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US International Disaster Response

The issues of authoritarianism, poor governance, disasters, conflict, and poverty are inextricably linked



- 85 million people need emergency food aid
- 49 countries are experiencing or recovering from armed conflict
- 47 countries are governed by authoritarian rulers
- 97 countries are considered very or highly corrupt



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USAID responds to 20-28 conflicts & complex crises every year*

“Violent End to an Era as Qaddafi Dies in Libya”

“Clinton offers stern advice in South Sudan, a country U.S. helped create”

“Burma frees dissidents”

“Tough transition in Tunisia after ‘Arab spring’”

“Yemen violence mounts in bid to remove President Salah”

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Center for a New American Security - *America's Civilian Operations Abroad*.

Includes all non-humanitarian complex crisis and humanitarian crisis with conflict aspects



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Wide-ranging technical expertise and global operational capabilities for:

- ***crisis prevention,***
- ***response,***
- ***recovery, and***
- ***transition.***



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Prevention

Strengthen resilience by helping states and communities:

- to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of disasters;
- Consolidate new, effective democratic institutions;
- Address underlying grievances that cause instability and conflict



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Response



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During emergencies we:

- Provide life-saving humanitarian assistance;
- Deploy expert teams that draw upon the full spectrum of the U.S. government's capabilities.



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Recovery



Promote rapid and durable recovery by supporting:

- Livelihoods;
- Markets;
- Sustainable provision of basic services.



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Transitions



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Promote peaceful political transitions by:

- Strengthening civil society and respect for human rights;
- Facilitating reconciliation;
- Supporting effective, democratic governance;
- Fostering the resumption of basic economic activity.



Operational Capabilities



- Deep technical expertise
- Unique, complementary operational capabilities.



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How We Work

USAID is the lead US agency for international disaster response.

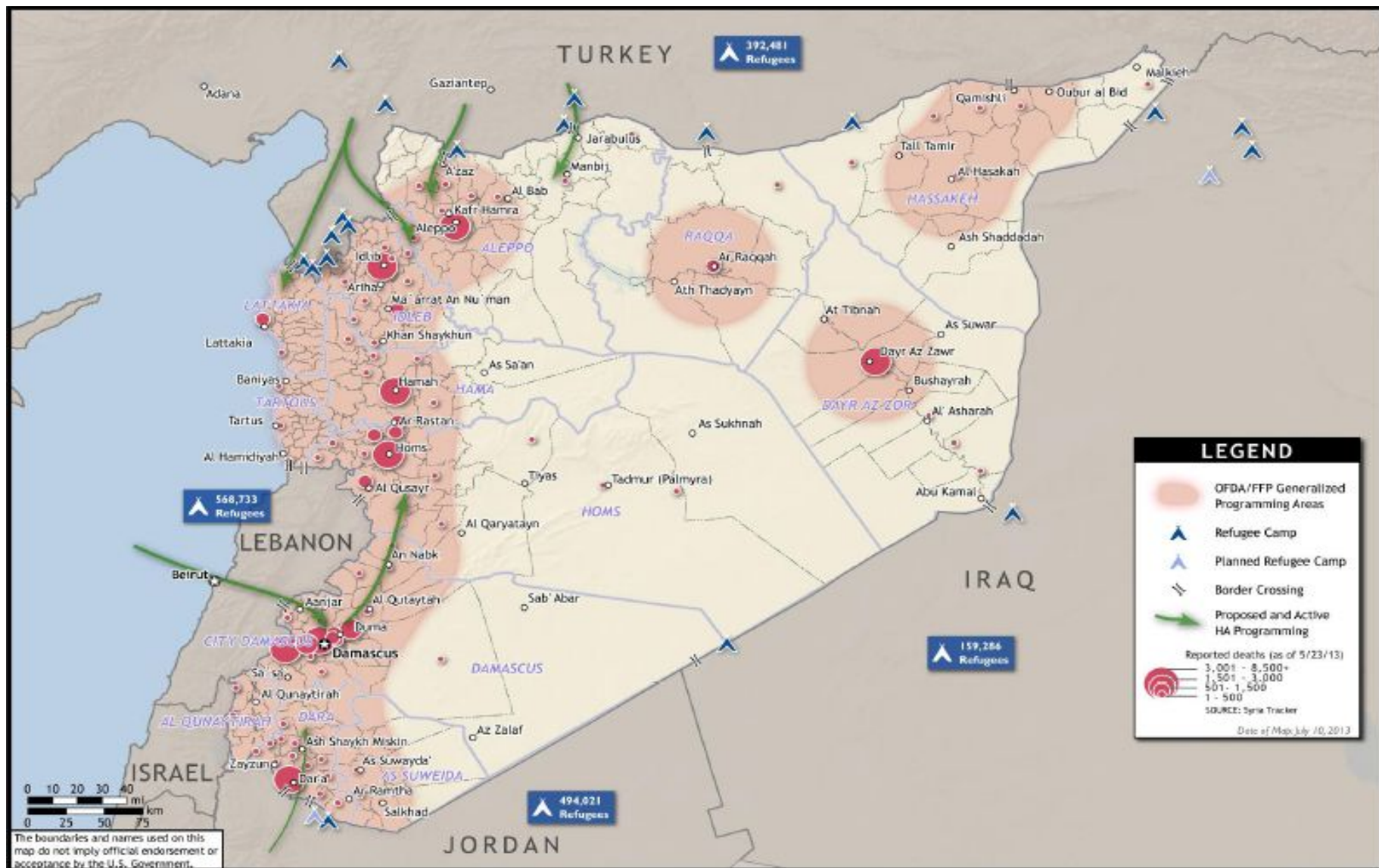


- Join with local actors in the field, inside and outside of government.
- Collaborate with
 - other USG departments and agencies
- Work closely with partners in
 - NGOs,
 - international organizations,
 - United Nations,
 - donor countries, and
 - research institutions.



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Syria - Humanitarian Situation





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Our work

- Supporting economic, social, and political development, and
- protecting development gains from being rolled back by disasters and conflict,
- Promoting democracy and human rights,
- Providing humanitarian assistance

Furthers United States national security,

Promotes and reflects core American values.



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