USAID's Implementation of the United States Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally: Evaluation, Findings, and Recommendations

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BACKGROUND

• GBV Strategy published August 2012
• Whole-of-government strategy
  – Leadership by Department of State and USAID
  – Includes Departments of Treasury, Defense, Justice, Labor, and more
• Executive Order (E.O.), August 10, 2012: Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Girls Globally
  – E.O. called for evaluation within 18 months and at 3 years
  – 3-year evaluation to inform an update to strategy
Gender-based Violence Definition

This strategy defines “gender-based violence” as violence that is directed at an individual based on his or her biological sex, gender identity, or perceived adherence to socially defined norms of masculinity and femininity. It includes physical, sexual, and psychological abuse; threats; coercion; arbitrary deprivation of liberty; and economic deprivation, whether occurring in public or private life.
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3. To improve collection, analysis, and use of data and research to enhance GBV prevention and response efforts.

4. To enhance or expand U.S. Government programming that addresses GBV.
USAID Implementation Plan: Strategic Goals

1. Mainstream and Integrate Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Activities into Work Across Sectors
2. Sharpen Program Priorities
3. Expand Collaborative Efforts
GBV Strategy: USAID’s 3-year Evaluation Activities

• GBV Key Issue: Review and Analysis of Annual Reporting
  – Review of narratives and indicators
  – Content analysis of narratives
• Survey to USAID Staff – June 2015
• External Stakeholder Meeting – July 2015

GOALS:
(1) track progress
(2) identify challenges
(3) plan the way forward
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Outcome 2: Reduce gender-based violence and mitigate its harmful effects on individuals and communities, so that all people can live healthy and productive lives.

Objective 3: Protect Women and Girls from Violence, Exploitation, and Abuse

USAID’s efforts to end child marriage advance efforts to end gender-based violence while strengthening the Agency’s commitment to children in adversity, gender equality, female empowerment, and youth development.

TIP is an international crime involving the acquisition of a human being through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of exploiting the individual for profit through forced labor or prostitution.

USAID’s vision is a world in which the human rights of LGBT persons are respected and they are able to live with dignity, free from discrimination, persecution, and violence.

Particular attention will be given to early marriage, gender-based violence, trafficking in persons, and the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) populations.

Figure 1: USAID Policy Framework and Integration of GBV Strategy
Figure 3: GBV Integration Across Sectors
Percentage of Missions with Activities by Sector
(n=35 missions in FY13; n=44 missions in FY14)
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Topline Findings

- USAID reached > 5 million survivors since FY 2012
- 26% increase in countries reporting
  - 36 to 44 missions FY 2013 to 2014
  - Efforts to address GBV reported in all regions
- Increased integration across sectors
GBV Incentive Funds

- 36 priority countries identified
- Since 2012, $17 million support GBV activities in 15 countries

Responsible, Engaged and Loving (REAL) Fathers Initiative
Challenges

among 23 of 44 countries who reported any challenges
(FY14 GBV narratives; n=23 countries)

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Figure 2: Newly Published Reports and Toolkits for Integrating GBV Efforts into USAID Programs
Next Steps and Recommendations

- Continue to improve coordination at multiple levels
- Capacity Building
- Invest in research through long-term commitments
- Expand programming using sector-specific resources
- Use incentive funds to emphasize prevention, innovation, and potential for scale
- Continued analysis
- Expand sector reviews
THANK YOU!

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