

OUR MISSION

The Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief, and Mine Action (HDM) Division provides direction, oversight, and management of Department of Defense (DoD) Humanitarian Assistance (HA) programs funded with the Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid (OHDACA) appropriation. In close collaboration with partner nation civil authorities, the DoD uses the OHDACA appropriation to provide relief from endemic conditions such as human suffering, disease, hunger, and privation; and to build partner nation government capacity to provide essential services to their civilian populations. OHDACA-funded programs are highly-effective, low-cost Security Cooperation tools which benefit partner nation civilian populations and support the U.S. foreign policy and national security interests of promoting regional stability and building partner capacity. These programs are not intended to benefit partner nation security forces or to pursue partner nation economic development objectives.



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*Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster,
and Civic Aid Programs*



SECURITY THROUGH GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

The Geographic Combatant Commands conduct Humanitarian Assistance (HA) projects which promote a partner nation's ability to provide essential services to their civilian population. Typical HA projects focus on health services; disaster risk reduction, mitigation and preparedness; basic education support; and limited infrastructure. As a result, HA projects help to alleviate human suffering, avert humanitarian crises, and strengthen cooperative relationships between partner nations and the United States.



EXCESS PROPERTY DONATIONS

The DoD donates non-lethal excess property to partner nations for humanitarian purposes. These donations typically include equipment; vehicles and supplies in support of health and medical services; disaster preparedness, basic education services, and water sanitation. Custody of the donated material is transferred to a partner nation through the Department of State at the U.S. Embassy.

HA TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

The DoD provides DoD-funded or space-available international transportation of private humanitarian donations. Humanitarian shipments are subject to the validation of requests and availability of funds or space on DoD assets.

Interested parties should submit transportation requests by registering at: <https://hatransportation.ohasis.org>.



HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION

The DoD provides training, equipment, and technical assistance to partner nation governmental entities, including military forces, responsible for safely managing conventional munition stockpiles or reducing the adverse effects of uncleared landmines, unexploded ordnance, and other remnants of war. These projects support a partner nation's efforts to safeguard their civilian populace from explosive hazards.

FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF

The DoD supports the United States Agency for International Development Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance in providing foreign disaster relief, when requested by the Department of State. DoD responds quickly, with unique capabilities such as logistics, transportation, and search and rescue. As a result, DoD saves lives and assists foreign victims of natural or man-made disasters.

