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# ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (ENRM) FRAMEWORK

## A Brief Introduction

### WHY A NEW APPROACH?

The remarkable progress in global development is increasingly threatened by **unprecedented environmental degradation and climate change**.

Warmer temperatures, rapid urbanization, and the unsustainable use of natural resources are contributing to major challenges—from pandemics to pollution—that endanger human health, economic growth, and global stability.

**Sound stewardship of environmental and natural resources is critical to self-reliance** and helps build healthier populations, strengthens livelihoods, reduces conflict, promotes stability, increases resilience, and creates lasting economic opportunities.

The root causes and impacts of natural resource degradation, climate change, and pollution cut across all sectors, and the **increasing intensity and complexity of these environmental challenges calls for a new way of doing business at USAID**—an approach that looks beyond stand-alone environment programming to enhanced integration and collaboration across the Agency.

### THE ENRM FRAMEWORK

USAID launched the ENRM Framework to **coordinate, unify, and elevate** environment, climate change, and natural resource management work across the Agency.

**The ENRM Framework provides a new business model for USAID** and a vision for integration that will help us **work better and smarter** across sectors to improve environment and climate change adaptation and mitigation outcomes, streamline field support, and align with major strategic shifts at the Agency.

The ENRM Framework **is not a new strategy or initiative** and does not create new reporting requirements; it provides direction, **articulates priorities**, outlines a unifying vision to **address emerging challenges** and the most **critical threats** to the environment and development, and serves as a guiding document for **cross-sectoral investments** in environment, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and natural resource management.







## PRIORITY AREAS

The ENRM Framework establishes two broad priority areas:

- 1** Improving **natural resource management** for self reliance.
- 2** Improving **urban systems** for a cleaner environment and enhanced human well being.

The two priority areas include long standing Agency priorities and Congressional directives such as biodiversity, sustainable landscapes, renewable energy, and climate adaptation that will continue to be a major focus of ENRM Framework implementation.

Additionally, there will be increased focus on nine issues that build on opportunities for cross-sectoral integration:



Advancing Democracy through Natural Resources Governance



Natural Resource-related Conflict and Violence



Sustainable Food Systems



Land and Resource Rights



Water Resources Management



One Health (Looking Holistically at Human, Animal, and Environmental Health)



Environmental and Plastic Pollution



Urban and Peri-urban Service Delivery



Urban Resilience

## IMPLEMENTATION

USAID will take five broad actions to implement the ENRM Framework:

- 1** Improve cross-sectoral coordination
- 2** Encourage and support new programming aligned with existing and emerging priorities
- 3** Make it easier for Missions to engage with new partners
- 4** Support Missions to access and apply the best tools and analyses and learn from each other
- 5** Improve our understanding and management of environment-related risks

**For the full ENRM Framework see:**  
<https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/environment-and-global-climate-change/enrm-framework>  
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