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USAID'S FIRST RESPONDER TO A CRISIS:

**BUREAU FOR
DEMOCRACY
CONFLICT
AND
HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE**





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Leading the U.S.
government's
international
emergency response



Office of Acquisition and Assistance
Transportation Contracting



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- Prevent crises, save lives, alleviate suffering
- Support democracy
- Promote opportunities for people adversely affected by poverty, conflict, natural disasters, and a breakdown of good governance (failed or failing states)
- Implement solutions that link humanitarian efforts with longer-term development goals
- Inter-agency and international cooperation



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- **Inter-agency leadership, international cooperation**
- **NSPD-44 and DoD Directive 3000.5 (Responsibilities)**
- **Extensive training of people in tasks and cooperation**
- **Establishment of country, DART and inter-agency processes**
- **Commodity tracking, communications, knowledge technology**
- **Lessons for the homeland:**
- **Individual, community, state, federal needs assessment**
- **PMs and COs – Select the right implementing partners**
- **Contractors – Train your people and back them up**
- **After training - Authority at the appropriate level**



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Disaster Assistance Response Teams and Resp. Mgmt. Team

- **DART Training, Crisis Recovery Response Training**
- **RMT Experience – Inter and Intra Agency Coordination**
- **Think in time (task others, changed assessments, problems)**
- **Organizations with processes and trained people in place**
- **COs and Contractors – Performance Based Contracts; Internal Training**
- **Have patience and respect for people who are expressing their frustration with their government**