

## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Humanitarian assistance, another element of US foreign assistance, basically consists of welfare and emergency relief. The largest part of this support is in food programs for mothers and children as well as nutritional supplement programs for schools.

Disaster and emergency relief and refugee assistance comprise the second largest category in this group. These programs have helped in emergency situations overseas resulting from natural disasters, such as drought, floods, and earthquakes, and from war.

Humanitarian assistance programs are administered by AID and the IDCA in conjunction with the US Department of Agriculture. Most of the food programs under Public Law 480 are conducted by US affiliates of international voluntary agencies under arrangements made with AID.

## SECURITY ASSISTANCE

US security assistance includes those programs used to assist friendly foreign countries to establish and maintain adequate defense postures to provide internal security and resist external aggression. The reason for furnishing such assistance is the belief that the security and economic well-being of friendly foreign countries is essential to the security of the United States. Security assistance programs also are designed to provide allied and friendly nations with the capability to resist aggression in accordance with regional defense agreements and US contingency plans.

Security assistance includes the selling or granting of defense articles, services, and training. In exceptional cases it can include economic supporting assistance to offset costs of maintaining armed forces. Specifically, security assistance provides military forces with the equipment, spare parts, supporting material, services, and training that enhances a nation's capability to deter aggression and maintain internal security. Training assistance is designed to improve effectiveness, promote proper usage and maintenance of equipment, establish a sound base for the nation's training activities, standardize procedures which will enhance combined military operations, and promote friendship and good will toward the United States.

There are FIVE major security assistance programs conducted by the US Government:

- **MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP).** This program provides for transfers of defense articles and services to eligible foreign governments and international organizations as GRANT AID. It includes projects such as improvement of foreign communications capabilities and construction or upgrading of naval, military, and airport facilities. This aid fulfills military needs of friendly countries and international organizations which otherwise could not meet these needs from their own resources. The number of countries participating in GRANT AID programs continues to be reduced. The trend is toward foreign military sales (FMS) or commercial sales of defense articles and services. While not a major US security assistance program, the EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES (EDA) PROGRAM is closely related to MAP. It