



CMM Partners' Day

USAID Policy and Programs in the Conflict Space

Resilience Agenda

- When shocks hit—droughts, floods, locusts—it is inevitably the most vulnerable populations that are the hardest hit, often without the chance to recover before new shocks strike. The outcome is a cycle of crisis that millions cannot escape, resulting in great hardship, great costs, and – effectively – development in reverse.
- USAID is doing business differently to help vulnerable communities emerge from cycles of crisis and onto a pathway toward development by: taking early action in response to early warning; closely coordinating with our development partners to support inclusive, effective country-led plans; and, connecting our humanitarian and development programs more effectively across the common goal of building resilience.
- Our Policy and Program Guidance “Building Resilience to Recurrent Crisis” commits us to putting more of our development focus on the most vulnerable, building the adaptive capacity of these populations, and improving the ability of communities, countries, and systems to manage risk. Functioning institutions of good governance and democratic accountability are essential to developing a country’s adaptive capacity and its ability to address and reduce risk.
- Building on our efforts in the Horn and Sahel and in recognition that protracted crises are increasing the size of large and growing resilience deficits (characterized by the intersection of chronic poverty and exposure to risk), USAID is committed to exploring resilience in the context of fragile states.

For more information, visit <http://www.usaid.gov/resilience>