



## Venezuela Regional Crisis - Complex Emergency

MAY 31, 2024

#### SITUATION AT A GLANCE

7.6
MILLION

People in Need of Humanitarian Assistance in Venezuela

UN - December 2023

7.7

Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees Globally

UN - November 2023

\$617

Required for 2024-2025 Venezuela HRP

UN - December 2023

\$1.6 BILLION

Required for 2024 Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan

R4V - December 2023

2.0

Number of People in Venezuela in Need of Emergency Food Assistance

FEWS NET - January 2024

- U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced \$459 million in additional humanitarian funding for the Venezuela regional crisis on May 7.
- Migrants and host community populations continue to face high levels of humanitarian need in Colombia, the UN reports.
- High levels of migration through the Darién Gap continues, with more than I 10,000 people transiting the region in 2024, according to MMC.
- Vulnerable populations in Venezuela are projected to face Stressed—IPC 2—levels of acute food insecurity through September 2024, according to FEWS NET.



TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING	USAID/BHA <sup>I</sup>	\$1,644,356,236
For the Venezuela Regional Crisis Response in FYs 2017–2024	State/PRM <sup>2</sup>	\$1,429,265,681
For complete funding breakdown with partners, see detailed chart on page 6.	Total	\$3,073,621,917

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

# United States Announces Nearly \$459 Million in Additional Humanitarian Funding, More Than \$170 Million for Venezuela Regional Crisis Response

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced nearly \$459 million in additional humanitarian funding, including more than \$170 million to support the response to the Venezuela regional crisis, during the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection Ministerial Summit on May 7 in Guatemala City, Guatemala.<sup>3</sup> The additional funding, including nearly \$83 million from USAID/BHA and nearly \$88 million from State/PRM, will provide critical multi-sector assistance to Venezuelans inside the country and to migrants and refugees across the region.<sup>4</sup> Vulnerable populations continue to experience urgent humanitarian needs, including for food, health, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) support, resulting from the prolonged political and economic crisis. The newly announced funding will support the continued provision of food assistance to Venezuelan migrants and refugees and host communities in the region and will support the humanitarian response inside Venezuela with health services, food, protection, and WASH assistance and commodities.

# Migrants, Refugees, and Host Communities Faced Humanitarian Needs in Colombia in 2023

Migrants, refugees, and host communities in Colombia faced severe humanitarian needs in 2023 amid ongoing insecurity, climatic shocks, and continued migration, according to the UN. Nearly 2.9 million migrants and refugees—62 percent of those analyzed as part of the Food Security Information Network's 2024 Global Report on Food Crises—faced acute food insecurity during 2023, with 14 percent facing severe acute food insecurity. The total migrant population in Colombia has increased in recent years due to the Venezuela regional crisis. As of April 2024, the country hosts nearly 3 million Venezuelan migrants alone, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Food insecurity for migrants and refugees continued to worsen in recent years, as inequality and unemployment negatively affected household purchasing power, particularly in conflict- and disaster-affected areas. Additionally, host communities continue to face challenges from insecurity and climate shocks, increasing vulnerabilities and humanitarian needs. Between 2021 and 2023, at least 1.6 million people were affected by the La Niña phenomenon, according to the Government of Colombia (GoC). Moreover, at least 9.3 million people face potential risks due to the El Niño phenomenon in 2024, with at least 2.9 million at high risk of losing their livelihoods from drought and resultant crop and livestock loss, according to the UN. Overall, at least one-third of Colombia's population have unmet basic needs and require humanitarian assistance, with approximately 3.2 million people lacking access to safe drinking water and populations in nearly 80 percent of municipalities experiencing limited access to health services. Humanitarian actors—including U.S. Government (USG) partners—continue to provide multi-sector assistance for vulnerable populations to address the most critical humanitarian needs.

## High Levels of Migration Through Darién Gap Continues in Early 2024

Venezuelan migrants continued to transit northward through the Darién Gap—a dangerous corridor connecting South and Central America between Colombia's Choco Department and Panama's Darién Province—during the first months of 2024, with an estimated 110,000 people transiting between January and March, compared to approximately 87,000 people during the same period in 2023, according to the Mixed Migration Center (MMC), citing Government of Panama (GoP) authorities. In total, more than

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The USG announced a total of \$575 million in funding for the region, including an additional \$116 million in USAID development assistance to support the regularization and socio-economic integration of migrants of all nationalities in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Belize, Costa Rica, and Panama.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> State/PRM announced a total of \$376 million in funding for the region during the Los Angeles Declaration Summit.

500,000 people transited the corridor during 2023. Migrants transiting the area are exposed to severe protection risks such as gender-based violence, robbery, and trafficking, MMC reports. Approximately 50 percent of migrants interviewed reported experiencing violence, with 29 percent of women reporting experiencing sexual violence during their journey. Additionally, migrants have limited access to basic needs, including food, safe drinking water, and health services.

Amid the continued concerns for migrants, humanitarian organizations face challenges to providing critical assistance to migrants. GoP authorities ordered international nongovernmental organization (INGO) Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) to suspend its health activities for migrants in the Darién on March 4, following the expiration of the INGO's collaboration agreement with the GoP's Ministry of Health (MoH). Prior to the suspension, the INGO reached approximately 5,000 individuals per month with health services at migrant reception centers located north of the Darién Gap in Panama. USG partners UNHCR, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and Pan American Development Foundation are coordinating and engaging the GoP to address the gap in health services since MSF's suspension.

Despite elevated risks, migrants are departing host nations in South America, citing various factors including social discrimination and lack of economic opportunities, MMC reports. Prolonged displacement has depleted the savings of migrants and refugees, forcing them to rely on humanitarian assistance to meet basic needs. Limited livelihood opportunities have led unemployment rates among migrants and refugees nearly double those of host communities. Moreover, Venezuelan migrants and refugees in other countries in the region experience stigmatization and discrimination from host communities when attempting to access employment and other livelihood opportunities. Coupled with high food and rent prices, migrants are unable to meet basic needs, resulting in migrants opting to depart their host communities with some choosing the dangerous northward journey through the Darién Gap.

# Despite Reduced Inflation, Food Needs Remain For Vulnerable Families in Venezuela in 2024

Vulnerable populations in Venezuela continue to face Stressed—IPC 2—levels of acute food insecurity through September 2024, according to projections from the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET).<sup>5</sup> Economic indicators, including a reduction in inflation rates and price and food supply stability, have improved in recent months, however, the majority of vulnerable households will face food insecurity conditions due to the adverse effects of multiple years of inflationary pressure and resultant decreased purchasing power. Moreover, households with limited earnings and access to assistance programs—particularly populations in Apure, Barinas, the Capital District, Guárico, and Zulia states, the Capital District, and small farmers in drought-affected areas of Amazonas and Delta Amacuro states—are projected to experience Crisis—IPC 3—levels of acute food insecurity through the same period. Food prices have not increased since the beginning of the year but remain higher than May 2023. The prices of cereals, meats, and other staple foods remained consistent during the first months of 2024, but insufficient wages and purchasing power continue to limit the ability of households to meet their basic needs.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a multi-partner initiative that developed a standardized scale to classify the severity and magnitude of food insecurity. The IPC scale, which is comparable across countries and time, ranges from Minimal—IPC I—to Famine—IPC 5—for acute food insecurity.

#### **KEY FIGURES**

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



\$65.1 Million

In FY 2024 USAID/BHA food assistance in Brazil, Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela

#### **FOOD SECURITY**

USAID/BHA assistance aims to address acute food insecurity among vulnerable Venezuelans inside Venezuela, as well as migrants, refugees, and host community members in Brazil, Colombia, and Peru. In Venezuela, USAID/BHA is funding NGO and UN partners to provide cooked meals, inkind food assistance, and school meals. In countries hosting migrants and refugees, USAID/BHA-funded emergency food assistance includes cash transfers, food kits, food vouchers, hot cooked meals, and complementary nutrition support. In total, these programs aimed to reach approximately 1.5 million people in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru and more than 750,000 people in Venezuela during FY 2023. USAID/BHA also contributes to capacity-building and coordination activities for food security actors to improve humanitarian programming for the Venezuela regional crisis.

#### **HEALTH**

State/PRM partners are supporting access to essential health care services and supplies for vulnerable populations, including providing vaccines to children, and working with host governments to include Venezuelan migrants and refugees in national health systems. USAID/BHA is also supporting UN partners and NGOs to provide life-saving health care services in Venezuela. With USAID/BHA support, partners are providing essential primary and mental health care, training community health workers to address urgent health needs, and building the capacity of primary-level health systems in Venezuela.



In dedicated
USAID/BHA funding for
health services in
Venezuela in FY 2024

## **WASH**

USAID/BHA and State/PRM continue to support WASH programming to address the needs of Venezuelans and prevent the spread of communicable diseases. In FY 2024, USAID/BHA provided nearly \$2.5 million in funding to support critical WASH activities. Supported activities include ensuring sufficient access to safe drinking water for consumption and household hygiene needs, distributing personal protective equipment and training local health care workers to prevent the spread of disease, conducting hygiene awareness sessions, distributing hygiene kits, rehabilitating WASH infrastructure in schools and health facilities, providing sustainable floodresilient WASH systems, and installing handwashing stations at community kitchens.



Venezuela



USAID/BHA funding to support ERMS in Colombia in FY 2024

#### **ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS**

USAID/BHA humanitarian partners in Colombia are providing household financial instruction and training for Venezuelan migrants and refugees, with an emphasis on improving food security outcomes. Partners are also assisting with financial services, market analysis and small-scale business management training, job search support, saving groups, and skill-building

activities. USAID/BHA provided \$6.4 million in FY 2024 funding to the VenEsperanza Emergency Response Consortium and the Cash for Urban Assistance Consortium dedicated to economy recovery and market systems (ERMS) assistance. With USAID/BHA funding, the VenEsperanza consortium reached more than 22,100 people with financial skills building and nearly 4,900 people with livelihoods development activities in Colombia's Antioquia, Arauca, Bolívar, Cundinamarca, La Guajira, Norte de Santander departments and Bogotá Capital District in 2023.

In addition, State/PRM partners support ERMS by strengthening livelihood opportunities and socioeconomic integration among vulnerable Venezuelans in the region, providing training and resources to enable the adoption of sustainable entrepreneurship and employment strategies. State/PRM partners provide Venezuelans across the region with business development training; employment and vocational training; language training; registration and technical assistance for work permits; technical skills certifications; and the provision of seed capital and cash assistance via bank transfers, prepaid cards, and mobile money platforms.



USG partners actively implementing

protection activities

#### **PROTECTION**

State/PRM and USAID/BHA support 21 partners providing protection services to Venezuelans in need of assistance in Venezuela, and across the region, particularly along the border areas and in the Caribbean, where protection services are especially limited. USAID/BHA and State/PRM-supported protection activities aim to increase access to protection services, child-friendly spaces, community-based mental health and psychosocial support, gender-based violence prevention and case management, and legal assistance. State/PRM partners also worked with the broader humanitarian community across the region to support advocacy efforts with local and national authorities and promote the delivery of protection services in areas with significant humanitarian access constraints.

#### **CONTEXT IN BRIEF**

- Deteriorating economic and political conditions in Venezuela have decreased households' access to food, health care, and livelihoods; contributed to increasing humanitarian needs; and triggered an outflow of Venezuelans into countries across LAC, primarily to Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. As of November 2023, more than 7.7 million Venezuelans were living outside of Venezuela, according to the Regional Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V).
- The influx of Venezuelans continues to strain social services, especially in border areas of Brazil,
   Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Assessments indicate that food, education, health, protection, shelter, and
   WASH support continue to be among the most urgent humanitarian needs for at-risk populations, including Venezuelans, Colombian returnees from Venezuela, and host communities.

• In addition to providing support for ongoing response activities, USAID/BHA and State/PRM staff throughout the region and in Washington, D.C., continue to monitor the humanitarian situation in close coordination with relevant donor governments, host governments, NGOs, and UN counterparts.

### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2024 I

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT	
FUNDIN	FUNDING IN VENEZUELA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
	USAID/BHA			
Implementing Partners (IPs)	Food Assistance–Local, Regional, and International Procurement (LRIP); Health; Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments; Nutrition; Protection; WASH	Venezuela	\$29,200,000	
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUN	DING IN VENEZUELA IN FY 2024		\$29,200,000	
STATE/PRM				
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Venezuela	\$2,070,000	
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN VENEZUELA IN FY 2024			\$2,070,000	
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN VENEZUELA IN FY 2024			\$31,270,000	

### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING IN LAC FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2024

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT	
FUND	ING IN ARGENTINA FOR THE VE	NEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE		
	STAT	TE/PRM		
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Argentina	\$1,075,200	
TOTAL STATE/PRM FU	NDING IN ARGENTINA IN FY 2023		\$1,075,200	
TOTAL USG FUNDING	TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN ARGENTINA IN FY 2024			
FUNDING IN ARUBA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE				
	STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Aruba	\$191,600	
TOTAL STATE/PRM FU	NDING IN ARUBA IN FY 2024		\$191,600	
TOTAL USG FUNDING	FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RE	ESPONSE IN ARUBA IN FY 2024	\$191,600	
FUNDING IN BOLIVIA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE				
STATE/PRM				
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Bolivia	\$330,800	
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Bolivia	\$588,000	
TOTAL STATE/PRM FU	NDING IN BOLIVIA IN FY 2024		\$918,800	
TOTAL USG FUNDING	TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN BOLIVIA IN FY 2024 \$918,8			
FUNDING IN BRAZIL FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE				
USAID/BHA				

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Food Assistance-Food Vouchers, LRIP	Brazil	\$2,500,000
Caritas Brasileira	Food Assistance-LRIP, Nutrition	Brazil	\$2,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUN	IDING IN BRAZIL IN FY 2024		\$4,500,000
	STATE/PRM		
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Brazil	\$2,726,920
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Brazil	\$4,381,600
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Brazil	\$1,710,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUN	NDING IN BRAZIL IN FY 2024		\$8,818,520
TOTAL USG FUNDING F	OR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE	IN BRAZIL IN FY 2024	\$13,318,520
FUN	NDING IN CHILE FOR THE VENEZUELA	REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONS	SE
	STATE/PRM		
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Chile	\$819,200
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Chile	\$4,788,000
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Chile	\$990,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUN	NDING IN CHILE IN FY 2024		\$6,597,200
TOTAL USG FUNDING	OR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE	IN CHILE IN FY 2024	\$6,597,200
FUND	ING IN COLOMBIA FOR THE VENEZUEI	A REGIONAL CRISIS RESPO	NSE
	USAID/BHA		
Mercy Corps	ERMS, Food Assistance–Cash Transfers for Food, Nutrition	Colombia	\$17,000,000
UN World Food Program (WFP)	Food Assistance–Cash Transfers for Food, Food Vouchers, LRIP	Colombia	\$30,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUN	NDING IN COLOMBIA IN FY 2024		\$47,000,000
	STATE/PRM		
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Colombia	\$3,249,000
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Colombia	\$18,764,800
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Colombia	\$3,960,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUN	IDING IN COLOMBIA IN 2024		\$25,973,800
TOTAL USG FUNDING F	FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE	IN COLOMBIA IN FY 2024	\$72,973,800
FUND	ING IN CURAÇAO FOR THE VENEZUEL	A REGIONAL CRISIS RESPO	NSE
	STATE/PRM		
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Curação	\$178,000
	IDING IN CURAÇAO IN FY 2024		\$178,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING F	FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE	IN CURAÇAO IN FY 2024	\$178,000
FUNDING IN T	HE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR THE VI	ENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISI	S RESPONSE
	STATE/PRM		
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	The Dominican Republic	\$1,778,400
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	The Dominican Republic	\$592,800
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	The Dominican Republic	\$540,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUN	IDING IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN FY 2024		\$2,911,200

TOTAL USG FUNI FY 2023	DING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL	RESPONSE IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN	\$2,911,200
	FUNDING IN ECUADOR FOR THE V	ENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE	
	STA	ATE/PRM	
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Ecuador	\$2,178,000
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Ecuador	\$10,356,000
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Ecuador	\$2,340,000
TOTAL STATE/PR	M FUNDING IN ECUADOR IN FY 2024		\$14,874,000
TOTAL USG FUNI	DING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL	RESPONSE IN ECUADOR IN FY 2024	\$14,874,000
	FUNDING IN GUYANA FOR THE VE	NEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE	
	STA	ATE/PRM	
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Guyana	\$215,200
TOTAL STATE/PR	M FUNDING IN GUYANA IN FY 2024		\$215,200
TOTAL USG FUNI	DING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL	RESPONSE IN GUYANA IN FY 2024	\$215,200
F	UNDING IN PARAGUAY FOR THE V	ENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSI	
	STA	ATE/PRM	
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Paraguay	\$403,200
TOTAL STATE/PR	M FUNDING IN PARAGUAY IN FY 2024		\$403,200
TOTAL USG FUNI	DING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL	RESPONSE IN PARAGUAY IN FY 2024	\$403,200
	FUNDING IN PERU FOR THE VEN	EZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE	
	USA	AID/BHA	
World Vision	Food Assistance–Cash Transfers for Fo Nutrition	ood, Peru	\$2,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BH	IA FUNDING IN PERU IN 2024		\$2,000,000
	STA	ATE/PRM	
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Peru	\$1,985,819
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Peru	\$13,608,800
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Peru	\$2,340,000
TOTAL STATE/PR	M FUNDING IN PERU IN 2024		\$17,934,619
TOTAL USG FUNI	DING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL	RESPONSE IN PERU IN FY 2024	\$19,934,619
FUNDIN	IG IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR	THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RES	PONSE
	STA	ATE/PRM	
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Trinidad and Tobago	\$405,800
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Trinidad and Tobago	\$664,800
	M FUNDING IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAG		\$1,070,600
TOTAL USG FUNI IN FY 2024	DING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL	RESPONSE IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	\$1,070,600
	FUNDING IN URUGUAY FOR THE V	ENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE	
	STA	ATE/PRM	

TOTAL STATE/PRM FUN	IDING IN URUGUAY IN FY 2024		\$463,200
TOTAL USG FUNDING F	OR THE VENEZUELA REGIONA	AL RESPONSE IN URUGUAY IN FY 2024	\$463,200
REGI	ONAL FUNDING FOR THE V	/ENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE	
	:	STATE/PRM	
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$230,600
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$800,000
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$1,239,600
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$1,620,000
TOTAL REGIONAL STAT	TE/PRM FUNDING IN FY 2024		\$3,890,200
TOTAL REGIONAL USG	FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUEL	A REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2024	\$3,890,200
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUN	IDING FOR VENEZUELA REGIO	NAL RESPONSE IN FY 2024	\$82,700,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUN	IDING FOR VENEZUELA REGIO	NAL RESPONSE IN FY 2024	\$87,585,339
TOTAL USG HUMANITA	ARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENI	EZUELA RESPONSE IN FY 2024	\$170,285,339
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUN	IDING FOR VENEZUELA REGIO	NAL RESPONSE IN FYs 2017–2024	\$1,644,356,236
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUN	IDING FOR VENEZUELA REGIO	NAL RESPONSE IN FYs 2017–2024	\$1,429,265,681
TOTAL USG HUMANITA	ARIAN FUNDING FOR VENEZUE	LA RESPONSE in FYs 2017–2024	\$3,073,621,917

Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of May 7, 2024.

### **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:
  - 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