

# Leading globally

## matters locally.

### Key Facts

#### 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.

## **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.