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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Proposed Revision of AID 114–2 Anti-Harassment Intake Summary Sheet

AGENCY: Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, as amended, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the AID 114-2 Anti-Harassment Program Intake Summary Sheet, prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

DATES: All comments should be submitted within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to *OCRharassment@usaid.gov*.

Please reference the AID 114-2 Anti-Harassment Program Intake Summary Sheet in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to https:// www.regulations.gov for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in

Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

9Tanya Shorter, Lead Anti-Harassment Program Specialist, USAID, Office of Civil Rights, telephone 771–202–3478 or email at *OCRharassment@usaid.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the AID 114–2 form is to document basic information regarding allegations of harassment to include the following: Information about involved individuals, including the individual alleged to be harassed, the alleged harasser, and witnesses or others with knowledge of the incident(s): (1) full name, (2) contact information, (3) position title, (4) hiring mechanism, and (5) office/work location; (6) Description of the alleged harassment, including the date(s) the alleged harassment occurred and whether the alleged harassment is alleged to be based on a protected EEO category (race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation, or transgender status), age (40 or older), religion, genetic information (including family medical history), physical or mental disability, or retaliation); (7) Whether the supervisor and/or other management official took any steps in response to the alleged harassment; and (8) Any other useful, preliminary information.

Type of Information Collection: AID 114–2 Anti-Harassment Program Intake Summary Sheet.

Type of Request: Notice for public comment.

Originating Office: USAID's Office of Civil Rights.

Respondents: General public and other federal agencies.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Voluntary.

Estimated number of respondents: 400.

Average time per response: 15 minutes for respondents.

Frequency of response: Once.
Total estimated burden: 100.
Total estimated burden cost: None.
We are soliciting general public and other federal agencies comments to

permit USAID to:
• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of USAID.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond.

Stephen Shih,

Director, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection—USAID Acquisition Regulation

AGENCY: Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) seeks Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to continue the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, USAID requests public comment on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *https://www.regulations.gov* by following the instructions for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nicole Thompson, at (202)286–4696 or via email at *policymailbox@usaid.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions

All comments must be in writing and submitted through the method(s) specified in the ADDRESSES section above. All submissions must include the information collection title(s). Please include your name, title, organization, telephone number, and email address in the text of the message. Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. We recommend that you do not submit detailed personal information, Confidential Business Information, or any information that is otherwise protected from disclosure by statute.

Purpose

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is authorized to make contracts with any corporation, international organization, or other body of persons in or outside of the United States in furtherance of the purposes and within limitations of the Foreign Assistance Act (FAA). As part of this authority, USAID requests certain information from contractors using contract clauses in the USAID Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR). USAID has an existing Information Collection under OMB No: OMB 0412-0520. This information collection includes the following offeror or contractor reporting requirements, identified by the AIDAR section number, as specified in the AIDAR 701.106: 752.219-8, 752.245-70, 752.245-71(c)(2), 752.247-70(c), 752.7001, 752.7002(j), 752.7003, 752.7004 and 752.7032. Other information collection requirements under the AIDAR exist under separate OMB approvals.

The pre-award requirements are based on a need for prudent management in the determination that an offeror either has or can obtain the ability to competently manage development assistance programs using public funds. The requirements for information collection during the post-award period are based on the need to prudently administer public funds. USAID most recently renewed this approval effective July 15, 2021 (86 FR 31693). This current renewal makes no revisions to existing clauses or underlying forms and updates burden estimates.

Comments are requested concerning:
(a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
(b) the accuracy of the burden estimates;
(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

USAID will only address comments that explain why the proposed collection would be inappropriate, ineffective, or unacceptable without a change. Comments that are insubstantial or outside the scope of the notice of request for public comment may not be considered.

Overview of Information Collections

OMB No: 0412–0520. Form: AID 1420–17, Contractor Employee Biographical Data Sheet (AIDAR 752.7001). Title of Information Collection: USAID Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR 701.106).

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: USAID contractors. Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 75,010.

Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 97,208.

USAID estimates that approximately 11,052 respondents will submit 75,010 submissions per year across each of the items covered in this information collection. The amount of time estimated to complete each response varies by item.

Jami J. Rodgers,

Senior Procurement Executive.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Request for Information (RFI) Regarding Sanctions and USAID Programs

AGENCY: Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice of request for information.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is considering updating its sanctionsrelated provisions and contract clauses for assistance and acquisition awards. A primary factor under review is whether to expand reporting requirements to enhance USAID's monitoring of recipients' and contractors' activities involving sanctioned jurisdictions or sanctioned individuals and entities subject to the sanctions programs administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). This reporting would facilitate the assessment of whether the U.S. Government is ensuring the efficient delivery of humanitarian and development assistance internationally to the most vulnerable people, while achieving U.S. national security objectives by minimizing benefits to sanctioned individuals and entities. This RFI supports this effort by soliciting feedback from the general public, which will be considered during the process of analyzing whether changes are required, as well as any subsequent drafting of new or revised award terms.

DATES: Interested persons and organizations are invited to submit comments October 28, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jasen Andersen, USAID/M/OAA/P, 202–286–3116, or *policymailbox@usaid.gov* for clarification of content or information pertaining to this RFI. All communications regarding this notice must cite the docket number.

Instructions: Comments regarding this RFI must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at https://www.regulations.gov. Response to this RFI is voluntary. Any information obtained from this RFI is intended to be used by USAID on a non-attribution basis for drafting updated award provisions and contract clauses. USAID will not respond to individual submissions or provide any responses to comments received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The U.S. Government has taken steps, in line with its foreign policy and national security goals, to modernize and adapt its sanctions policy and operational framework and to ensure that economic sanctions do not impede the delivery of critical humanitarian and development assistance. The Department of the Treasury's sanctions review process highlighted the need to mitigate unintended humanitarian impacts of sanctions, particularly related to the provision of life-saving and other humanitarian or development assistance to civilian populations in sanctioned jurisdictions, as well as those living under sanctioned group influence or control or alongside sanctioned individuals in nondifferentiable populations. Recognizing that sanctioned individuals and entities may attempt to access humanitarian and development assistance as a means to advance or support their own interests, the U.S. Government has also taken steps to ensure that it continues to deny benefits to sanctioned individuals and entities, while supporting the delivery of legitimate humanitarian assistance.

On December 9, 2022, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted Resolution No. 2664 to carve out certain humanitarian-related activities from UNSC asset freeze sanctions regimes, thereby allowing the flow of funds, financial assets, economic resources, and goods/services to ensure timely delivery of humanitarian aid or support activities that support basic human needs (UNSCR 2664). On December 21, 2022, OFAC made corresponding amendments to its regulations in multiple sanctions programs to facilitate humanitarianrelated activities and certain development assistance by adding,