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Worldview

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) operates on the core worldview that global stability, humanitarian assistance, and American national security are fundamentally interdependent. Through Humanitarian and disaster response USAID creates diplomatic allies and influence with soft power. Through assisting foreign countries that are in crisis by providing economic assistance, food, disease control and eradication. By providing means for developing nations to safeguard democratic values globally then in return protects democratic values in the United States.

Responsibilities, Duties, and Process

USAID was created to counteract Soviet Union and communist promotion and aid by establishing a United States Funded foreign aid and economic assistance program. USAID responsibilities consist of humanitarian aid like food, clean water, emergency relief, and shelter during armed conflicts, famine or disaster. USAID also funds programs for global health to fight disease as well as supporting agriculture on our own land and elsewhere. These duties extend to anyone USAID sees fit for needing assistance and aid. USAID secures its funding through the annual federal budget process, where the Executive Branch formulates and submits a Congressional Budget Justification detailing foreign assistance priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. Congress then reviews, adjusts, and authorizes these funds through the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs appropriations bills, granting USAID the authority to disburse aid across international programs in need.