Leading globally matters locally.

Foreign assistance is only 1% of the federal budget.
- While most Americans think we spend 25% of the federal budget on foreign assistance, it is actually just 1%.
- America currently spends nearly 50% less on foreign assistance today as a percentage of GDP than during the Reagan years.

Foreign assistance promotes our national security.
- The U.S. continues to provide $3 billion in military assistance to Israel, our key ally in a region strategic for America’s national security.
- After the Cold War, the U.S. provided $2 million in assistance to Poland, now a steadfast American ally and NATO member.
- American assistance through Plan Colombia helped the country move from a cartel-ridden state to a strategic ally and economic partner, with trade between our countries tripling in the past decade to over $14 billion.
- A decade ago, most humanitarian aid went to natural disaster response. Today, 80% of assistance is going to provide relief and promote stability in conflict zones and fragile states.

Foreign assistance promotes American economic prosperity and supports American jobs.
- 95 percent of the world’s consumers live outside the United States, and 7 out of the 10 fastest growing economies are in the developing world.
- 12 out of America’s top 15 trading partners were once recipients of U.S. foreign assistance.
- More than 1 in 5 American jobs are tied to international trade, while 1 in 3 manufacturing jobs are tied to U.S. exports.
- America’s Feed the Future initiative has trained thousands of farmers in Tanzania over the last decade, and now, U.S. exports to the country have increased by more than 500%.
- Every $1 billion in export growth leads to an increase in 6,000-8,000 manufacturing jobs.

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Foreign assistance works, saving lives and advancing our national interests and values.

- Over the last 25 years, American assistance has helped cut extreme poverty in half around the world.
- The President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) alone has saved more than 11 million lives and prevented nearly 2 million babies from being born with HIV.
- The world has seen a 99% reduction in polio cases, thanks to U.S. supported global vaccination programs.

Strong oversight mechanisms ensure effective, transparent, and accountable foreign assistance.

- A new online Foreign Assistance Dashboard makes it possible to see where nearly all U.S. foreign assistance is spent by country and sector.
- The Millennium Challenge Corporation, created under President Bush, only invests in countries that demonstrate a commitment to necessary reforms to promote economic growth and fight poverty.
- USAID has adopted new reforms promoting greater accountability, dramatically increasing the number of evaluations of programs since 2011 in order to learn and adapt its programs to be more effective.

U.S. development agencies are partnering with the private sector to have an impact at scale.

- By partnering with U.S. businesses like Wal-Mart and Coca-Cola, the New Alliance for Food Security has leveraged more than $2 billion of private contributions to lift people out of poverty since 2012.
- USAID participated in 1,600 public-private partnerships with more than 3,000 different partners between 2001 and 2012.

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