TRANSFORMING OUR PROCESSES
IMPROVING COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

“USAID is the world’s leading development and humanitarian assistance agency and an irreplaceable tool of American global leadership and our overall U.S. national security strategy.”
- Administrator Mark Green

USAID is part of the national security team, driving priorities as defined in the National Security Strategy, the State-USAID Joint Strategic Plan, and the State-USAID-Department of Defense (DoD) Stabilization Assistance Review. The Agency’s work advances national security objectives — and, due to the increasing interdependence of civilian and military efforts, increased collaboration with the Department of Defense (DoD) is imperative.

VISION

USAID communicates, coordinates, and collaborates with the DoD to support the Agency’s mission and advance U.S. national interests, with each entity leveraging its respective comparative advantages to mutually reinforce and increase effectiveness.
KEY OBJECTIVES
- Leverage the power of development in conflict and crisis situations, reinforcing our critical role in the national security framework;
- Widen strategic communication across the Agency to highlight the importance of civil-military (civ-mil) engagement;
- Improve civ-mil structural integration and staffing across the Agency to enhance cooperation;
- Strengthen collaboration and leadership on each Agency’s policy, strategy, doctrine and plans;
- Fuse civ-mil engagement, planning and training across USAID’s entire capability spectrum, from humanitarian assistance to long-term development;
- Enhance administrative and operational support to scale USAID civ-mil – including resourcing, workforce planning, training and education; and
- Support innovation and research to address current and future civ-mil requirements.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS
Strengthening unity of effort, from the policy to tactical levels and across the conflict spectrum between USAID and the DoD, will enable more effective, efficient, and durable security and development results.

USAID’s leadership in civil-military development and crisis response will strengthen conflict prevention, increase consolidation of security gains, and broaden economic, social, and political advancement that promotes self-reliance. By taking leadership roles in these areas, USAID is enhancing its stature as a national security organization, and ensuring that its development and crisis response capabilities receive due consideration in interagency settings.

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