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**INFORMATION PAPER**  
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**HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, DISASTER RELIEF & MINE ACTION DIVISION**

**Subject:** Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid (OHDACA) Appropriation

**Background:**

- OHDACA funds the following DSCA-managed programs:
  - **Humanitarian Assistance (HA)**
    - Authorities:
      - 10 U.S.C. 2561- Transportation of relief supplies; “other” humanitarian purposes worldwide
      - 10 U.S.C. 2557 - Non-lethal Excess Property Program
      - 10 U.S.C. 402 - Denton Program; Space Available Transport
    - Description: Allows for execution of steady-state humanitarian assistance projects, designed to meet the basic needs of civilian populations in partner nations, while improving DoD access, visibility and influence. Provides for valuable civilian-military cooperation, capacity building of partner nations, and strengthening of regional stability and security, while promoting U.S. national security interests. Also offers DoD the ability to transport humanitarian relief supplies and provide non-lethal DoD excess property to partner nations.
  - **Disaster Relief (DR)**
    - Authorities:
      - 10 U.S.C. 404 - Foreign Disaster Assistance
      - 10 U.S.C. 2561 (see above)
    - Description: Offers DoD the ability to respond rapidly to crises by supplying non-lethal equipment/supplies, providing transportation of humanitarian assistance-related resources, and the provision of unique services to address urgent and critical humanitarian needs.
  - **Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA)**
    - Authority: 10 U.S.C. 407 - Humanitarian Demining Assistance
    - Description: Trains U.S. forces to conduct technical demining training with partner nation military forces covering: landmines/explosive remnants of war (ERW) reduction and removal, mine risk education, victim assistance, and partner nation mine action center development.
- Available for two fiscal years from date of appropriation

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