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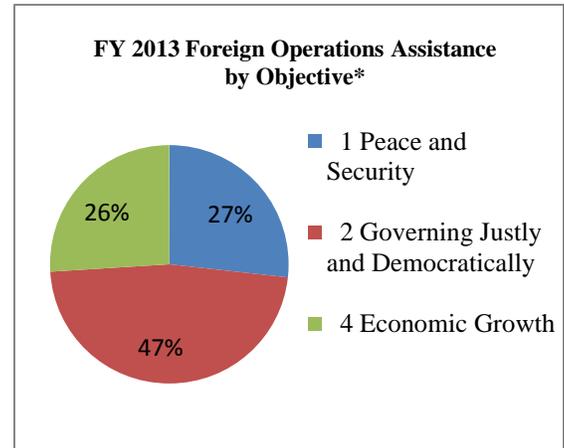


U.S. assistance to Azerbaijan encourages reforms that promote regional security, development of democratic institutions and processes, and broad-based economic growth. The United States partners with the Government of Azerbaijan (GOAJ) in funding a number of its assistance programs, particularly in economic growth.

Assistance Activities by U.S. Foreign Policy Goals in Azerbaijan:

Improved Investment Climate in Azerbaijan

- U.S. assistance includes technical support to promote Azerbaijan’s accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and key reforms designed to reduce monopolies and enhance investor protection. Agriculture continues to be a sector of focus in the U.S. efforts to increase private-sector competitiveness and trade. U.S. assistance also supports legislative and regulatory reforms that promote competitive practices in Azerbaijan and support a more robust trade environment.



Azerbaijan contributes to regional peace and stability, specifically to the support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) operations in Afghanistan; its security institutions effectively counter transnational threats, particularly from the neighboring Iran

- U.S. technical assistance supports Azerbaijan’s efforts to achieve interoperability with the NATO and coalition forces; build the country’s capacity to conduct maritime counterterrorism operations and monitor its section of the Caspian Sea; and further professionalize Azerbaijan’s armed forces through U.S. security training courses.
- In the justice sector, U.S. assistance strengthens the GOAJ’s ability to combat corruption, money laundering, and sex- and labor-related trafficking in persons (TIP) through the application of its Criminal Code, reforms of its administrative procedures, as well as training in TIP prevention and the protection of victims.
- U.S. technical expertise and equipment supports the GOAJ efforts to prevent the transit and transshipment of weapons of mass destruction and related materials and munitions by implementing international standards of strategic trade controls, improved cargo-targeting techniques, and

BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	16,206	14,281	13,435
Economic Support Fund	11,029	9,000	9,600
Foreign Military Financing	2,564	2,700	1,700
International Military Education and Training	576	600	600
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	1,262	1,226	800
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	775	755	735

improved enforcement capabilities along the country's borders and the Caspian Sea. U.S. experts also help the GOAJ to respond to security threats posed by landmines and unexploded ordinance, as well as from excess, loosely secured and otherwise at-risk small arms and light weapons, man-portable air-defense systems, and ammunition.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 653a	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	16,206	14,281	13,435
Peace and Security	4,337	4,476	3,396
Governing Justly and Democratically	7,658	5,670	5,764
Economic Growth	4,211	4,135	4,275

Effective Participation of Diverse Actors and Institutions in the Democratic Development of Azerbaijan

- Assistance support civil-society development and capacity-building through small grants aimed at strengthening the capacity of civil-society organizations (CSOs) and encouraging civic dialogue that promotes liberalization and democratization, particularly among women and youth. Capacity-building assistance enables CSOs to strengthen their organizational and technical capacity to engage with public entities, including parliament, and with targeted government units attempting to increase transparency and accountability.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ace> [U.S. Embassy Website](#) www.foreignassistance.gov

*This fact sheet does not reflect Peace Corps funding or centrally managed or regional Foreign Operations funding that is not specifically budgeted for Azerbaijan.