The Journey to Self-Reliance

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WHAT IS SELF-RELIANCE?

“Self-Reliance” is a country’s ability to plan, finance and implement solutions to its own development challenges.
### WHAT DETERMINES SELF-RELIANCE?

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<th>Commitment: <em>Choices / Behaviors</em></th>
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<td>How well a country’s laws, policies, actions, and informal governance mechanisms -- such as cultures and norms -- support progress towards self-reliance</td>
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<th>Capacity: <em>Achievement / Outcomes</em></th>
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<td>How far the country has come in its journey across the dimensions of political, social, and economic development, including the ability to work across these sectors</td>
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As Commitment and Capacity strengthen, so does overall Self-Reliance.
HOW IS USAID RE-ORIENTING AROUND THE CONCEPT OF SELF-RELIANCE?

- Establish **clear and objective metrics** that will allow USAID to track host country progress and inform development strategies.

- Strengthen USAID's **private sector engagement and innovative financing** approaches to achieve greater results in the field.

- Partner with governments to develop effective, transparent, and accountable systems to better-mobilize domestic resources that allow them to **finance self-reliance**.

- Ensure our country relationships are firmly **rooted around advancing self-reliance**

- Develop a thoughtful and purposeful approach for transitioning to **new partnership models** when countries achieve advanced levels of self-reliance
The Self-Reliance Metrics are an analytical tool to:

- Understand where countries are on their Journey to Self-Reliance
- Plot the overall Journey
- Inform decisions on country strategies
- Consider countries for possible strategic transition conversations
COUNTRY ROADMAPS

- Roadmaps provide a visualization of self-reliance for a country -- where it is in the Journey overall, and where strengths and challenges are

- Organized around the two Self-Reliance categories of “Commitment” and “Capacity”

- Will be produced annually for all low- and middle-income countries

- We anticipate making them publicly available in the Fall (October 2018)
What will the Roadmaps and Metrics be used for?

- Seeing where a country is on its journey to self-reliance
- Development dialogue, as appropriate
- To inform high-level strategic planning efforts
- As a signal for when to consider closer examination for strategic transition

What will the Roadmaps and Metrics not be used for?

- As a standalone “red light / green light” determinative tool
- As a sort of competitive “scorecard” (ala MCC)
- “Infallibly”– secondary / supplemental information will be key, and the indicators will need to be continually reviewed and improved
- To measure progress on specific USAID projects/activities
QUESTIONS

Ask a question today!

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