



ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUNDS IN JEOPARDY IN FY2005 BUDGET

The FY 2005 ESF request of \$2.520 billion supports the economic and political foreign policy interests of the United States. However, most or all of the **\$529 Million budgeted to 11 Countries and 5 Major Programs** is legislated to be **withheld because would-be recipients are parties to the International Criminal Court** but have not signed immunity agreements.

<u>RECEIVER</u>	<u>\$US</u>	<u>PURPOSE OF PROGRAM</u>
South Africa	1M	to improve South Africa's ability to combat financial crime and counterfeiting, as well as "enhance trade and private sector development and promote human rights."
Cyprus	13.5M	further its peace process, including "programs and activities that encourage tolerance, cooperation and trust between Greek and Turkish Cypriots."
Ireland	12M	The International Fund for Ireland and the Walsh Visa Program, both intended to further the Northern Ireland peace process.
Ecuador	13M	help strengthen democratic institutions, fight corruption and foster economic development.
Paraguay	3M	help consolidate and strengthen democracy and the open market economy, as well as to fight corruption and terrorism.
Peru	8M	lower the risk of instability in areas facing the threat of increased coca cultivation, narco-trafficking, terrorism and minimal central government presence." These funds are also intended to promote democracy by aiding reform, enhancing local governance, and assisting Peru's Truth and Reconciliation Commission for human rights abuses under its former regime.
Jordan	250M	support economic growth and governance reforms in a country whose "critical location and highly cooperative government make it a linchpin of regional stability and security": the venue of choice for many Iraq-focused initiatives, including the training of Iraqi police and conferences on Iraq economic reconstruction.
Venezuela	500,000	to strengthen democratic institutions and reform the judicial system of a country that is a leading supplier of foreign oil to the United States, a major transshipment route for illegal drugs, and facing democratic collapse.
Mexico	5.25M (EST)	expand local conflict resolution and prevention programs; to help build transparency and accountability systems in key offices; to support the U.S. interagency anticorruption pilot program in Nicaragua; to support ongoing justice sector reform activities; to provide technical assistance and

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training to state and local government institutions; and to enhance the capacity of Mexico's higher education institutions to give students skills to grasp NAFTA-created opportunities.

Kenya	4.25M (EST)	support economic growth, democratization, anti-crime, and anti-corruption activities and to counter terrorism.
Lebanon	32M	promote economic growth and trade reform; continue good governance programs; protect the environment; and support the four American Educational Institutions in Lebanon.
Africa Regional Fund	11M	help "strengthen [African countries'] capabilities to impede the flow of terrorist finances, improve border and airport security, and improve judicial systems." Affected countries include Benin, Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Mali, Namibia, Niger, South Africa, and Tanzania.
Safe Skies	5M	improve aviation safety and security in select African countries, with the intention of fostering economic growth and combating terrorism, narcotics trafficking and weapons smuggling, while also doing more to keep airline passengers safe. Countries that would be affected include Namibia, Mali and Tanzania; Benin, which is under consideration for inclusion in the program, would now be ineligible as well.
Peru-Ecuador Peace	4M	help implement the 1998 peace agreement between these two countries, which enables them to work more cooperatively in combating drug trafficking in the border region. Also to fund cross-border programs on democratic governance, child survival, biodiversity, and economic growth.
Middle East Regional Cooperation and Middle East Multilaterals	7M	to foster mutually beneficial technical cooperation between experts from Israel and its Arab neighbors
Middle East partnership initiative	150M	support reform efforts in the Middle East and champion opportunity for all people of the region. Funds will be used to support on-going flagship programs, such as the Middle East Free Trade Area and the Middle East Finance Corporation
Third Border initiative	9M	comprehensive immigration and border security programs; continue development and installation of computerized immigration systems in the Eastern Caribbean states; fund disaster preparedness and coordination exercises; and continue certain ongoing rule of law activities.

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