

Aid Hub in Miami. By Helen Murphy, Devex, 7 May 2026

Aid hubs take shape

The [U.S. State Department](#) announced the launch of a **new humanitarian assistance hub in South Florida**, one that will help the agency pre-position emergency relief supplies for the Western Hemisphere. The hub will work with the U.S. Southern Command, the military unit responsible for coordinating operations in the region, to do so — and humanitarian and disaster advisers will be directly embedded within that team.

The Southern Command is based in Greater Miami, which is also where one of the warehouses once managed by USAID is based. The initiative **“formalizes” State Department-led coordination for humanitarian emergencies** in the Western Hemisphere, the department said, adding that the hub will be managed by its Bureau of Disaster and Humanitarian Response, a downsized version of what was once USAID’s 1,200-person Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance.

“Through the Trump Administration’s America First Foreign Assistance, the United States is **dedicating 20 percent of our total assistance resources to our hemisphere**, advancing U.S. priorities and further demonstrating American leadership in our region,” the State Department wrote [in a press release](#).

More are expected to come, my colleague Elissa Miolene tells me. Earlier this year, the State Department announced that a hub in Miami **would be one of 12 across the world**, with others in Bogotá, Colombia; Bangkok, Thailand; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Kyiv, Ukraine; Amman, Jordan; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Nairobi, Kenya; Dakar, Senegal; Dhaka, Bangladesh; and Manila, Philippines.