



United States Agency for International Development
West Bank and Gaza Mission

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To all USAID Contractors and Grantees:

Due to the current security situation in Gaza, contractors are hereby ordered not to allow their expatriate personnel to travel into Gaza, and recipients of grants and cooperative agreements are strongly encouraged not to allow their expatriate personnel to travel into Gaza. For purposes of this notice, "expatriate personnel" means U.S. citizens, U.S.-Palestinian dual citizens, and third country nationals. These restrictions are effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

There is no change in USAID's policy with respect to travel in the West Bank. Decisions about staff travel there are to be made by each implementing partner exercising its corporate discretion.

Sincerely,

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Contracting Officer