

Aid to Israel and the Palestinian Authority

Israelis, Palestinians, and Americans alike know that the conflict in Palestine and Israel must end—and that the solution is not continued violence. Despite its calls for a non-military end to the conflict, the U.S. continues to fund the militarization of the conflict through the direct and indirect military assistance it provides to the Israeli military and the Palestinian Authority.

Direct U.S. support for the militarization of the conflict in Palestine and Israel in the form of military aid is obvious, but it is important to note that *even aid provided for ostensibly non-military purposes is often rechanneled toward programs that have some military aspect to them.*

To get the full picture of how the U.S. supports the militarization of the conflict, we therefore have to look at programs that are officially non-military in nature but that fund militarized actions, such as training police forces in paramilitary tactics or counter-terrorism funding used against political dissidents. Such an analysis shows that much of the non-military aid to Israel and the Palestinian Authority is in fact funding militarized programs.

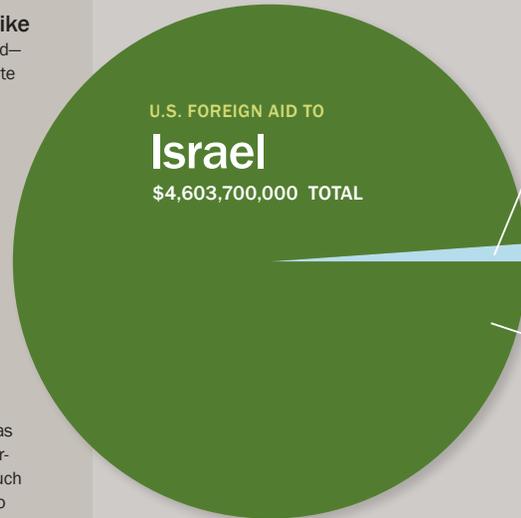


Non-military aid
Aid that has no explicit military justification or militarized elements within the project.



Military aid
Aid that is used to fund the purchase of arms, support militaries or paramilitary forces, and assist further U.S. or foreign military priorities.

Militarized aid
Aid that may be classified by the U.S. government as non-military, but which actually supports military action.



Non-military aid \$23,000,000

Migration and Refugee Assistance Funds • \$20,000,000
Resettlement aid for humanitarian migrants from the former Soviet Union, countries in Eastern Europe, Africa, the Near East, and elsewhere. Though humanitarian aid, these funds continue discriminatory immigration policies that privilege Jewish over Palestinian immigration.

American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Fund • \$3,000,000
Program to strengthen schools and hospitals overseas that best demonstrate American ideals and practices. Funding provided includes grants to medical facilities in Israel for building or renovation of facilities and procurement of scientific, medical, and educational equipment.



Military/militarized aid \$4,580,700,000

M.O.U. Grant • \$3,075,000,000
Memorandum of Understanding pledging direct military aid to Israel, subject to exceptions to typical constraints on U.S. military aid. Concerns have been raised that the way this aid is used violates provisions in Foreign Assistance Act and Arms Export and Control Act that forbid weapons shipments to countries with a history of human rights abuses.

Support for Israeli Missile Defense • \$305,700,000
Funding to help develop missile defense systems including the Arrow II, Aaron III, David's Sling, and Iron Dome systems. Separate from congressionally-approved military assistance to Israel.

U.S. EUCOM Military stockpiles in Israel • \$1,200,000,000
Program to store missiles, artillery ammunition, and armored vehicles in munitions bunkers in Israel; amended in 2010 to expand stores from \$800 million to over \$1.2 billion dollars' worth of arms and ammunition. Israel can access these weapons with congressional approval, as in 2006 during its war with Lebanon.



Non-military aid \$395,700,000

Direct Budgetary Aid to Palestinian Authority • \$200,000,000

USAID Assistance—West Bank and Gaza
For governance, rule of law, civil society • \$17,300,000
For health, education, social services • \$94,100,000
For economic development • \$62,600,000
For humanitarian assistance • \$21,700,000



Military/militarized aid \$113,000,000

I.N.C.L.E. (International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement) • \$113,000,000
Funding for security forces, including paramilitary-style training for maintaining military control over sections of the West Bank. Activities of security forces have been criticized by human rights groups.

All figures for fiscal year 2012.

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