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# INDIA
# COUNTRY PROFILE

Over the last six decades, USAID has partnered with India to alleviate food insecurity, fuel the Green Revolution; eradicate polio and strengthen health systems; promote biodiversity and preserve India's food crops; develop industry and infrastructure; establish leading research universities; develop its economy; and reduce poverty. Today, as the world faces existential global challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic to the devastating effects of climate change - this partnership has never been more important.

## OUR WORK

The United States has worked with India to tackle some of the world's most pressing development challenges. Together, the U.S. and India support clean energy and environmental reform; combat climate challenges; increase access to health for the most vulnerable; improve the livelihoods of women and girls; improve education outcomes; encourage open, inclusive, and secure digital ecosystems and inclusive economic growth; and bolster the COVID-19 response in India and across the world.

### STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS & COMBATING COVID-19

USAID partners with the Government of India, the private sector, and civil society to strengthen the impact, reach, affordability, and quality of health services for poor and vulnerable households, building upon decades of USAID's work in India supporting quality and accessible health care, including maternal and child mortality, polio, HIV, and tuberculosis.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed an unprecedented challenge, particularly for India's marginalized and vulnerable populations. USAID's COVID-19 assistance is providing life-saving treatments, disseminating public health messages, strengthening case-finding and surveillance, supporting vaccine supply chain logistics, addressing misinformation and vaccine hesitancy, and training healthcare workers to deliver vaccines safely and effectively across India, including tribal areas.

### TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS & SUPPORTING CLIMATE-RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

With a growing population of more than 1.3 billion people, and a vibrant, rapidly growing economy, India plays a critical part in solving the global climate crisis. USAID supports India's development and climate priorities through a series of programs and partnerships across issue areas that include clean and renewable energy, climate adaptation, health, water and sanitation, sustainable landscapes, and disaster risk reduction. USAID is working with India to implement ambitious emissions reduction measures, protect critical ecosystems, transition to renewable energy, build resilience against the impacts of climate change, and promote the flow of capital toward climate-positive investments.

### ADVANCING INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT & WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

In India, USAID promotes the rights and inclusion of marginalized and underrepresented populations, combats stigma and discrimination, and improves the lives of populations in high-risk situations, including indigenous and tribal peoples, the LGBTQI+ community, women and girls, scheduled castes, persons with disabilities, and youth. USAID builds partnerships and leverages local resources in India to ensure women have equitable access to quality healthcare, sanitation, education, nutrition, finance, household decision-making, and more.

### LEVERAGING INDIA'S VIBRANT PRIVATE SECTOR TO ACHIEVE GREATER OUTCOMES

Given India's dynamic economy and growth trajectory, its status as a leader in innovation, and its diverse set of private and public sector stakeholders, USAID is working with the Government of India, the private sector, and civil society to test and scale innovative development solutions in India, as well as regionally and globally.

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