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HOW DOES USAID PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE?

USAID, through the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, provides humanitarian assistance in response to international disasters. USAID continually monitors global hazards, identifies potential areas of need, and stands ready to respond whenever disaster strikes.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A DISASTER?

COMPLEX EMERGENCY
Political Crises, Social Unrest, or Conflict

RAPID-ONSET EVENT
Volcanoes, Storms, Earthquakes, Floods, etc.

SLOW-ONSET EMERGENCY
Food insecurity due to prolonged drought

DISASTER STRIKES

DOES USAID RESPOND?

- Severity of disaster overwhelms local response capacity ✓
- Host nation asks or is willing to accept assistance ✓
- Response is in the U.S. interest ✓

YES
USAID provides assistance.

NO
If the above conditions are not met, USAID does not provide assistance.

DISASTER DECLARATION

HOW DOES USAID RESPOND?

Once a disaster is declared, USAID can respond in a variety of ways based on the need and severity of the disaster. **USAID chooses one or a combination of the response options below.**

INITIAL PROVISION OF $50,000

GRANTS TO IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

RESPONSE MANAGEMENT TEAM

DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM

PROCUREMENT, TRANSPORTATION, & DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES

CALL FORWARD OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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