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An Overview: The Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG)

User's Guide to DRG Programming

In 2012, USAID formally launched the Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG Center). The creation of the DRG Center resulted from the U.S. Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR), which explicitly stated the need for USAID to establish the Center as the primary means of elevating and integrating democracy, human rights and governance within the Agency's overall development portfolio. The DRG Center exercises broad oversight over the global \$2.3 billion democracy, human rights, and governance Congressional budget directive, most of which is implemented by USAID.

The DRG Center has a mission statement to “promote peace, prosperity, and freedom around the world through self-reliant, citizen responsive democratic government that respects human dignity, rights and rule of law.” The DRG Center organizes its work to achieve the three following strategic objectives: 1) Learn: Increase knowledge concerning the global advancement of DRG; 2) Serve: Improve the quality and impact of DRG technical assistance to the field; and 3) Influence: Elevate the role of DRG in key USAID, USG and multilateral strategies, policies and budgets. With a strong emphasis on rigorous learning, the DRG Center will promote and support evidence-based DRG programming.

This User's Guide to DRG Programming has been crafted to serve as a fundamental reference tool for USAID missions and bureaus to utilize in pursuit of advancing democracy, human rights and good governance. This Guide outlines the structure and breadth of the DRG Center's technical expertise, as well as the D.C.-based DRG cadre. The Guide catalogs the funding and implementing mechanisms that may be accessed through the DRG Center and other offices, and technical resources which inform DRG work. With a strong emphasis on rigorous evaluation and learning, the DRG Center is committed to promoting evidence-based policy, strategy and programming in the DRG sector.

The Agency's primary means of implementing DRG programs in “presence” countries remains in USAID missions. In well-defined circumstances, these mechanisms may also be used in “non-presence” countries. Overall, the DRG Center's support of missions is provided through an interlinked approach that involves technical leadership, targeted field support, cadre development and training, and direct program management. Various training as well as assessment and programming tools are developed by the DRG Center to assist missions in analyzing and choosing appropriate strategies to address the DRG issues in their host countries, as well as implement Agency-wide policies.

The nine divisions that comprise the DRG Center are: 1) Civil Society and Media (CSM); 2) Cross-Sectoral Programs (CSP); 3) Elections and Political Transitions (EPT); 4) Empowerment and Inclusion (EI); 5) Global and Regional Policy (GRP); 6) Governance and Rule of Law (GROL); 7) Human Rights (HR); 8) Learning; and 9) Strategic Planning. There are also two permanent working groups within the DRG Center, the DRG Gender Working Group and the Training Leadership Team.

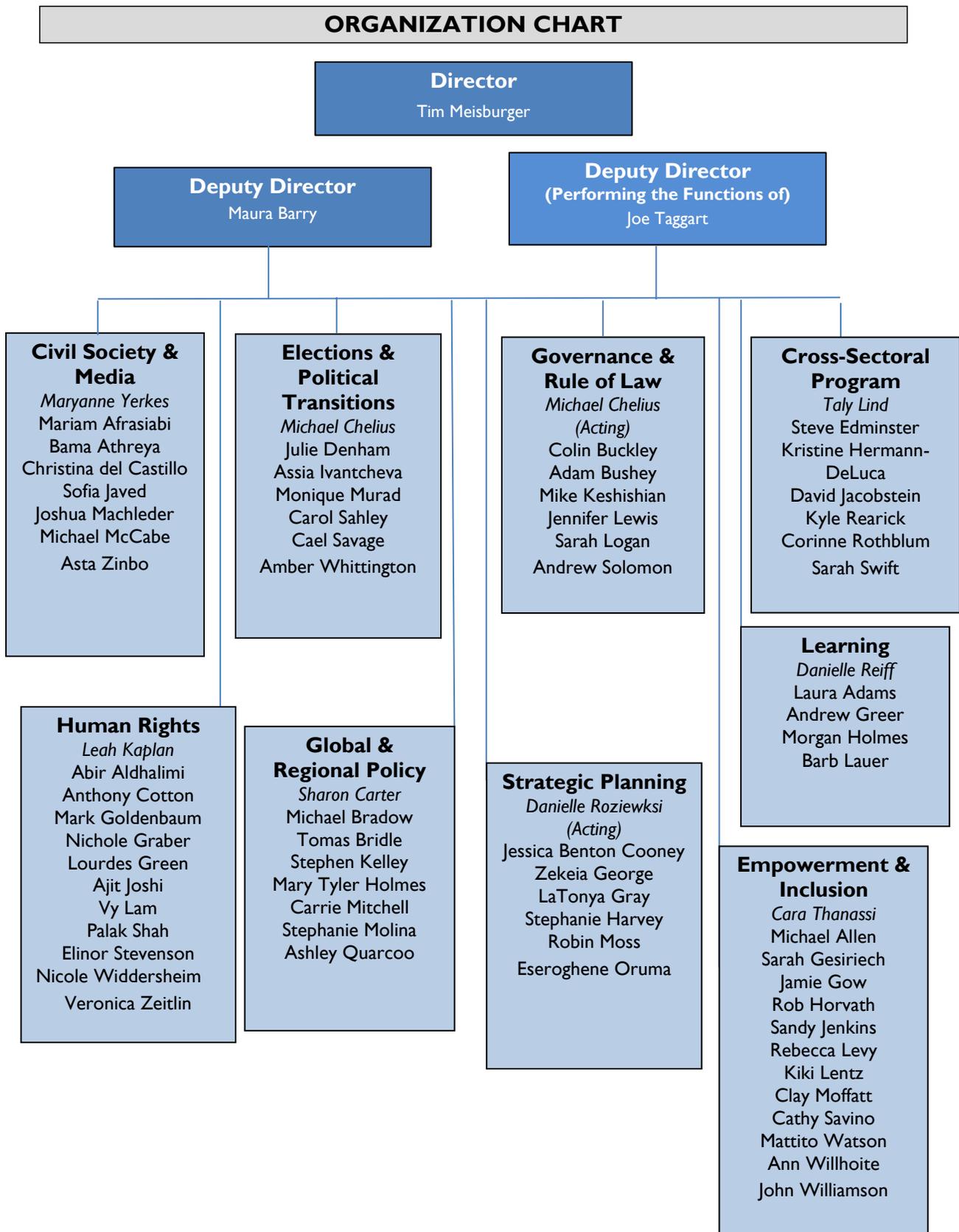
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DRG CENTER



DRG CENTER TEAM AND WORKING GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

Civil Society & Media (CSM) Division

The CSM Division provides technical leadership and support on civil society, including youth, labor, and media. The division generates comparative knowledge on effective approaches for strengthening the sector; pilots' state-of-the-art approaches to civil society and media support; strengthens the agency's DRG staff through training and technical assistance; conducts assessments, strategy and program designs, and evaluations; and designs and manages a targeted portfolio of global programs. The CSM Division promotes innovations in the civil society, labor, and media arenas (including the use of social media and other new media technologies) as a means for addressing development challenges, and represents USAID in international processes, networks, and working groups.

Cross-Sectoral Programs (CSP) Division

The Cross-Sectoral Programs (CSP) Division was established as part of the DRG Center in 2012 to foster a more integrated approach to programming across USAID's development portfolio; identify and document good practices; and provide support to Missions and operating units in designing and implementing cross-sectoral programming that incorporate DRG principles and practices as well as local development partners. The CSP Division has also developed an applied political economy analysis (PEA) field guide and framework as well as training to assist missions to consider how historical factors, power dynamics, relationships, incentives, and rules of the game impact the development challenges they seek to address. CSP Division members are closely involved in Local Solutions efforts across the Agency, which is defined as using, strengthening, and partnering with local actors and systems in order to support development that is more effective, cost-efficient, and sustainable.

Elections and Political Transitions (EPT) Division

The EPT Division provides technical leadership and support on elections and political transitions to USAID field missions and Washington bureaus, other USG entities, and the broader DRG community. The division offers technical leadership on specific issues, such as electoral security, and delivers technical assistance in areas including political party strengthening, electoral administration, election monitoring and observation, voter education, and the political participation of women and traditionally marginalized groups. The EPT Division also assists with developing electoral strategies, designing programs, and advising on program implementation and evaluation.

Empowerment and Inclusion (EI) Division

The Empowerment and Inclusion (EI) Division works to reduce risks to and reinforces the capacities of communities, local non-governmental organizations, and governments to provide services and protection for vulnerable populations. Programs, policies, and initiatives within the division help vulnerable populations gain access to opportunities that support their full participation in society. The EI portfolio has been at the forefront of developing state-of-the-art programming for children outside family care; in setting orthopedic, rehabilitation, and wheelchair standards in developing countries; and in improving treatment and healing options for survivors of torture. It has also led worldwide policy change on barrier-free accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities in family and community. EI programs are collectively found in more than 70 countries around the world.

Global and Regional Policy (GRP) Division

The GRP Division supports the development and implementation of evidence-based DRG policies, strategies, and budgets at the global, regional, and country level. Specifically, the GRP Division leads the Center's efforts in supporting country DRG assessments and strategies, and represents the DRG sector in the annual interagency Governing Justly and Democratically (GJD) budget formulation process, conducting analysis and advocacy to link global and country DRG funding with needs and opportunities as well as ensuring that budget levels are consistent with core policies and strategies. The GRP Division also engages within USAID and in interagency arenas to forge

an effective link between U.S. diplomacy, policy, and programs regarding the promotion of DRG. Finally, GRP operates as an open team, actively soliciting input from Center staff to facilitate Center-wide engagement on certain strategy, policy and budget matters, and manage the Center's country backstopping.

Governance and Rule of Law (GROL) Division

The GROL Division supports activities to improve the effectiveness, accountability, transparency, and responsiveness of governance and rule of law institutions, systems and processes. The division promotes and supports USAID activities aimed at strengthening legal and regulatory frameworks to improve order and security, building the legitimacy and citizen trust, ensuring checks and balances, and promoting equal application and enforcement of the law. The division also designs and supports USAID activities that work with both governments and civil society to promote engagement, participation, and accountability in governance and rule of law activities. Key technical areas covered by the GROL Division include Rule of Law, Decentralization and Local Governance, Anticorruption, Transparency and Accountability, Legislative Strengthening, Security Sector Reform, and Public Administration. Areas of focus include improving legal and governance policy frameworks; building human and institutional capacity within public sector institutions, including the justice sector; strengthening intergovernmental linkages, including between and among national and subnational authorities and between police, prosecutors and courts; increasing access to justice; strengthening municipal and local governance processes and practices; building and supporting citizen engagement and accountability mechanisms; promoting and supporting national transparency and accountability reforms, in particular those leveraging technology; drafting legislation and supporting country-led efforts to tackle corruption; strengthening criminal reform processes, including building the capacity of prosecutors and court systems; bolstering legislative processes; and working with security sector partners to tackle issues of citizen insecurity.

Human Rights (HR) Division

The HR Division provides field support and technical leadership on human-rights issues to USAID senior staff, operating units, and other USG agencies. . It works in in close coordination with Missions, technical and regional advisers, other specialized funds and the similar HR initiatives of State department's bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL). The division identifies and disseminates best practices in the protection and promotion of physical integrity (such as freedom from torture, arrest and slavery) and other civil and political rights that the DRG Center's team as whole works on (such as freedom of association and assembly, the right to vote, the right to a fair trial). The HR division is the lead on the equal protection under the law, including protection for minorities and marginalized or vulnerable groups, such as the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex [LGBTI] community. The HR Division supports USAID Missions and DRG officers through training and technical support, including assessments, strategy and program design, evaluations, and the provision of program funding and technical assistance. Other areas of special focus for the team are the empowerment of women, countering trafficking in persons, and implementing the Presidential Study Directive on preventing mass atrocities and genocide. These areas involve high-level inter-agency representation, as well as design of specialized training modules, assessment tools, and overall program development. Finally, the division manages the Human Rights Grants Program (HRGP) - a strategic tool used to help Missions address the arising human rights challenges that threaten development goals in their countries and regions.

Learning (L) Division

The Learning Division helps to distill the biggest questions in the DRG sector into targeted and testable evaluation questions, using a variety of advanced research methods. Working in 29 countries, the L Division supports missions at all stages of program development, helping to design theory-driven projects based on the latest evidence, as well as develop precise outcome indicators. The division also works with missions to develop Impact Evaluations (IEs), providing support early in the program cycle to integrate the evaluation directly into activity design. By 2014, 23 IEs in the DRG sector were already underway.

Strategic Planning (SP) Division

The Strategic Planning Division serves as the Center's Program and Budget Office. SP supports the Center's strategic development, ensures the alignment of activities with the DRG Strategy and Center objectives, and strengthens project design through the incorporation of best practices and cross sectoral integration. SP also interfaces with the Bureau for Resource Management and the Office of Foreign Assistance to plan for, manage, and execute the Center's budget, and drives data collection and reporting. Further, the SP Division advocates for Center programs and liaises with public and private actors to improve donor coordination and leads on strategic communications products.

Training Leadership Team (TLT)

The Training and Leadership Team (TLT) is comprised of DRG Center staff dedicated to the development and delivery of high quality, regularly scheduled training programs. They accomplish this by confirming DRG Center trainers, reviewing training materials for content flow and use of adult learning principles, and overseeing the training calendar. DRG Center trainings cover core DRG issues, infused with urgent DRG topics and evolving DRG trends. They are designed to strengthen the skills of DRG cadre and stakeholders to be effective leaders and advocates of democracy, human rights, and governance ideals. The TLT is chaired by the DRG Senior Training Advisor who is responsible for providing the overarching training plan and philosophical approach to DRG training and leadership development.

Gender Working Group (GWG)

The Gender Working Group (GWG) is a permanent, cross-cutting working group within the DRG Center with required representation from all divisions. Its mission is to enable the DRG Center and DRG Officers in the field to promote and protect the human rights of women and girls, facilitate women's equal and meaningful participation in civic and political life, and better identify and address gender differences and inequalities as they relate to USAID's DRG work. The GWG seeks to integrate gender analysis into DRG processes and documents, support all colleagues to be gender champions, provide and develop expertise on women's rights and gender integration, and highlight the DRG Center's work on women's political empowerment and women's and LGBTI rights.

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Deputy Director

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Deputy Director

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Erin McCarthy is the **Democracy Specialist** in the **Bureau for Europe and Eurasia**. Erin provides technical assistance on civil society support in restrictive environments and the NGO legal enabling environment. She provides technical oversight and program management for a number of regional and bi-lateral programs, including the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, the NGO Legal Enabling Environment Program, the Prague Civil Society Center and several activities within the 'Eurasia Non-Presence' portfolio. She provides technical assistance to missions on new civil society project designs, evaluations, strategy development, and USAID forward implementation. Prior to joining USAID in 2009, Erin earned her MA in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University and her BA in International Relations and French from James Madison University. Erin also holds a professional certification in Conflict Reconstruction, Stabilization and Prevention at George Mason's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

Latin America and the Caribbean

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The Middle East

April Hahn joined USAID in 2000 and currently serves as the Middle East Bureau's Team Lead for Democracy, Governance, Peace and Security and defacto Deputy Director of the ME/TS Office. Dr. Hahn has served in various DRG technical and management positions while at USAID, covering areas such as DRG Strategic Planning and Research, Election and Political Processes, Violence and Gang Prevention, and Countering Violent Extremism in both regional and pillar bureaus. She acted as the DG Officer in Afghanistan during the period that USAID re-opened a mission. Her geographical experience includes Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and Middle East. Prior to coming to USAID she taught courses in American politics and statistics at the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, while hosted at the University of Virginia (UVA). She holds a PhD in International Relations from UVA.

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Rachel manages regional CVE activities, which includes research, training, and pilots to counter conflict and violent extremism including the Sharekna activity in Tunisia. Rachel also works with the agency's YouthCorps to develop agency wide positive youth development (PYD) resources and build agency capacity for PYD. She speaks conversational Arabic and Hebrew. Rachel earned a B.A in Psychology and Political Science from University of Delaware and M.A in Conflict Resolution from Georgetown University.

Olivia Griffin joined ME/TS in July 2015, providing program assistance to the Middle East technical teams. In October 2016, she officially joined the Democracy, Governance, Peace and Security team as a Program Analyst. Her portfolio includes peace and security, program office, and gender support. Olivia serves on the Violent Extremism/Insurgency Steering Committee and leads the Bureau's participation in the Trans Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership and Sahel-Maghreb Strategic Implementation Working Group. Prior to USAID, she spent time at the Department of State with the NEA/Iraq desk and at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, with the International Security Program. She speaks conversational Arabic. Olivia earned her B.A. at Mount Holyoke College in Middle Eastern Studies, with a focus on religion, conflict, and political Islam.

Allison Salyer serves as the Senior Women, Peace and Security Advisor for the Middle East Bureau's Office of Technical Services. She has been with the Agency for ten years with a focus at both the policy and regional levels on gender equality and female empowerment, women, peace and security, countering violent extremism, preventing gender based violence, counter trafficking in persons and LGBT inclusion in conflict and post conflict environments. She also covers the civil-military affairs portfolio for the bureau. She has also spent several years working with LPA and serving as a liaison to Capitol Hill. She came to USAID after spending over two years with the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (www.uscirf.gov) where she served in the capacity of Acting Director of Government Affairs and Senior Legislative Assistant and focused on human rights and religious freedom issues throughout the world. Additionally, Allison has worked with the American Association of Engineering Societies and the Society of Women Engineers on issues including sustainable development in Iraq and Afghanistan and the role of technically trained women in post and continuing conflict situations in Iraq. Allison holds a B.A in Political Science and Law and Society from American University.

Kelley Strickland joined Middle East Regional Platform Technical Support (MERP/TS) team as the Regional DGPS Officer in June 2017. Kelley is a Foreign Service Officer who has worked for USAID since 2001. She has a diverse range of relevant experience, including on elections, political processes, countering violent extremism, stabilization, rule of law, civil society, media, human rights, and local governance. Kelley previously served in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Central Asia, Iraq, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Most recently she was the Agency's Development Advisor to US Central Command in Tampa, Florida. Kelley has an MA in International Relations from American University. Kelley currently spends most of her time supporting USAID's Yemen Support Office where she manages the Search for Common Ground award.

HOW TO ACCESS A DRG IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM

Sample statements of work are available from DRG staff.

Accessing an Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC):

NOTE: There is no dollar value or time limit on delivery orders other than the IQC ceiling/period of performance.

1. To access an IQC, Missions prepare a statement of work (SOW) for a task order that briefly describes the purpose, background, objectives, desired tasks or activities, deliverables, evaluation or performance measures as appropriate, as well as a notional budget, time frame, and evaluation/selection criteria including weighting of each criteria. Missions should consider providing advance notice to IQC holders of their intention to request proposals.
2. The SOW must be shared with the DRG Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). The COR must review the prospective task order requirements or statement of work and agree that it complies with the SOW for the basic contract before the task order Contracting Officer (CO) may begin the fair opportunity process.
3. For IQCs, thresholds of task order ceilings determine the process of fair opportunity to be followed. Missions should specify which threshold is being used in the Request for Task Order Proposal (RFTOP), and thus what page limits apply.
 - a. Task Orders (TO) up to \$100,000: All holders will be asked for proposals not to exceed a 2-page cost proposal and a 3-page technical proposal.
 - b. Task Orders between \$100,000 and \$2M: All holders will be asked for proposals not to exceed 2-page cost proposal and 10-page technical proposal. Past performance information may also be required but this is not part of the 10-page technical proposal limit.
 - c. Task Orders for more than \$2M: Two-page cost proposal and 10-page technical proposal may be used, but the CO may request whatever level of information s/he deems appropriate.
4. All IQC holders must be given a fair opportunity to be considered for task orders over \$2,500, unless the CO determines that one of the following exceptions to the fair opportunity requirements applies:
 - a. An urgent need exists, and seeking competition would result in unacceptable delays;
 - b. Only one contractor is capable at the level of quality required because the requirement is unique or highly specialized;
 - c. The task order must be issued on a sole source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency because it is a logical follow-on to an order already issued under the contract, provided that all awardees were given a fair opportunity to be considered for the original order;
 - d. To satisfy contract minimum award obligations; or
 - e. Small business set aside.
5. After review of the SOW by the DRG COR, the Mission sends a formal request to its COR to negotiate a task order under an IQC.

Accessing an Associate Award under a Leader With Associates (LWA) Grant or Cooperative Agreement:

The "Associate" award is a separate cooperative agreement negotiated, funded and managed by the field mission. Proposed programs must fit within the scope of the activities under the central "Leader" award. The Mission sends a draft program description to the DRG program contact who serves as the Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR) of the leader award. If the existing grant or cooperative agreement program scope accommodates the proposed activity, the AOR reviews the Mission program description, provides any comments or feedback and signs off on the award. The Mission then conducts the procurement action for the award.

Accessing a Grant or a Cooperative Agreement (CA):

NOTE: Proposed programs must fit within the scope of the activities funded by the central award. However, grantees and CAs may agree to extend their program in a given country or to initiate a program in a new country. Because grants and CAs are assistance instruments, USAID may not impose a particular activity, nor may it dictate which member of the CA shall implement a given program. Preferences, however, should be stated and will be forwarded to the CA by the AOR along with the draft program description.

1. The Mission sends a draft program description to the DRG program contact who serves as the AOR. A notional budget should be attached.
2. If the existing grant or cooperative agreement program scope accommodates the proposed activity, the AOR reviews the Mission program description with the grantee. With grantee agreement the AOR responds to the Mission, a funds transfer is arranged, and an incremental funding action is scheduled. If the Mission program description cannot be accommodated in the program description of the existing grant or cooperative agreement, the AOR assesses partner organization interest in the Mission program description and then, as necessary, requests negotiation of modification of the grant/cooperative agreement by the grants officer. This requires significantly more time.

CROSS-CUTTING SERVICES
(Program Areas 2.1-2.4)

Democracy Grants and Fellowship Program
DRG Learning, Evaluation and Research
Professional Development Contract

DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS PROGRAM

DRG Contact: Dani Roziewski, Tel. 202-712-4608, droziewski@usaid.gov

IQCs	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Institute of International Education (IIE)	AID-OAA-A-12-00039	6/30/2019	9/4/2012- 6/30/2019

PURPOSE:

The Democracy Fellowships and Grants Program (DFG) is intended to help develop a pool of committed democracy, conflict and humanitarian assistance professionals at the junior, mid- and senior-levels; to strengthen relations between USAID and academic, think-tank and research organizations; and to promote research and innovative solutions to democracy, human rights and governance programs.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

DFG represents a continuation of Democracy Fellowship programs that have been implemented by the DRG Center and its predecessors for about 17 years. The expanded DFG program contains three primary components: fellowships; DRG learning and exchanges; and innovation and research grants.

Fellowships:

Fellows will be hired into the program as full-time, part-time or for short-term appointments. Full-time fellows will be exceptional, highly motivated junior to senior-level professionals to be placed at USAID offices or missions. The duration of regular full-time fellowships is two years with an option to extend annually for an additional two years after the first two year assignment. Part-time fellows can be hired for the same duration as regular full-time fellows but can work for USAID on a part-time basis while maintaining their existing positions at their home institution. Short-term fellows can be junior to senior level and may be recruited to work on specific research projects or policy papers. Duration of short-term fellowships can be six months to one year. Part-time and short-term fellowships are intended to offer USAID more flexibility when collaborating with academic and think-tank organizations as well as make it possible for talented and exceptional professionals who otherwise may not be able to become full-time fellows to gain experience with international development programs and contribute to advancing USAID goals. Fellowships will respond to a range of technical assistance needs and will assist USAID in global leadership efforts, research, and knowledge management. USAID missions and offices interested in sponsoring a Fellow should contact the COR for a detailed description of the cost structure.

Learning Exchanges

Learning exchanges consist of internships and a series of speakers and workshops. The prospective internship program is expected to help interns gain critical experience in the DRG sector. The DRG speaker series and workshop component will bring outside speakers to present at USAID supported events or organize workshops.

Innovation and Research Grants

DCHA/DRG will announce priority research areas through annual updates of its Innovations and Research Annual Program Statement (APS). The APS portfolio will foster and nurture ideas and projects that have the potential to lead to innovative solutions that may lead to significant advances in democracy, human rights, and governance foreign assistance programs. Innovation and Research Grants will support projects in all sub-sectors of democracy, human rights and governance. Missions and offices may also partner with the DRG Center to fund research and innovation grants either by funding existing broad calls for proposals or proposing their own topics for consideration for future grant solicitations.

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DRG LEARNING, EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

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MOBIS Task Order	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
NORC	AID-OAA-M-13-00013	9/30/2021	N/A
Social Impact	AID-OAA-M-13-00011	9/30/2021	N/A

PURPOSE:

The DRG Center intends to procure services that will advance learning activities in the DRG foreign assistance sector and provide critical data on the impact of DRG activities in the field to assist with decision making. The DRG Learning, Evaluation and Research MOBIS task order is envisioned to support the task of undertaking rigorous evaluations, analyses and other research within USAID’s contracting and program rules and procedures. It will also allow for more substantial involvement and collaboration between the DRG Center staff and academics, thus resulting in better learning opportunities and internal USAID staff capacity building.

The objectives of the anticipated mechanism are: (1) to provide U.S. Government and other stakeholders with timely, solid evidence on impact and costs as needed for decision making about DRG foreign assistance intervention expansion and scale up or elimination/scale back; and (2) to contribute to the knowledge base of what works and does not work in the DRG sector. In addition to impact evaluations, the new contract will include performance evaluations, survey research and qualitative case study research, knowledge dissemination and training; and ancillary studies.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The primary services and activities to be provided under the task order are:

- Impact evaluations
- Cost analyses
- Systematic reviews
- Performance evaluations
- Democracy survey research
- Qualitative research, analytical papers and ancillary studies
- Knowledge dissemination activities, workshop and technical training

MOBIS Holder (Large)

MOBIS Holder (Small)

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT

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Task Order	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Management Systems International (MSI)	AID-OAA-TO-16-00011	5/15/2018	N/A

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Task Order is to procure professional development trainings services to support the DRG Center in fulfilling its mission of providing information and training that will enhance the quality and effectiveness of DRG strategies and programs. These professional development trainings serve DRG personnel, which includes all Backstop 76 personnel who work across DCHA Bureau offices and field missions, including Foreign Service Officers, Foreign Service Nationals, and Civil Servants who often work in challenging fragile and/or conflict-affected regions.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Training

Training is a cornerstone to the development of the DRG cadre. The DRG Center's approach to training (in person and online) is to develop the capacity of the DRG staff to design and deliver relevant and practical training programs. The training is delivered through online courses, in-person training, conferences, forums, retreats, focus groups, and other venues to achieve the desired outcomes. The events are both delivered in Washington, D.C. and worldwide. In most cases, the contractor provides logistical support, assist in planning, provide curriculum development support, manage various technological aspects of the training courses, and help keep USAID up to date on current training delivery methodologies. The contractor also assists with the development of any new training courses.

Knowledge Management

The DRG Center serves as the global hub for lessons drawn from USAID-funded democracy, governance, and human rights programs. Specifically, DCHA/DRG aims to provide USAID with cutting-edge learning, training, and knowledge on development work in relation to Governing Justly and Democratically as well as integration of DRG concepts and best practices in programming throughout the rest of USAID's development agenda.

Communications

The DRG Center plays an instrumental role in enhancing the quality and effectiveness of DRG strategies and programs by disseminating timely and relevant information on lessons learned about cutting-edge developments and effective programs in the DRG space. The contractor assists with publications, including 508 compliance and branding requirements; DRG Center newsletters, communication, and publication needs for conferences, workshops, and other events; and updating the existing DRG Center website in relation to DRG training products, courses, and materials.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CIVIL SOCIETY AND MEDIA

Increased development of a politically active civil society and a better informed political system (Program Area 2.4)

It is through the advocacy efforts of civil society organizations and civic education that people are empowered to exercise their rights and gain a voice in the process of formulating public policy and political processes. Organizations such as human rights groups, professional associations, religious institutions, pro-democracy groups, environmental activist organizations, business associations, labor unions, media organizations, and think tanks play a vital role in educating and engaging with the public and the government on important local and national issues. Many civil society organizations (CSOs) supported by USAID champion women's rights, ferret out government corruption and impunity, and spotlight business practices that are exploitative of labor and the environment. Their presence and activities of CSOs help assure that government and citizens comply with the rule of law.

Priority Areas: Strengthening the mediums through which citizens can freely organize and communicate with their government and with each other, particularly via support for independent media, democratic labor movements and the enabling environment for civil society organizations, strengthening a democratic political culture through support for civic engagement and civic education. Through these avenues of support, USAID helps to mobilize constituencies for democratic reform.

Mechanisms and Awards:

Strengthening Civil Society Globally (SCS Global) Cooperative Agreement

Global Labor Program Cooperative Agreement

Legal Enabling Environment Program Cooperative Agreement (LEEP II)

Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index (CSOSI)

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS)

Global Alliance for Community Philanthropy (GACP)

YouthPower Action and Learning IDIQs

Civil Society Innovation Initiative (CSII)

Information Safety and Capacity Project (ISC)

Anti-Viral Media Squad

Friend or Foe

Advancing Media Literacy for New Digital Arrivals in Developing Countries

Enabling and Protecting Civil Society Project (EPCS) Illuminating New Solutions and

Programmatic Innovations for Resilient Spaces (INSPIRES)

STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY GLOBALLY (SCS GLOBAL) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

DRG Contact: Maryanne Yerkes (AOR), Tel. 202-712-0916, myerkes@usaid.gov

Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
FHI 360	AID-OAA-L-16-00005	5/8/2021	5/8/2026

PURPOSE:

SCS Global provides a ready mechanism to help missions and operating units to support civil society and media effectiveness and to integrate democracy, human rights and governance principles into development programming. SCS Global is funded under a Leader with Associates (LWA) Cooperative Agreement. Under an LWA, each Mission or operating unit designs its own scope of work, executes an Associate Cooperative Agreement (or Associate Award) and selects its own Agreement Officer (AO) and Agreement Officer's Representative (AOR). New SCS Global Associate Awards may be executed until May 8, 2021, and may continue for an additional five years.

The objective of SCS Global is to offer USAID missions and operating units a flexible, worldwide platform for designing and implementing projects to: galvanize citizen participation; foster a positive shift in government responsiveness to citizen demands; improve the freedom of information; and integrate principles of participation, inclusion, transparency, and accountability into all development sectors.

PROGRAMMING AREAS:

SCS Global can be used to launch projects on a range of topics including:

- Enhancing the capacity of civil society and media
- Supporting enabling environment for civil participation, access to information and for increased respect for civil society's rights and freedoms
- Supporting civil society and media in closed and closing spaces
- Supporting constituency mobilization by civil society
- Promoting democratic culture to enhance DRG and other sectors
- Supporting independent media and open information environments
- Strengthening citizen oversight of government functions to increase transparency and accountability
- Using context-appropriate Information and Communication Technology safely and effectively
- Supporting DRG integration
- Supporting marginalized populations
- Supporting positive youth development and youth engagement

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Handicap International

The International Center for Not-for-Profit law (ICNL)

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC)

National Democratic Institute (NDI)

Restless Development

Solidarity Center

SSG Advisors

Women for Women International

HelpAge International

Regional Democracy and Rights-based Networks

GLOBAL LABOR PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Solidarity Center	AID-OAA-L-16-00001	01/31/2021	5 years

PURPOSE:

This Leader with Associates for the Global Labor Program (GLP) was awarded to the Solidarity Center. The current five-year (2016-2021) program promotes rights and access to justice for workers. The new award supports country programs in Cambodia, Bangladesh, Burma, Ukraine, Morocco, South Africa, Colombia, Mexico, and regional programs in Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Southern Africa, and Latin America that cover activities in 31 countries. All program activities are designed to be inclusive of vulnerable populations, including women. Cross-cutting regional and global activities include grassroots trainings for advocacy to address gender-based violence at work and to address labor migration.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The LWA mechanism allows USAID to provide core support to Solidarity Center through a Leader award, and allows USAID missions to provide additional funds for the same objectives through Mission-led Associate awards. Thematic areas of focus are as follows:

- **Strengthening civil society organizations:** The program provides training and capacity building for democratic trade unions and labor-related civil society organizations, such as legal aid and women's associations.
- **Promoting rule of law and good governance:** The program works with civil society organizations to develop proposals to reform labor and employment laws and to bring legal aid to workers.
- **Counter-trafficking and labor migration:** The program has robust regional programs, particularly in South Asia, to work with networks of migrant workers, providing information, training, and support for their advocacy.
- **Women in the workplace:** The program has a robust component to promote equality of opportunity and gender-based violence for women in the workplace in all country and regional programs.
- **Tackling informality in labor markets:** In some regions, the program has strengthened networks of self-employed or informal workers who fall outside of formal labor protections, including domestic workers and street vendors.

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LEGAL ENABLING ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (LEEP II)

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration
International Center for Not-for Profit Law	AID-OAA-A-13-00034	12/31/2018

PURPOSE:

In September 2013, DCHA/DRG/CSM launched the NGO Legal Enabling Environment Program II (LEEP II), a five-year cooperative agreement implemented by the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL). The program's main goal is to support and defend freedom of association and assembly for civil-society organizations (CSOs) worldwide. This five-year program builds on the successes and lessons learned from LEEP I.

LEEP'S MAIN PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND TYPES OF SUPPORT:

Through LEEP II, ICNL seeks to support and defend civil society's rights, including the freedoms of association, assembly, expression, information, and other human rights needed for the vibrant functioning of CSOs worldwide. To do so, ICNL will:

- 1) Provide technical assistance to respond to existing or proposed legislation and/or regulations that threaten civil society, while also responding to opportunities for enabling civil society law reform.
- 2) Strengthen local capacity to advance civil society law reform through competitively awarded participant training for civil society and media practitioners, lawyers, scholars, and government officials.
- 3) Enrich and enhance the knowledge base for civil society law reform at the country and international level.

WORK AREAS:

- LEEP II offers both in-country and remote technical assistance. Under LEEP II, ICNL works with DCHA/DRG, regional bureaus, and missions to develop appropriate annual work plans that identify and prioritize countries for technical assistance.
- LEEP II can also provide rapid response technical assistance for a small number of urgent, high priority situations not envisioned in the work plan. Illustrative activities include written analysis of NGO-related legislation, one to two trips by ICNL staff to conduct an assessment and/or provide technical assistance and/or provision of a small grant to local partners to help advance NGO law reform.
- LEEP II is intended to provide limited technical assistance when Mission resources are unavailable, or when rapidly evolving situations require an immediate response that precludes normal Mission-based procurement or when the scope and cost of the activity is so limited as to make Mission funding cumbersome and inefficient. In cases in which a Mission, Bureau, or other USG partner requests urgent assistance to undertake an activity more expansive than the limited interventions covered by LEEP II or in excess of the DG funding available for LEEP II activities, DRG may be able to accommodate the activity when the party requesting the assistance agrees to transfer the funds to the core agreement. In all cases in which more extensive interventions are required, the Mission is encouraged to directly fund that assistance. DRG/CSM is available to offer guidance to missions as needed.

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CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION SUSTAINABILITY INDEX (CSOSI)

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IQC Task Order	Order Number	Expiration	Performance Period
FHI360	AID-OAA-LA-17-00003	09/30/2022	N/A

PURPOSE:

The CSOSI is an annual index that reports on the strength and overall viability of the civil-society sectors in the various countries that it covers. The Index highlights both advances and setbacks in the development of the civil-society sector, and allows for comparisons across countries and sub-regions over time. The Index is an important and unique tool for local civil-society organizations (CSOs), governments, donors, academics and others to understand and measure the sustainability of the CSO sector. Many CSOs also use the Index to advocate for improvements in the legal and regulatory enabling environment for civil society in their countries.

In 1997, USAID published the first Sustainability Index, which focused on the Europe and Eurasia Region. The Index has since expanded to include 26 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, 31 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, seven countries in the Middle East and North Africa, and seven countries in Asia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. The DRG Center was able to expand the Index to other regions through partnerships with the E&E Bureau, Africa Bureau, the Middle East Bureau, the Aga Khan Foundation, and a number of USAID missions.

WORK AREAS:

The CSOSI analyzes and assigns scores to seven dimensions of the civil-society sector including the following: legal environment; organizational capacity; financial viability; advocacy; service provision; infrastructure; and public image. Each dimension is rated along a seven-point scale with 1 indicating an advanced level of development and seven indicating a low level. Mid-range scores between 3.1 and 5 indicate an evolving level. A panel of CSO practitioners and experts in each country assesses the sector's performance in each dimension. A Washington, D.C.-based Editorial Committee, which includes regional and technical experts, reviews the findings. The global implementing partners, FHI360 and the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), then work with the local partners and USAID on finalizing the reports.

Missions and regional bureaus who may be interested in having the CSOSI in their region or country are welcome to contact the AOR to discuss possible expansion into your country or region.

RECENT REPORTS:

Asia: <https://www.usaid.gov/asia-civil-society>

Europe and Eurasia: <https://www.usaid.gov/europe-eurasia-civil-society>

Middle East & North Africa: <http://www.usaid.gov/middle-east-civil-society>

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FEDERAL MEDIATION & CONCILIATION SERVICE (FMCS)

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PURPOSE:

The FMCS is an independent federal agency created to promote stable and productive labor-management relationships. In both the United States and in developing market economies throughout the world, FMCS delivers innovative approaches to resolving labor-management and workplace conflicts. The Agency's international work is designed to level the global economic playing field for U.S. companies and workers by advocating core labor standards and conflict resolution systems for all nations. Through programs designed to strengthen the rule of law, labor relations, and workers' rights, the FMCS helps ensure economic growth and competitiveness.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Through mediator presentations and interactive training, both in the United States and abroad, FMCS shares best-practices in the full range of labor-management relations, collective bargaining/negotiations, interest-based problem solving, individual grievance mediation, mediation of collective agreements and arbitration. FMCS also provides in-depth capacity building through labor relations and dispute resolution systems design, including negotiations, alternative dispute resolution, mediation, arbitration, labor inspector training, and train-the-trainer.

Highly skilled and experienced FMCS mediators can deliver programs such as:

- **Dispute Resolution Systems Design** – Creating and implementing workplace conflict resolution systems.
- **Education and Mentoring** – Training labor, management and government representatives in industrial relations practices, mediation techniques, negotiation skills and conflict resolution processes.
- **Mediation and Facilitation Services** – Providing interest-based problem solving techniques and consensus- building dialogue to promote economic growth and legal or institutional reform.

FMCS also provides briefings and other programs for foreign leaders, labor attaches, international delegations and other foreign visitors on U.S. labor relations practices and conflict resolution systems. Special tutorials can be arranged for small groups with interest in relationship development and training through observation of FMCS field mediators in actual cases.

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GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY (GACP)

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IQC Task Order	Order Number	Expiration
Aga Khan Foundation USA	AID-OAA-A-14-00077	9/30/2019

PURPOSE:

In September 2014, the DRG Center and the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) USA signed a Global Development Alliance (GDA) focused on Community Philanthropy. Community Philanthropy (CP) is a unique approach to development that is grounded in the belief that local communities can support their own development through mobilizing and leveraging local assets. It complements traditional development approaches by mobilizing resources that make communities and local civil-society organizations (CSOs) more resilient against future economic shocks or reductions in development aid. This approach allows short-term donor funding to lead to long-term asset ownership where communities possess the necessary resources and social capital to make development decisions.

The USAID/AKF GDA supports a larger, multi-donor Global Alliance on Community Philanthropy (GACP) to conduct research and implement activities that enable and sustain civil society institutions and development outcomes through different approaches to community philanthropy. This larger Alliance includes AKF, USAID, C.S. Mott Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Ford Foundation, Inter-American Foundation, and the Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF), the latter of which serves as the Secretariat for the Alliance.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The USAID/AKF GDA has the following objectives:

- Develop a body of evidence for community philanthropy through research and learning.
- Increase awareness and adoption of community philanthropy approaches by development actors.
- Improve institutional capacity of the growing global community philanthropy sector, including strengthening the capacity of the Global Alliance's secretariat, the Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF).

The GACP also supports USAID missions interested in community philanthropy by working with them on establishing country-level GDAs. Where there is mutual interest, GACP members may agree to leverage funds for CP activities. This was the case in Kenya, where the USAID/Kenya Mission partnered with GACP members and others on developing the Yetu Initiative. Yetu, which means "ours" in Kiswahili, is working with Kenyan CSOs to strengthen their assets and capacity as well as build community trust. Yetu also engages communities in fundraising campaigns; connects CSOs with an online capacity-building platform; and develops information and communications technology (ICT) philanthropy platforms for Kenyans to donate money, time, and skills to support Kenyan CSOs. The global alliance (GACP) can also be linked to Mission-level alliances by working together to create a joint learning agenda.

Missions interested in learning more about the GACP or the possibility of developing a similar GDA focused on community philanthropy at the country level should contact the AOR.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

GACP: <http://www.globalfundcommunityfoundations.org/about-the-gacp/>

Yetu: <http://nairobi.usembassy.gov/agakhanusg.html>

The Value of Community Philanthropy Report: <http://www.partnershipsinaction.org/communityphilanthropyreport>

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YOUTHPOWER ACTION & LEARNING IDIQs

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IQC Task Order	Order Number	Expiration
YouthPower Action: FHI360	AID-OAA-I-15-00009	2/23/2020
YouthPower Learning: Making Cents International	AID-OAA-I-15-00034	4/21/2020

PURPOSE:

The YouthPower (YP) project is a USAID Agency-wide project to strengthen local, national, and global youth systems and programs to achieve sustainable, positive youth outcomes in health, education, and political and economic empowerment, and to increase youth engagement in development efforts.

YouthPower is composed of two inter-linked Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts intended to support USAID in the implementation of its Youth in Development Policy (2012). The YP: Implementation (YouthPower Action) and YP: Evidence and Evaluation (YouthPower Learning) IDIQs will reinforce and apply the learning from each other throughout the lives of the IDIQs.

- YP: Implementation (YP Action) – Focuses on the design and implementation of positive youth development programming and policies, capacity strengthening of youth serving organizations and institutions including governmental and civil society organizations (CSOs), and support of youth engagement within development.
- YP: Evidence and Evaluation (YP Learning) – Focuses on research and evaluation of youth programming and facilitates technical leadership and dissemination of knowledge in the field of positive youth development.

Requests for Task Order Proposals (RFTOPs) issued under both IDIQs will recognize the importance of evidence-based programs, evaluations, and policies; program sustainability, opportunities for local partner capacity building, and meaningful youth engagement. Services will support youth programming in a variety of international settings, including but not limited to conflict, fragile, and crisis-affected environments.

The CORs are in the Global Health (GH) Bureau; however, the project is overseen by an intra-agency technical steering committee that includes representatives from DCHA (the DRG Center) and E3, in addition to GH.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

YouthPower Action:

YP: Action IDIQ is a multiple-award IDIQ with a five-year period of performance effective February 23, 2015. Missions and AID/W bureaus and offices may access the mechanism using RFTOPs, which will result in competitively awarded task orders. Any task order at or below \$3 million will be competed first with the small business (Banyan Global).

The YP: Action IDIQ covers a range of functions related to the cross-sectoral youth programming. Activities include but are not limited to: project implementation and scale-up; management of sub-awards to local stakeholders; design and implementation of cross-sectoral youth assessments, piloting of innovative approaches and documentation of results; implementation of action research and performance evaluations; data collection and

monitoring; capacity building of local stakeholders in organizational development and cross-sectoral youth project assessment, design, and implementation.

YouthPower Learning:

YP: Learning IDIQ is a multiple-award IDIQ with a five-year period of performance effective April 21, 2015. Missions and AID/W bureaus and offices may access the mechanism using RFTOPs, which will result in competitively awarded task orders. Any task order at or below \$1 million will be competed first with the small businesses (Making Cents; Dexis Consulting; Mendez England & Associates; and IBTCI).

The YP: Learning IDIQ covers a range of functions related to the design, evaluation, research, knowledge management, learning, and communications of cross-sectoral youth development programming. Activities include but are not limited to: designing, managing, and publishing rigorous impact evaluations in a variety of international settings including conflict, fragile, and crisis-affected environments; designing, conducting, and publishing performance evaluations, using mixed methods in a variety of international settings including conflict, fragile, and crisis-affected environments; design and implementation of cross-sectoral youth assessments, facilitation of strategy design and program design support to USAID and other donors; establishing data collection and monitoring procedures and systems; capacity development, training, and technical assistance in the area of design, monitoring and evaluation; management of knowledge management initiatives including information and communications technologies (ICT), new media, and communities of practice; and research in the area of international cross-sectoral youth development.

YouthPower IDIQ holders form consortia of diverse organizations that bring a range of sector expertise to support single-sector and holistic cross-sectoral youth programs.

CONSORTIA FOR THE YOUTHPower ACTION IDIQ HOLDERS:

Prime Contractor	Sub-Contractors
Banyan Global (small business)	International Research and Exchanges Board, National 4-H Council, Management Sciences for Health, CLUSA International d.b.a. National Cooperative Business Association, Institute of International Education, Practical Sampling International, TechAide, YouthReach India
Creative Associates International	Soul City Health & Development, BRAC International, Education for Employment, CARANA Corporation, CARE USA, Child Trends, Management Sciences for Health, McKinsey & Company, Winrock International, Equal Access, FINCA International, PeacePlayers International, Social Impact Lab, WebFirst, TECHNO, MTC International Development Holding Company LLC
DAI	CID Inc., Integra Government Services International LLC, JBS International Inc., Program for Appropriate Technologies in Health (PATH), World Education, Promundo US, E-Line Media (E-Line Ventures, LLC)
FHI 360	Management Systems International, Block by Block Consulting, Institute for Reproductive Health Georgetown, Marie Stopes International, TechnoServe, CLUSA International, International Media Solutions LLC, Duggleby and Associates, World University Services Canada, Aga Khan Development Network
Global Communities	LTG Associates, O'Brien and Associates, Inveneo, Connexus Corporation International Research and Exchanges Board, Search for Common Ground, Center for Youth and Communities Brandeis

	University, EnCompass LLC, The Kaizen Company, Juarez and Associates, Kiron Global Strategies, Advocates for Youth, Freedom from Hunger, Woller & Associates
RTI International	International Rescue Committee, Catholic Relief Services, Right to Play, Center for Creative Leadership, Population Services International, Counterpart International, Land O' Lakes Inc., SSG Advisors, Global Girl Media, Absolute Options, Windwalker Corporation, The Society for Family Health, TNMCorp, Institut de Formation de Sud, Papyrus Consulting, Fe y Alegria, Seeds of Peace in Africa

CONSORTIA FOR THE YOUTHPower ACTION IDIQ HOLDERS:

Prime Contractor	Sub-Contractor
IBTCI	National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago (NORC); Devis - Development Infrastructure; American Institute for Research (AIR); Sonjara, Inc.; WiderNet@UNC at the University of North Carolina; Enactus; Ipsos; Iridium Interactive Limited (Iridium); Mindset Network; Research Solutions Africa (RSA)
Mendez England & Associates	Abt Associates; Bixal Solutions, Inc.; IMPAQ International; Bankworld; Florida International University
Social Impact, Inc.	ICF Macro, Inc.; Synergy; Development Seed
Dexis Consulting Group	Engility-IRG; Social & Scientific Systems, Inc. (SSS)
Making Cents International	The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW); Development and Training Services, Inc. (dTS); Results for Development Institute (R4D); University of Washington (UW); Khulisa Management Services Ltd; University of Melbourne; The YP Foundation
American Institute for Research	Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR); Quotient, Inc.; IBTCI; Democracy International (DI); Boston University Center for Global Development; Tufts University: Institute on Applied Research in Youth Development; Youth Venture, Inc.

CIVIL SOCIETY INNOVATION INITIATIVE (CSII)

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Awards	Cooperative Agreement Number	Expiration
CSII Incubate Award: Counterpart International	AID-OAA-LA-15-00013 DFD-A-00-09-00141-00	9/30/2019
CSII Fiscal Agent Award: Tides Center	AID-OAA-A-16-00007	9/30/2021

PURPOSE:

The Civil Society Innovation Initiative (CSII) aims to combat the trend of growing restrictions on civil society, freedom of association, peaceful assembly and expression. In partnership with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), USAID is co-creating a series of regional civil society innovation hubs, which are driven and served by civil society. The regional hub concept is driven by a common vision to help promote a vibrant, diverse and rights-based civil society in developing countries by using new and established funding mechanisms, working methods and means of cooperation.

These regional hubs are being developed through a co-creation process that focuses on participatory design, strategic planning, and transparency. Though the initiative began with the civil society teams at USAID and Sida, representatives across civil society, academia, and the private sector are contributing to the co-creation. In early November 2014, a diverse group of 64 representatives from 48 groups gathered in Istanbul for an intensive three days to participate in a unique and innovative co-creation process. Together, the participants produced a foundational concept note, which is the basis of six follow-on co-design workshops in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East to further develop each regional Hub.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The strategy is to create a number of interlinked and enabling regional hubs around the world. Regional hubs can serve as either physical or virtual spaces. In a physical innovation space, civil society organizations (CSOs) from the region can learn hands-on about how to use new and innovative information and communication technology (ICT) tools. On the other hand, a virtual space can connect CSOs to each other, experts, resources, and training and to other networks. Each regional hub will be different because it will be established by and to address the needs of civil society in the region. Recognizing that hubs at a regional level can be a step removed from local organizations and civil society, each hub will also place focus on peri-urban and rural areas, as well as on traditionally marginalized groups.

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INFORMATION AND SAFETY CAPACITY PROJECT (ISC)

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Cooperative Agreement	Order Number	Expiration
Counterpart International	AID-OAA-LA-11-00008	9/30/2020

PURPOSE:

The Information Safety and Capacity Project (ISC) is USAID's flagship internet freedom program. It works directly with civil society, media, democracy, and human rights activists and groups vulnerable to online attacks and hacks, data seizures, and surveillance. ISC supports its beneficiaries with a sustained and ongoing mentoring approach that helps them develop and adopt safe communication protocols, appropriate information security, and good digital hygiene. ISC also works with technology developers such as Google, Microsoft, and open source developers to enhance the user experience in developing countries. The project seeks to keep organizations working in the online space safe and resilient. To date, it has mentored and provided technical assistance to over 250 organizations, accounting for over 4,166 individual beneficiaries (2,537 men; 1,629 women) in over 17 countries such as Ukraine, Nicaragua, Macedonia, Syria, Zimbabwe, and Sudan.

In FY 2017, ISC launched a policy advocacy component around online rights and best practices in internet governance, particularly in advancing the multi-stakeholder model. It seeks to amplify a rights-based approach to internet governance, through civil society organizations, journalists, and academics. This component is currently being piloted in Ecuador, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The ISC Project provides information technology (IT) capacity development — training, tools, and techniques — to organizations, activists and media outlets that are in need of mentoring. The ISC has a cadre of dedicated “IT mentors” who build and improve upon long-term relationships with its beneficiaries to help them obtain — and maintain — necessary IT and information security procedures through face-to-face and/or virtual engagement. In some cases, the ISC might provide equipment to improve their level of technology acumen, which could take the form of servers, Wi-Fi routers, or software. In order to achieve the most impact, the ISC integrates advanced technical and country-specific knowledge with the expertise required to assist organizations possessing varying levels of technology skills. The ISC also facilitates field testing and/or the deployment of new tools as they become available. The ISC coordinates knowledge and resource sharing among a growing network of leading international organizations with advanced IT and information security knowledge and skills.

Technical assistance options include:

- **First line safety:** Computers, mobile devices, and Wi-Fi points all have strong passwords.
- **Patch management:** Computer software is up-to-date and regularly updated.
- **Antivirus and antimalware protection:** Antivirus and antimalware soft wares are installed and up-to-date on all computers.
- **Data backup:** Individual computer and server backups are possible and performed on schedule.
- **Data at rest encryption:** Storage devices (hard/thumb drives) are fully, transparently encrypted.
- **Data in transit encryption:** Full encryption when receiving and sending email, using social networking sites and instant messaging.
- **Website security:** Vulnerability scanning, hacking/intrusion detection, Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) defense.
- **Mobile phone security:** Mobile phone use is cognizant of security limitations.

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ANTI-MEDIA VIRAL SQUAD

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
International Center for Journalists Pop-Up Newsroom Cardiff University Crime and Security Research Institute	AID-OAA-7200- AA18CA00058	9/26/2019	9/27/2018--09/26/2019

PURPOSE:

Anti-Viral Media Squad is an activity developed under USAID's Broad Agency Announcement Addendum "Advancing Integrity in Media" that is being piloted in Moldova with the near-term goal of supporting anti-disinformation efforts in advance of the 2019 national elections. This activity seeks to "beat disinformation at its own game" by helping independent journalism break through a clamorous, crowded media space with engaging, credible information, taking advantage of the same viral storytelling and distribution techniques used to spread false and misleading information.

The Anti-Viral Media Squad is a sustainable network of responders that will test and refine different approaches to creative storytelling, distribution of credible media, and viral debunking in response to local needs. The project starts with a "pop-up newsroom" approach – a newsroom that engages media, civil society, universities, and technology partners in a collaborative reporting effort around a specific event. The local stakeholders will engage in a co-design process to develop focused responses to specific disinformation challenges and distribute credible, engaging information.

The result will be a self-sustaining network of media creators who can track and respond to specific disinformation campaigns or topics through continued training and mentoring in disinformation monitoring, investigative verification, social footprint analysis, and debunking strategies.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Media, Elections

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FRIEND OR FOE: ALGORITHMS IMPACT ON MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Article 19 Meedan Labs National Democratic Institute Graphika	AID-OAA-7200- AA18CA00057	9/26/2019	9/27/2018--09/26/2019

PURPOSE:

Friend or Foe? Algorithms Impact on Media and Human Rights Defenders is an activity developed under USAID's Broad Agency Announcement "Advancing Integrity in Media" that is being piloted in Kenya. This activity seeks to examine why the social networks are privileging disinformation over fact-based information. It is looking under the hood of social media platforms – examining the design of algorithms and how they are moderated – to find the answers. That research is then forming the basis of a dialogue by local civil society groups with social media platforms on increasing the accountability for algorithmic decision-making.

The project's main objective is to counter disinformation efforts and support independent journalism through improving the signals that drive algorithmic decision-making in online platforms and that moderate or censor content. It is developing tools to identify disinformation; counter it and amplify quality information on social media platforms; and building a coalition of tech-savvy democracy and human rights activists to provide local context, highlight problems, and advocate for social media platforms at the national level to address the role of algorithmic decision-making.

Friend or Foe? is focusing on multi-stakeholder collaboration by bringing together local civil society and media partners with social media and technology companies for a transformative engagement.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Media, Human Rights, Elections

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MEDIA LITERACY FOR NEW DIGITAL ARRIVALS

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
University of Notre Dame IREX Moonshot CVE GeoPoll	AID-OAA-7200- AA18CA00058	9/26/2019	9/27/2018--09/26/2020

PURPOSE:

Digital and social media platforms have increased access to information for communities around the world. But malicious actors are also manipulating these platforms to spread harmful information and exacerbate social divides. This is especially problematic because many users of online and social media systems are not aware of how malicious information is spread through these channels.

Media literacy refers to the ability to access, analyze, evaluate and create messages in a variety of forms – from print to video to the internet and social media. Media literacy training focuses on explaining the role of media in society and teaching essential skills of critical thinking, inquiry, and self-expression necessary for citizens of democracy. Traditional media literacy training is delivered through school-based curricula to students in formal education systems.

Media Literacy for New Digital Arrivals is an activity developed under USAID’s Broad Agency Announcement, “Advancing Integrity in Media,” that was piloted in Indonesia. The activity will seek to improve media literacy among new digital arrivals with a goal of reducing their likelihood to engage with and spread disinformation. New digital arrivals are citizens who have recently started receiving and sharing information through digital and social media platforms, but who have not benefited from traditional media literacy education. This may include older adults or marginalized groups who are outside formal education systems.

The project is designed to follow three phases:

1. **Assessing the Online and Social Media Landscape.** The project will use custom software to identify what kind of socially harmful content and disinformation is prevalent, and how it is being spread within a specific region, event, or social media landscape. Examples of disinformation tactics may include image manipulation or social astroturfing, in which users are paid to like or up-vote malicious content.
2. **Adapting Media Literacy Curricula for Delivery in Online and Social Media Systems.** The project will adapt existing school-based curricula to content that can be easily presented to a digital audience, while addressing specific disinformation events identified in phase one. Examples may include social cards, quizzes, online social ads, and games.
3. **Identifying and Delivering Media Literacy to New Digital Arrivals.** The project will deliver the digitized media literacy content to a selected group of social media users.

The project will culminate with an evaluation of the effectiveness of the media literacy content and engage with local civic organizations that will be able to build on the findings and further develop the methodology for future projects.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Media

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ENABLING AND PROTECTING CIVIC SPACES (EPCS) – ILLUMINATING NEW SOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMMATIC INNOVATIONS FOR RESILIENT SPACES (INSPIRES)

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Internews Network	AID-OAA-7200-AA18CA00053	9/27/2022	9/28/2018--09/27/2022

PURPOSE

The Enabling and Protecting Civic Space (EPCS) Illuminating New Solutions and Programmatic Innovations for Resilient Spaces (INSPIRES) project will increase knowledge and capacity to respond to growing restrictions on democratic freedoms of association, assembly, and expression around the world. With civic space shifting rapidly around the globe, faster and more potent interventions are critical for bolstering local civil societies. Many current best practices have been developed through a series of ad hoc responses to closures of civic and political space. Through in-depth research, earlier forecasting of civic space shifts, and rigorous evaluation of different interventions, civil society can be better supported to navigate and influence these shifts in proactive, effective, and strategic ways.

The objectives include:

1. Developing innovative analysis through machine learning tools to deepen understanding of civic space drivers and inform programmatic priorities for civil society
2. Testing programmatic interventions to boost civil society resilience to closing space threats
3. Empowering local partners to address civic space threats effectively through flexible response support

INSPIRES is the culmination of an extensive co-creation process under the Broad Agency Announcement for Adapting USAID's Democracy, Rights, and Governance (DRG) Programming to Better Address Global Trends and Challenges, specifically with regard to Enabling and Protecting Civic Space.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Machine learning is most often celebrated for its ability to deal with large amounts of data. Just as important, however, is the degree to which it helps humans understand complex and diverse sources of data. INSPIRES partners will build a comprehensive and contextual data landscape for civic space analysis, including locally-created and curated data sets, and will build and test machine-learning models to identify trends and forecast civic space closing across multiple contexts in order to identify suitable programming for a given context. Testing of resilience interventions will take place with civil society partners in select African and Eastern European countries. Flexible response support will be delivered through close collaboration with USAID missions and local partners in order to respond to rapidly evolving country contexts requiring technical assistance to address closing civic space issues. Support may include empowering local partners to respond to legislation that threatens the civil society legal enabling environment or opportunities for favorable civil society legal reform, as well as other technical assistance or grant support for local partner initiatives to address closing space or opportunities for openings. USAID Missions are encouraged to contact the AOR to discuss requests for rapid response interventions.

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ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL TRANSITIONS

More genuine and competitive political processes (Program Area 2.3)

Elections can be a primary tool to help force political openings and expand political participation. The electoral process has often been a principal vehicle for democratization, as authoritarian governments have frequently fallen to democratic forces. For an election to be free and fair, certain civil liberties, such as the freedoms of speech, association, and assembly are required. Elections offer political parties and civic groups an opportunity to mobilize and organize supporters and share alternative platforms with the public. Electoral campaigns also tend to foster political liberalization. They also serve to encourage political debate.

Priority Areas: Impartial electoral frameworks, credible electoral administration, effective oversight of electoral processes, informed and active citizenries, representative and competitive multi-party systems, inclusion of women and other disadvantaged groups, effective governance by elected leaders and bodies, election monitoring, voter education, and effective transfers of political power.

Mechanisms and Awards:

Elections and Political Processes (EPP) Fund
Global Elections and Political Transitions Leader with Associate Awards (LWA)
Consortium for Elections and Political Processes III (CEEPS III)

ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PROCESSES (EPP) FUND

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Elections and Political Processes (EPP) Fund is to provide assistance in cases of critical unanticipated need with regards to electoral and political processes. The Fund is global in reach; since the Fund was established in 2006, assistance has been provided to 76 countries.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

All USAID missions may apply for funding. The EPP Fund solicits applications from USAID missions for competitive funding rounds each fiscal year. In addition, the EPP Fund accepts ad hoc applications if urgent needs arise outside of funding rounds. Applications are assessed by a cross-Agency review committee. To be successful, applications must meet at least two of the following three criteria:

- 1) Proposed program addresses snap elections, political transition, peace process or some other political development, or other unanticipated needs. In the case of unanticipated needs, Missions are asked to provide a justification for why the needs were not considered and budgeted for as part of regular Mission program planning.
- 2) Proposed program exploits a specific and narrow window of opportunity to catalyze positive outcomes. Missions should identify what has changed in the environment to create a specific opportunity for positive change. Mission should also justify how the proposed EPP funded program would exploit the window of opportunity.
- 3) Proposed program is determined to be truly unique and innovative by the EPP Fund review committee. Innovative programming targets creative and/or original approach, uses new methodologies, or applies an approach, which was used in another country or region, to the applicant's country context to address specific needs. Cutting-edge assessments and evaluations may also be considered under this criterion. Not that proposals that merely target non-traditional actors or marginalized groups or utilize technology, may not be considered innovative by reviewers. Missions should explain why the proposed innovative approach is best suited for the specific country context and program's objectives.

EPP Fund applications must be submitted through an online application system:

<http://dg.usaidallnet.gov/dgepp/login.php>

EPP Fund projects cover a wide range of activities. Some areas that have been addressed include: Post-conflict peace and constitutional design processes; political violence, electoral violence, and political instability; urgent needs created by snap elections; citizen oversight of elections; protection and promotion of democratic governance in backsliding countries; and other electoral and broader political processes in priority countries.

GLOBAL ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL TRANSITIONS (EPT) LEADER WITH ASSOCIATE AWARDS (LWA)

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Global EPT LWA	AID-OAA-L-15-00007	9/30/2020	10/01/2015-09/30/2020

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Leader with Associate Awards (LWA) is primarily to support USAID's goals and objectives under the "Governing Justly and Democratically" area of the Foreign Assistance Framework, and, more specifically, the "Political Competition and Consensus Building" program element in the framework. The LWA will also aim to develop, to the maximum extent practicable, the capacity and expertise of local and regional institutions and civil society organizations to carry out programs of technical assistance, training, civic education, election observation, and related services in connection with strengthening electoral and political processes.

The Global EPT LWA is designed to respond to immediate and long-term Mission and bureau needs related to assessments, strategy formulation, activity design, evaluation, and program implementation. Activities initiated under this award may promote any of the following seven program objectives:

- Objective 1:** Promoting meaningful participation of all citizens in their political systems, including women, youth, and other traditionally marginalized groups.
- Objective 2:** Harnessing the comparative advantages of media and technology to promote citizen understanding and engagement and transparent political competition.
- Objective 3:** Supporting meaningful transition processes that establish positive precedents for effective democratic governance.
- Objective 4:** Promoting the integrity of elections as a sustainable vehicle for peacefully and democratically choosing leaders.
- Objective 5:** Facilitating the ability of elected political actors to fulfill their responsibilities to citizens through better governance practices.
- Objective 6:** Promoting competitive and representative multiparty political systems.
- Objective 7:** Ensuring respect for the application of impartial legal frameworks and compliance by political actors.

In addition to these seven objectives, the Global EPT LWA will place a high value on two cross-cutting objectives:

1. The political empowerment of women, youth, and other traditional marginalized groups (e.g., ethnic, linguistic, and religious minorities; persons with disabilities; and the LGBTI community).
2. Developing the capacity of local and regional organizations in the developing world to supply technical assistance on elections and political transitions in their home countries and elsewhere.

ASSOCIATE AWARDS:

The selection of countries and substantive areas by USAID for the Associate Awards will be based on demand from USAID missions and offices. The length of activities may vary from a few weeks to many months or longer. Activities may involve performing basic assessments to implementing fully developed technical activities that support elections and political transitions.

Under the Global EPT LWA, associate awards may be awarded for up to an initial five-year period. Associate

Awards may be issued until the Leader Award expires. Associate Awards may be extended for a cumulative term of up to 10 years, but in no event may Associate Awards extend for more than five years past the expiration of the Leader Award. In no case may an Associate Award extend more than five years into the future at any given time.

PROGRAMMING PROCESS FOR ASSISTANCE AWARDS

1. When a requirement is determined and funding is identified for a new Associate Award, the USAID Mission or office will develop a Program Description (PD). The Program Description will: 1) provide background about the country, region, or technical leadership objective; 2) describe the objectives of the activity; 3) indicate relevant gender-based constraints and steps to be taken to mitigate such biases; and 4) designate an Activity Manager in the relevant Mission or office. (At the time of award of the Associate Award, the Activity Manager is normally designated as the cognizant AOR for the proposed Associate Award).
2. The Operating Unit will then submit the PD to the Leader Award AOR in DCHA/DRG for review. If the Leader Award AOR determines that the proposed program is applicable to the objectives of the Leader Award, (s)he will approve the PD. After receiving approval, the respective Agreement Officer (for the proposed Associate Award) may forward the PD to the recipient and request an application.
3. The recipient submits an application (including a description of activities and a detailed budget and other documents as requested) to the cognizant Agreement Officer for the Associate Award.
4. The cognizant Agreement Officer (in coordination with the respective AOR for the proposed Associate Award) will respond directly to the recipient with approval or suggested revisions.
5. Upon conclusion of discussions, the cognizant Agreement Officer will issue an Associate Award. The Associate Award Agreement Officer will designate an Associate Award AOR in each award.
6. The Associate Award Agreement Officer will provide a copy of each Associate Award to the Leader Award AOR in DCHA/DRG.

GRANTEES:

The Consortium for Elections and Political Processes Strengthening (CEPPS) is a joint venture of the following three organizations: International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), International Republican Institute (IRI), and National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). All communication regarding CEPPS should be sent to the office of CEPPS Director, Ms. Sondra Govatski.

In addition to the core partners, CEPPS includes the following seven associate partners, which are may be involved in the program design process for all programs under the award: American Bar Association-Rule of Law Initiative, Asia Network for Free Elections, Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, Internews, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, and Search for Common Ground. In addition, CEPPS includes 30 resource organizations, which have active partnerships with CEPPS.

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GOVERNANCE

More transparent and accountable government institutions (Program Area 2.2)

Many citizens of developing countries recognize the intrinsic value of democratic principles and processes (e.g., elections, human rights, and representation). At the same time, they are concerned with a government's ability to function. In general, governance issues pertain to the ability of government to develop an efficient and effective public management process. Because citizens lose confidence in a government that is unable to meet their basic security and service needs, the degree to which a government is able to carry out its responsibilities at any level is often a key determinant of a country's ability to sustain democratic reform.

Priority Areas: Legislative strengthening, public policy development and implementation, decentralization and local capacity, anti-corruption initiatives, and security sector reform.

Mechanisms:

Legislative Strengthening Technical Services IQCs

AND

RULE OF LAW

Strengthening rule of law (Program Area 2.1)

The rule of law (RoL) sector is viewed through the prism of the DRG analytic framework: The Rule of Law Strategic Framework. Using this framework helps in systematically identifying the problems and weaknesses with rule of law in a country and suggests a range of potential programmatic approaches to problems in the rule of law. The DRG Center helps missions undertake strategic analyses that link building rule of law with strengthening democracy. It supports efforts to strengthen five elements comprising the rule of law: Order and security; legitimacy; checks and balances; fairness (equal application of the law; procedural fairness; protection of human rights and civil liberties; and access to justice); and effective application.

Mechanisms:

**Legislative Strengthening Technical Services IQCs
IQCs for Rule of Law**

LEGISLATIVE STRENGTHENING TECHNICAL SERVICES IQCs

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IQCs	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Tetra Tech ARD	AID-OAA-I-12-00001	11/9/2016	11/9/2019
Chemonics International	AID-OAA-I-12-00002	11/9/2016	11/9/2019
DAI	AID-OAA-I-12-00003	11/9/2016	11/9/2019
Social Impact, Inc.	AID-OAA-I-12-00004	11/9/2016	11/9/2019
SUNY/CID	AID-OAA-I-12-00005	11/9/2016	11/9/2019

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this contract is to improve the capacity and performance of legislatures, their members, and staff in realizing their representative, lawmaking, and oversight functions. This activity establishes a mechanism for missions to assist national, provincial and municipal legislative or representative bodies improve their deliberative processes so that they are more democratic, transparent, accountable, and effective, better represent the public interest, and result in better monitoring of governmental performance. The IQC enables a holistic approach to legislative strengthening and includes possible support to a broad spectrum of stakeholders who have an interest in the functioning and activities of the legislature including legislative members and staff, other government actors, civil society, political parties, media, and private sector.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The contractor may be called upon to provide advice, assistance, and training for legislative members and staff, host country officials, and civil society representatives on the development of democratic legislative practice and procedures including, but not limited to, the following areas:

Representation

- Improving links between legislators to their constituencies and subnational government bodies by supporting best practices in areas such as constituency outreach, policy dialogue, public meetings/hearings, and public policy mediation/negotiation.
- Enhancing support for the legislature through activities designed to increase public participation in the legislative process, improve civil society advocacy, promote more professional media coverage of legislative issues and increase the quality of policy analysis, information and research available to the legislature.

Lawmaking

- Strengthening analytical skills to enable critical review of draft legislation and more evidence-based legislation.
- Providing advisory services on the drafting, enforcement and implementation of laws and regulations.
- Improving legislative committee operations and effectiveness as well as legislative support services in areas such as research, budget analysis, public outreach and communications and information and communication technology.
- Working to strengthen political groups, factions, and caucuses including on responsibility of majority parties and coalitions, constructive opposition, developing legislative and policy agendas, and public outreach.

Oversight

- Providing assistance and training on budget formulation, review and oversight.
- Strengthening accountability mechanisms for policy review and enforcement.

- Supporting civil society efforts to monitor and oversee the work of deliberative bodies.

Public Administration

- Building institutional capacity in strategic planning, human resources, financial management, and general public administration.

Research

- Conducting legislative assessments, designing strategies, and evaluating legislative assistance programs.
- Conducting research and advancing knowledge on topics relevant to legislative strengthening.

Cross cutting Support for Donor Programs

- Supporting USAID, host government, and donor sectoral programs and initiatives (such as health, education, economic growth, and environment) through support to policy reform, budget formulation, and oversight.
- Assisting USAID procurement reform and use of host country systems through strengthening of budget oversight and government accountability.

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IQCs FOR RULE OF LAW

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AMEX*	AID-OAA-I-13-00024	2/7/2018	2/7/2021
Casals & Associates	AID-OAA-I-13-00039	2/7/2018	2/7/2021
Checchi Consulting	AID-OAA-I-13-00044	2/7/2018	2/7/2021
Chemonics International Inc.	AID-OAA-I-13-00032	2/7/2018	2/7/2021
Development Alternatives Inc.	AID-OAA-I-13-00033	2/7/2018	2/7/2021
Democracy International*	AID-OAA-I-13-00030	2/7/2018	2/7/2021
East-West Management Institute	AID-OAA-I-13-00033	2/7/2018	2/7/2021
Millennium DPI*	AID-OAA-I-13-00029	2/7/2018	2/7/2021
Tetra Tech DPK	AID-OAA-I-13-00036	2/7/2018	2/7/2021

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PURPOSE:

The Rule of Law (ROL) IQC mechanism is vital to supporting the foreign assistance objective of Governing Justly and Democratically – to promote and strengthen effective democracies in recipient states and move them along a continuum toward democratic consolidation. The ROL IQC provides DCHA/DRG invaluable support to serve missions’ programs in the area of new or ongoing legal reform assistance initiatives.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

This IQC will entail the provision of a wide array of support services encompassing short- and long-term technical assistance and other activities aimed at supporting the development of rule of law and human rights. The IQC will be managed by USAID staff. However, cooperating U.S. Agencies, such as the Department of State and the Millennium Challenge Corporation, may opt to transfer funds to USAID in order to participate in shared programs. Activities will support a broad range of governmental and non-governmental actors to advance the following objectives toward advancing the rule of law:

- Order and Security
- Legitimate Constitutions, Laws and Legal Institutions
- Strengthened Checks and Balances
- Fairness and Human Rights
- Effective Application of the Law
- Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Environments

Tasks and Deliverables: The contractor shall provide the following tasks/deliverables as requested in task orders under this contract to accomplish the objectives:

- Conducting rule of law assessments, evaluations, developing strategies, and designing programs. This also includes justice sector institutional analysis, planning, and diagnostic surveys.
- Legal analysis and research (in common and civil law systems, comparative legal systems, customary, religious, or traditional or religious legal systems, international law, labor law, constitutional law, business law, commercial law, law of associations, administrative law, and general law).
- Assisting in the development of strategies, programs, and activities that optimize linkages between the justice sector institutions and other sector areas.
- Advising government officials and/or USAID on the best practices to strengthen the justice sector, advance human rights, and support cooperation among government institutions.
- Advising governments and/or USAID on how to develop and implement justice sector activities.

- Supporting, through provision of staff, technical services and/or material support, start-up and/or longer-term implementation of justice sector initiatives.
- Judicial, legal, human rights, and other justice sector training.
- Supporting the establishment of judicial or legal training institutes, law schools, legal education, continuing legal education, curriculum development, and judicial system strengthening programs.
- Training to host country officials on oversight, ethics, conflict of interest, and rule of law related functions.
- Providing advisory services pertaining to drafting and enforcement of regulations and laws.
- Supporting capacity building initiatives and/or providing grants to governmental or civil society organizations (CSOs) for advocacy and monitoring, professional associations, strategic planning, legal aid clinics, organization, funding, or other needs.
- Capacity building to develop holistic programs for victims of violence and crime including crime prevention, treatment, investigation, prosecution, and referral.
- Facilitating mechanisms for public participation in legal reform and policy decision-making.
- Facilitating government inter-institutional coordination mechanisms of the justice sector.
- Sponsoring investigative journalism training and other related monitoring activities of the justice sector.
- Training, research, and analysis on cross-sectoral and emerging issues, e.g., corruption, economic growth, gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS discrimination, etc.
- Research, analysis and publication of lessons learned regarding rule of law challenges, impact, and programming.
- Financial analysis, auditing of justice sector institutions and Procurement/logistics (e.g., computers and office supplies).
- Workshop and conference planning, public outreach, awareness-raising, publishing documents (e.g., monographs, studies, laws, judicial decisions), and minor rehabilitation of justice sector buildings.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Respect for human rights (Program Area 2.1)

Protecting human rights is closely linked to advancing long-term, sustainable development. Rights are both part of the goal of development and instrumental to attaining other goals such as economic growth or democracy. With the creation of the new DRG Center, “human rights” were elevated as a co-equal pillar alongside democracy and governance. USAID’s human-rights programming is based on protection, promotion, and principles of rights.

Priority Areas: Monitoring human-rights violations; supporting human-rights defenders or commissions; preventing mass atrocities; advancing transitional justice; counter-trafficking in persons (C-TIP); and protecting and promoting the rights of vulnerable populations such as the LGBT community.

Mechanisms and Grants Programs:

Human Rights Grant Program (HRGP)
Human Rights Support Mechanism (HRSM) Leadership with Associate Awards
Promoting LGBTI Equality through Entrepreneurship and SME Growth in Developing Countries and Regions
Global LGBTI Human Rights Partnership

HUMAN RIGHTS GRANT PROGRAM (HRGP)

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PURPOSE:

DRG's Human Rights Grants Program (HRGP) is a centrally-managed fund that helps missions respond to urgent human rights challenges — as well as unanticipated or emerging windows of opportunity — related to the promotion and protection of universally recognized human rights.

WHY WE HAVE IT:

HRGP is designed to have a global scope, with the ability to respond to urgent or unanticipated human rights challenges (e.g., supporting Human Rights Defenders organize and respond to draft legislation that cracks down on civil or political rights) as well as limited or emerging windows of opportunity (e.g., helping a National Human Rights Institution that has requested assistance monitoring the country's legal commitments to LGBTI rights).

WHICH MISSIONS MAY APPLY:

Beginning in FY 2016, only select missions are eligible to apply for HRGP funding. This narrowing to a select group of missions and regional activities is in response to concerns raised by USAID staff and missions, which called for a more focused approach to HRGP. This approach is also designed to help better manage funding expectations, particularly given the fact the demand for funding has traditionally far exceeded what is available. Furthermore, it is hoped that this approach will allow HRGP to support more robust and longer-term program concepts. Countries invited to submit concepts were identified through an inclusive consultation process with regional bureaus and missions through which current human rights trends and considerations were discussed and weighed.

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HUMAN RIGHTS SUPPORT MECHANISM (HRSM) LEADERSHIP WITH ASSOCIATE AWARDS (LWA)

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Freedom House	AID-OAA-A-16-00044	9/30/2021	9/30/2026

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the HRSM LWA is to support global programming related to the promotion and protection of universally recognized human rights, as set forth in USAID's 2013 Strategy on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance. This mechanism intends to help missions access proven, state of the art capabilities related to human rights; respond to crises faster and more effectively; and minimize and manage risk in a sensitive programming area.

This award was designed to reflect USAID's operational approach to human rights which emphasizes the role of technical assistance in helping both states to fulfill their human rights obligations as well as citizens to demand and exercise their rights. HRSM's objectives cover a broad range of human rights-related programming including support for improving the enabling environment for protecting rights (e.g., strengthening laws and policies or building the capacity of local human rights defenders); responding to ongoing violations (e.g., supporting documentation efforts, or helping activists operate more safely in hostile environments), and support for effective remedies (e.g., providing legal or rehabilitative services to victims).

The award also features global capabilities under the Leader, including rapid response and learning components. The rapid response feature aims to provide small, short-term assistance to local actors responding to urgent crises or limited windows of opportunity, utilizing streamlined protocols and delegated authorities for moving funds quickly. The learning component intends to support comparative learning across all HRSM activities in order to build the evidence base for human rights research questions.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The scope of HRSM covers several thematic and functional objectives. The five specific objectives of HRSM are as follows:

Objective 1: Improve enabling environments for preventing and addressing human rights violations and abuses. This objective focuses on building the human rights architecture in a particular context, both supporting state actors to fulfill their obligations and citizens to exercise and/or demand their rights. Activities under this objective might focus on: 1) strengthening the capacity of National Human Rights Institutions and human rights defenders; 2) training justice and security sector personnel on human rights norms and practices; 3) supporting formal or informal human rights education efforts; 4) efforts to ensure constitutional and legal frameworks do not institutionalize gender inequality or other forms of discrimination; 5) advocating for institutional safeguards that prevent development efforts from violating the rights of the poor, indigenous peoples and others; 6) fostering constructive dialogue and reform efforts around Universal Periodic Review(s); and 7) changing discriminatory laws.

Objective 2: Effective response actions to mitigate the impact of human rights violations and abuses.

This objective focuses on contexts where rights violations are imminent or ongoing, supporting programming that can be taken to help mitigate the impact of those violations, regardless of our ability to end them or "set them right." Activities under this objective might focus on: 1) assistance for frontline human rights defenders who are under threat; 2) efforts to assist victims of human trafficking or gender-based violence with holistic rehabilitation services such as shelter, medical services, and counseling; 3) efforts to improve the safe and secure documentation

of atrocity crimes and rights violations, including sexual and gender-based violence, to potentially support future accountability efforts; and 4) raising awareness and understanding of human rights violations by public and private actors in order to prompt a policy response and prevent further harm.

Objective 3: Effective remedies to human rights violations and abuses. This objective supports judicial and non-judicial measures that can be taken to provide redress to individual victims of human rights abuses, combat impunity, and seek accountability of perpetrators, support transitional justice in instances of widespread rights violations, and potentially deter future violations. Activities under this objective might focus on: 1) efforts to assist victims of human trafficking or gender-based violence with prosecution or other legal remedies; 2) support truth and reconciliation efforts in countries that have experienced mass atrocities; 3) compensate indigenous peoples and others who have been forced from their land; and 4) provide trauma healing for victims of torture and cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment.

Objective 4: Identification of effective approaches for protecting human rights. This objective supports comparative learning across activities to advance USAID’s understanding of how assistance efforts can best advance human rights.

Objective 5: Rapid response to urgent or unforeseen crises. This objective intends to provide short-term support to human rights actors as they respond to crises or limited windows of opportunities. (NOTE: Limited resources are set aside under the Leader award for this purpose and may be available to assist missions with country responses without requiring additional procurement actions or resources).

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

USAID awarded this cooperative agreement to Freedom House, which is the head of the Protecting Global Rights through Sustainable Solutions (PROGRESS) consortium. Consortium partners include:

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PROMOTING LGBTI EQUALITY THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SME GROWTH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
	AID-OAA-A-14-00014	12/03/2020	12/03/2012

PURPOSE:

Discrimination, stigmatization, violence, and exclusionary laws negatively impact the lives of millions of LGBTI people around the world and contribute to poverty. Over 70 countries and territories currently criminalize same-sex relations – several of which may legally impose the death penalty – and anti-LGBTI violence can be life-threatening. Access to essential services such as basic education, health, housing, and economic opportunities is often denied to LGBTI people. All too often this systemic discrimination locks LGBTI people into a cycle of extreme poverty. This award exists to address the economic discrimination faced by LGBTI people in developing countries.

DESCRIPTION:

This award is part of the LGBTI Global Development Partnership (LGBTI-GDP), a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership. It leverages the financial and technical contributions of corporations, bilateral donors, foundations, NGOs, and universities to help protect LGBTI people in developing countries from violence and discrimination. Funding partners include the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the Arcus Foundation, and multiple private sector donors. This award helps establish LGBTI Chambers of Commerce/business organizations and train/provide learning opportunities for LGBTI entrepreneurs and businesses.

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GLOBAL LGBTI HUMAN RIGHTS PARTNERSHIP

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Cooperative Agreement	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
	AID-OAA-A-12-00034	09/11/2019	09/11/2012-12/10/2019

PURPOSE:

Discrimination, stigmatization, violence, and exclusionary laws negatively impact the lives of millions of LGBTI people around the world and contribute to poverty. Over 70 countries and territories currently criminalize same-sex relations – several of which may legally impose the death penalty – and anti-LGBTI violence can be life-threatening. Access to essential services such as basic education, health, housing, and economic opportunities is often denied to LGBTI people. All too often this systemic discrimination locks LGBTI people into a cycle of extreme poverty. This award exists to address the violence, discrimination, and exclusion faced by LGBTI people in developing countries.

DESCRIPTION:

This award is part of The LGBTI Global Development Partnership (LGBTI-GDP), a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership. It leverages the financial and technical contributions of corporations, bilateral donors, foundations, NGOs, and universities to help protect LGBTI people in developing countries from violence and discrimination. Funding partners include the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the Arcus Foundation, and multiple private donors. This award helps in-country organizations promote protections from violence and discrimination for LGBTI people; trains LGBTI people on digital security; conducts research on the social, political, and economic conditions of LGBTI people in developing countries; and helps LGBTI people participate in democratic processes

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EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSION

Services for Highly Vulnerable Populations

(Program Area 4.1)

Despite many international conventions and legal frameworks in support of human rights, there are cohorts of people who have traditionally suffered from marginalization and discrimination and are most at risk. Moreover, these groups are often threatened in situations of disaster, conflict, and civil strife. The Empowerment and Inclusion (EI) Division focuses on the most vulnerable of these groups in the communities and countries with great need.

Priority Areas: Assistive health technologies; mental health/trauma/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); disability inclusive development; child protection, especially for those outside of or at risk of losing family care; physical rehabilitation and socio-economic inclusion; policy development and advocacy for especially vulnerable populations.

Mechanisms and Programs:

Technical Support Contract
Disability Program
Displaced Children and Orphans Fund (DCOF)/Center on Children in Adversity
Victims of Torture Program (VOT)
Leahy War Victim's Fund (LWVF)
Wheelchair Program
Consolidating Logistics for Assistive Technology Supply and Provision (CLASP)

EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSION DIVISION

The Empowerment and Inclusion (EI) Division works to reduce risks to and reinforce the capacities of communities, local nongovernmental organizations (NGO), and governments to provide services and protection for vulnerable populations. Programs, policies, and initiatives within the division help vulnerable populations gain access to opportunities that support their full participation in society.

As part of its mandate, the division oversees five congressionally-directed programs as well as housing the Center on Children in Adversity. The division includes personnel with technical expertise in specialties such as inclusive development, physical therapy and rehabilitation, mental health, child protection and monitoring and evaluation as well as being home to the USAID Disability Coordinator and U.S. Government Special Advisor on Children in Adversity.

DIVISION PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Disability Program
- Displaced Children and Orphans Fund (DCOF)
- Center on Children in Adversity (CECA)
- Leahy War Victim's Fund (LWVF)
- Victims of Torture Program (VOT)
- Wheelchair Program
- Consolidating Logistics for Assistive Technology Supply and Provision (CLASP)

The EI Division has been at the forefront of developing innovative and state-of-the-art programming for children affected by war, in setting orthopedic and rehabilitation standards in developing countries, and in improving treatment and healing options for survivors of torture and trauma. It has also lead worldwide policy change on barrier-free accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities in family and community.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTRACT

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Technical Support Contract	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
New Editions, Inc.	AID-OAA-M-16-00007	5/31/2019	2016-2018

PURPOSE:

This contract provides technical assistance to the Division Chief in oversight of the five congressionally-directed programs — Disability Program, Displaced Children and Orphans Fund, Leahy War Victims Fund, Victims of Torture Program, Wheelchair Program — as well as the Center on Children in Adversity. The contractor provides both long- and short-term technical assistance including but not limited to the following areas: prosthetics; orthotics; rehabilitative surgery; wheelchairs; physical and mental rehabilitation; child protection; torture-affected survivors, their families, and communities; and disability inclusive development. The contractor identifies recruits, mobilizes, manages, and supports short-term consultants in the above-mentioned technical areas.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The contractor focusses on collecting and analyzing data; maintaining a database of each of the congressionally directed program portfolios; providing technical assistance in sector assessments, designs, and monitoring and evaluations of the overall program and specific field activities.

The contractor provides or manages the provision of short-term technical assistance to strengthen implementation of programs in the field.

The contractor also plans, organizes, facilitates, and otherwise executes large or small conferences and prepares or manages the production of various ad hoc and routine reports.

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DISABILITY PROGRAM

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PURPOSE:

USAID is committed to integrating people with disabilities into its programs and activities and to building the capacity of disability organizations that advocate for and offer services on behalf of people with disabilities. This commitment is reinforced by the USAID disability policy and extends from the design and implementation of USAID programming to advocacy for and outreach to people with disabilities.

The Disability Program provides assistance to missions and operating units to promote greater inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in our development efforts. The program is global in reach.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Each year, a notification of funds availability is issued worldwide to missions and operating units. The specificity of the call varies slightly each year depending on consultations with Congress. Generally, the funds are used to support programs and activities to address the needs of people with disabilities, including protecting the rights and increasing the independence and full participation of people with disabilities in programs related to health, education, economic growth, political participation, and humanitarian aid. Programs focus on reducing barriers for people with disabilities in existing USAID programs. The Fund also supports the development and implementation of training for USAID staff and its partners overseas to promote the full inclusion and equal participation of people with disabilities in countries where USAID is present. Missions and operating units submit proposals to the division for review and selection. Funding for selected proposals is allowed to the field or office for final procurement and management.

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DISPLACED CHILDREN AND ORPHANS FUND (DCOF)/CENTER ON CHILDREN IN ADVERSITY

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PURPOSE:

In April 2014, USAID merged the Center on Children in Adversity (CECA) with the Displaced Children and Orphans Fund (DCOF). This strategic move aligned program, policy, coordination, staff, and budget resources to better fulfill the legislative mandate set forth under Public Law 109-95 and to more effectively coordinate implementation of the Action Plan on Children in Adversity (APCA). Rob Horvath is the U.S. Government Coordinator under PL 109-95. DCOF and CECA work together to support the U.S. Government, host governments and civil society partners to develop and implement programs and policies that address the objectives under the Action Plan on Children in Adversity.

The Displaced Children and Orphans Fund (DCOF) also directly supports programs that provide care, support, and protection for the special needs of children at risk, including orphans, unaccompanied minors, children affected by armed conflict, and children with disabilities. Programs strengthen the capacity of families and communities to address the physical, social, educational, economic and emotional needs of children in crisis. DCOF works to preserve the family structure; promote the growth and development of vulnerable children; and develop community structures to care, support, and protect vulnerable populations. A major portion of DCOF's Congressionally-mandated funds are used to support programs and activities that provide direct assistance to vulnerable children. Most are implemented through USAID mission-managed grants and agreements. DCOF is currently active in Armenia, Burundi, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Georgia, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Rwanda, and Uganda.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Through DCOF and CECA, USAID plays a particularly strong role in the achievement of APCA Objective 2, "Putting Family Care First," by applying relevant national child protection legislation and policies, strengthening coordination among key actors, developing information systems to identify and monitor children at risk, building social service workforce capacities, strengthening community capacities to identify vulnerable children and increasing their access to protective interventions in countries.

For additional information on the Action Plan on Children in Adversity, its three main objectives and three supporting objectives, go to www.childreninadversity.gov.

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VICTIMS OF TORTURE PROGRAM (VOT)

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Program	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
Victims of Torture Treatment Program (VTTP) – Center for Victims of Torture	AID-OAA-A-10-00044	12/31/2018	2010-2018
Enhancing Torture Survivor Mental Health Services – John’s Hopkins University	AID-OAA-L-15-00003	06/16/2018	2015-2018

PURPOSE:

The Victims of Torture Fund primarily supports programs that help heal the psychological and physical trauma caused by torture, recognizing that communities, along with survivors, need to heal and recover.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

USAID's Victims of Torture Fund is a dedicated source of funding for the treatment and healing of people who have been tortured or traumatized as a result of war or conflict. The Fund works through local organizations that serve these populations and use function as a measure of impact. The Fund makes the assumption that people who are tortured improve their function through individual resilience, and with the help of family and community. Funds are accessed through competitive awards that are largely mission-managed with technical support provided throughout the award. The Fund currently supports programs in Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Jordan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Georgia, Lebanon, Liberia, Moldova, Sierra Leone, and Zimbabwe.

Capacity building, training, data security and other ancillary support is available as needed. Evidence-based research is used to support technical interventions and the capacity to conduct research is offered to grantees.

Victims of Torture Treatment Program (VTTP): This program supports eight torture rehabilitation programs to develop their technical capacity to provide high-quality mental health services. It also strengthens institutional capacity by promoting sound, financially stable organizations.

Enhancing Torture Survivor Mental Health Services: This program works to improve the quality of access to treatment services for torture survivors in target countries (Burma, DRC, and Ukraine) by providing evidence-based randomized control studies. It also promotes widely disseminating training, and research.

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LEAHY WAR VICTIMS FUND (LWVF)

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PURPOSE:

The Leahy War Victims Fund (LWVF) focuses on the needs of civilian victims of conflict in developing countries with the primary objective of expanding access to affordable and appropriate prosthetic/orthotic services. Established in 1989, the program has slowly expanded beyond the provision of essential orthopedic services and related medical, surgical, and rehabilitation assistance to include programs that work to enable amputees and other people with disabilities to regain accessibility to mainstream educational, recreational, and economic opportunities.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

The LWVF is concerned with the provision of orthopedic services and devices to ensure unassisted mobility for civilian war victims and other persons with disabilities in post-conflict countries. Assistance may include training and institutional capacity-strengthening, facilities upgrading, materials provision, and support for national disabilities policy reform and public advocacy. In addition, programs include support for increasing the social and economic opportunities of these survivors.

Most activities are implemented through Mission-managed grants and agreements. The LWVF is active in Armenia, Burma, Cambodia, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Laos, Nepal, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, and Vietnam.

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WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

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PURPOSE:

The goal of the Wheelchair Program is to improve the mobility of people with mobility-related disabilities, which can lead to advances in their overall health. Grantees currently work in many facets of wheelchair provision: researching better, more durable chairs; ensuring appropriate cushions and seating; training to prescribe and fit wheelchairs; and testing and developing international standards.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Funds are used to support programs that improve access to, availability of, and sustainability of appropriate wheelchair programs in the developing world. At a broad level, programs contribute to the full and equal participation of people with disabilities in social and economic life. At an implementation level programs aim for, but are not limited to: introducing wheelchairs that are suitable and appropriate for use in developing countries and that are adaptable and fitted to the needs and requirements of each individual; develop and/or increase the capacity of national programs to produce and repair wheelchairs; strengthen human resource capacity to prescribe, fit, and train users; and develop and/or introduce new technologies that are appropriate for local conditions.

This fund is coordinated and supported by DRG, although most activities are implemented through Mission-managed grants and agreements. The program supports activities in Georgia, Philippines, Kenya, India, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Romania, Albania, Ethiopia, Indonesia, and Zimbabwe.

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DRG-RELATED SERVICES HELD IN OTHER USAID BUREAUS OR MISSIONS*

Capable Partners Program (CAP) (ODP)

*This is not an exhaustive list of DRG-related mechanisms held in other bureaus or Missions

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Cooperative Agreements	Award Number	Expiration	Performance Period
FHI 360 Consortium	HFP-A-00-03-00020-00	8/10/2013	8/10/2018

PURPOSE:

The Capable Partners Program (CAP) is a USAID Leader with Associates (LWA) Cooperative Agreement managed through the Agency's Office of Development Partners (ODP). CAP is a non-DRG civil society strengthening LWA that works with Missions to strengthen the organizational and technical capacities and sustainability of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), networks and intermediate support organizations (ISOs). The current emphasis of the core component of the award is a Local Capacity Enrichment Learning Agenda that seeks to assess a wide variety of approaches to organizational change and offer a series of recommendations for the IDEA/LS Development Grants Program as well as for a broader USAID and donor audience.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

CAP works with missions to design and implement interventions that are adapted to local contexts and based on proven approaches. CAP's Associate Awards mechanism may be used across the full range of technical sectors. New Associate Awards related to any of CAP's four programmatic objectives may be executed until August 10, 2013. Associate Awards may run until August 10, 2018. Concurrence is more likely for those associate award proposals that emphasize strengthening country and regional support organizations.

- **Objective 1:** Organizational development (OD), operational, and/or technical capacity of local NGOs, networks and ISOs strengthened.
- **Objective 2:** Linkages among local organizations (NGOs, coops, networks, governments, and businesses) strengthened.
- **Objective 3:** Increased capacity of NGOs, networks, and ISOs to engage in advocacy for key policies or programs.
- **Objective 4:** Wide dissemination of tested innovations, best practices, and lessons learned.

The CAP consortium is led by FHI360 in partnership with Management Systems International (MSI). Other consortium partners are listed below and include several organizations with strong backgrounds in DRG:

- The Advocacy Institute
- Aga Khan Foundation, U.S.A.
- The American Red Cross
- Citizens Development Corps
- Freedom from Hunger
- Goodwill Industries International
- The Huairou Commission
- Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy
- The Kenan Institute
- Mercy Corps
- National Cooperative Business Association
- ORT International Cooperation
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COORDINATION WITH OTHER USG AGENCIES/PROGRAMS

Federal Judicial Center
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS)
International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP)
International Judicial Relations Committee (IJRC)
Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT)

FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER

PURPOSE:

The Federal Judicial Center's statutory mission includes a mandate to provide information to help improve the administration of justice in foreign countries and to acquire information about the judicial systems of other nations that will improve the administration of justice in the courts of the United States.

***Note:** DCHA/DRG has no official relationship with the Federal Judicial Center. Information about the Center listed here is intended to serve as a resource for missions interested in developing or strengthening Rule of Law programming.*

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

At the invitation and with the financial support of the U.S. government, foreign judiciaries or international development organizations, Center staff has visited foreign courts and judicial training centers to participate in conferences and technical assistance projects. This outreach has included judicial and court education programs with the Russian Academy of Justice; a caseload tracking and reporting assessment for the High Court in Lusaka, Zambia; a U.S./Council of Europe judicial reform assessment in Kosovo; and assistance with the implementation of a new case calendaring initiative in Trinidad and Tobago. The International Judicial Relations Office also can identify U.S. Judges, court managers and public defenders with expertise relevant for a particular international rule of law program or court reform project.

Additionally, each year the Center hosts delegations of judges, attorneys, court officials and scholars from around the world at its offices in the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building in Washington, D.C. These sessions provide information about the U.S. legal and judicial systems as well as an overview of the Center's education and research activities.

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FEDERAL MEDIATION & CONCILIATION SERVICE (FMCS)

PURPOSE:

The FMCS is an independent federal agency created to promote stable and productive labor-management relationships. In both the United States and in developing market economies throughout the world, FMCS delivers innovative approaches to resolving labor-management and workplace conflicts. The Agency's international work is designed to level the global economic playing field for U.S. companies and workers by advocating core labor standards and conflict resolution systems for all nations. Through programs designed to strengthen the rule of law, labor relations and workers' rights, the FMCS helps ensure economic growth and competitiveness.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Through mediator presentations and interactive training, both in the United States and abroad, FMCS shares best-practices in the full range of labor-management relations, collective bargaining/negotiations, interest-based problem solving, individual grievance mediation, mediation of collective agreements, and arbitration. FMCS also provides in-depth capacity building through labor relations and dispute resolution systems design, including negotiations, alternative dispute resolution, mediation, arbitration, labor inspector training, and train-the-trainer.

Highly skilled and experienced FMCS mediators can deliver programs such as:

- **Dispute Resolution Systems Design** – Creating and implementing workplace conflict resolution systems.
- **Education and Mentoring** – Training labor, management, and government representatives in industrial relations practices, mediation techniques, negotiation skills, and conflict resolution processes.
- **Mediation and Facilitation Services** – Providing interest-based problem solving techniques and consensus-building dialogue to promote economic growth and legal or institutional reform.

FMCS also provides briefings and other programs for foreign leaders, labor attaches, international delegations, and other foreign visitors on U.S. industrial relations practices and conflict resolution systems. Special tutorials can be arranged for small groups with interest in relationship development and training through observation of FMCS field mediators in actual cases.

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INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE TRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ICITAP)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of ICITAP is to promote sustainable institutional development in partnership with host country law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies through technical assistance, mentoring, internships, and training. ICITAP is committed to working with USAID to achieve improved governance by taking a holistic approach to addressing crime that includes prevention, intervention, and enforcement.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

ICITAP has programs in 40 countries, 20 of which are led by U.S. Government Senior Law Enforcement Advisors. All ICITAP programs are supervised by either federal employees in the field or at headquarters in Washington, D.C. ICITAP can assist USAID by conducting assessments that develop realistic and measurable performance indicators, and by designing and implementing law enforcement development programs. ICITAP has extensive experience in designing and implementing programs in the following topical areas that coincide with USAID priorities and needs: community based policing, respect for human rights and human dignity, community justice, anti-corruption, developing internal affairs capacity within police departments, election security development for police and civil society, forensics development, and anti-trafficking-in-persons programs. Like USAID, ICITAP is committed to promoting the concept of sustainable institutional development.

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INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (IJRC)

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PURPOSE:

Article III Judges comprise the IJRC, which coordinates the federal judiciary's relationship with foreign judiciaries and with official and unofficial agencies and organizations interested in international judicial relations and the establishment and expansion of the rule of law and the administration of justice.

IJRC also facilitates the development and administration of programs designed to assist foreign judges and court managers such as the translation and dissemination of materials about the United States and its judicial system. The IJRC can also identify U.S. Federal Judges with expertise relevant for a particular international rule of law program or court reform project.

The IJRC is staffed by Senior Attorneys at the Administrative Offices of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC). Together with the USAID Liaison (AOR), the AOUSC provides support to the IJRC for the implementation and coordination of judicial exchanges, judicial reform projects, and production of substantive materials for rule of law programs.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

Federal judges have volunteered their time to support USAID Rule of Law (ROL) programs in several areas, including but not limited to:

- Establishing or strengthening judicial bodies.
- Strengthening judicial administration, management, and self-governance.
- Enhancing judicial professional development.
- Improving transparent and efficient administration of justice system components.
- Strengthening the implementation of law and procedures.
- Establishing and nurturing long-term relationships with foreign judiciaries undergoing reform.

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OFFICE OF OVERSEAS PROSECUTORIAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING (OPDAT)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the OPDAT is to develop and administer technical assistance designed to enhance the capabilities of foreign justice sector institutions and their law enforcement personnel, so they can effectively partner with the Department of Justice in combating terrorism, trafficking in persons, organized crime, corruption, and financial crimes.

POSSIBLE WORK AREAS:

OPDAT draws on Department of Justice resources and expertise to strengthen foreign criminal justice sector institutions and enhance the administration of justice abroad. OPDAT supports the United States and the Department's law enforcement objectives and priorities by preparing foreign counterparts to cooperate more fully and effectively with the United States in combating terrorism, trafficking in persons, organized crime, corruption, financial crimes, and other transnational crime. It does so by providing technical assistance for legislative and justice sector reform in countries with inadequate laws; by improving the skills of foreign prosecutors and investigators; and by promoting the rule of law and respect for human rights. Active federal prosecutors provide the vast majority of the technical assistance on OPDAT programs.

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DRG-RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS, TOOLS, AND ASSESSMENTS

Cross-Cutting

Gender Integration in Democracy, Human Rights and Governance

<https://www.usaid.gov/documents/2496/gender-integration-democracy-human-rights-and-governance-drg>

Since 2011, USAID has taken dramatic steps to advance gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment more effectively throughout its work. This effort builds upon an architecture of U.S. government policies and strategies released between 2011 and 2015, including the USAID Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy (Gender Policy), the United States Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally, and the LGBT Vision for Action.

Democracy, Human Rights and Governance Strategic Assessment Framework (2014)

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Master_SAF_FINAL%20Fully%20Edited%209-28-15.pdf

The Democracy, Human Rights and Governance Strategic Assessment Framework provides a structure for conducting a political analysis of a country; develops a strategy to advance democracy, human rights, and governance (DRG); and helps inform integrated development approaches. At its core, this assessment is a political economy analysis (PEA) of the DRG sector — how and why is political power acquired, maintained, exercised, and contested? Who benefits? Who does not? Can the U.S. Government play a role in trying to change the power dynamics? If yes, how? Most importantly, how can the advocates for democracy, human rights and good governance achieve greater success confronting the key challenges in their country with assistance from the USAID? Honing in on the key challenges and opportunities of democracy, human rights, and governance provides a realistic analysis of actors, formal and informal institutions, opportunities for reform, and USAID's operational environment. This strategic assessment framework will guide resources to the DRG areas where they will have the greatest impact, thereby increasing the effectiveness and sustainability of DRG programs. This framework also will guide USAID Missions, which are ultimately responsible for developing and submitting strategic plans for program funds over which they have responsibility and authority.

USAID Strategy on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (2013)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pdacx557.pdf

USAID's DRG Strategy provides a framework to support the establishment and consolidation of inclusive and accountable democracies to advance freedom, dignity and development. This strategy lays out USAID's vision to support democracy, human rights and governance as vital to the pursuit of freedom and national security, and as essential to achieve the Agency's broader social and economic development goals.

Draft Working Document: USAID Applied Political Economy Analysis (PEA) Field Guide (2016)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2496/Applied%20PEA%20Field%20Guide%20and%20Framework%20Working%20Document%20041516.pdf>

This document provides an overview of the methodology. The objective is to embed in USAID staff the skills to apply a political economy lens.

Civil Society and Media

Civil Society Assessment Tool

Constituencies for Reform: Strategic Approaches for Donor Supported Civic Advocacy Programs

This document provides guidance to donors in the development of civil society programs in support of promoting democracy and good governance. It outlines a five-step strategic logic for assessing the role of civil society and determining investment priorities for this sector. The first step entails an analysis of major obstacles to democratic political development. Step two is the formulation of a reform agenda to advance good governance. The third step involves a survey of civil society organizations which have interests corresponding with the reform agenda and thereby share a common concern in developing a basis for coalition-building. Step four concentrates on assessing what organizational capacities are needed to strengthen the advocacy role of civil society, and step five identifies what must be done to enhance the capacities and openness of host-country institutions and arenas in which civil society can effectively advance the reform process. For more information, contact Maryanne Yerkes at myerkes@usaid.gov.

Enabling Environment Assessment Tool

NGO Sustainability Index

The NGO Sustainability Index is a key analytical tool that measures the progress of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the Europe and Eurasia (E&E) region. The NGO Sustainability Index draws on the expertise of NGO leaders in 29 countries and entities in E&E and highlights major developments and trends in the NGO environment. Seven different dimensions of the NGO sector are analyzed in the NGO Sustainability Index: legal environment, organizational capacity, financial viability, advocacy, service provision, NGO infrastructure, and public image. In the Index, each of these dimensions is examined with a focus on the following questions: 1) What has been accomplished?, 2) What remains a problem?, 3) Do local actors recognize the nature of outstanding challenges?, 4) Do the local actors have a strategy and the capacity to address these challenges? Scores are measured on a 1 to 7 scale, with 7 indicating a low or poor level of development and 1 indicating a very advanced level of progress. Each country report provides an in-depth analysis of the NGO sector along with comparative information regarding prior years' dimension scores encapsulated in easy-to-read charts. For more information, contact Maryanne Yerkes at myerkes@usaid.gov.

CSO Sustainability Index

The Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index (CSOSI) is an annual index that reports on the strength and overall viability of civil society sectors in the countries it covers. The CSOSI is currently being implemented in 29 countries in Europe and Eurasia, 31 in Sub-Saharan Africa, seven in the Middle East and North Africa, seven in Asia, in Pakistan, and in Afghanistan. The Index highlights both advances and setbacks in the development of the civil society sector, and allows for comparisons across countries and sub-regions over time. The Index is an important and unique tool for local CSOs, governments, donors, academics, and others to understand and measure the sustainability of the civil society sector. For more information, contact Mariam Afrasiabi at MAfrasiabi@usaid.gov.

Recent reports can be found at the following links:

Afghanistan: <http://www.usaid.gov/afghanistan/civil-society-sustainability>

Asia: <https://www.usaid.gov/asia-civil-society>

Europe and Eurasia: <https://www.usaid.gov/europe-eurasia-civil-society>

Middle East & North Africa: <http://www.usaid.gov/middle-east-civil-society>

Pakistan: <http://www.usaid.gov/pakistan/civil-society-sustainability>

Sub-Saharan Africa: <http://www.usaid.gov/africa-civil-society>

Enabling Environment Assessment Tool

ICNL Tools and Guides

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) offers several tools helpful to assessing the enabling environment for civil society organizations. "Safeguarding Civil Society in Politically Complex Environments" is an informative 26-page desk study produced by ICNL with USAID funding in 2007 (http://www.icnl.org/research/journal/vol9iss3/special_1.htm). The article seeks to identify available strategies and tools to protect civil society and freedom of association in politically complex environments. This working document discusses use of the following strategies, tools, and mechanisms: a) protective alliances and networks; b) raising public awareness; c) advocacy campaigning; d) direct public action; e) international diplomacy; f) domestic litigation; g) national and international human rights mechanisms; h) legal triage; and i) going underground. ICNL

also provides a "Checklist for CSO Laws" on its website (<http://www.icnl.org/research/library/files/Transnational/checklisten.pdf>) that outlines provisions that should be included in legislation governing civil society organizations (CSOs). The list is useful for assessing whether CSO legislation currently on the books or in draft form meets generally accepted international practices. For more information, contact Douglas B. Rutzen at ICNL at drutzen@icnl.org.

Media Programming Tool

The Role of Media in Democracy: A Strategic Approach

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2496/200sbc.pdf>

This guide outlines a menu of implementation options for media programming that can be selected for adaptation to country context and available resources. The guide describes potential actors involved in media programming, weaknesses that may require attention, and strategies for strengthening the independent media sector. Illustrative activities include: journalism training; building country capacity for training media professionals; strengthening business capacities of media or capital infusions to media enterprises; media law reform and advocacy; supporting development of media sector CSOs; and more.

Media Programming Under Fragile Conditions: A Democracy and Governance Field Guide (2009)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pnadq659.pdf

The media play a vital role in many developing countries. Media outlets enable citizens to communicate with each other, serve as platforms for debate, anchor democratic processes, and facilitate poverty reduction and development through provision of needed information. In states experiencing conflict, violent political upheaval, or complete collapse, the media sector is even more critical.

A Mobile Voice: The Use of Mobile Phones in Citizen Media (2008)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pnadm040.pdf

This publication explores the dynamics of the role of mobile phones in enhancing access to and creating information for citizen-produced media.

The Enabling Environment for Free & Independent Media: Contribution to Transparent & Accountable Governance (2002)

http://global.asc.upenn.edu/fileLibrary/PDFs/ENABLING_ENV.pdf

This document identifies the main components of the legal environment that enable media to advance democratic goals.

Civil Society Groups and Political Parties: Supporting Constructive Relationships (2004)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pnacu631.pdf

This paper deals with two broad sets of questions. First, what do we think we should be aiming for at the systemic level, in terms of the relationship between civil society and political parties? Second, in a given setting, what kinds of relationships, at the micro level (among individual organizations), can contribute to democratization?

Stand with Civil Society: Best Practices (2014)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PBAAE863.pdf

This paper documents best practices gleaned from USAID's partnerships with civil society, likeminded governments, and multilateral organizations, highlighting effective tools and strategies for safeguarding and expanding civic space. While the crackdown on civil society is global, responses need to be tailored to the specific country context; what worked in one country may not work in another country, or even in the same country at a different point in time. There is no one-size-fits-all approach and, as in any successful advocacy campaign, tactics need to be flexible to respond to circumstances.

Including Wage Labor in Value Chain Analyses: A Guide (2016)

<http://www.acdivoca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Integrating-Wage-Labor-into-VCA-FINAL.pdf>

Labor is both an input to the value chain and a source of income for individuals, making it doubly important for market development projects seeking to facilitate economic growth with poverty reduction. As such, this labor market analysis guide is designed to enable market system practitioners and donors to gain a basic understanding of wage labor opportunities and dynamics within target value chain(s) and beneficiaries; and support application of these findings into interventions that reduce poverty and improve value chain competitiveness through improved wage labor outcomes.

Mitigating Abusive Labor Conditions: Contemporary Strategies and Lessons Learned (2003)

This paper describes a sample of the existing anti-sweatshop programs, assesses the strengths and weaknesses of each, and provides a set of recommendations for future directions in combating sweatshops.

Wage Labor, Agriculture-Based Economies and Pathways out of Poverty (2015)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00KDMT.pdf

The report provides a foundation of evidence to guide and support future investments in more labor-inclusive development. It seeks to summarize how far the current literature and available data is able to provide answers to these questions, and where possible gaps may still exist. Throughout the report, agricultural development programmers and practitioners are recognized as the prime target audience. The primary aim is to provide a more systematic overview and structured summary of the complex issues involved, as well as elicit pragmatic ways forward of how existing and new rural development projects and programs can incorporate stronger labor awareness and yield greater employment impacts, both in terms of achieving greater quantity and quality of jobs for the poor.

Labor Sector Assessment Tool and Programming Handbook

Global Labor Sector Analytic Initiative (2010)

The Labor Sector and U.S. Foreign Assistance Goals

<http://www.glasai.com/>

The Global Labor Sector Analytic Initiative (GLaSAI) website provides a dynamic knowledge bank about the impact of the labor sector on political, social and economic development. Recognizing that labor sector issues affect many of the most pressing development needs such as livelihoods, human rights, competitiveness, human trafficking and HIV/AIDS, among others, the GLaSAI website provides access to the research, tools, experts and technical assistance needed to design, implement and evaluate labor sector programming in the context of country-specific or global objectives. Practical findings of the analytic initiative are presented for policy makers, country team leaders, technical officers, implementing partners and researchers in the short paper "Why Labor Matters."

Approaches to Civic Education: Lessons Learned (2002)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pnacp331.pdf

This document reports on lessons learned from a research investigation into USAID's civic education programming.

Youth in Development Policy (2012)

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/Youth_in_Development_Policy_0.pdf

This policy puts forward an overarching goal for youth development along with related objectives and outcomes to be achieved. It outlines a conceptual approach to youth in development and provides guiding principles and operational practices in support of USAID's efforts to mainstream youth in development, carry out more effective programs, and elevate youth participation. Importantly, this policy will position USAID and its partners to capitalize on favorable global population trends by investing in programs and policies by, with, and for youth that seize opportunity and lead to sustainable growth and human development, including through the realization of what is often referred to as a demographic dividend.

YouthPower Learning has launched A Systematic Review of Positive Youth Development (PYD) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)

<http://www.youthpower.org/resources/systematic-review-positive-youth-development-programs-low-and-middle->

[income-countries](#)

The Systematic Review presents the results of a rigorous analysis of existing evidence of PYD in LMICs. It expands the knowledge base on the impacts and measurement of PYD programs and provides valuable insights for international implementing organizations, researchers, and donors.

Positive Youth Development Measurement Toolkit

<http://www.youthpower.org/resources/positive-youth-development-measurement-toolkit>

In this toolkit, YouthPower provides implementers of youth programming a variety of references, resources, and tools on how to use a positive youth development (PYD) approach for evaluating youth-focused programming. A PYD approach to evaluation will measure whether youth are positively engaged in and benefiting from investments that ultimately empower them to develop in healthy and positive ways so that they can contribute to the development of their communities.

Youth & Conflict (2005)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pnadb336.pdf

This document: 1) examines key issues related to youth participation in violence; 2) discusses lessons learned in developing programs for at-risk youth; 3) presents a range of program options; 4) includes illustrative monitoring and evaluation tools; and 5) identifies relevant USAID mechanisms and partners. Together, the elements of this toolkit are designed to help raise awareness about the linkages between young people, development aid, and conflict; and to help officers integrate a conflict perspective into their development programming.

Elections and Political Transitions

Electoral Security Framework: Technical Guidance Handbook for Democracy and Governance Officers (2010)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNAEA453.pdf

The Electoral Security Framework is a diagnostic instrument that profiles electoral conflict for the development of program strategies and activities to prevent, manage, or mediate this conflict. It provides USAID Democracy and Governance Officers with an “Assessment — Planning — Programming — Monitoring & Evaluation” methodology for elections and security work. The Handbook is available for hardcopy and electronic distribution.

Electoral Security Best Practices Guide (2013)

http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2496/Electoral_Security_Best_Practices_USAID.pdf

The Electoral Security Best Practices Guide is a companion piece to USAID’s Electoral Security Framework which synthesizes information gathered from multiple electoral security assessments conducted since the debut of the Framework in 2010. By providing a global overview of best practices in programming to prevent, manage, and/or mediate electoral conflict and violence, the Guide will enable DRG practitioners and partners to cross-reference the country context in which they are programming, and leverage best practices used in similar environments and phases of the electoral cycle.

USAID Political Party Assistance Policy (2003)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PDABY359.pdf

USAID’s Political Party Assistance Policy was created in 2003 and is a mandatory reference to ADS 200. Support for political parties overseas remains a long-term interest of the United States. Assistance in strengthening political parties – both in government and in opposition – is one important way the United States can support democratization in transitional societies. The goals of USAID’s Political Party Assistance are to: 1) development and consolidate representative democracies; 2) develop transparent political environments; 3) establish viable democratic parties; and 4) ensure conduct of free and fair elections. The two guiding principles governing USAID’s assistance policy are: USAID programs support representative multi-party systems and USAID programs do not seek to determine election outcomes. For additional details on policy guidelines, prohibited activities, exceptions, and implementation guidance, please contact Julie Denham jdenham@usaid.gov.

Managing Assistance in Support of Political & Electoral Processes (2000)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNACF631.pdf

This publication helps democracy and governance field officers anticipate and effectively deal with the myriad of issues and challenges that arise with election assistance programs in changing environments. The practical manual guides users through defining the problem and assessing contextual factors; identifying stakeholders and their motives; selecting options for assistance; linking those options to the mission strategy; and managing electoral assistance. It is suggestive rather than directive, in recognition that, while a certain “conventional wisdom” based on years of experience exists about elections programming, the multitude of variables precludes a “one size fits all” approach. The approaches suggested in this handbook are based on material gathered through a year-long assessment of electoral assistance activities carried out by USAID missions and their partners over the past eight years.

USAID Political Party Development Assistance (1999)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNACE500.pdf

The document provides a clearer understanding of the substance and breadth of USAID political party development assistance, the statutory and political constraints on such USAID-supported programming, the methods and approaches to political party assistance programming by key implementing partners and the limitations and possibilities for future political party development assistance around the world.

The Challenges of Political Programming: International Assistance to Parties and Parliaments

<http://download.idea.int/resources/analysis/the-challenges-of-political-programming.cfm>

This paper by International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) examines the ways in which different donor agencies and implementing organizations are addressing the challenges of political programming.

Promoting Legal Frameworks for Democratic Elections: An NDI Guide for Developing Election Laws and Law Commentaries

https://www.ndi.org/files/2404_ww_elect_legalframeworks_093008.pdf

This Guide is designed to assist political parties, candidate support groups, civil society organizations, and legal activists in assessing electoral related laws and developing commentaries, recommendations, and advocacy for advancing legal frameworks for democratic elections. It also can be used by journalists and others seeking to understand issues concerning electoral laws and their implementation.

Assessing Electoral Fraud in New Democracies: A New Strategic Approach

http://www.ifes.org/sites/default/files/electoral_fraud_series_darnolf.pdf

The purpose of this International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) paper is to outline how election management bodies can strengthen their capacity to more effectively combat electoral fraud. The role of other key electoral stakeholders is also discussed to a lesser extent, as election authorities do not operate in isolation. This paper has two distinct sections. First, it outlines the current and potential roles and responsibilities of the main national and international actors relevant for a strategy to combat electoral fraud. Based on these findings, the second part of the paper introduces a significantly improved electoral fraud model applicable across countries.

Transition Elections and Political Processes in Reconstruction and Stabilization (R&S) Operations: Lessons Learned; A Guide for United States Government Planners (2007)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PCAAB804.pdf

This guide is a primer for USG officials so that decisions on elections and political parties are informed by best practices and lessons from roughly two decades of prior experience. The guide should inform strategic-level planning and on-the-ground implementation decisions. Unlike many other guides, it focuses on the election process as well as political parties and voters in pre-election, election-day, and post-election settings. Many of the standard lessons on elections and political processes do not apply, or apply differently, to elections in R&S environments. This guide attempts to capture those differences. It emphasizes how the ensemble of USG resources can best be brought to bear on the election process in R&S operations – which spans from the negotiations over a peace agreement to after the election event. The guide is organized into four sections. The first section presents policy

considerations that commonly arise in transitional elections and political processes. The second section presents the elements of strategic planning. The third section highlights best practices in implementation. A final section highlights monitoring and evaluation.

Money in Politics Handbook: A Guide to Increasing Transparency in Emerging Democracies (2003)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNACR223.pdf

As USAID's first publication on political finance in emerging democracies, its purpose is to increase understanding by USAID field staff, host-country political leaders, civil society organizations, and the media of the sometimes obscure and sensitive topic of political finance. It also creates awareness of the issues and benefits of open finances and suggests some practical technical assistance options that encourage the use of disclosure as a methodology for strengthening national democratic political processes.

Handbook for the Observation of Voter Registration

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/92058?download=true>

The purpose of this Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe/Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) handbook is to provide guidance on how to approach voter registration as part of the overall observation of an election. While ODIHR has included voter registration in its general methodology for observing elections, this handbook aims to provide a more systematic and comprehensive approach to observing this critical part of the election process.

Vote Count Verification: A User's Guide for Funders, Implementers, and Stakeholders

<http://democracyinternational.com/resources/vote-count-verification-a-users-guide-for-funders-implementers-and-stakeholders/>

USAID commissioned a comprehensive review and assessment of vote count verification (VCV) techniques, including statistically based and comprehensive parallel vote tabulations (PVTs or "quick counts"), exit polls, public opinion surveys, and postelection statistical analyses. The User's Guide reviews the experiences with vote count verification in recent transitional or post-conflict elections and makes recommendations on the advantages and disadvantages of various verification techniques, depending on the project's specific objectives and the nature of the relevant political environment.

Assessing and Verifying Election Results: A Decision-Maker's Guide to Parallel Vote Tabulation and Other Tools

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00KGWR.pdf

This guide provides USAID Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG) officers, donors, and other development stakeholders with information about activities designed to analyze, verify, or otherwise assess the credibility and legitimacy of election results. Despite being used with increasing frequency, election results assessment and verification efforts — especially their risks and potential impact — are often misunderstood. This guide discusses the purposes and functions of the tools and addresses these misunderstandings.

The Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers (2005)

<http://www.ndi.org/files/DoP-ENG.pdf>

The Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers were developed through a multi-year process involving more than 20 intergovernmental and international nongovernmental organizations concerned with election observation around the world. The declaration was commemorated at the UN in 2005, and is now endorsed by 42 intergovernmental and international organizations, which are engaged in the process of improving international election observation.

Declaration of Global Principles for Nonpartisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations and Code of Conduct for Non-Partisan Citizen Election Observers and Monitors

http://www.gndem.org/sites/default/files/declaration/Declaration_of_Global_Principles_0.pdf

The Declaration of Global Principles for Nonpartisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations and

Code of Conduct for Non-Partisan Citizen Election Observers and Monitors was drafted by representatives of civil society organizations from Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East that belong to the Global Network of Domestic Election Monitors. They establish the first voluntary global standards for domestic election observation.

Women's Leadership as a Route to Greater Empowerment: Desktop Study (2014)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Women's%20Leadership%20as%20a%20Route%20to%20Greater%20Empowerment%20Desktop%20Study.pdf>

This publication is one of several products of the DRG Center's research project on women's leadership, often called Women in Power (WiP). The Desktop Study documents the objectives, approaches, and results of 50 current and recent Center-supported activities that included the objective of increasing women's representation and leadership in governance. The focus of the study is on gathering lessons learned that can be of use to USAID staff and other development professionals in designing and managing new projects that aim to promote women's leadership.

Women's Leadership as a Route to Greater Empowerment: Report on the Diamond Leadership Model (2014)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Diamond%20Model%20Report.pdf>

This publication provides an overview of a new measure of women's leadership and power in the public sector, called the Diamond Leadership Model, as well as the results of a pilot test of the model in 30 countries. The model spans three levels of leadership (high, mid and low) and four government sectors (legislative, executive, judicial, and security), using a weighted design, to provide a more accurate and useful picture of women's leadership in any country. The pilot is intended to both provide an understanding of the viability of the model itself as well as to advance critical thinking and guide future programming around women's leadership and political empowerment in the test countries.

Women's Leadership as a Route to Greater Empowerment: Agency Map and Report (2014)

The USAID Agency Map and Report, another product of the Center's Women in Power project, broadly outlines programs, initiatives, dedicated funds, tools, and research managed and produced by USAID/Washington that focus on women's leadership and empowering women in the public sphere. The publication provides an overview of the USAID/Washington activities in this area and identifies key themes, common challenges and recommendations for future consideration by USAID staff. This publication is intended for USAID audiences only.

USAID Support for Kenya's 2013 Elections: Rapid Assessment Review (2014)

<http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Kenya%2527s%25202013%2520Elections.pdf>

USAID played a leading role in supporting the broad reforms that were introduced in Kenya following the 2007-2008 post-election violence, and also provided significant assistance before the March 4, 2013 elections that focused on the prevention of violence and increasing the credibility of the electoral process. USAID/Kenya commissioned a Rapid Assessment Review to both document the role played by USAID in supporting the Kenyan electoral process and to offer recommendations to other stakeholders. The review was conducted in partnership with PPL and DCHA/CMM and offers insights on electoral assistance, democracy promotion and conflict prevention that are relevant to Mission staff preparing for elections in many other countries.

Equal Access: How to Include Persons with Disabilities in Elections and Political Processes (2014)

http://www.ifes.org/sites/default/files/equal_access_how_to_include_persons_with_disabilities_in_elections_and_political_processes_2.pdf

Political participation plays a fundamental role in helping persons with disabilities influence policies that affect their lives and establish a foundation for inclusion in all aspects of society. This manual outlines the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in political participation and provides strategies and tools for removing barriers to inclusion and strengthening their participation in elections and political processes. This publication was developed by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) with support from the Center's Empowerment and Inclusion Division and EPT.

Democracy for All? Minority Rights and Minorities' Participation and Representation in Democratic Politics

<http://download.idea.int/resources/analysis/democracy-for-all.cfm>

This paper focuses on a key — but by no means the only — dimension both of promoting an equitable, just, and inclusive democratic ethos and fashioning institutions and practices intended to entrench it: the protection and promotion of minority rights. For the purposes of this paper, ‘minority’ is used primarily in reference to issues of identity: whatever, in other words, is understood by groups within a society as defining or otherwise constituting their self-understanding. Precisely what those defining features of minority identity are varies significantly from country to country, and from context to context. The features that typically constitute the bedrock of minority identity, however, include religion, ethnicity, language, race, culture, and regional/geographic location.

Enhancing Youth Political Participation throughout the Electoral Cycle

http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/democratic-governance/electoral_systemsandprocesses/enhancing-youth-political-participation-throughout-the-electoral.html

“Enhancing Youth Political Participation throughout the Electoral Cycle: A Good Practice Guide” marks UNDP’s first review of programming strategies for youth political participation beyond the ballot box. The Good Practice Guide identifies key entry points for the inclusion of young people in political and electoral processes and compiles good practice examples of mechanisms for youth political empowerment around the globe, focusing on innovative instruments with the potential to provide fresh inputs for UNDP programs as well as initiatives by other stakeholder.

African Election Toolkit

<http://cas.state.gov/afelectionstoolkit/>

This on-line toolkit, created by the Department of State’s Africa Bureau and the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor and USAID, provides resources, templates and examples for analysis and planning by USAID Mission and Embassies appropriate for each stage of the entire electoral cycle and links to external sources of additional information. Designed for an African context, many of the materials are equally applicable for understanding elections in any location.

Governance and Rule of Law

Inventory of USAID Security Sector Governance and Institution Building Programs (2019)

<https://www.usaid.gov/democracy/technical-publications/inventory-of-usaid-security-sector-governance>

Security Sector Reform (SSR) is the set of strategies, policies, procedures, and processes, programs and activities that a government undertakes to improve the way it provides safety, security, and justice. The overall objective is to provide these services in a way that promotes an effective and legitimate public service that is transparent, accountable to civilian authority, and responsive to the needs of the public. SSR is an umbrella term that might include integrated activities in support of: defense and armed forces reform; civilian management and oversight; justice; police and law enforcement; corrections; intelligence and national security; border management; disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR); and/or reduction of armed violence. The security sector includes both military and civilian-led organizations, and personnel operating at the international, regional, national and/or sub-national level. Relevant actors in the broader security sector apparatus may include state security providers, governmental security management and oversight bodies, civil society organizations(CSOs), and non-state security providers.

Security Sector Institution Building Toolkit

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/SSG_Security_Sector_Institution_Building_Toolkit_Final_2018_1.pdf

Institutions and their capacities drive a sector’s performance. USAID’s extensive experience in institutional reform across sectors from health to education to governance is regularly applied in security sector reform, particularly its rule of law components. USAID’s comprehensive approach to institution building is captured in the Human and Institutional Capacity Development (HICD) Handbook. USAID has applied this experience specifically in its

security sector programming. From a USAID perspective, security sector reform (SSR) is an umbrella term that includes integrated activities in support of defense and armed forces reform; civilian management and oversight; justice and the penal system; police and public safety; corrections, detention facilities and due process; intelligence reform; national security planning and strategy support; border management; disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR); and reduction of armed violence including small arms/light weapons (SALW) proliferation.

Interagency Security Sector Assessment Framework (ISSAF)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00HWJX.pdf

U.S. security is enhanced by democratic security sector governance worldwide. There is a growing awareness among security sector experts that a limited focus on improving law and order is not enough; fundamental reforms may be required. Such reforms may include structural changes in security policies, restructuring security sector organizations to improve their functioning, and ensuring that civilian authorities have the capacity to manage and oversee security organizations. The ISSAF is a tool that enables a USAID or interagency team to assess security and justice concerns in states in every stage of development. It can function as a stand-alone tool, as a complement to other related topical frameworks (e.g., the Rule of Law Strategic Framework) or as a sectoral link to other types of broader assessment tools (e.g., the Interagency Conflict Assessment Framework (ICAF)). The ISSAF is divided into two parts: i) a ten-step framework for analysis; and ii) areas of inquiry with illustrative questions.

Maritime Security Sector Reform (MSSR) Guide

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/154082.pdf>

The maritime is vulnerable to a wide array of threats, to include illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; environmental degradation; smuggling; trafficking in persons; narcotics trafficking; piracy; proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and aggressive actions, including terrorism. The MSSR Guide is an analytical tool designed to map and assess the maritime sector; to assess existing maritime security sector capabilities and gaps; and/or to enable coordination and collaboration to improve maritime safety and security. It can be used to support a full-scale maritime sector assessment; to obtain a snapshot of one or more aspects of a country's maritime sector; or to facilitate discussion among national actors with maritime responsibilities. The Guide is designed to be used in conjunction with other tools, particularly when more in depth treatment of a function or capability may be warranted.

Democratic Decentralization Programming Handbook (DDPH) (2009)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNAEA460.pdf

The DDPH is designed to facilitate the design, development, implementation and evaluation of USAID decentralization and local government support projects. It is a "second generation" technical leadership product that encourages USAID missions to design decentralization and local government support projects tailored to USG and host-country goals and to relevant country circumstances.

USAID Program Brief: Reducing Corruption in the Judiciary (2009)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNADO106.pdf

The linkages between poverty reduction, economic growth, and democratic governance are firmly established in current development thinking, backed by persuasive research. Equally well established is the recognition by scholars, policy makers, and development practitioners of the central importance of the rule of law and the control of corruption successfully addressing the related challenges of social, economic, and political development. This program brief specifically addresses efforts to reduce corruption in the judiciary. In its references to "judicial corruption" it includes corrupt acts by judges, prosecutors, public defenders, court officials, and lawyers who are intimately involved in the operation of the judicial system. It recognizes, however, that addressing judicial corruption requires attention to the broader context of corruption in the entire justice system, including law enforcement agencies, and in the society as a whole.

Joint Statement on Security Sector Reform (2009)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/State-USAID-Defense%20Policy%20Statement%20on%20Security%20Sector%20Reform.pdf>

In early January, USAID, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense issued a joint statement on Security Sector Reform (SSR). This paper responds to a gap in current foreign assistance approaches to security and development. U.S. security assistance programs have sometimes focused too exclusively on providing equipment and training to security forces. However, forces enhanced through traditional assistance can better carry out their responsibilities if the institutional and governance frameworks necessary to sustain them are equally well-developed and equipped. Similarly, development assistance has generally excluded security-related assistance. Yet, development cannot thrive without basic security. The increasingly complex threats facing our partners and our own nation urgently require that we address the linkages among security, governance, development and conflict in more comprehensive and sustainable ways. In addition to building professional security forces, SSR supports the establishment of relevant legal and policy frameworks; enhanced civilian management, leadership, oversight, planning and budgeting capacities; and improve coordination and cooperation among security-related and civil institutions. The paper identifies key principles and recommendations for joint activity. It will be followed by Agency-specific implementation guidelines.

USAID Anticorruption Assessment Handbook (2009)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pa00jp37.pdf

The Anticorruption Assessment Handbook provides assessment teams with tools for diagnosing the underlying causes of corruption by analyzing both the state of laws and institutions, as well as the political-economic dynamics of a country. The main objective of the assessment approach outlined in this handbook is to assure that assessments start by casting a wide analytical net to capture the breadth of issues that affect corruption and anticorruption prospects in a country and then provide a clearly-justified, strategic rationale for their final programmatic recommendations. This handbook provides step-by-step practical assistance to implement the methodology and produce an assessment report that addresses a wide range of issues and generates recommendations for action.

Website on Implementing Policy Change (IPC)

<http://www.msiworldwide.com/project/implementing-policy-change/>

This website contains a series of documents written as part of USAID's IPC program, which provided technical assistance in developing countries around the world to improve policy implementation and democratic governance. These documents include case studies, short technical notes that describe management tools and approaches, working papers, articles, and research on efforts to strengthen the ability and capacity of democratically elected governments to pursue critical political, economic, social, and administrative changes and reforms in their country. These documents contain a wealth of knowledge regarding how to manage change in development contexts.

USAID Program Brief: Anticorruption and Police Integrity (2007)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNADN948.pdf

As part of USAID's technical leadership on security sector reform issues, this program brief discusses the issues surrounding police corruption and offers programmatic guidelines and tools for addressing police corruption. The program brief is designed to "unpack" police corruption contextually, and to identify specific concerns that – in light of the societal role and special powers of the police – should be considered when developing programmatic responses.

Anticorruption Program Brief: Anticorruption Agencies (ACAs) (2006)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pnadm208.pdf

This program brief on ACAs is intended to assist the field by outlining the critical questions around the establishment and workings of a host country's ACA. Since the 1990s, more than 30 countries have established some form of anticorruption agency or commission as a key tactic in their efforts to fight corruption. USAID Missions and other international donors are faced with many questions as they provide advice and assistance to host country governments on their efforts to combat corruption. The document also provides substantive input on how the answers to those questions may affect the effectiveness of donor support for an ACA.

USAID Anticorruption Strategy (2005)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/200mbo.pdf>

This document outlines USAID's strategy and approaches to addressing corruption and increasing transparency in the public sector. The Agency's work reduces opportunities and incentives for corruption; supports stronger and more independent judiciaries, legislatures and oversight bodies; and promotes independent media, civil society, and public education. Corruption, defined as the abuse of entrusted authority for private gain, remains a tremendous obstacle to political, social, and economic development, and efforts to reduce it need to be more fully integrated across all sectors. Decreasing corruption is an important U.S. foreign policy objective. USAID's programs can help target the critical problem of corruption in all its manifestations.

Practitioner's Guide for Anticorruption Programming (2015)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00K7PG.pdf

This Guide offers practical programming and implementation advice for USAID field missions to support their development of effective anticorruption programs. The advice is based on lessons learned from past anticorruption programming by USAID, other donors, and host governments. Guidance is also provided on the use of political economy analysis tools that can assist practitioners in identifying corruption dynamics, challenges, and opportunities for programming, as well as highlighting initiatives appropriate for different sectors. Approaches to developing effective and targeted monitoring and evaluation systems for such programs are also presented in this Guide. All of this is wrapped in the logic of the USAID program cycle.

Analysis of USAID Anticorruption Programming Worldwide (2007-2013)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/AnalysisUSAIDAnticorruptionProgrammingWorldwideFinalReport2007-2013.pdf>

This report is a part of a study that seeks to identify lessons learned and develop recommendations of effective anticorruption programming from analyzing USAID-implemented programs between 2007 and 2013 that contained anticorruption initiatives. Each of the six Implementing Partners (IP) of the ENGAGE Indefinite Quantity Contract was assigned to collect publicly available data and review programs in one of six geographic regions and within one particular sector worldwide. After reviewing approximately 2000 projects, more than 330 were identified to have implemented anticorruption activities. The purpose of this report is to consolidate the findings from these six analyses and provide a global perspective on what anticorruption interventions have been tried and in what sectors.

USAID Handbook on Legislative Strengthening (February 2000)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2496/200sbb.pdf>

This handbook is designed to assist USAID missions in developing strategies to help legislatures function more effectively and to perform their functions more democratically. It explains the importance of legislatures in a democracy, describes factors that influence legislative behavior, and enumerates problems legislatures commonly face. It then presents an assessment framework that is designed to help USAID field officers pinpoint the weaknesses and understand the capabilities of their host-country legislatures. The paper identifies a number of assistance activities designed to address weaknesses and to capitalize on strengths discovered in the assessment. It concludes with guidance for implementing legislative programs and a presentation of emerging issues.

A Field Guide for USAID DRG Officers: Assistance to Civilian Law Enforcement in Developing Countries (2011)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNADU808.pdf

This field guide, designed for DRG officers considering police assistance programs in their countries, establishes the importance of public safety as a cornerstone of successful development.

Guide to Rule of Law Country Analysis: The Rule of Law Strategic Framework (Revised 2010)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNADT593.pdf

This guide provides a conceptual framework for analyzing challenges to the rule of law, as well as guidelines for conducting a justice sector assessment and for designing and prioritizing program interventions.

Using Administrative Law Tools and Concepts to Strengthen USAID Programming (2008)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNADK999.pdf

This guide introduces administrative law mechanisms and concepts and shows how administrative law can strengthen USAID's DRG programming.

USAID Policy Guidance for Assistance for Civilian Policing (2005)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PDACG022.pdf

This guidance elaborates key points and legislative guidance, notification guidance, program guidelines and advice on implementation, and illustrative activities.

Guide for Promoting Judicial Independence and Impartiality (2002)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNACM007.pdf

This guide promotes an understanding of judicial independence and assists USAID in the design and implementation of programs that strengthen it.

Case Tracking and Management Guide (2001)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNACM001.pdf

This manual provides practical guidance on successful court case tracking and management (CTM) improvement projects.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Practitioner's Guide (1998)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNACB895.pdf

This guide is intended to help practitioners make informed decisions with regard to incorporating alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in rule of law programs and other conflict management initiatives.

Legal Empowerment of the Poor: From Concepts to Assessment (2007)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pnadm500.pdf

This paper “unbundles” legal empowerment of the poor (LEP), characterizing the components — Rights Enhancement, Rights Awareness, Rights Enablement, and Rights Enforcement — and their interconnections. It seeks to refine our definition of the term, and to identify opportunities for USAID programming in this area, not so much within each of the components above (which are now programmed separately in many USAID projects), but through development of projects that capture the potential synergies of pursuing them jointly. Finally, it examines possibilities for assessing progress toward LEP.

Empowerment and Inclusion

Equal Access How to Include Persons with Disabilities in Elections and Political Processes

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Equal-Access_How-to-include-PWD-in-elections-political-processes.pdf

Empowerment and Inclusion (EI) Website

<https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/democracy-human-rights-and-governance/protecting-human-rights/vulnerable-populations>

EI-related publications and tools can be found on the EI website. The website includes descriptions of four of EI's five Congressional directives: 1) Displaced Children and Orphans Fund; 2) War Victims Fund; 3) Victims of Torture Program; and 4) Wheelchair Program. Users can also find a collection of more than 75 country and special-interest reports produced by EI programs since their inception. These publications include in-depth analyses of country programs and descriptions of best practices and lessons learned.

Disability Program Website

<https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/democracy-human-rights-and-governance/protecting-human-rights/disability>

Information on EI's fifth Congressional directive, the Disability program, can be found on the Disability Program's website. The website offers links to the following Agency policies regarding people with disabilities:

1. USAID Disability Policy Paper: http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PDABQ631.pdf
2. Supporting USAID's Disability Policy in Contracts, Grants, and Cooperative Agreements [AAPD-04-17]: https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/aapd04_17.pdf

Fifth Report on the Implementation of USAID Disability Policy

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PDACM100.pdf

This report describes USAID missions' redoubled efforts to integrate people with disabilities into their programs and to develop more specific programs that promote equality for and empowerment of people with disabilities. The report further shows that the Agency remains committed to serving as an international leader in the area of inclusive development and to working proactively to remove barriers that may limit the full participation of people with disabilities in family, community, and society.

Guidelines on the Provision of Manual Wheelchairs in Less-Resourced Settings

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2008/9789241547482_eng.pdf

These guidelines seek to promote personal mobility and enhance the quality of life of wheelchair users by assisting Member States in developing a system of wheelchair provision to support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (and specifically Articles 4, 20 and 26) and World Health Assembly resolution 58/23 of May 25, 2005. The guidelines focus on manual wheelchairs and the needs of long-term wheelchair users. The recommendations are targeted at those involved in wheelchair services, ranging from design and planning, to providing or supplying wheelchairs and their maintenance.

Report of a Consensus Conference on Wheelchairs for Developing Countries

http://www.who.int/disabilities/technology/Wheelchair_full_report.pdf

The Consensus Conference on Wheelchairs for Developing Countries is the latest in a series of conferences on appropriate orthopedic technology for developing countries. The purpose of this conference was to bring together as many of the groups as possible which are involved in the delivery of wheelchairs and the provision of wheelchair services in developing countries and provide a forum for discussing the different issues related to these topics. This publication reports on the work of the conference and contains the background papers and their discussions, detailed reports of the syndicate discussions on selected topics, the resulting plenary discussions and the final conclusions and recommendations.

Guide on How to Integrate Disability into Gender Assessments and Analyses (2010)

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/Guide_How_Integrate_Disability_Gender_Assessments_2010.pdf

This document serves as a "how to" guide on including women and men with disabilities into USAID's gender assessments and analyses. Specifically, this document also provides the following information: 1) a brief overview of why it is important to include disability in both activity analysis and country-level gender assessments; 2) issues specific to disability that one may need to consider while conducting an assessment; 3) suggested questions to include during an assessment following a frequently used gender assessment framework; and 4) additional resources for information on disability.

Toward Gender Equality in Europe and Eurasia (E&E): A Toolkit for Analysis (2012)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/EE-Gender-Analysis-Toolkit-June-2012.pdf>

This toolkit has been prepared to provide USAID Mission Staff working in the E&E region with a resource for conducting gender analysis in the context of project design. The toolkit dedicates a section with key guidance and considerations specific to Gender & Disability.

Women with Disabilities in the Europe & Eurasia (E&E) Region (2012)

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/Women-with-Disabilities-EE-Region-FINAL-2012.pdf>

The study draws findings from a gender analysis to reveal challenges faced by women with disabilities, in contrast with the challenges facing men with disabilities, in the E&E region. The report also provides recommendations for

improving programming to meet the needs of women with disabilities.

U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity: A Framework for International Assistance, 2012-2017 (2012)

<https://www.childreninadversity.gov/about/how/action-plan>

The goal of the U.S. Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity is to achieve a world in which all children grow up within protective family care and free from deprivation, exploitation and danger.

Magnify Your Project's Impact: How to Incorporate Child-Level Monitoring & Evaluation in Economic Development

<https://www.fhi360.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/Magnify%20your%20impacts.pdf>

This document aims to help economic development practitioners who design economic strengthening projects with the particular aim of improving child well-being and for others whose aim is poverty alleviation more broadly.

Inter-agency Guiding Principles on Unaccompanied and Separated Children

https://www.unicef.org/protection/LAG_UASCs.pdf

The objective of the present publication is to outline the guiding principles which form the basis for action in this regard. These Guiding Principles are intended primarily for national, international, and non-governmental organizations and other associations concerned with separated children. They are also designed to assist governments and donors in meeting their obligations and taking funding decisions.

Policy/Guidance on the Implementation of USAID Child Safeguarding Standards: A Mandatory Reference for ADS Chapter 200 (2015)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PBAAC747.pdf

Child Safeguarding refers to all activities intended to prevent and respond to abuse, exploitation, or neglect by USAID personnel, contractors, and recipients or as a result of USAID-supported programming. USAID commits to deterring all activities that would facilitate or condone child abuse, exploitation, or neglect by USAID personnel, as well as by contractors, sub-contractors, recipients, and sub-recipients as a result of USAID-supported programming. Through the adoption of these Child Safeguarding Standards, USAID pledges to adhere to the standards stated throughout this ADS mandatory reference.

Para Professionals in the Social Service Workforce: Guiding Principles, Functions and Competencies

<http://www.socialserviceworkforce.org/resources/para-professionals-social-service-workforce-guiding-principles-functions-and-competencies>

This document represents the work of the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance Interest Group on Para Professionals in the Social Service Workforce (IGPP). The group developed a set of guiding principles for working with para professionals to form a base from which to develop programs and activities related to how these workers can be trained, developed, deployed, and supported. The group also decided that an important contribution to this area of work would be the development of a competency framework for para professionals that would outline the functions and competencies of para professionals and could be used to provide program guidance, accountability and ultimately inform both training and supervision. This document presents those two tools, which have evolved out of much discussion and input from the many members of the IGPP and others over the past year.

Building an Inclusive Development Community: A Manual on Including People with Disabilities in International Development Programs (2003)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pnacy408.pdf

This manual will provide much needed information and resources that will help InterAction members be proactive not only to comply with the Disability PVO Standards but also to become exemplary model organizations in their sector for the inclusion of people with disabilities in development programs.

Disability Communication Tips

[https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2496/Disability%20Communications%20Tips_508%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2496/Disability%20Communications%20Tips_508%20(1).pdf)

This document provides tips on promoting positive images of people with disabilities in communications materials.

USAID's Five Focus Areas to Support Persons with Disabilities in the Wheelchair Sector

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2496/USAID-Five-Focus-Areas-Wheelchairs.pdf>

USAID addresses the needs of wheelchair users through five key investment areas: resources, research, programs, procurement and professionalization. This publication describes the materials, products, activities, and programs included in these five focus areas.

Prosthetics and Orthotics Project Guide: Supporting P&O Services in Low-Income Settings

http://www.usispo.org/assets/pdf/Project_Guide_Final_Version.pdf

The Project Guide is intended for organizations that provide support to Prosthetics and Orthotics (P&O) programs in low-income countries. It is beneficial to projects if supporting organizations share and discuss the Project Guide with staff of local programs. The Project Guide aims to strengthen project implementation and collaboration, thereby enhancing the ability of local organizations to create sustainable P&O programs.

Wheelchair Service Training Package – Basic Level

<http://www.who.int/disabilities/technology/wheelchairpackage/en/>

The main purpose of the training package is to develop the minimum skills and knowledge required by personnel involved in wheelchair service delivery. An important aim of the training package is to get it integrated into the regular paramedical/rehabilitation training programs such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, prosthetics and orthotics, rehabilitation nursing. Towards this, the World Health Organization is posting the whole training package in the website for the training institutes and wheelchair service providers.

Wheelchair Service Training Package – Intermediate Level (WSTP-I)

<http://www.who.int/disabilities/technology/wheelchairpackage/wstpintermediate/en/>

The need for wheelchair personnel is universal. WSTP-I is designed to support the training of personnel or volunteers to provide an appropriate manual wheelchair and cushion for children and adults who need additional postural support to sit upright. The main purpose of this training package is to: increase the number of wheelchair users who receive a wheelchair which meets their needs; increase the number of personnel trained in intermediate level wheelchair service delivery; improve the competencies of wheelchair service delivery personnel; increase the quality of wheelchair service delivery for people who need a comparatively higher level of intervention than basic level; include this training package in regular paramedical/rehabilitation training programs; achieve greater integration of wheelchair service delivery within rehabilitation services.

Victims of Torture Programming Guidelines

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Victims%20of%20Torture%20Guidelines_6_2014.pdf

The following technical guidance is intended to inform the field on victims of torture programming. Activities under Vulnerable Populations Programs (VPOPS) seek to reduce the risks and reinforce the capacities of communities, local nongovernmental organizations and governments to provide services and protection for vulnerable groups. In some cases, funding for these projects is apportioned directly to the USAID missions, which manage the projects in consultation with USAID/DRG/VPOPS in accordance with the guidelines. USAID currently supports the delivery of services in countries with individuals affected by torture through international and local NGOs.

Inter-agency Standing Committee Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings

http://www.who.int/mental_health/emergencies/guidelines_iasc_mental_health_psychosocial_june_2007.pdf

The primary purpose of these guidelines is to enable humanitarian actors and communities to plan, establish, and coordinate a set of minimum multi-sectoral responses to protect and improve people's mental health and psychosocial well-being in the midst of an emergency. The focus of the guidelines is on implementing minimum responses, which are essential, high-priority responses that should be implemented as soon as possible in an

emergency. Minimum responses are the first things that ought to be done; they are the essential first steps that lay the foundation for the more comprehensive efforts that may be needed (including during the stabilized phase and early reconstruction).

Learning

Deepening Our Understanding of the Effects of U.S. Foreign Assistance on Democracy Building-Final Report (2008)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pnad1961.pdf

A prestigious U.S. academic team examined democratic patterns in 165 countries throughout the world from 1990 to 2004, finding that USAID DRG assistance had a significant positive impact on democratic development. Specifically, the studies conclude that, in any given year, \$10 million of DRG funding produces about a five-fold increase in the amount of democratic change over what the average country would otherwise be expected to achieve. For more information, including the database and an earlier study, see: www.pitt.edu/~politics/democracy/democracy.html

Improving Democracy Assistance: Building Knowledge Through Evaluations and Research (2008)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pnad1231.pdf

Through a contract awarded in 2006 to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), an expert commission was convened and a report was produced with recommendations for improving USAID evaluations of DRG programs. The report includes a range of specific practical and policy recommendations that can be implemented by USAID.

Learning Agenda

<https://usaidlearninglab.org/library/usaid-democracy.-human-rights-and-governance-center-learning-agenda>

The USAID DRG Learning Agenda is a set of 12 research questions in priority development areas for which the DRG Center intends to organize and disseminate existing data, generate new evidence and produce conclusions and recommendations through academic research, program evaluations and multi-method tests of the assumptions and theories of change that guide DRG programming. The Learning Agenda is intended to organize and generate evidence to inform DRG strategic planning, project design, and in-service training efforts.

Human Rights

Field Guide: Helping Prevent Mass Atrocities

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/Field%20Guide%20Mass%20Atrocities.pdf>

USAID's field guide on preventing mass atrocities is designed to provide field staff with practical guidance on a range of issues related to preventing and responding to mass atrocities. This guide unpacks critical issues for USAID officers — especially those working in high-risk environments — and provides relevant background, guidance on good practices and illustrative programming examples. The guide also identifies other resources and offices within USAID and beyond, where field officers can seek support and more information.

Preventing Atrocities: Five Key Primers

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PBAAD071.pdf

Preventing atrocities is a complex and dynamic challenge particularly in societies marked by conflict, grievance, and distrust. Efforts by international actors, such as the USAID, to prevent atrocities can take many forms – ranging from long-term upstream prevention, to immediate crisis responses, to post-atrocity response. The five chapters presented in this toolkit 1) introduce foundational topics such as hate speech, early warning, documentation, transitional justice, justice sector interventions and the role of national human rights institutions and paralegals; 2) provide valuable case studies and lessons learned for USAID missions; 3) and outline opportunities for future USAID atrocity prevention programming. Together, the topics discussed in this toolkit are intended to help raise awareness among USAID staff of these disciplines and their vital linkages to atrocity prevention.

Reporting Atrocities: A Toolbox for Journalists Covering Violent Conflict and Atrocities

http://www.internews.org/sites/default/files/resources/Internews_ReportingAtrocitiesToolkit_2014-11.pdf

Reporting Atrocities: A Toolbox for Journalists Covering Violence and Atrocities by Internews uses the principles of conflict-sensitive journalism (CSJ) to teach reporters how to cover even the most senseless acts of cruelty in a way that contributes to peacebuilding. Written by CSJ expert Peter DuToit, it includes theoretical background, practical tips and additional resources available to journalists reporting on conflict, or those who may need to in the future.

Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes: A Tool for Prevention

http://www.un.org/en/preventgenocide/adviser/pdf/framework%20of%20analysis%20for%20atrocity%20crimes_en.pdf

The present Framework by the United Nations provides an integrated analysis and risk assessment tool for atrocity crimes. It also reflects recent developments and new research into the processes that lead to those crimes. It was subject to consultations within and outside the United Nations system. The result is a Framework that serves as a working tool for the assessment of the risk of atrocity crimes in all parts of the world and in identifying those countries most at risk.

Counter-Trafficking in Persons Policy (2012)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pdact111.pdf

The 2012 Counter-Trafficking in Persons Policy is a direct response to the fact that trafficking in persons (TIP) is a massive development problem affecting millions of men, women, and children around the globe. This new Policy also reflects the large body of law that has emerged in the last several decades to combat this crime. It incorporates the principles set forth in the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-386, Div. A) and adheres to the standards in the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (“the Palermo Protocol”). It is inspired by the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude and reflects the standards of international anti-slavery law. The policy is informed by the “4Ps” paradigm: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnership.

Counter-Trafficking in Persons Field Guide (2013)

https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2496/C-TIP_Field_Guide_Final_April%205%202013.pdf

This new Counter-Trafficking in Persons Field Guide is designed as a practical resource for USAID officers to help implement the C-TIP Policy. It complements the full body of technical tools providing Agency-specific guidance to USAID personnel on how to program United States Government (USG) resources, including recommendations for integrating C-TIP components into existing programs, options for stand-alone C-TIP initiatives, and suggestions on monitoring and evaluating the impact of specific programming interventions. In addition, this Guide emphasizes the importance of uniting all stakeholders and consolidating efforts into a comprehensive C-TIP movement. Additional tools and information regarding counter-trafficking and implementation of the Policy are available at <http://www.usaid.gov/trafficking>.

Human Rights Landscape Analysis Tool: Guidance on Identifying Key Issues and Entry Points for Human Rights Programming (2016)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PBAAE633.pdf

The purpose of this resource is to provide USAID personnel with guidance for surveying the human rights landscape as part of their country strategy and project design process. The objective is to understand how fundamental rights and freedoms that are related to USAID’s development goals are being respected, protected and fulfilled or how they are being violated. This tool is neither comprehensive, nor provides detailed guidance on the complex nuances of a human rights protection system. The intent of this guidance is to support an analytical process that spurs better engagement on and design of human rights and rights-based development activities.

Video as Evidence Field Guide

<https://vae.witness.org/video-as-evidence-field-guide/>

Created by WITNESS, the Guide’s primary audience is people working in the field who are or will potentially film human rights abuses. These may be citizen journalists, activists, community reporters and human rights investigators. If you are already filming abuses, the Guide can help enhance the evidentiary value of your videos.

And if you are already investigating human rights abuses by traditional means, this Guide can help to strategically incorporate video into your human rights investigation so that it enhances your evidence collection.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: A Manual for National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI)

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/IPeoples/UNDRIPManualForNHRIs.pdf>

This Manual aims to support and strengthen the work of national human rights institutions (NHRIs) – whether they are human rights commissions or ombudsman offices – in the promotion, protection and enjoyment of the rights of indigenous peoples, especially NHRIs that are established in accordance with the Paris Principles. It is designed to assist these institutions learn about the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration) by providing a broad understanding of the legal nature of the rights it contains, as well as the relevant obligations of States, in order to ensure that indigenous peoples' rights are fully realized.

LGBT Vision for Action: Promoting and Supporting the Inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Individuals

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pbaaa689.pdf

This Vision outlines the principles and steps that USAID will follow, in partnership with a wide array of allies and champions, to protect human rights and empower LGBT persons, increase the capacity of LGBT civil society organizations, and integrate and elevate attention to LGBT issues in our work, resulting in more transformative development results.

Toolkit for Integrating LGBT Rights for Activities into Programming in the Europe and Eurasia (E&E Region) (2014)

http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00K43Z.pdf

This Toolkit contains resources to assist Europe and Eurasia (E&E) region Mission staff and implementing partners to increase and improve the LGBT community's involvement in development programming. LGBT initiatives are a new priority for USAID, and there is still much to learn and understand about how to work most effectively with LGBT people and communities. USAID has had considerable early success in including LGBT issues and organizations in two important sectors, HIV/AIDS and civil society strengthening. This toolkit is devoted to guidance on how LGBT-specific concerns and interventions can be part of programming across the range of USAID sectors.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE NICHE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. REGION

Below is a list of mostly non-profit (501) organizations and think-tanks in the Washington D.C. area that focus on issues related to the democracy, human rights and governance sector and subsectors of rule of law, governance, civil society and elections, including human rights and natural resources management.

The Advocacy Project

<http://www.advocacynet.org/>

Advocates for Youth

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/>

Alliance for Peacebuilding

<http://www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/>

American Bar Association- Rule of Law Initiative

<http://www.abanet.org/rol/about.shtml>

Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org/>

Ashburn Institute

www.ashburninstitute.org

Asia Foundation

<http://asiafoundation.org/>

Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy

www.ascecuba.org

Association of World Election Bodies

www.aweb.org

Atlantic Council

<http://www.acus.org/about>

Brookings Institution

<http://www.brookings.edu/about.aspx>

Business and Professional Women's Foundation

<http://www.bpwusa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

Campaign Finance Institute

<http://www.cfinst.org/>

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/about/>

Carter Center

www.cartercenter.org

Center for American Progress

<http://www.americanprogress.org/>

Center for Community Corrections

<http://centerforcommunitycorrections.org/>

Center for Individual Rights

<http://www.cir-usa.org/index.html>

Center for International Policy

<http://www.ciponline.org/>

Center for Progressive Leadership

<http://www.progressiveleaders.org/>

Center for Public Accountability

<http://www.politicalaccountability.net/>

Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)

<http://www.cedpa.org/>

Center for Media and Public Affairs (CMPA)

<http://www.cmpa.com/about.htm>

Center for the Economic Analysis of Law (CEAL)

<http://www.ceal.org/welcome.asp>

Center for Global Development (CGD)

<http://www.cgdev.org/section/about/>

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

<http://csis.org/about-us>

Change to Win

<http://www.changetowin.org/>

CHF International

<http://www.chfinternational.org/node/28011>

Citizen Advocacy Center

http://www.cacenter.org/cac/about_cac

CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizen Participation)

<http://www.civicus.org/civicus-home>

Coalition of Black Trade Unionists

<http://www.cbtu.org/>

Committee for Citizen Awareness

<http://www.citizenawareness.org/main.html>

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities

<http://www.c-c-d.org/>

Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

<http://www.cfr.org/about/mission.html>

Council of State Governments

<http://www.csg.org/>

Creative Associates International

<http://www.creativeassociatesinternational.com>

Criminal Justice Policy Foundation

<http://cjpgf.org/>

Cultural Survival

<http://www.culturalsurvival.org/home>

Democracy Coalition Project

http://www.demcoalition.org/site09-2008/2005_html/home.html

Democracy International

<http://www.democracyinternational.com/>

Due Process of Law Foundation

<http://www.dplf.org/index.php?IID=12>

Earth Council Geneva

<http://earthcouncil.com/ecgsite/content/view/3/6/>

Ecological Society of America

<http://www.esa.org/aboutesa/>

The Enough Project

<http://www.enoughproject.org/>

Environmental Law Institute

<http://www.eli.org/>

Environmental Integrity Project

<http://www.environmentalintegrity.org/>

Equal Justice Works

<http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/about/mission>

Fair Labor Association

<http://www.fairlabor.org/>

Food and Water Watch

<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/>

Foundation for Criminal Justice (NACDL)

<http://www.nacdl.org/public.nsf/freeform/foundation?OpenDocument>

Foundation for Defense of Democracies

<http://www.defenddemocracy.org/>

Freedom House

<http://freedomhouse.org/>

Friends of the Earth

<http://www.foe.org/>

Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)

<http://www.dcaf.ch/>

Genocide Intervention Network

<http://www.genocideintervention.net/>

Global Integrity

<http://www.globalintegrity.org/aboutus/index.cfm>

Global Rights

<http://www.globalrights.org/site/PageServer?pagenam e=index>

Human Rights Campaign

<http://www.hrc.org/>

Human Rights Watch

<http://www.hrw.org/>

Idealist.org (Action without Borders)

<http://www.idealists.org/en/about/mission.html>

Institute for Women's Policy Research

<http://www.iwpr.org/index.cfm>

InterAction

<http://www.interaction.org/>

Inter-American Dialogue

<http://www.thedialogue.org/>

International Budget Partnership (IBP)

<http://www.internationalbudget.org/>

International Center for Not-For-Profit Law (ICNL)

<http://www.icnl.org/>

International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

<http://www.ifes.org/>

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)

<http://www.idea.int/about/index.cfm>

International Centre for the Prevention of Crime

<http://www.crime-prevention-intl.org/>

International Center for Research on Women

<http://www.icrw.org/>

International City/County Managers Association

<http://icma.org/en/icma/home>

The International Republican Institute (IRI)

<http://www.iri.org/>

International Women's Media Foundation

<http://www.iwmf.org/>

Internews

<http://www.internews.org/about/default.shtm>

Kudirat Initiative for Democracy

<http://www.kind.org>

League of Conservation Voters (LCV)

<http://www.lcv.org/about-lcv/>

League of Women Voters

<http://www.lwv.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

MADRE

<http://www.madre.org/index.php?s=1&b=1>

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Migration Policy Institute (MPI)

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/about/index.php>

National Association for Legal Career Professionals

<http://www.nalp.org/mission>

National Association of Attorneys General Mission Foundation (NAAG)

http://www.naag.org/about_naag.php

National Association of Broadcasters

<http://www.nab.org/about/default.asp>

National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation (NABEF)

www.nabef.org

National Association of Clean Water Agencies

http://www.nacwa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2&Itemid=9

National Association of Counties

<http://www.naco.org/Pages/default.aspx>

National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys

<http://www.criminaljustice.org/public.nsf/freeform/publicwelcome?opendocument>

National Association of Women Judges

<http://www.nawj.org/>

National Conference of State Legislatures

<http://www.ncsl.org/>

National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP)

<http://www.ncbcp.org/>

National Democratic Institute (NDI)

<http://ndi.org/>

National Juvenile Defense Center

http://www.njdc.info/about_us.php

National Governors Association

<http://www.nga.org/cms/home.html>

National League of Cities

http://www.nlc.org/inside_nlc/aboutnlc.aspx

National Legal Aid and Defender Association

http://www.nlada.org/About/About_Home

National Women’s Law Center

<http://www.nwlc.org/>

Nature Conservancy

<http://www.nature.org/aboutus/?src=t5>

Ocean Conservancy

http://www.oceanconservancy.org/site/PageServer?pagename=abt_aboutus

Oceana

<http://www.oceana.org/north-america/home/>

OneWorld Online

<http://us.oneworld.net/>

Partners for Democratic Change

<http://www.partnersglobal.org/>

Plan USA

<http://www.planusa.org/planhistory>

Police Foundation

<http://www.policefoundation.org/>

Public Forum Institute

<http://www.publicforuminstitute.org/>

Quality Education for Minorities

<http://www.qem.org/>

Radio Free Asia

<http://www.rfa.org/english/>

Reporters Without Borders (Reporters Sans Frontieres)

<https://rsf.org/en>

Researchers for the Future

<http://www.rff.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Results for Development Institute

<http://resultsfordevelopment.org/index.php>

Rights Action

<http://www.rightsaction.org/>

Rock the Vote

<http://www.rockthevote.com/>

Search for Common Ground

http://www.sfcg.org/sfcg/sfcg_home.html

Society for International Development (SID)

<http://www.sidint.org/>

World Wildlife Foundation

<http://www.worldwildlife.org/who/index.html>

Street Law Inc.

<http://www.streetlaw.org/en/Page.WhoWeAre.aspx>

Streit Council

www.streitcouncil.org

Sunlight Foundation

<http://www.sunlightfoundation.com/about/>

Tax Payers Against Fraud

<http://www.taf.org/abouttaf.htm>

Third Way Center

<http://www.thirdwaycenter.org/>

Transparency International

http://www.transparency.org/about_us

Understanding Government

<http://understandinggov.org/why/mission/>

The United States Conference of Mayors

<http://www.usmayors.org/>

Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

<http://www.victimsofcommunism.org/about/>

Vital Voices

<http://www.vitalvoices.org/>

Washington Foreign Law Society

<http://www.wfls.org/version02/html/society.html>

Women Empowered Against Violence, Inc. (WEAVE)

<http://www.weaveincorp.org/about/>

Women’s Voices, Women’s Vote

www.wvvaf.org

Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars

<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/>

Worldwatch Institute

<http://www.worldwatch.org/>

World Security Institute

<http://www.worldsecurityinstitute.org/mission.cfm>

World Organization for Human Rights- USA

<http://www.humanrightsusa.org/>



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