



# Economic Recovery

## Civilian Response Corps Capabilities

Economic recovery is an essential part of stabilization and reconstruction in post-conflict societies. In order to address economic issues in a conflict environment, the Civilian Response Corps has a team of Economic Recovery experts available to help with job creation, attracting international investment, generating customs and tax revenue, fostering agricultural development and international trade, advocating for effective fiscal policy, rebuilding economic infrastructure, improving distribution systems, and encouraging small businesses and entrepreneurship.

In addition to the sectoral expertise that these Corps members possess, they also share a common base of assessment and planning skills, which are important to the success of the Corps's peacebuilding efforts. Because no single government entity has all of the relevant expertise on navigating a conflict environment, the Civilian Response Corps is a partnership of eight departments and agencies.

### What Corps Members Offer

Economic Recovery experts in the Corps can help U.S. Embassies, Combatant Commands, and others create stable and secure environments in fragile and post-conflict host nations by:

- ▶ Recommending policies to promote good economic governance;
- ▶ Establishing agricultural programs;
- ▶ Monitoring economic assistance programs in the field;
- ▶ Providing recommendations to advance rural development and stabilization;
- ▶ Identifying and addressing technological needs;
- ▶ Advising on energy access and efficiency programs;
- ▶ Assessing economic drivers of conflict;
- ▶ Advising on the establishment of lines of trade.

### A Wide Breadth of Capabilities

The Corps's Economic Recovery skills are found primarily within the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security, and State and the U.S. Agency for International Development. In particular, Corps members with Economic Recovery expertise are skilled in the following areas:

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| ▶ Agricultural Development | ▶ Economic Program Management   |
| ▶ Banking                  | ▶ Monetary Policy               |
| ▶ Business Regulation      | ▶ Public Review and Expenditure |
| ▶ Census                   | ▶ Rural Development             |
| ▶ Commerce                 | ▶ Taxes                         |
| ▶ Customs                  | ▶ Trade                         |
| ▶ Economic Policy          |                                 |

### Language and Regional Expertise

**Languages:** Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, Creole, Dari, Farsi, French, German, Hindi, Macedonian, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog

**Regional Experience:** Experts in all regions including Africa, East Asia & Pacific, Europe & Eurasia, Near East Asia, South & Central Asia, and the Western Hemisphere

### Significant Economic Recovery Engagements

#### Kyrgyzstan

In June 2010 two Corps members from the Department of Commerce deployed to Kyrgyzstan to serve as economics and trade policy advisors, providing strategic guidance to the provisional government and recommendations to U.S. Embassy Bishkek on additional engagement with Provisional Government officials on fiscal/economic policy. A third member of the Corps deployed as an Assistance Coordinator to provide monitoring and oversight and to address implementation challenges linked to the rollout of the U.S. Embassy's programs in the southern Kyrgyz Republic, including 1207 funding, Department of Defense efforts, and other USAID and State programming.

#### Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, Task Force 435 is charged with addressing corrections issues. There are currently seven Corps members on the task force with an eighth member joining it soon. One Corps member from the Department of Agriculture has started a vocational agriculture program as a reintegration project.

#### Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

In December 2009, a group of Corps members deployed to the DRC to conduct a wide variety of assessments related to stabilization issues at the request of the Chief of Mission in Kinshasa. In particular, one Corps member was charged with conducting an economic assessment and minerals study.