

USAID and WFP Gender Partnership

An ongoing partnership:

- Based on USAID mandate on gender and legislative mandate to work on programming to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of food assistance.
- Legislative and Policy mandates:



Background

Gender mainstreaming and integration into programs is central USAID's development approach - with the overarching objective of promoting gender equality.

Recent revisions to the Policy directives further reinforce this:

- The integration of gender issues into all stages of development assistance planning, programming, and implementation is of critical importance to USAID's mission.
- This is not only an Administration priority, but also an essential part of effective and sustainable development.

FY 2010: Title II Proposal Guidelines

- Gender integration is a mandatory requirement for Title II proposals
- Potential applicants should:
 - Identify in proposals gender expertise and capacity on staff
 - Present meaningful approaches to address gender issues of specific relevance to food security
 - Demonstrate a sound understanding of gender issues as they affect food security along the dimensions of food availability, access, and utilization.
 - Gender integration is a key component of evaluating proposals for technical merit & priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate gender integration as a means to improve food security.

Questions to be addressed in MYAP and EFSP proposals

- (1) How will the different roles and status of women and men within the community, political sphere, workplace, and household affect the program and the food distribution?; and
- (2) How will the anticipated results of the program and food distribution affect women and men differently? Applicants should provide a strong rationale if they think gender is not an issue for the proposed activities.

FOOD FOR PEACE ACT 1-8

Sec. 202(e)

(e) SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available in each fiscal year under this title to the Administrator, not less than 7.5 percent nor more than 13 percent of the funds shall be made available in each fiscal year to eligible organizations described in subsection (d), to assist the organizations in—

- (A) establishing new programs under this title;
- (B) meeting specific administrative, management, personnel and internal transportation and distribution costs for carrying out programs in foreign countries under this title; and
- (C) improving and implementing methodologies for food aid programs, including needs assessments (upon the request of the Administrator), monitoring, and evaluation.

USAID Gender Policy Directive

ADS 303.3.6.3

Basis for Integration into APS for EFSP

- Integrates gender issues into the solicitation or includes a rationale for not addressing gender in the project or activity, in accordance with ADS 201.3.11.6. When USAID directs applicants to incorporate gender issues into their applications, the RFA or APS must state the requirements in the different performance components, e.g., Program Description, key personnel qualifications, and monitoring and evaluation requirements.
- Integrates gender issues into the technical selection criteria (e.g., technical understanding and approach, monitoring and evaluation, personnel, etc.) that correspond to the performance requirements stated above, unless an approved rationale for not incorporating gender issues has been included in the RFA or APS.

Development of partnership

- 2007: Facilitated preliminary multi-sector & agency consultations prior to WFP developing new policy on gender.
- USAID included Global Health, Africa Bureau, Economic Growth & Development, FFP, OFDA.
- USAID provided input and comments to the new policy developed and presented to EB in 2009

Development of WFP Action Plan

- USAID/FFP facilitated consultations for developing Action Plan with multi-sectors in USAID and,
- USDA FAS.
- Partnering opportunities available through the Emergency Food Security Program (EPS) and multi-year non-Emergency programs.
- Joint actions in countries.

POSSIBLE JOINT ACTION SITES IN GENDER MAINSTREAMING

	WFP Countries	US Government/ WFP countries	Feed the Future countries	Food for Peace countries
1	Afghanistan	x		x
2	Bangladesh	x	x	x
3	Burkina Faso	x		x
4	Burundi	x		x
5	Chad	x		x
6	Congo (DR)	x		x
7	Côte d'Ivoire	x		
8	Djibouti	x		
9	Ethiopia	x	x	x
10	Ghana	x	x	
11	Guatemala	x	x	x
12	Haiti	x	x	x
13	Kenya	x	x	

cont. POSSIBLE JOINT ACTION SITES IN GENDER MAINSTREAMING

	WFP Countries	US Government/ WFP countries	Feed the Future countries	Food for Peace countries
14	Lao(PDR)	x		
15	Liberia	x	x	x
16	Malawi	x	x	x
17	Mali	x	x	x
18	Niger	x		x
19	Pakistan	x		
20	Rwanda	x	x	
21	Sierra Leone	x		x
22	Sudan Tanzania, United	x (south)		x
23	Republic of	x	x	
24	Uganda	x	x	x
25	Zambia	x	x	x