How You Can Track U.S. Military and Police Aid

A Guide for Media Professionals
U.S. government is dramatically increasing military aid, moving from $5 billion in FY 2001 to $19.2 billion in FY 2015.

It’s difficult to see where the money is going because the numbers are funded through scores of different funds and diverse sources.

Security Assistance Monitor (SAM) launched in 2014 to increase transparency, debate, and oversight of an often risky foreign policy tool.
SAM’s Online Databases

Search by Database
- Military Aid
- Arms Sales
- Military Training
- Economic Aid

Search by Country

Explore U.S. Security Assistance By Country
Click the map to learn more about U.S. security assistance to a specific region.
Find Answers To a Range of Questions

- Who are the top recipients of U.S. military aid?
- How have the relationships between U.S. military aid recipients changed over time?
- Is the United States balancing military and economic aid?
- Did the leader of the coup receive U.S. military training?
- Has the United States broke any of its promises, laws, or policies?
Basic Database Filters

Data

Show Data for: [Military Aid] - by - [Country] [Program] [Go]

Filter Data by: [Program] [Program type: All] [Region: Global] Date Range [From: 2010] [To: 2017] [Filter]
Top Filter: By Country or Program?

**By Country**
- See total allocated spending by country by year;
- Find types of aid to country by clicking on data point.

**By Program**
- See total allocated spending by U.S. fund or program;
- Find countries receiving aid under the program by clicking on data point.
## Bottom Filter: Date Range, Region, Department?

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>By Country or Area</th>
<th>By Program</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Select the specific U.S. program (25 or more);</td>
<td>• Select the specific country or area (more than 200);</td>
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<td>• Identify funder: State (Foreign Operations) or Defense Dept.;</td>
<td>• Identify funder;</td>
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<td>• Choose region or sub-region.</td>
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Data Displays

Military and Police Aid by Year

Applied Filters: region-excludes- | Embed Filter - (region(dimension) equalTo Global) AND (year(Year)(dateTime) greaterThanOrEqualTo 2010 AND year(Year)(dateTime) lessThanOrEqualTo 2016)

Military and Police Aid by Program

Applied Filters: region-excludes- | Embed Filter - (region(dimension) equalTo Global) AND (year(Year)(dateTime) greaterThanOrEqualTo 2010 AND year(Year)(dateTime) lessThanOrEqualTo 2016)

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Data Display Explanation

- Top line chart shows totals by year for all of the countries or programs shown below the chart
  - See the exact total by moving cursor over the data point in the year

- Bottom display shows data for all of the countries or programs you’ve selected by year
  - Click on a number to see more about the amount
Want to Download the Chart or Table?

- Move cursor to the top right corner of the chart or table
- Click on icon to “Export Report”
- Select format to export report and then press “Generate Files”
- Press “Download”
1) Who Are the Top Military Aid Recipients?

- Step 1: Go to “Military Aid” database
- Step 2: Ensure top filter is on “Countries”
- Step 3: Select “Date Range” or “Region” in bottom filter
- Step 3: Click on greater than sign “>” as shown to the right
2) What Types of Military Aid?

- Step 1: Select “Programs” in top filter
- Step 2: Choose “Country” in bottom filter under “Filter Data by” and press “Filter”
- A screen similar to the one below will be displayed

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<th>program</th>
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<td>535,242</td>
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<td>Excess Defense Articles</td>
<td>total_amount</td>
<td>7,098,600</td>
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<td>International Military Education and Training</td>
<td>total_amount</td>
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<td>1,555,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement</td>
<td>total_amount</td>
<td>314,000,000</td>
<td>98,500,000</td>
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Question 2 Continued

- Step 3: Click on a data point connected with a specific U.S. military aid fund or program
- Step 4: Then click that same data point again (not all programs have added details)
- Step 5: Scroll up and down to see all of the details

![Data Table]

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<tr>
<th>country</th>
<th>program</th>
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<td>Afghanistan Security Forces Fund</td>
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<td>210,177,000</td>
<td>Afghan National Army (ANA) Combat Forces Sustainment: Ammunition</td>
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3) Balancing Military and Economic Aid?

- **Quick and Easy Search**
  - Step 1: Go to “Country” or “Regional” page from top navigation bar
  - Step 2: If you choose Country page, click on country
  - Step 3: Scroll down to see “Military vs. Economic Aid” line chart

- **More Detailed Search**
  - Step 1: Go to either the “Military Aid” or “Economic Aid” database
  - Step 2: Choose a specific country, sub-region in the bottom filter if desired
  - Step 3: Calculate total military or economic aid by viewing the data on the display or downloading it
Detailed Example: Central America

Source: State Department Budget Request for FY 2017
After hearing reports of alleged human rights violations by a U.S. partner, here’s how you discover if they received U.S. military training:

- **Step 1**: Find details on the specific foreign military unit, i.e. force, brigade, company, location, etc.
- **Step 2**: Click on the “Trainees” database on the top database filter or from the top navigation
### Trainees by Country

Applied Filters: region-excludes- | Embed Filter - (region(dimension) equalTo Global) year(Year)(dateTime) greaterThan

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Question 3 Continued

- **Step 3**: Find country and click on data point in year column
- **Step 4**: Click on data point associated with a particular program
- **Step 5**: Scroll to the right to see all of the fields
  - These include cost of training, recipient unit, training institution, training location, and course title
- **Step 6**: Use search function in top right to find units
Database Methodology & Sources

- The data in SAM’s databases primarily represent allocated instead of expended amounts.
- All the data originates from U.S. official reports.
- These reports are obtained from U.S. government websites, SAM interviews, and through FOIA.
- A source is provided for each data point by clicking on any number in the grid and clicking “Show.”
- Data is not adjusted for inflation.
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