

# KEY REFORMS

## *Global Partnerships Act of 2011*

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### **Increases Effectiveness:**

- Requires that the actual, on-the-ground impact of our foreign assistance is measured in a systematic and comprehensive way
- Mandates that best practices and lessons learned are shared among agencies
- Doesn't start multi-year projects unless funds are set aside to complete them
- Involves local citizens in the design, implementation and monitoring of assistance
- Harmonizes contributions and conditions with those of other donors

### **Strengthens Accountability And Oversight:**

- Clarifies the goals and purposes of assistance
- Builds local capacity to conduct on-the-ground monitoring
- Expands the jurisdiction of the USAID Inspector General
- Ensures that performance is taken into account when determining budget allocations
- Establishes independent advisory panels to provide guidance on best practices
- Broadens consultations before programs go into effect

### **Eliminates Duplication And Waste:**

- Establishes a clear division of labor in carrying out programs
- Mandates interagency coordination and joint planning
- Streamlines overlapping and conflicting provisions of law
- Reduces incentives for contracting out key functions and improves oversight of contractors

### **Slashes Red Tape:**

- Reforms burdensome and time-consuming procurement regulations
- Repeals outdated and unnecessary reporting requirements
- Simplifies notification processes

### **Improves Transparency:**

- Mandates that all foreign assistance data be posted on the Internet
- Increases the availability of information on arms sales and military training
- Provides for publication of human rights reports in local languages

### **Makes Aid More Efficient:**

- Creates new fast-disbursing contingency funds for conflicts and emergencies
- Consolidates accounts into a single funding authority
- Promotes improved civilian-military cooperation
- Makes it easier to work directly with small businesses and nonprofits in developing countries

### **Leverages Private Investments:**

- Strengthens authorities to create public-private partnerships
- Enhances USAID's ability to incentivize investments by local commercial lenders
- Provides a standing authority to establish enterprise funds to promote private sector growth
- Expands collaboration with foundations, corporations, research and educational institutions, multilateral organizations and nonprofits

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