

SCJ7 Civil-Military Assistance Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP)

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UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND
PARTNERSHIP FOR THE AMERICAS



Civil-Military Assistance

- **Mission**: Conducts activities to build Partner Nation capacity to provide essential services to its civilian population, including responding to disaster and other crises, reinforcing security and sustainable stability in a host nation or region

- **Objective**: Improving DOD Visibility, Access, and Influence in the SOUTHCOM Area of Focus generating long-term positive public relations and goodwill

- **Civil-Military Assistance (CMA) Division Programs**:
 - Humanitarian Assistance
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - DOD Excess Property
 - Civil Affairs
 - Humanitarian Mine Action
 - Disaster Response



Civil-Military Assistance Humanitarian Assistance Program

Improve the basic living conditions of the civilian populace and enhancing the legitimacy of the host nation by improving its capacity to provide essential services to its populace

- Schools
- Clinics
- Community Centers
- Wells/Water Projects
- First Responder Training
- Firefighter Training





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Disaster Preparedness

Improve Partner Nation capacity to provide essential disaster response services to its populace

- Emergency Operation Centers
- Disaster Response Warehouses
- Disaster Management Information Management Systems
- Disaster Management Training





Civil-Military Assistance

Civil Affairs

Establish unified actions that involves the synchronization, coordination, or integration of the activities of governmental and nongovernmental entities with military operations to achieve unity of effort .

- CA Liaison support
- CA Specific Forces
- Support to CMO
- Support to HCA/HA/DR
- Support HMA missions





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Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA)

Assist countries in relieving the suffering of the adverse effects of uncleared landmines and other explosive remnants of war while promoting US interests

- Training on landmine clearance
- Mine risk education
- Victims assistance





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Excess Property Denton Program Funded Transportation





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Disaster Response



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Disaster Response

- US military is not an instrument of first resort in responding to humanitarian crises but supports civilian relief agencies.
- Oslo Accords - US military may be involved when:
 - The military provides a unique service
 - Civilian response capacity is overwhelmed
 - Civilian authorities request assistance
- When the US military does become involved:
 - The military mission should be clearly defined
 - Exit Criteria clearly defined

OFDA has the Lead for Foreign Disaster Response
SOUTHCOM is a supporting activity coordinated through MDRO



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Recent Disaster Response Missions

- Nov 08 – **Costa Rica/Panama** – Floods
- Nov 08 – **Haiti** – School Collapse
- Nov/Dec 08 – **Colombia** – Volcano and Floods
- Dec 08 – **Uruguay** – Forest Fires
- Jan 09 – **Costa Rica** – Earthquake
- May 09 – **Honduras** – Earthquake
- Nov 09 – **El Salvador** – Floods and Mudslides
- Jan 10 – **Haiti** – Earthquake
- Feb 10 – **Chile** – Earthquake
- Jun 10 – **Guatemala, El Salvador & Honduras** – Tropical Storm





Civil-Military Assistance

Minimal Cost Projects

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- **Immediate Impact**
 - **Promote Positive Community Relations**
 - **24 hour turnaround from request to funds**
 - **Coordinated via MILGP HA Manager**
- **SOUTHCOM Approved**
 - **\$10K or less**
 - **< \$3K to MILGP**
 - **> \$3K - \$10K Require Embassy GSO contracting assistance**
- **Locally procured commodities for schools, orphanages, clinics, shelters**
 - **Hygiene Kits**
 - **Shoes & Clothes**
 - **Backpacks, Books, Schools Supplies**
 - **Appliances (Refrigerators, Microwaves)**
 - **Musical Instruments & Sports Equipment**
 - **Self Help Materials (Tools, Building Material)**



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Questions?



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