



AZERBAIJAN

U.S. government (USG) foreign assistance supports the continued development of Azerbaijan's society and economy by promoting free and open exchange of information, democracy, diversified trade and investment, and regional peace and stability. As the only country in the world that borders both Russia and Iran, Azerbaijan contributes to regional stability and is a key part of the Northern Distribution Network and the United States and NATO's access to Afghanistan. It also plays a pivotal role in the Southern Gas Corridor - a pipeline critical for European energy security. The United States and Azerbaijan have a Trade Relations Agreement and a Bilateral Investment Treaty. Non-security assistance is directed toward improving the democratic and economic prospects of the Azerbaijani people. Following the outbreak of COVID-19 and intensive fighting in the region in 2020, the humanitarian needs of the country and the region have also been at the forefront of assistance efforts.

over \$1.5 billion

USG assistance since 1992

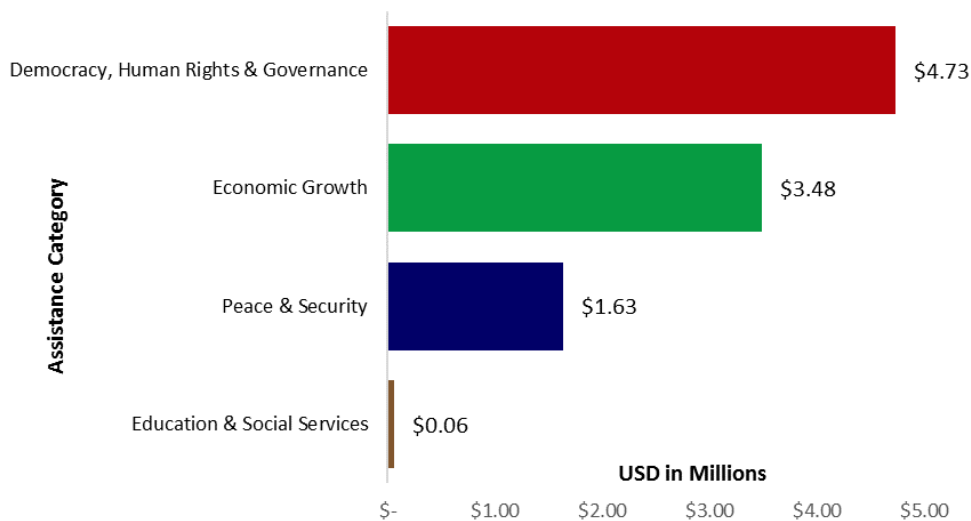
\$9.9 million

State/USAID assistance for FY 2020*

\$6.6 million

COVID-19 assistance**

FY 2020 ACE-Coordinated State/USAID Assistance to Azerbaijan by Category* (\$9.9m)



Source: ACE

*Does not include centrally managed funds or \$6.04 million in FY 2020 COVID supplemental funds.

**COVID assistance includes reprogrammed, supplemental, and other USG funds.

NOTE: The assistance highlights below are examples of results achieved by funding in each category in the chart.

ANTI-CORRUPTION, RULE OF LAW & GOOD GOVERNANCE ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

Transparency, accountability, and rule of law contribute directly to business confidence, economic prosperity, and social fairness and stability. Under the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) engages with Azerbaijan's Judicial Academy to train judges and lawyers on case management and other key issues such as predictability of the legal system, judicial transparency, and judicial independence.

MARKETING & BUSINESS ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

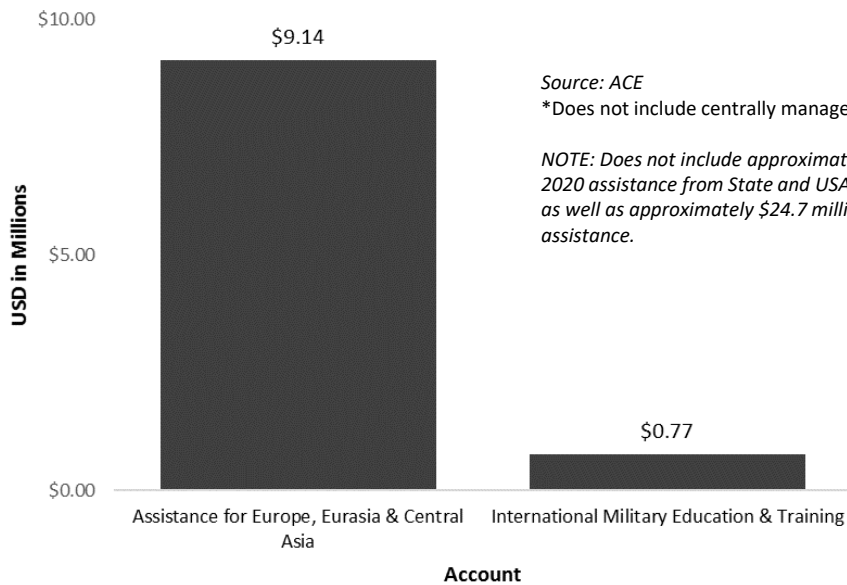
Programs are targeted to develop a more diversified and innovative economy to create employment opportunities, expand growth, and support greater individual prosperity. For example, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) developed a program of modern agricultural growing practices that resulted in nearly 2,000 individuals along various levels of the production and supply chain applying the techniques to increase high-quality agricultural production and distribution. Separately, in 2020, USAID's Micro-Enterprise Support Activity helped to establish 75 women-owned start-ups across Azerbaijan, giving them the tools to manage their companies more effectively and expand their customer base.

CIVIL SOCIETY & POLITICAL PROCESSES ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

U.S. assistance works to strengthen civil society, empowering citizens to participate in local decision-making and constructive community engagement. In 2020, 14 grants provided by U.S. Embassy Baku's Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) enabled local partners and civil society organizations to implement community programs ranging from youth engagement and conflict resolution to women's economic empowerment and projects promoting human rights. In partnership with counterparts in the region, PDS has also been funding "Track II" initiatives that bring together people from the region representing a range of professions and interests, for joint activities, confidence-building exercises, increasing mutual cross-border understanding, and conflict resolution programs.



FY 2020 ACE-Coordinated State/USAID Assistance to Azerbaijan by Account* (\$9.9m)



Source: ACE

*Does not include centrally managed or COVID supplemental funds.

NOTE: Does not include approximately \$6.9 million in additional FY 2020 assistance from State and USAID centrally managed funding, as well as approximately \$24.7 million in Department of Defense assistance.

EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

USAID’s Economic Empowerment for Entrepreneurship and Employment (E4) Activity provided vocational courses and training for more than 750 Azerbaijani women in 2020. The courses focused on financial literacy, computer skills, and job search techniques, among other topics, to help women earn additional income for their households and provide services in their neighborhoods. Separately, through an intensive English language program, USAID and PDS aim to build English skills for Azerbaijanis in economically disadvantaged regions outside of Baku, to expand their access to professional opportunities.

INDEPENDENT MEDIA & COUNTERING DISINFORMATION ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

U.S. assistance supports efforts to ensure that citizens can access diverse sources of information and reliable media for independent expression and participation in society. PDS provides funding to a select number of Azerbaijani journalists every year to obtain graduate-level education, increasing the professionalism and capacity of local media outlets. PDS also supports English language training to enable wider access to international media as a means to counter disinformation.

COVID-19 ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

The USG has provided more than \$6.6 million in COVID-19 assistance to Azerbaijan, including over \$6 million in COVID-19 supplemental assistance and over \$500,000 in Department of Defense (DoD) assistance. State and USAID COVID-19 supplemental resources assistance is helping prepare laboratory systems, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk-communications, and more. USAID has used this funding to provide food and hygiene supplies to over 3,600 vulnerable individuals across the country; help educate people on steps they can take to prevent and respond to the spread of the virus; and support local hospital operations. Separate programs provided advisory services and technical assistance to small- and medium-sized enterprises. The State Department’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) has used more than \$1 million of supplemental funding to support vital health infrastructure, ensure access to clean water and hygiene practices, prevent the spread of disease in places of detention, provide forensics guidance, sustain resilience-building activities for vulnerable people and communities, and support vulnerable migrants, displaced people and host communities during the pandemic. The Department of Defense, through its Humanitarian Assistance Program, funded and is currently funding over \$500,000 in assistance projects, including for personnel protective equipment, laboratory supplies to the State Customs Hospital, and laboratory equipment for the Scientific Medical Prevention Institute. [NOTE: Supplemental and DoD funds are not reflected in the assistance totals or bar graphs above.]

CONFLICT-RELATED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

In November 2020, the USG announced \$5 million in new humanitarian assistance to support the operations of international and non-governmental organizations to assist people in Armenia and Azerbaijan affected by the fighting in and around Nagorno-Karabakh. These funds were provided through PRM and USAID’s Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). USG funds are helping to provide cash assistance, hygiene kits, critical medical supplies, and other key items, as well as to increase landmine risk awareness. The United States continues to assess urgent humanitarian needs and possible future engagement on an ongoing basis. [NOTE: These centrally managed funds are not reflected in the assistance totals or bar graphs above.]