



al Humanitarian Role

→ Turkey has a deep-rooted historical tradition in the field of humanitarian assistance. She sees this not only as a moral responsibility but also as a key factor for the maintenance of stability in the international community.

→ In 2004 alone, Turkey has given humanitarian assistance to many countries and regions, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, the Palestinian Authority, Pakistan, Niger, North Ossetia in the Russian Federation, and the Darfur region of Sudan.

→ The Turkish International Cooperation Administration (TICA) was established in 1992 as Turkey's official development cooperation agency. It has relations with international donor institutions such as UNDP and the OECD.

→ TICA has field offices in Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kosovo, Ethiopia,

Afghanistan and the Palestinian Authority. Its activities are concentrated in Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Balkans.

→ Its main operational fields are Private Sector Development, Agriculture, Health, Statistics, Banking and Finance, Competition Legislation, Customs Operations, Improvement of Physical Infrastructure, Tourism, Handicraft Training Programs and Information Technologies.



The Prime Minister of Turkey, H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, visits Southeast Asia in 2005, following the tsunami disaster in the region.

→ As a strong supporter of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), Turkey opened a Program Coordinator Office for TICA in Addis Ababa in March 2005, its first in Africa.

→ Since 2002, Turkey has made or pledged cash donations totaling nearly US\$ 6 million to Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Palestinian Authority, as well as to the World Bank, the World Food Programme and the UN Development Programme for use in Afghanistan, Iraq and Tajikistan.