

International Affairs

President Bush has worked with other world leaders to remove threats to international security and win the War on Terror, address the world's biggest challenges such as the spread of HIV/AIDS, and help America's economy by opening new markets to our goods and services.

Since 2001, President Bush has:

- Expanded the international affairs budget to \$30.4 billion, an increase of nearly 40% since FY 2001. Almost half of this Budget goes to supporting the War on Terror by assisting our allies and strengthening America's diplomatic posture;
- Announced a five-year, \$15 billion Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief to combat international HIV/AIDS, putting America on track to prevent 7 million new infections, treat 2 million HIV-infected people, and care for 10 million HIV-infected and affected individuals, including vulnerable children, and orphans:
 - The Emergency Plan is using proven prevention methods with records of success bringing life-saving treatment where none previously existed. The Emergency Plan encourages testing, ensures accountability by service providers, develops healthcare systems through the network model and fights stigma;
 - On February 23, 2004, the first \$350 million in funding for the focus countries of the Emergency Plan was made available and began reaching people in need only two weeks later. The second distribution of funding -- \$515 million -- will continue to build on prevention, treatment, and care efforts. By the end of the first year of funding, the Emergency Plan will provide care and support for approximately 1.1 million people and facilitate access to antiretroviral therapy for approximately 200,000;
 - In total, the Emergency Plan is spending \$2.4 billion on global AIDS this fiscal year;
- Taken unprecedented steps to protect Americans serving abroad by funding security construction and upgrades for embassies and consulates worldwide; and
- Created a new Millennium Challenge Account to provide assistance to countries that demonstrate a commitment to governing justly, investing in their people, and encouraging economic freedom.

The President's FY 2005 Budget builds on the successes of the last three years. It includes:

- More than \$5.7 billion in military and economic assistance to help front-line states in the War on Terror;
- \$1.2 billion to affirm our commitment to the citizens of Afghanistan by investing in economic growth, reconstruction and democracy-building;
- A significant expansion of efforts to promote democracy in the Broader Middle East and North Africa consistent with the President's "Forward Strategy of Freedom" initiative -- doubling the National Endowment for Democracy Budget to \$80 million and providing \$150 million for the Middle East Partnership Initiative;

- \$123 million for international support to reduce and prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems, and related equipment, materials, and expertise;
- \$2.8 billion to combat global AIDS, maintaining U.S. leadership in funding HIV/AIDS care, treatment, and prevention and more than tripling the funding level since President Bush took office;
- \$2.5 billion for the President's Millennium Challenge Account initiative, an increase of \$1.5 billion over the FY 2004 level that keeps the initiative on track to meet the President's goal of \$5 billion by 2006, encouraging global economic growth through proven American values of transparency and accountability, entrepreneurship, and economic freedom;
- \$872 million for the first year of the 5-year phase-in of the new Capital Security Cost Sharing Program created to accelerate construction of 150 new secure embassies worldwide over the next 14 years. More than 60,000 U.S. government employees serve in embassies and consulates worldwide. Because terrorists have targeted these facilities, the United States continues to upgrade security at more than 260 embassies and consulates; and
- \$401 million for the Peace Corps, which currently has volunteers serving in more than 70 countries. Under President Bush, the Peace Corps now has the highest number of volunteers serving abroad in 28 years.

For Other Information About the President's Accomplishments and Proposals:

FY 2005 Budget

Department of Defense: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/defense.html>

Department of State: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/state.html>

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The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/response/>

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