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
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”

“Tough transition in Tunisia after ‘Arab spring’

“Burma frees prominent dissidents”

“Yemen violence mounts in bid to remove President Saleh”

* Includes all non-humanitarian complex crisis and humanitarian crisis with conflict aspects
Wide-ranging technical expertise and global operational capabilities for:

– *crisis prevention*,
– *response*,
– *recovery*, and
– *transition*. 
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
Response

During emergencies we:

• Provide life-saving humanitarian assistance;

• Deploy expert teams that draw upon the full spectrum of the U.S. government’s capabilities.
Recovery

Promote rapid and durable recovery by supporting:

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

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.
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.
“From the American People”

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.