



WHAT WE DO

Preventing Violent Conflict and Sustaining the Peace

- ▶ USIP works to prevent, reduce, and resolve armed conflict around the world. The Institute applies practical solutions directly in conflict zones and provides analysis, education, and resources to those working for peace.
- ▶ USIP's specialized teams—mediators, trainers and others—work in some of the world's most dangerous places, including Iraq and Afghanistan.
- ▶ USIP's initiatives are cost-effective. They equip countries to manage and resolve conflict themselves and reduce the need for U.S. military deployments abroad.

HOW WE DO IT

Cost-Effective Contributions to National Security

- ▶ In the fight against ISIS, USIP mediates peace accords in local conflicts in Iraqi communities that have been devastated by the extremist group. In 2015, USIP facilitated a local Sunni-Shia accord in Tikrit that averted bloodshed and let 380,000 internally displaced people return home.
- ▶ To inhibit extremist recruitment among a highly vulnerable population, USIP in 2015 and 2016 provided training to Tunisian university students on how to resolve conflicts without violence.
- ▶ In Afghanistan, USIP led a successful campaign that facilitated peaceful elections in 2014 despite Taliban calls for violence.
- ▶ In Burma, USIP trained civic leaders, government officials, and police to help achieve a peaceful 2015 election for a more democratic government during a delicate transition from autocratic rule to democracy.
- ▶ With training, research, and other programs in the U.S. and abroad, USIP builds the capacity of the U.S. military, diplomatic, and development communities to combat extremism and stabilize war-torn countries.

“USIP has been in Iraq since 2003, ... training local people who could negotiate peace among the tribes and bring violence down... In 2007, in Mahmoudiya..., the ‘Triangle of Death,’ USIP negotiated an arrangement among the tribes ... Violence went down dramatically. The U.S. military presence was able to reduce by 80 percent. It saved a lot of lives, it saved a lot of dollars, and that basic peace agreement among the tribes has held up for 10 years.”

Stephen J. Hadley
Chair, USIP Board of Directors
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House Armed Services
Committee

“I was the battalion commander that worked with you in Mahmoudiya, Iraq 2007–2008. [USIP’s] initiatives helped save the lives of my guys, and gave us other alternatives in nonviolent conflict resolution.”

Col. William H. Zemp
U.S. Army

OUR STORY

Three Decades of Impact

- ▶ President Ronald Reagan signed legislation creating the Institute in 1984.
- ▶ The Institute was created by leaders in Congress who had lived through the devastation of war and hoped to prevent it in the future.
- ▶ Congress appropriates the Institute’s funding—\$37.8 million this year—to ensure that it remains nonpartisan and independent of outside influence.
- ▶ The Institute has a bipartisan board of directors that by statute includes the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the President of the National Defense University.