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UKRAINE

U.S. foreign assistance coordinated by the Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (ACE) has enhanced efforts to support Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic trajectory, security, and stability, and to counter malign influence. In 2020, Ukraine advanced its democracy through fair and transparent presidential and parliamentary elections, ensured a seamless transition of political power, and instilled hopes for continued transformation toward an independent, democratic, and prosperous country that is resilient in the face of Russian aggression. Recent U.S. government (USG) assistance has had notable positive impacts, in particular: strengthening the rule of law and combatting corruption by helping Ukraine stand up its anticorruption infrastructure and reform its prosecutorial service; promoting free and fair elections by mobilizing voters, conducting voter education campaigns, and supporting electoral observation; and enhancing the role of civil society and citizens' engagement in policymaking.

over \$9.5 billion

USG assistance since 1992

over \$4.9 billion

of which, USG assistance provided since 2014

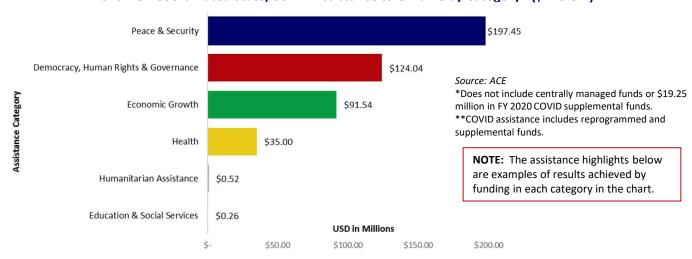
\$448.8 million

State/USAID assistance for FY 2020*

\$55 million

COVID-19 assistance**

FY 2020 ACE-Coordinated State/USAID Assistance to Ukraine by Category* (\$448.8m)





LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

Included in the overall \$197 million Peace and Security FY 2020 funding for Ukraine, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) successfully piloted a Territorial Community Police Officer (TCPO) project in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast that selected, trained, and equipped police officers to extend services to 22 small towns and rural communities, which previously had no dedicated officers. The project garnered great interest among other communities and oblasts. The National Police plans to expand this project nationwide in the future, improving security to almost a thousand territorial communities, accounting for over 25 million people in Ukraine.



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

Anti-corruption, a cross-cutting topic, is addressed through Democracy and Governance, Economic Growth, and Peace and Security programming. ACE coordinated \$124 million in democracy, human rights, and governance assistance from FY 2020 funds. Over the last year, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) helped Ukraine's government further improve ProZorro, its mandatory electronic public procurement system, which saved the government an estimated \$1.5 billion in 2020 alone and helped Ukraine secure the top spot on the 2020 International Transparent Public Procurement Rating.



TRADE & BUSINESS ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

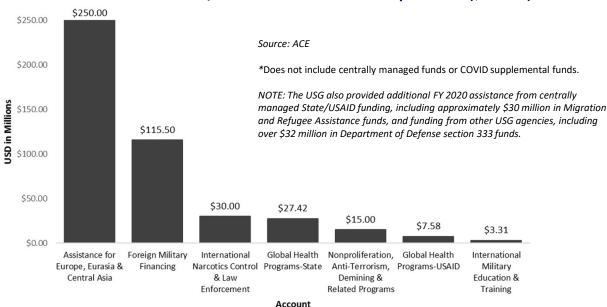
Economic Growth programming advances private-sector competitiveness and financial-sector stability. As a result of Economic Growth assistance, USAID, in cooperation with local partners, helped secure \$143 million in international investments through the first half of 2019 in its work with 30 consolidated communities (CCs). The 30 CCs were part of a USAID pilot initiative, the Incubator of Sustainable Communities, which provided the communities with experts who advised on nurturing and developing ties to businesses to spur local economic growth. The Incubator helped the CCs register 140 new entrepreneurs, develop six small businesses, and create 411 new jobs for their residents.



CIVIL SOCIETY & POLITICAL PROCESSES ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

During Ukraine's 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections, USAID supported large-scale elections observation, voter education campaigns, women's political empowerment, and activities to mobilize groups with historically low turnout. USAID also provided technical assistance to election administrators at all levels to strengthen cybersecurity and ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities. Funding supported 33 regional and national-level media and civil society organizations to ensure voters had the ability to make informed voting decisions and report violations. As a result, Ukraine had a nearly 63-percent voter turnout, and its elections were widely hailed by international observers as free and fair.

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HEALTH ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

As part of the \$35 million in health assistance provided to Ukraine, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) supported HIV testing services for more than 360,000 Ukrainians, contributing to the diagnosis of more than 10,000 patients and linkage of more than 15,000 HIV-positive individuals to life-saving anti-retroviral treatment. PEPFAR support has also contributed to major reductions in the time lag between HIV diagnosis and initiation of anti-retroviral treatment: across the 12 PEPFAR-supported regions in Ukraine in 2019, 70% of patients began treatment within two weeks from diagnosis (up from just 40% in 2017). Peace Corps' PEPFAR programs provided psychosocial support to 720 children and adolescents orphaned or vulnerable as a result of HIV/AIDS, focusing on supporting children's and adolescents' adherence to antiretroviral treatment. In addition to this health assistance, since the pandemic began, the USG has provided approximately \$55 million in COVID-19 mitigation assistance to Ukraine, including about \$16 million in USAID existing resources, \$19.3 million in Department of State and USAID COVID-19 supplemental resources not included in the chart above, about \$6 million in State existing resources, \$3.6 million in HHS/CDC funds, \$5 million in performance funds, and \$4.5 million in State and USAID planned bilateral and \$267,000 in bilateral PEPFAR funds. USAID is also providing ultra-cold chain capacity for COVID-19 vaccine storage and distribution for up to 200,000 doses.



INDEPENDENT MEDIA & COUNTERING DISINFORMATION ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

The "Learn to Discern" media literacy project alerted voters to the prevalence of disinformation in the run-up to Ukraine's presidential elections. The public awareness campaign culminated with an entertaining primer on media literacy basics, entitled "Don't Trust—Verify," which trainers presented to more than 8,000 voters simultaneously at 400 sites throughout the country. In the post-training questionnaire, 75% of the respondents said they would apply knowledge they gained from the training when voting in Ukraine's upcoming elections. This activity promoted Ukraine's resilience to Russian disinformation and helped cement Ukraine's democratic trajectory by promoting free and fair election s. Countering Disinformation is part of the larger Democracy and Governance program, for which there was \$124 million in ACE-coordinated assistance in FY 2020 funds.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

The Department of Commerce's Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Program partnered with the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) to improve the energy efficiency of Ukrainian industries by providing access to the DOE's energy efficiency information and resources. ORNL experts and SABIT Program officers provided training seminars and energy assessments for senior level managers, academics, engineers, and government officials at Ukrainian small and medium-sized enterprises. Of the \$91.5 million in Economic Growth assistance, approximately \$28 million in energy assistance was provided using FY 2020 funds.



HUMAN RIGHTS ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

Addressing the issue of unauthorized surveillance, cyberattacks, and the targeting through violent attacks, threats, intimidation, and criminal proceedings of journalists, activists, and members of the public who investigate cases of corruption involving government bodies or high-level officials, the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) developed a Consultative Working Group on Information Rights in partnership with the Human Rights Ombudsperson. In tandem with these efforts, the project has taken on emblematic, high-level cases involving journalists who faced pressure and intimidation from officials for their investigative journalism and for their requests to government entities to provide public interest information. This project is part of the \$124 million FY 2020 Democracy and governance program.



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

In addition to State/USAID bilateral funds referenced in the charts above, centrally managed funds from the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) provided to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) enabled the organization to address the impact of gender-based violence on children in eastern Ukraine. The program provided counseling to nearly 2,200 girls and boys who were survivors of gender-based violence and provided capacity-building to nearly 1,000 frontline service and care providers and decision-makers. UNICEF, with support from PRM, also met the needs of approximately 2,850 internally displaced and conflict-affected people. This assistance represents just a portion of the approximately \$30 million in FY 2020 non-COVID-related humanitarian assistance provided by the PRM Bureau.