Since 9/11, Republican and Democratic Administrations and Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have enacted reforms to ensure foreign assistance is more transparent, accountable, and data-driven to deliver the greatest results. These initiatives highlight significant progress in recent years:

- **PEPFAR**: Under President George W. Bush, the U.S. launched the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) with bipartisan support in Congress in 2003. By focusing on outcomes – lives saved – rigorous data and the use of innovative new technologies, U.S. investments in global health have helped save 17 million lives and ensured 2.4 million babies have been born HIV-free.

- **Millennium Challenge Corporation**: The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has been ranked one of the most transparent donor organizations in the world for its use of public data to fight poverty by making catalytic investments in countries committed to their own economic development. By partnering with developing countries to remove constraints to economic growth, MCC builds new markets and opportunities for private investment.

- **USAID**: As America's lead development agency, USAID has undertaken significant reforms in recent years that increase its focus on results; catalyze new commitments in health, agriculture, and energy; and leverage private sector resources and expertise. From a renewed commitment to rigorous monitoring and evaluation to prioritizing science and technology, USAID is focused on ensuring its investments help countries on their journey to self-reliance and demonstrate a return on investment for the American people.

- **Transparency and Accountability**: Nearly 100% of foreign assistance is available to view online on the Foreign Assistance Dashboard, enabling Americans to see where their tax dollars are going. USAID has conducted more than 1,400 evaluations by independent third parties since 2011 and reports that 90% of these evaluations have been used to shape USAID policies. MCC and USAID were also ranked 1st and 2nd across the federal government by the 2018 Federal Invest in What Works Index for their use of data and evidence to inform policy and management decisions.

- **Science and Technology**: America’s development agencies have renewed their commitment to science and technology-based solutions in the developing world. Through the U.S. Global Development Lab and the Grand Challenges for Development, USAID has sought innovative solutions to complex challenges, fostering more than 420 development innovations and helping to improve the lives of over 24.5 million people.

- **Leveraging Private Sector**: When over 90% of all financial flows to the developing world today come from private sources, the U.S. is increasingly using foreign assistance to catalyze private sector investment and expertise to tackle global challenges at scale. Power Africa – the signature U.S. initiative bringing electricity to sub-Saharan Africa – has leveraged more than $54 billion in private sector commitments from an initial $7 billion U.S. investment. Additionally, Feed the Future - the U.S. global hunger and food security initiative – partners with over 60 U.S. companies to promote agricultural innovation and resilience.

- **Development Finance**: President Trump signed into law the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development (BUILD) Act in 2018, which will create the new U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (USDFC) to replace and increase the capacity of America’s current development finance agency, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. The USDFC will do more to help American businesses invest in emerging markets where there are business opportunities that promote economic development but private sources of financing are unavailable. Since its creation in 1974, OPIC has facilitated more than $80 billion in U.S. exports mostly from small and medium sized businesses while also returning nearly $4 billion to the U.S. Treasury.
“We have invested in better health and opportunity all over the world through programs like PEPFAR, which funds AIDS relief; the President’s Malaria Initiative; the Global Health Security Agenda; the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery; and the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative, part of our commitment to empowering women all across the globe.”
– President Donald Trump, September 2017

“We’ve ushered in a new era of accountability and results. For donor nations like the United States and for all of us who believe passionately in development, we’ve got to make every penny count.”
– President Barack Obama, July 2016

“We have an unprecedented opportunity to help other nations achieve historic victories over extreme poverty, with policies and approaches that are tested and proven.”
– President George W. Bush, June 2005

“As we celebrate PEPFAR’s 15th Anniversary, we applaud how its remarkable efforts have saved millions of lives and changed the course of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. ... These outcomes are driven by transparent, accountable, and cost-effective investments. In addition to saving lives, PEPFAR enables economic growth, reinforces stability and security in key regions and accelerates progress towards global health security. It has been key to a brighter future.”
– Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, May 2018

“I believe in the power of our development assistance, and one of the keys to its success is economic growth. The Millennium Challenge Corporation has a proven track record, and I am excited to expand its ability to promote cross-border engagement in developing countries.”
– Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA), April 2017

“Helping other nations confront the challenges of poverty, globalization, disease and disaster is in our national interest, and making sure the aid we give is effective will help us better and more quickly achieve our goals around the world.”
– Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), March 2018

“The more effective aid we distribute globally helps alleviate pressure on our defensive footprint around the globe. Our mission is to also increase the accountability of American tax dollars sent to foreign countries and to transition from aid to trade.”
– Representative Ted Yoho (R-FL), March 2017
The strong consensus to strengthen America’s civilian-led tools of development and diplomacy since 9/11 has led to a series of bipartisan actions undertaken over the past decade by three presidents and their Secretaries of State, USAID Administrators, and heads of other foreign policy agencies.