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TO: All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients

SUBJECT: USAID West Bank and Gaza Security Notice – Travel Restrictions

Dear Implementing Partners

The American Embassy in Tel Aviv has initiated a travel restriction policy for its personnel, governing travel within Israel during the current period of military hostilities. This guidance has been disseminated through the Embassy's Warden Message system and is being provided to assist you in making your own decisions regarding travel within Israel. The policy statement is as follows:

A new Travel Warning went into effect on July 19 regarding Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. This warning highlights the threats to American citizens from Hezbollah rocket attacks and potentially violent confrontations in the West Bank and Gaza. It further warns of the dangerous situations caused by these rapidly developing and unpredictable events.

As a result of the violence, the Department of State's new Travel Warning urges U.S. citizens to "defer travel to affected parts of Israel (rocket attacks have focused on the area north of an east-west line from the coastal city of Haifa to Tiberius on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, including those cities, and on Sderot and Ashkelon in the south)."

This warning specifically affects the area north of a straight west-to-east line drawn between the intersection of Highway 2 and Highway 70 to the town of Yardena on the Jordanian border. A map of the current area described in the warning is attached.

All American citizens are reminded to read general travel State Department Travel Warning for Israel at <http://travel.state.gov> and the specific notice for the West Bank and Gaza dated July 19, 2006, which can be found at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_922.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_922.html)

Sincerely,

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Atch: Map of Affected Area