



# USG Humanitarian Assistance to Burma

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## Session Agenda

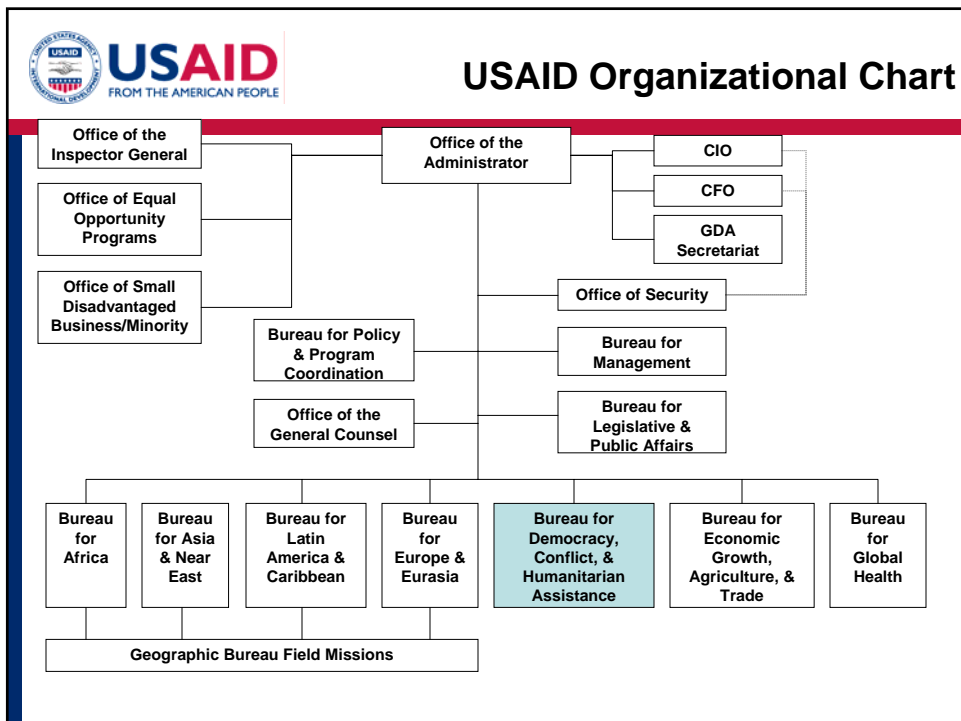
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USAID supports long-term and equitable economic growth and advances U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting:

- economic growth, agriculture and trade;
- global health; and,
- democracy, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance.

We provide assistance in four regions of the world:

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Asia and the Near East
- Latin America and the Caribbean and
- Europe and Eurasia



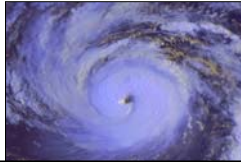


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## Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance



Save lives,  
alleviate human suffering, and  
reduce the economic and social impacts of  
humanitarian emergencies



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## OFDA's Responsibility and Authority

Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (P.L. 87-195), as amended, sections 491-493

Notwithstanding of any other provision of this or any other Act

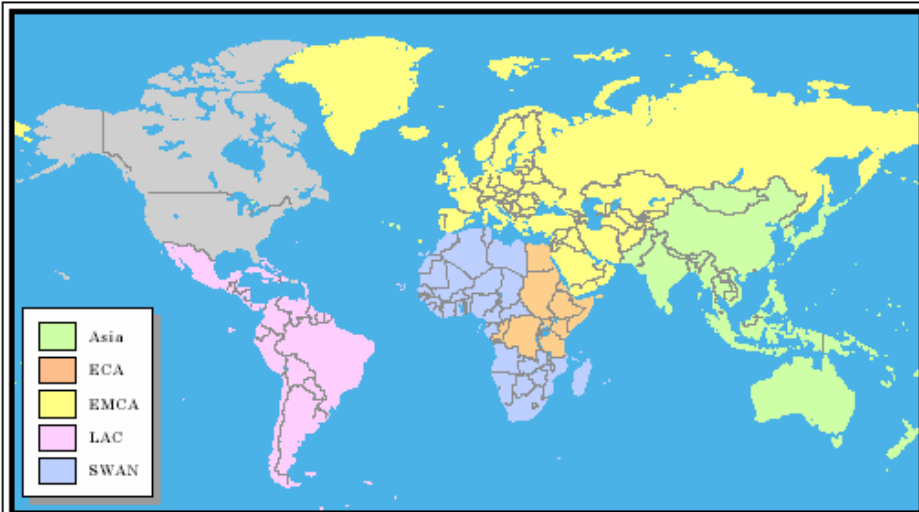


## What does OFDA do?

- Responds to all types of natural disasters
- Provides assistance when lives are threatened by accidental or human-caused catastrophes
- Coordinates and facilitates U.S. Government response to international disasters
- Promotes preparedness and mitigation activities



## OFDA Regional Offices





## Disaster response



## Disaster Occurs

- US Government (through OFDA) may respond if:
  - Beyond the ability of the affected country to respond
  - Affected country requests (or will accept) outside assistance
  - In the interest of the US Government



## Disaster Declared

- By Ambassador or Chief of Mission
- Assistant Secretary of State for the affected area or region (Somalia, Iran)



## How does OFDA respond to disasters?

- Provide funds to US Embassy or USAID Missions to purchase relief supplies
- Deploy
  - OFDA regional advisors to assess conditions and identify needs
  - Assessment team to evaluate disaster situation
  - Disaster Assistance Response Team to coordinate response
- Fund grants by PIOs, NGOs, PVOs
- Provide disaster relief commodities
- Deploy technical and sectoral experts



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Tropical Cyclone Nargis, a category 4 storm, was located off the coast of Pagoda Point, Myanmar with sustained winds of 130 mph and gusts up to 160 mph.



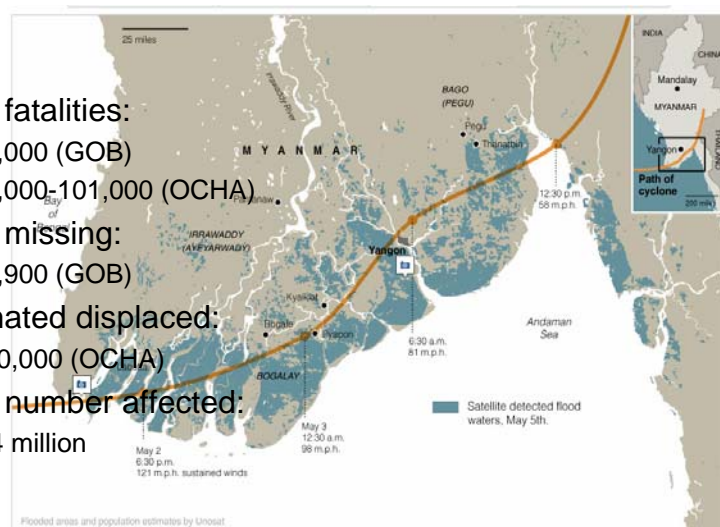
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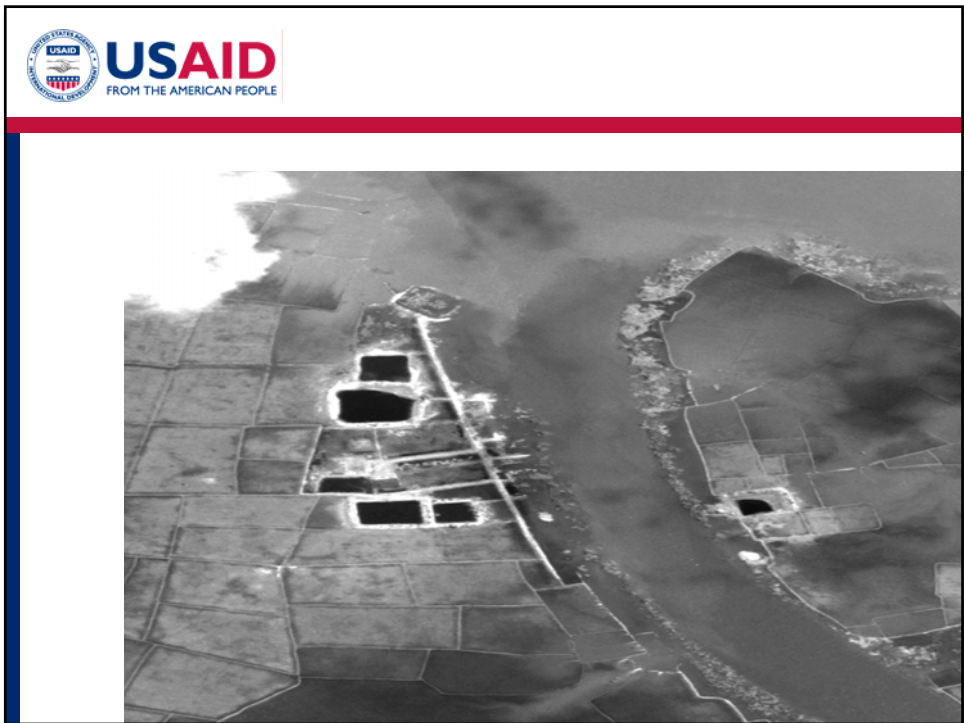


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## Cyclone Nargis Impact in Burma

- Total fatalities:
  - 77,000 (GOB)
  - 63,000-101,000 (OCHA)
- Total missing:
  - 55,900 (GOB)
- Estimated displaced:
  - 110,000 (OCHA)
- Total number affected:
  - 2.4 million











## USG Humanitarian Assistance Timeline

- May 5: Disaster declaration
  - U.S. Charge de Affairs Shari Villarosa
  - Deployed DART (Bangkok)
  - Provided \$250,000 to UNICEF, WFP and NHCR
- May 6: \$3 million for relief assistance (AF and NGOs)
- May 12: \$13 million for WFP (food aid and logistics)
- May 12-June 2: \$3.2 million OFDA relief commodities (DART and DOD)
  - Plastic sheeting, hygiene kits, water containers, water treatment units, and water bladders



## USG Humanitarian Funding



- USAID/OFDA: \$7,474,728
- USAID/FFP: \$12,000,000
- DOD: \$6,834,500
- Total: \$26,289,164



- 54% received limited humanitarian assistance
- UN Flash Appeal 40% funded
- Internally displaced
- Humanitarian access limited

