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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Partner
Information Form (PIF)**

AGENCY: U.S. Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) seeks Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*.]

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Web:* Through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> by entering "Docket Number: AID-2019-0005" in the Search field and following the instructions for submitting comments.
2. *Email:* rulemaking@usaid.gov

3. *Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier:* USAID, Bureau for Management, Office of Management Policy, Budget, and Performance (M/MPBP), 500 D ST SW, Washington, D.C., 20547.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Ruth Buckley at (202) 921-5068, via email at rulemaking@usaid.gov, or via mail at USAID, Bureau for Management, Office of Management Policy, Budget, and Performance (M/MPBP), 500 D ST SW, Washington, D.C., 20547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions

All comments must be in writing and submitted through one of the methods specified in the Addresses section above. All submissions (and attachments) must include the form number, information collection title, and OMB control number. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and e-mail address in the text of the message. Please note that USAID recommends sending all comments via email or via the Federal eRulemaking Portal because security screening precautions have slowed the delivery and dependability of surface mail to USAID/Washington. 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 (CBI), or any information that is otherwise protected from disclosure by statute. USAID will only address comments that explain why this form 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 Collection

- *Title of Information Collection:* Partner Information Form.
- *OMB Control Number:* 0412-0577.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau for Management, Office of Management Policy, Budget, and Performance (M/MPBP).
- *Form Number:* AID 500-13.
- *Respondents:* Potential awardees and subawardees.
- *Estimated Annual Number of Responses:* 5,800.
- *Average Time per Response:* 1 hour 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 8,700 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

USAID solicits public comments on the following:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Agency.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

USAID collects information from individuals and organizations to conduct screening to help ensure that USAID funds, USAID-funded activities, or other resources will not be used to provide support to entities or individuals deemed to be a risk to national security.

USAID vets prospective awardees seeking funding from USAID to mitigate the risk that such funds might benefit entities or individuals who present a national security risk. To conduct vetting, USAID collects information from prospective awardees and subawardees regarding their directors, officers, and/or key employees. The information collected is compared to information gathered from commercial, public, and U.S. Government databases to determine the risk that the applying organization or individual might use Agency funds or programs in a way that presents a threat to national security.

Methodology

USAID collects information via mail or electronic submission.

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