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## **SUSPENSION OF AWARD IMPLEMENTATION**

Reference: President Trump's Executive Orders [Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid](#); [Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid](#) and [DEIA Activities Under Existing USAID Awards](#)

This notice applies to all assistance awards (e.g., cooperative agreements and grants) issued by USAID/M/OAA/REFS in support of USAID's Bureau for Resilience, Environment, and Food Security.

**Suspend Performance.** The Agreement Officer hereby issues this order for award recipients to immediately suspend performance (See 2 CFR 700.14) under the agreement between your organization and USAID. You must not resume implementation until you have been notified in writing by the cognizant Agreement Officer to resume implementation. In the meantime, the award recipient will take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the agreement during this pause. For additional guidance, please refer to "[Notice on Implementation of Executive Order: Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid.](#)" **Please confirm via e-mail to the cognizant Agreement Officer of your receipt of this notice and your intent to comply with this Stop-Work Order.**

**Certification.** Previously via email dated January 24, 2025 you were asked to send written certification that you are not implementing DEIA-related activities under the award. This certification request is in accordance with the "[Notice on Implementation of Executive Order: DEIA Activities Under Existing USAID Awards](#)" issued by the USAID Senior Procurement Executive on January 24, 2025. **Please send the written certification via Email with the Subject Line: "DEIA Partner Certification" to the cognizant Agreement Officer and to [IndustryLiaison@usaid.gov](mailto:IndustryLiaison@usaid.gov).** The certification should include the name of the activity, the award number, and a clear statement that DEIA-related activities have completely ceased.

Additional details will be forthcoming as soon as possible. In the meantime, please direct any questions to my attention at [rbaltes@usaid.gov](mailto:rbaltes@usaid.gov).

Sincerely,

Rachel Baltes  
Supervisory Agreement Officer  
M/OAA/REFS