

Visualization 1

This first visualization divides US foreign assistance spending into regional blocks, which is then further divided by total share of the total amount across the nations that comprise that region.

This visualization seeks to drive home a key point: US 'foreign aid' does not necessarily go to poor nations that channel these funds into development programs to improve human development outcomes. Rather, in almost every region, the nation(s) with the largest share of US foreign assistance are those in which the US has a strategic interest, either in regional stability or active conflicts. The US has long provided military assistance to or maintains a strong military interest in Pakistan, Jordan, The Marshall Islands, and Colombia. The US is actively involved in or funding military engagements in Afghanistan, Iraq, Ukraine, and Nigeria