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Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships



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2021 Year in Review: Director's Note

Colleagues, Partners, and Friends,

On behalf of the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, I would like to extend warm greetings to partners, colleagues, friends and family during this holiday season and wish a Happy New Year to all.

While this year may have been a return to normalcy for some, we know that many of our neighbors around the world are still struggling with the primary and secondary impacts of the global pandemic. I hope this time of year brings comfort and joy to all, from the communities in which we serve to the staff and our partners, old and new. I look forward to continuing our work together as we create new and groundbreaking means of furthering essential development goals.

Looking back on this past year, I have been grateful to engage so many people around the globe on our shared development goals. From Honduras and Guatemala, to Germany and Italy, I've been honored to meet with local partners, government officials and faith-based organizations to represent USAID and the Administration's priorities. In this capacity, our office is helping to mainstream a new localization agenda, amplify the role of international human rights as a development priority and promote resources to reduce vaccine hesitancy in the global fight against Covid-19. In line with the President's agenda, we're also renewing our customer service through supporting the launch of [WorkWithUSAID.org](https://www.workwithusaid.org), a new resource to simplify our customer service for new and underutilized USAID partners seeking to work with USAID.

While I am proud of what we have accomplished, I'm look forward to the year ahead. Undoubtedly additional challenges will arise, but we will continue to work with our many of you to promote the importance of ensuring with faith actors and organizations have a seat at the table as we continue to tackle development challenges.

I wish you all peace, joy, health, and prosperity in 2022. Happy Holidays to all! I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the new year.

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Recent Publications

- Administrator Power gave a speech at Georgetown University regarding the future of USAID and how we will continue to approach development initiatives and challenges in coming years. She highlighted the importance of working with local organizations and leaders, including faith-based organizations, diaspora communities, volunteer groups and foundations, and launched the new [WorkWithUSAID.org](https://www.workwithusaid.org) website. Please click [here](#) to watch the video or read the transcript.
- As a follow-on to USAID's 2020 Evidence Summit on Strategic Religious Engagement, the Review of Faith & International Affairs published a special edition of the journal to highlight the contributions made by renowned scholars Chris Seiple, Katherine Marshall, Hugo Slim and Sudipta Roy to the development of the evidence base on the role of religion in development. Thanks to the Templeton Religion Trust, the special issue has been made available for public use, including the [full version](#), and Director Phillips' [letter](#).
- Director Phillips wrote an article regarding the importance of faith engagement when working with the LGBTQI+ community and towards their inclusion in our work to promote democracy at home and abroad with support from colleagues in the Inclusive Development Hub. Read it [here](#).
- The US Institute of Peace (USIP) released a special report entitled "[Advancing Global Peace and Security through Religious Engagement: Lessons to Improve U.S. Policy](#)." It delves into the history of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and offers insights into how USG can better coordinate defense, diplomatic and development missions in relation to its other peacebuilding and national security priorities.



Travel to Honduras & Guatemala

Director Phillips traveled to Honduras and Guatemala this month with Executive Director Michael Camilleri and other members of the USAID Northern Triangle Task Force. Our colleagues at the Honduras Mission arranged a roundtable with civil society and faith leaders to share how they work to address Honduras' development challenges and the root causes of migration, including violence, food insecurity, climate change, and corruption. They also visited a youth outreach center funded through a Global Development Alliance with a local NGO that is located in the San Juan Bosco Church compound. The partnership with the church provides a safe public space and service delivery point for the outreach center's violence prevention programming. The Guatemala Mission convened a [roundtable](#) with civil society and faith leaders to discuss the work that has been done on COVID-19 in the region, and what is most needed in the coming months. They also organized a launch event around the [Centroamérica Local initiative](#). The Administrator's speech at Georgetown University on the new vision for USAID highlighted Central America as a primary location for our work, and Centroamérica Local will enable local organizations to implement programs to advance sustainable and equitable economic growth, improve governance, fight corruption, protect human rights, improve citizen security, and combat sexual and gender-based violence.

Director Phillips also shared information about the recent launch of [WorkWithUSAID.org](#) to highlight opportunities for the missions to engage further with current and potential partners. Finally, the trip provided an opportunity for Director Phillips to engage directly with Cardinal Ramazini in Guatemala as a follow up to the [Administrator's meeting](#) with him in June.

COVID-19 Updates

- **USAID Implementation Plan:** We are excited to announce that USAID has published a COVID-19 implementation plan to enhance our coordinated response with the rest of the USG. It outlines the assistance and technical expertise we will provide to combat the pandemic, strengthen public health capacity, provide urgent relief, and address compounding impacts that imperil recovery and sustained development. You may find it [here](#).
- **320 million Vaccines:** As of October 21st, the United States Government has successfully donated and delivered [320 million COVID-19 vaccines](#) to more than 100 countries. Please click [here](#) to find a timeline infographic and learn more about our continued efforts to end the vaccine's deadly impact.
- **Five Ways USAID is Helping Vaccinate the World:** Please click [here](#) to learn more about how USAID is helping with the continued dispersion of vaccines to contribute to President Biden's promise to donate 1.2 billion doses to countries in need.
- **Global VAX:** Administrator Power announced the Initiative for Global Vaccine Access ([Global VAX](#)) to accelerate vaccine access and delivery assistance around the world. Global VAX is a whole-of-government effort working to bolster cold chain supply and logistics, vaccine confidence and demand, local planning and more.

Announcements

- **WorkWithUSAID Webinar:** LFT is organizing a webinar to share information about the new WorkWithUsaid.org website with our partners. Join us for a session on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 10pm - 10:30 PM ET [Register Here](#); Thursday, January 20, 2022, 8am-8:30am ET [Register Here](#), or January 27, 2022, 1:30pm-2pm ET [Register Here](#).
- **National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality:** The White House released the first-ever National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality. Read the [fact sheet here](#) and the [full strategy here](#). USAID was honored to contribute to the development of this strategy through input from gender advisors at Missions and across DC at the outset of the strategy's formulation and through participation in sector-specific working groups.
- **Local Capacity Development (LCD) Policy:** We are excited to announce that the LCD Policy is ready for public review and comment. Please click [here](#) to read the draft and leave comments for our team to enhance our principles of inclusivity, equity, and locally-led and -sustained development.
- **Recognizing Commemorative Days:** Please click [here](#) to read the Agency's statement. In case you missed it, Administrator Power released a public statement honoring International Religious Freedom Day. You can read more [here](#).

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