

COVID-19 RESPONSE IN EUROPE AND EURASIA

The United States Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), has provided **more than \$93 million** to help Europe and Eurasia respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, USAID and the U.S. Department of State have jointly committed **over \$115 million** to the region. This assistance is helping to prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. In addition, USAID is adapting existing programs to respond to the pandemic's secondary impacts on democratic progress and economic growth.

For more than a half century, the United States has been the largest contributor to global health security and humanitarian assistance. USAID is working with the State Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Defense, and others as part of an All-of-America response to support health systems, humanitarian assistance, and economic, security, and stabilization efforts worldwide.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE AND EXAMPLES OF IMPACT

The below examples reflect **both (1)** impacts from emergency health assistance and **(2)** adaptations of existing programming to respond to the pandemic.

ALBANIA: More than \$2 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID has delivered over 32,000 COVID-19 test kits to the Institute of Public Health and Mother Teresa Hospital to assist with case-finding and event-based surveillance.

ARMENIA: \$3.6 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: In Armenia, the USAID-supported “Center for Development of Legislation and Legal Studies” at the Ministry of Justice in Armenia facilitated the development of key pieces of COVID-19-related legislation to enable the Government of Armenia to quickly take steps to minimize the risk of infection and support economic and social resilience, including the March 16 Decree on the State of Emergency and the March 23 Amendments to the Criminal and Administrative Codes.



■ Countries receiving USAID support

This map represents countries that have received or will receive funding from USAID for COVID-19 response. This includes programming from the Global Health Programming, International Disaster Assistance, and Economic Support Fund. Map made June 24, 2020.



** This map may not reflect all regional initiatives.

AZERBAIJAN: \$4 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID helped recruit and bring 19 Azerbaijani doctors living in Turkey to Azerbaijan to serve as consultants and to improve hospital management and capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The teams have trained more than 400 healthcare workers on how to minimize the spread of COVID-19 throughout various Azerbaijani hospitals.

BELARUS: \$1.7 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: With USAID support, UNICEF Belarus and the Belarusian Ministry of Labor and Social Protection delivered 30,000 disposable 3-layer face coverings, 1,500 liters of sanitizer, 1,160 liters of antibacterial soap, and 180 elbow dispensers to 9 institutions for children with disabilities around the country.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: \$2.2 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID launched a public awareness campaign to promote high quality food products made in Bosnia and Herzegovina to help 120 small businesses expand their customer base and cope with the negative economic impact of the pandemic.

BULGARIA: \$500,000 in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID is supporting the Bulgaria Helsinki Committee in their efforts to advance media independence and increase access to information related to the COVID-19 in Bulgaria, with a particular focus on monitoring adherence to internationally recognized rights during public emergencies.

GEORGIA: \$2.7 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: As a result of USAID's COVID-19 rapid response grant program, the Ministry of Health granted official accreditation to a public health training program developed by grant recipient, Welfare Foundation.

ITALY: \$50 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: With USAID assistance, the Italian Red Cross is providing case detection support in both ports and airports, assisting authorities in the monitoring of people entering Italy. In addition, the Italian Red Cross has mobilized its staff and volunteers on two quarantine ships, set up by the Italian Government on the coasts of Sicily to provide support and sanitary surveillance to approximately 1,000 newly arrived migrants.

USAID VENTILATOR DONATIONS IN EUROPE AND EURASIA	
UPDATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2020	
RUSSIA	200 VENTILATORS
KOSOVO	50 VENTILATORS
NATO	200 VENTILATORS

KOSOVO: \$1.6 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: Kosovo held its first-ever virtual court hearing in the Basic Court of Ferizaj on July 6. This accomplishment was a direct result of USAID's support to the Kosovo Judicial Council by facilitating the drafting of an emergency preparedness plan to ensure continuity of court operations during the pandemic. Additionally, a Judiciary Performance Dashboard and a court fee calculator were launched on Kosovo Judicial Council's website for citizens to learn more about the performance of their local courts and calculate their court fees from the convenience of their homes.

MOLDOVA: \$2.2 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID facilitated a partnership between Moldova's Ministry of Education and Google to ensure access to education during the pandemic. In less than three weeks, over 12,000 teachers now have access to Google's G Suite for Education. Google plans to expand access to 300,000, which will enable Moldova to fully meet its current and future needs.

MONTENEGRO: \$300,000 in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID supported Raskrinkavanje.me, a project of the Center for Democratic Transition, which focuses on debunking virally spread disinformation. In the first three months of the pandemic, Raskrinkavanje.me analyzed a total of 381 media articles and viral posts and published 85 debunks and analyses about the pandemic

NORTH MACEDONIA: \$1.5 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID supported the donation of testing and medical equipment worth nearly \$500,000 to North Macedonia's Virology Laboratory at the Institute of Public Health, upgrading the lab's capacity to conduct large-scale testing for COVID-19.

ROMANIA: \$800,000 in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID is providing support to a local NGO to develop a joint action plan between civil society and journalists in Romania and Moldova to promote greater transparency, especially in public spending during the pandemic.

SERBIA: More than \$2 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: With USAID support, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies opened a state-of-the-art Red Cross Emergency Operations Center in Serbia that provided critical support to Serbia's COVID-19 response efforts. During the state of emergency, volunteers at the Emergency Center helped address citizen concerns; advocated for free movement of social service providers for senior citizens during the curfew; helped persons with disabilities access emergency food assistance; and made it easier for victims and potential victims of domestic violence to access safe houses.

UKRAINE: \$13.1 million in emergency health assistance

EXAMPLE: USAID's Media Program of Ukraine in partnership with the Institute for Mass Information, Detector Media, the Pylyp Orlyk Institute for the Media, and the Media Development Foundation, developed and launched AntiCovid, an online guide that explains to journalists and other mass media professionals how to report on COVID-19, how to stay safe while reporting, and the legal aspects of their work during the pandemic.

REGIONAL SUPPORT

CIVIL SOCIETY ASSISTANCE

USAID is providing \$5 million across the region to empower civil society and media groups to prepare for, mitigate and address democratic backsliding that occurs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding is providing direct support to civil society to address issues related to citizen engagement and connectivity, independent media and investigative journalism, and citizen participation in and oversight of governance processes. Funding is also enhancing regional cooperation by documenting and sharing best practices in civic engagement, independent media support and citizen led-governance responses related to COVID-19.

SUPPORT FOR ENERGY UTILITIES AND REGULATORS

With USAID support, the United States Energy Association and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners hosted a series of webinars to provide expert guidance to regional utilities and regulators on how to manage the challenges the pandemic presents to the regional energy sector including the rising threat of cyber attacks and the unprecedented financial impacts of COVID-19 on utilities.

For more information about how USAID is responding to COVID-19 across the world, please visit www.usaid.gov/coronavirus.