



# TURKMENISTAN



The United States' objectives in Turkmenistan are to encourage democratic reforms, bolster regional stability, foster regional economic trade, and counter global threats. To achieve these objectives, the U.S. assistance objectives are to help Turkmenistan move toward international human-rights standards, facilitate citizen involvement in governmental decision making, promote private-sector growth, economic diversification, and improve government delivery of social services. In addition, the United States is supporting Turkmenistan's efforts to develop the oil and gas extraction industry and increase export options, including the export of electricity, to foster regional stability and increased prosperity.

## Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Turkmenistan:

### *Citizens play a greater role in civil society*

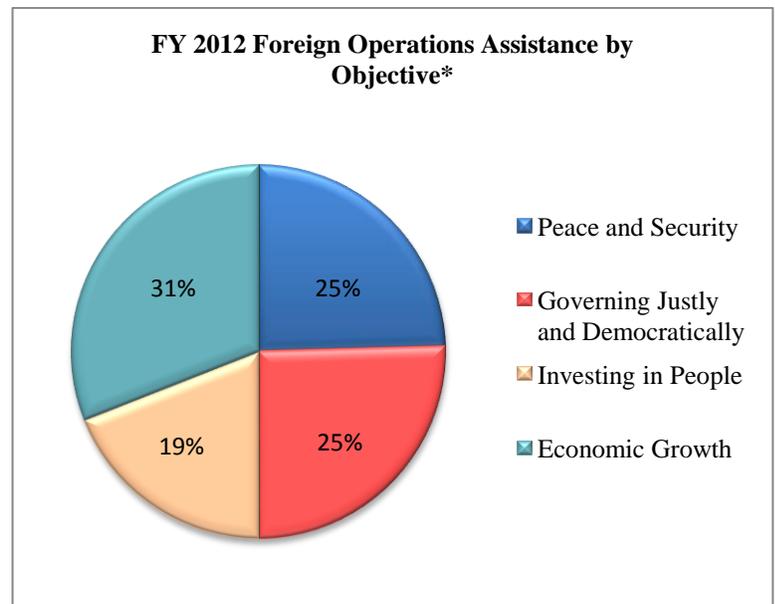
- The United States provides technical assistance and training to help Turkmenistan comply with international standards and practices of democratic governance and respect for human rights, including helping to draft new legislation that supports a more open society. U.S. assistance provides technical assistance to strengthen civil society organizations; increase government accountability and transparency; and increase respect for human rights at the local and national level.

### *Increasing access to quality higher education*

- U.S. assistance supports increased English skills among students and professionals, as well as programs to increase the ability of Turkmen students to compete for acceptance and scholarships at U.S. universities.

### *Increasing the capacity of the central and local government civil servants to perform their functions*

- U.S. assistance supports capacity-building for Turkmenistan ministry and energy-industry professionals on best-practice approaches to international-standard power-purchase contracting. In addition, U.S. assistance supports increasing awareness among executive and legislative branch personnel of the role and importance of civil society and transparency in government decision-making processes.



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2013 ESTIMATE	FY 2014 REQUEST
<b>TOTAL (in thousand \$)</b>	<b>9,199</b>	<b>6,022</b>	<b>6,455</b>
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	8,000	0	0
Economic Support Fund	0	4,640	4,640
Foreign Military Financing	0	0	685
International Military Education and Training	349	332	300
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	0	550	500
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	850	500	330

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## *Promoting private sector development*

- The United States provides technical assistance to assist Turkmenistan’s participation in regional markets for cross-border electric power trade within Central Asia and between Central Asia and South Asia, including Afghanistan. U.S. assistance is helping Turkmenistan explore possibilities for market diversification for its immense natural resources, as well as legislative reform governing the critically important energy sector. The United States is also providing training in new agricultural techniques, marketing, and water usage.

## *Support public health systems to combat the continued threat of tuberculosis and HIV*

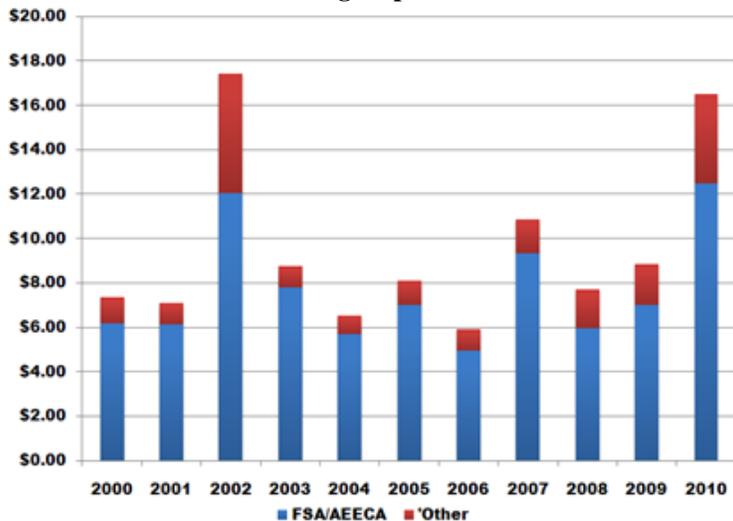
- U.S.-funded programs focus on increasing access to key services to help prevent the transmission and contain the expansion of both tuberculosis and HIV. U.S. assistance supports activities that improve the delivery of prevention, care, and treatment services for TB; enhance the capacities of institutions to address multidrug-resistant TB; and develop systems to strengthen diagnosis of MDR TB and improve infection control practices. To address the spread of HIV/AIDS, activities align with Global Fund efforts to increase support for outreach to most-at-risk populations to promote preventive behaviors and support referrals to key services.

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Peace and Security	2,260	1,382	1,815
Governing Justly and Democratically	2,337	2,142	1,850
Investing in People	1,750	675	937
Economic Growth	2,852	1,823	1,853

## *Strengthen Turkmenistan's capacity to control its international borders*

- The United States is providing technical assistance, including training, to increase the English language capacity of the Turkmen military. The United States government is also working with Turkmenistan’s counternarcotics units and border patrol officers to improve their interdiction and border patrol skills, as well as countering transnational crimes, such as human trafficking and money laundering. U.S. assistance also supports improved drug demand-reduction programs.
- The United States is providing technical assistance to enable the Turkmenistan Customs Academy to provide specialized enforcement training techniques for its trainees and to help the Government of Turkmenistan to create a strategic trade control framework, including licensing practices and procedures. The U.S. government is also providing training and equipment to deter terrorism.

**FY 2000-2010 Foreign Operations Assistance (in millions)**



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