



BELARUS

U.S. foreign assistance coordinated by the Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (ACE) supports the U.S. government's (USG) commitment to a sovereign and independent Belarus, respectful of human rights and committed to countering Russian malign influence. In the wake of Belarus's fraudulent August 2020 presidential election, U.S. assistance has prioritized providing support to activists and protesters fleeing persecution from the Lukashenka regime, independent media and journalists, and capacity building for civil society. Key programs provide legal assistance, relocation, medical support, equipment replacement and increased access to higher-education opportunities. U.S. assistance promotes independent media to counter Kremlin-led and Belarusian-state propaganda and disinformation and –build the resilience of Belarusian society. Assistance fosters grassroots initiatives, civic education, leadership programs, and capacity-building activities that benefit the development of civil society organizations that are accountable and responsive to citizens' interests and concerns, including women's and children's rights groups and disability-rights groups. U.S. assistance builds Belarus's national capacity to prevent trafficking in persons and to assist victims of trafficking. Programs help democratic parties to increase engagement with citizens. U.S. funding supports private-sector development and fosters innovation through education and training, helping Belarusian entrepreneurs, including women and youth, connect with the global start-up movement. The U.S. Embassy in Belarus will target foreign assistance in support of programming that promotes a resilient Belarus that is not dependent on Russia, and advances U.S. national security objectives.

over \$1.0 billion

USG assistance since 1992

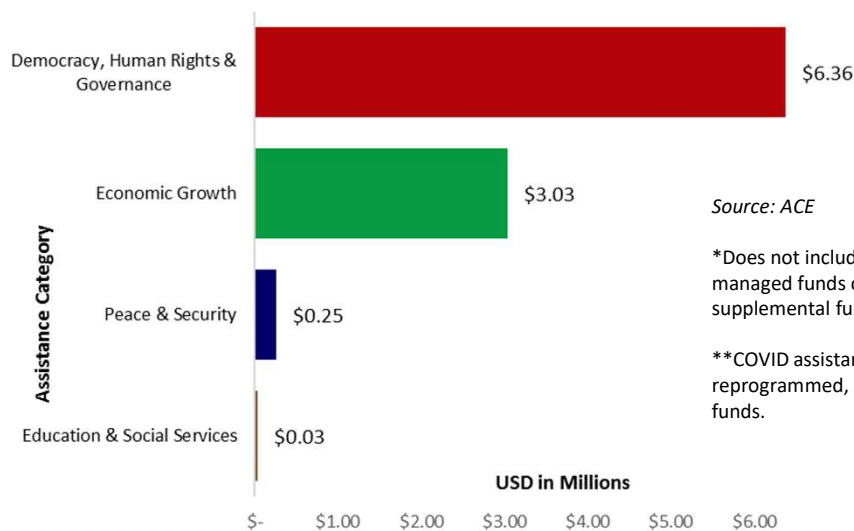
\$9.7 million

State/USAID assistance for FY 2020*

\$2 million

COVID-19 assistance**

FY 2020 ACE-Coordinated State/USAID Assistance to Belarus by Category* (\$9.7m)

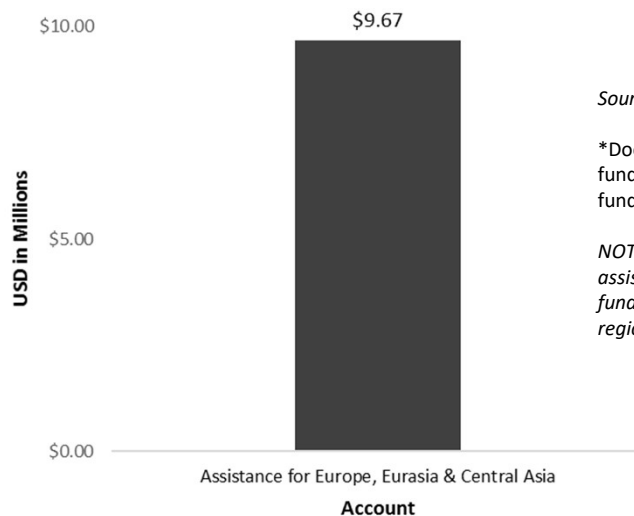


Source: ACE

*Does not include regional or centrally managed funds or \$1.7 million in FY 2020 COVID supplemental funds.

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

FY 2020 ACE-Coordinated State/USAID Assistance to Belarus by Account* (\$9.7m)



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NOTE: The USG also provided additional FY 2020 assistance using centrally managed State/USAID funding, including over \$10.6 million in global and regional funds.