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**Subject:** Expiration of Authorities from Guidance to USAID/Afghanistan  
Implementing Partners on Administrative Approvals dated September 7, 2021

Dear USAID/Afghanistan Implementing Partners,

On September 7, 2021, USAID issued [guidance to the USAID/Afghanistan Implementing Partners](#) providing several authorizations for USAID/Afghanistan acquisition and assistance awards. These authorizations were meant to assist partners during the unanticipated rapidity of Taliban control of Afghanistan, particularly to ensure the safety and security of staff. The authorizations were effective from August 25, 2021 to November 22, 2021. USAID does not intend to extend these authorizations beyond the November 22, 2021 date, and these authorizations will end on this date.

Due to the continued fluidity of the current situation in Afghanistan, USAID/Afghanistan staff will work with each partner on the status of their award. The need to end the authorizations and focus our attention at the award level is due to the range of situations we encounter. As such responses will be based consistently on the particular facts of your situation, and including the terms of your award, the applicable cost principles, your organizational policies, and the availability of funding for your awards. All questions regarding allowability of specific costs must be addressed to the CO/AO.

We understand that many questions remain, and we plan to schedule an Implementing Partner meeting for Monday, November 22, 2021.

Sincerely,

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