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Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster and Civic Aid Appropriation

- Budget authority: FY 2003: \$58.1 million; Supplemental: \$36.4 million, FY 2004: \$58.7 million; Emergency Supplemental Iraq/Afghanistan: \$35.5 million FY2005 Request: \$59.0 million
 - Funds three sub-activities:
 - Humanitarian Assistance (*non-lethal excess property; medical visits, minor construction; repair of roads, schools, clinics, well digging, disaster preparedness*)
 - Humanitarian Mine Action (*the Humanitarian Demining Training Center (HDTC) at Fort Leonard Wood, MO; funds OCONUS deployments for demining and clearance training for other explosive remnants of war (ERW), mine risk education and awareness, medical, safety, organizational management*)
 - Foreign Disaster Relief and Emergency Response (*logistics, airlift, search & rescue, Humanitarian Daily Rations, plastic sheeting, tents, water*)
- Programs support SECDEF and Combatant Commanders' security cooperation strategies to build capabilities and cooperative relationships with allies, friends, and potential partners.
 - Low cost, non-obtrusive.
 - Access to areas not otherwise available to U.S. forces.
 - Provides significant training and readiness benefits.
 - Enhances deployment and war fighting skills.
- Enables rapid response to disasters in Commanders' AOR.
- Supports United States defense strategy for sustaining regionally-tailored, forward stationed and deployed forces:
 - assures allies and friendly nations through low-level contacts where other programs would not be possible and,
 - dissuades would be adversaries – by promoting peace and stability in regions of tension.
- Congressional authority to conduct programs are embedded in the following sections of Title 10 United States Code: 401, 402, 404, 2557, and 2561, and in the FY 2004 Defense Appropriations Act, P.L. 108-87, section 8009.