U.S. Military and Police Aid Programs

A Basic Guide: From Purpose to Type of Recipient

Over the past 15 years, the United States has significantly expanded the number of U.S. security sector aid funding accounts or programs to support a range of U.S. national security and foreign policy goals. This guide provides an overview of 29 key, active U.S. programs funded by the Defense or State Departments and grouped by their primary purpose.

### Number of Programs by Department

- Defense Department (DoD) (75.86%)
- State Department (DoS) (20.69%)
- Hybrid (DoD-DoS) (3.45%)

### Counterinsurgency and Coalition Operations Programs

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<td>Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (DoD)</td>
<td>Counterinsurgency, counterterrorism, in Afghanistan</td>
<td>Equipment, training, supplies, services, transportation</td>
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<td>Coalition Support Funds (DoD)</td>
<td>Counterinsurgency, counterterrorism, coalition operations, interoperability</td>
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<td>Emergency Drawdowns (DoS)</td>
<td>Crisis response, counterterrorism, disaster assistance, counternarcotics</td>
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**Key Program Initiation Dates**

- Non-Proliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining, and Related Programs
- Cooperative Threat Reduction
- Wales Initiative (formerly Warsaw)
- Section 1033 (Counterdrug)
- Defense Institutional Reform Initiative
- Global Security Contingency Fund
- Ministry of Defense Advisors Program

- 1961-1978
- 1990-1998
- 2002-2006
- 2008-2011
- 2014-2016

- Foreign Military Financing
- International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement
- International Military Education Training
- Peacekeeping Operations
- Afghanistan Security Forces Fund
- Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program
- Global Train and Equip (Section 1206)
- Section 1208
- Iraq Train and Equip
- European Reassurance Initiative
- Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative
- Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund

*The programs listed above are examples only and do not include all programs initiated during the specified date range.*

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<td>European Reassurance Initiative (DoD)</td>
<td>European security and territorial integrity, stabilization</td>
<td>Military exercises, positioning of U.S. armed forces personnel, training, equipment</td>
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<td>Foreign Military Financing (DoS)</td>
<td>Stabilization, counterterrorism, counternarcotics, coalition operations</td>
<td>Equipment, training</td>
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<td>Israeli Cooperative Programs (DoD)</td>
<td>Border security, stabilization, counterterrorism for Israel</td>
<td>Development, production, research, tests for missile defense systems</td>
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**Top Military and Police Aid Program Purposes**

- **Counterterrorism (18 programs)**
  The techniques, strategy, and military tactics used by governments, military, law enforcement, and intelligence agencies to combat or prevent terrorism.

- **Stabilization (9 programs)**
  Integrated government efforts to prevent, respond to, and stabilize crises in countries, setting conditions for long-term stability and peace.

- **Counterinsurgency (8 programs)**
  Government efforts taken to defeat and contain insurgency (organized use of subversion and violence to seize/challenge political control).

- **Coalition Operations (8 programs)**
  Military operations of a coalition of countries that seek to prevent, contain, or resolve conflicts that may pose threats to common national interests.

- **Border & Maritime Security (7 programs)**
  Measures and activities to protect borders from the illegal movement of weapons, drugs, contraband, and people, while promoting lawful entry and exit.

- **Defense Institution Building (7 programs)**
  Activities that seek to enhance the accountability, transparency, and effectiveness of defense institutions.

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<td>Counterterrorism, counter-WMD</td>
<td>Education, training</td>
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<td>Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund (DoD)</td>
<td>Counterterrorism and crisis response in countries in the area of responsibility of the U.S. Central and Africa Commands</td>
<td>Training, equipment, U.S. operations</td>
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<td>Joint Combined Exchange Training (DoD)</td>
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**Top Recipients of Military and Police Aid**

*Among the 29 programs, the military is the most common possible recipient of U.S. security aid. Other recipients not mentioned include border guards, civil society, and international organizations.*

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- Aviation Leadership Program (DoD)
- Defense Institutional Reform Initiative (DoD)
- International Military Education Training (DoS)
- Ministry of Defense Advisors Program (DoD)
- Regional Centers for Security Studies (DoD)

**Purpose(s)**

- Aviation expertise, defense institution building
- Defense institution building
- Defense institution building, counterinsurgency, counterterrorism, counternarcotics, counter-WMD, peacekeeping, stabilization, cyber security, aviation expertise, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance
- Defense institution building
- Defense institution building, interoperability, coalition operations

**Aid Types**

- Training, information exchanges
- Assessments, training, advise
- Training, defense/military contacts, education
- Training, information exchanges, conferences, workshops, defense/military contacts, education

**Recipient Types**

- Foreign air force personnel
- Military, foreign defense ministries
- Military, Coast Guard, civilian personnel
- Military, foreign defense, related ministries and regional organizations
- Military, civilian defense and security government officials
Security Assistance Monitor selected the above programs based on their importance in U.S. foreign security aid and the availability and level of spending data on the programs. There are many programs that are excluded because there is no spending data on the programs. We have chosen a broad definition of U.S. military and police aid by using the security sector assistance definition in Presidential Policy Directive 23. Please note that we have attempted to include all of the possible purposes, types of aid, and types of recipients for each program. However, the items listed in these boxes are not exhaustive.

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