

Equipment and training were provided to help thwart Soviet and Chinese Communist efforts to gain a dominating influence in newly emerging nations whose political and economic vulnerability make them tempting targets for subversion and infiltration. The importance of such assistance was dramatically demonstrated in the Congo where the legitimate government was dangerously threatened by terrorist and guerrilla activities which could not have been controlled without the aid provided through the military assistance program.

Military assistance was also provided in support of civic action programs through which local forces in several African nations are encouraged to participate in roadbuilding, well digging, and medical projects.