vulnerable to a range of natural disasters, including cyclones, droughts, earthquakes, floods, and landslides. These hazards compound existing vulnerabilities faced by many communities in the region, driving increased humanitarian need.
- USAID/BHA partners continued to support the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its member states to develop and institutionalize early warning, disaster management, and hazard monitoring systems during FY 2023.
- With FY 2023 funding, USAID/BHA supported the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to strengthen first responder capacities of national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies across EAP, enabling them to respond more rapidly and efficiently to natural disasters.
- USAID/BHA programs emphasized addressing the unique risk reduction needs of urban and rural communities across the region, with programs focused on building the capacities of local, national, and regional disaster risk reduction (DRR) authorities, as well as integrating disability and gender inclusion in programs, to bolster preparedness for and resilience against natural disasters.



USAID/BHA ER4 Funding for East and Pacific Asia in FY 2023

Funding Type	Country	Total
Standalone ER4	Cambodia, Federated States of Micronesia, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Vanuatu, Vietnam	\$50,467,877
FY 2023 ER4 Total		\$50,467,877

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response for Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

USAID/BHA provided \$800,000 in FY 2023 funding to IFRC to strengthen local capacity, readiness, and resilience of national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies across EAP, including in Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam. Since 2018, USAID/BHA has provided \$7 million to IFRC to engage with national societies across EAP to strengthen accountability mechanisms, staffing, resource mobilization, volunteer recruitment and training, and technological resources to better mitigate and respond to the impact of natural disasters on vulnerable populations. With USAID/BHA funding, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society completed 35 assessments of local branches to strengthen their capacity and capabilities in FY 2023, while pursuing long-term organizational development. Notably, the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society further developed its volunteer management practices in FY 2023 with USAID/BHA funding, training 400 volunteers in essential skills to effectively deliver community-based services, such as DRR, health services, and hygiene promotion.

Supporting Civil Society Organization Response and Coordination in Indonesia

With USAID/BHA funding, Humanitarian Forum Indonesia (HFI)—a consortium of nearly 20 civil society organization (CSO) members established in 2008—supports the development of operational and technical capacities for first responders in CSOs, including humanitarian accountability, coordination, and preparedness. In FY 2023, USAID/BHA provided \$500,000 to HFI to bolster natural disaster response for member CSOs through activities such as documentation of standard emergency operating procedures, interagency sharing of experiences and learning, and technical training. Through this improved organizational capacity for resource mobilization and disaster management, CSOs can more effectively coordinate and provide life-saving assistance in response to potential natural disasters in Indonesia, such as earthquakes and volcanic activity.

Increasing Community Risk Management Capacity in the Philippines' Pangasinan Province

During FY 2023, USAID/BHA partner the Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) worked to improve early warning systems and local government DRR capacity in the Agno River Basin of the Philippines' Pangasinan Province. The Agno River Basin is particularly vulnerable to hazards, including drought, flooding, and environmental degradation caused by both humans and tropical cyclones. Between April and September 2023, CDP trained more than 500 people in communications protocols, contingency planning, DRR, and localized flooding early warning systems. Additionally, nearly 830 people participated in hazard, vulnerability, and capacity assessments facilitated by CDP throughout the basin. Following these assessments, CDP worked with local governments to develop community action plans for use in case of disasters. CDP continues to work with local governments in the Agno River Basin and the Government of the Philippines to improve DRR capacity and disaster management plans.

Bolstering Disaster Risk Reduction for Local Government and Communities in Vanuatu

With USAID/BHA support, CARE strengthened the capacity of local governments and communities in Vanuatu, including Penama and Tafea provinces, to prepare for disasters induced by natural hazards in FY 2023. CARE focused on capacity building and training for local governments and communities, developing community mobilization and awareness of safe shelter practices, and strengthening provincial disaster planning. At the provincial level, CARE supported capacity strengthening and advocacy to support improved provincial disaster planning and shelter. Additionally, CARE supported ten communities across eastern and southeastern Vanuatu with improved shelter preparedness and DRR through workshops and technical training. The training

demonstrated various forms of construction while integrating them with traditional construction approaches and provided community members and local leaders with the skills to identify and manage risks and hazards before and after a disaster occurs.

Strengthening Community Resilience and Government Preparedness in Papua New Guinea

In Papua New Guinea, USAID/BHA partner the International Organization for Migration (IOM) worked to strengthen the capacity of NGOs, faith-based organizations, and the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society by leading training focused on camp coordination and camp management, community-based disaster risk management, safe shelter practices, and IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix tool. IOM also provided technical support and in-kind construction materials to vulnerable communities to build and rehabilitate water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure, improving access to safe drinking water and mitigating risks caused by prolonged dry seasons.

USAID/BHA ER4 ASSISTANCE FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC IN FY 2023¹

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	AMOUNT
Standalone ER4			
EAP Regional	Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Practice (DRRPP)	U.S. Forest Service (USFS)	\$1,300,000
	Natural Hazards and Technological Risks (NHTR)	U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	\$1,701,280
	DRRPP	IFRC	\$800,000
	DRRPP, Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments (HCIMA)	Yayasan Peta Bencana	\$750,000
	NHTR	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	\$1,000,000
Pacific Islands Regional	DRRPP, WASH	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	\$1,500,000
	HCIMA	UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	\$200,000
	Agriculture, DRRPP	CARE	\$1,100,000
	Protection, WASH	UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	\$1,594,296
	HCIMA, Logistics Support	UN World Food Program (WFP)	\$1,600,000
	DRRPP	UN World Health Organization (WHO)	\$899,858
	Health, Protection	UN Population Fund (UNFPA)	\$1,600,000
Cambodia	DRRPP	WFP	\$1,000,000
Federated States of Micronesia	DRRPP, HCIMA, Shelter and Settlements	IOM	\$2,100,000
Indonesia	DRRPP	HFI	\$300,000
	DRRPP	Mercy Corps	\$2,200,000
	DRRPP, Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS), Shelter and Settlements	Miyamoto International	\$2,550,000
	Agriculture, DRRPP, ERMS	World Neighbors	\$2,599,891
Japan	DRRPP	Peace Winds Japan	\$619,570
Laos	Food Assistance, DRRPP	WFP	\$1,000,000
Marshall Islands	DRRPP, HCIMA, Shelter and Settlements	IOM	\$1,600,000
Mongolia	Agriculture, DRRPP, ERMS	Mongolian Red Cross Society (MRCS)	\$599,902

	Agriculture, DRRPP	World Vision	\$700,000
	Agriculture, DRRPP, Protection	CARE	\$1,000,000
Papua New Guinea	DRRPP, HCIMA, Logistics Support, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	IOM	\$2,500,000
	Nutrition	UNICEF	\$1,200,000
	Agriculture, DRRPP, ERMS, WASH	Acción Contra el Hambre (ACH)	\$1,500,000
	DRRPP	Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP)	\$400,000
Philippines	DRRPP, ERMS, Shelter and Settlements	CRS	\$2,000,000
	DRRPP, HCIMA, Shelter and Settlements	IOM	\$1,500,000
	Protection	Save the Children Federation (SCF)	\$750,000
	DRRPP, Logistics Support	WFP	\$1,800,000
	Program Support		\$4,717
Solomon Islands	DRRPP	World Vision	\$1,200,000
South Korea	DRRPP	IOM	\$648,363
Thailand	DRRPP	IFRC	\$800,000
Timor-Leste	Agriculture, DRRPP, ERMS	Mercy Corps	\$1,400,000
	DRRPP, HCIMA, Shelter and Settlements	IOM	\$750,000
Tonga	DRRPP, ERMS, Shelter and Settlements	Act for Peace	\$1,500,000
Vanuatu	DRRPP	CARE	\$1,000,000
Vietnam	DRRPP	Vietnam Red Cross	\$1,200,000
TOTAL STANDALONE ER4 FUNDING			\$50,467,877
TOTAL ER4 FUNDING IN FY 2023			\$50,467,877

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of September 30, 2023.

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](https://www.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:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [cidi.org](https://www.cidi.org)
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [reliefweb.int](https://www.reliefweb.int).

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