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# U.S. Agency for International Development

## An Overview



## USAID's work

- USAID is an *independent U.S. Government Agency* providing foreign assistance to over 100 countries to make a *better future* for all.
- USAID works closely with the DOS on strategic and program planning. The *Administrator* of USAID serves *concurrently* as the *Director of Foreign Assistance* and has authority over all USAID and State Foreign Assistance funding and programs.
- On the ground, USAID works worldwide on agriculture, democracy and governance, economic growth and trade, environment, education and training, health, global partnerships, and humanitarian assistance.



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## One Foreign Assistance Goal

**“Helping to build and sustain democratic, well-governed states that will respond to the needs of their people, reduce widespread poverty, and conduct themselves responsibly in the international system.”**





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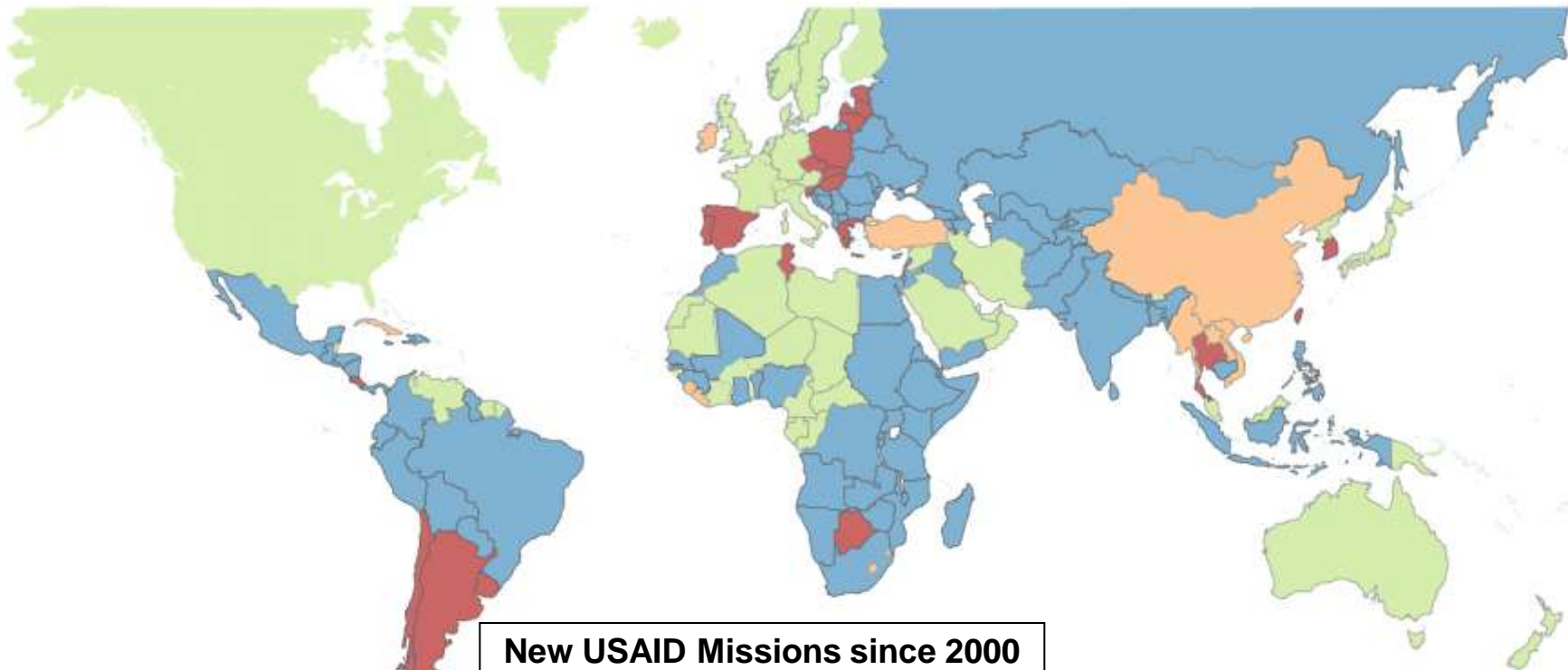
- Active programs on the ground
- Forward presence in 79 countries
- Advice on effective program design
- Technical expertise
- Knowledgeable extended FSN staff
- Knowledge of customs, practices, do's & don'ts
- Able to mobilize capability of host country government, NGOs, private sector





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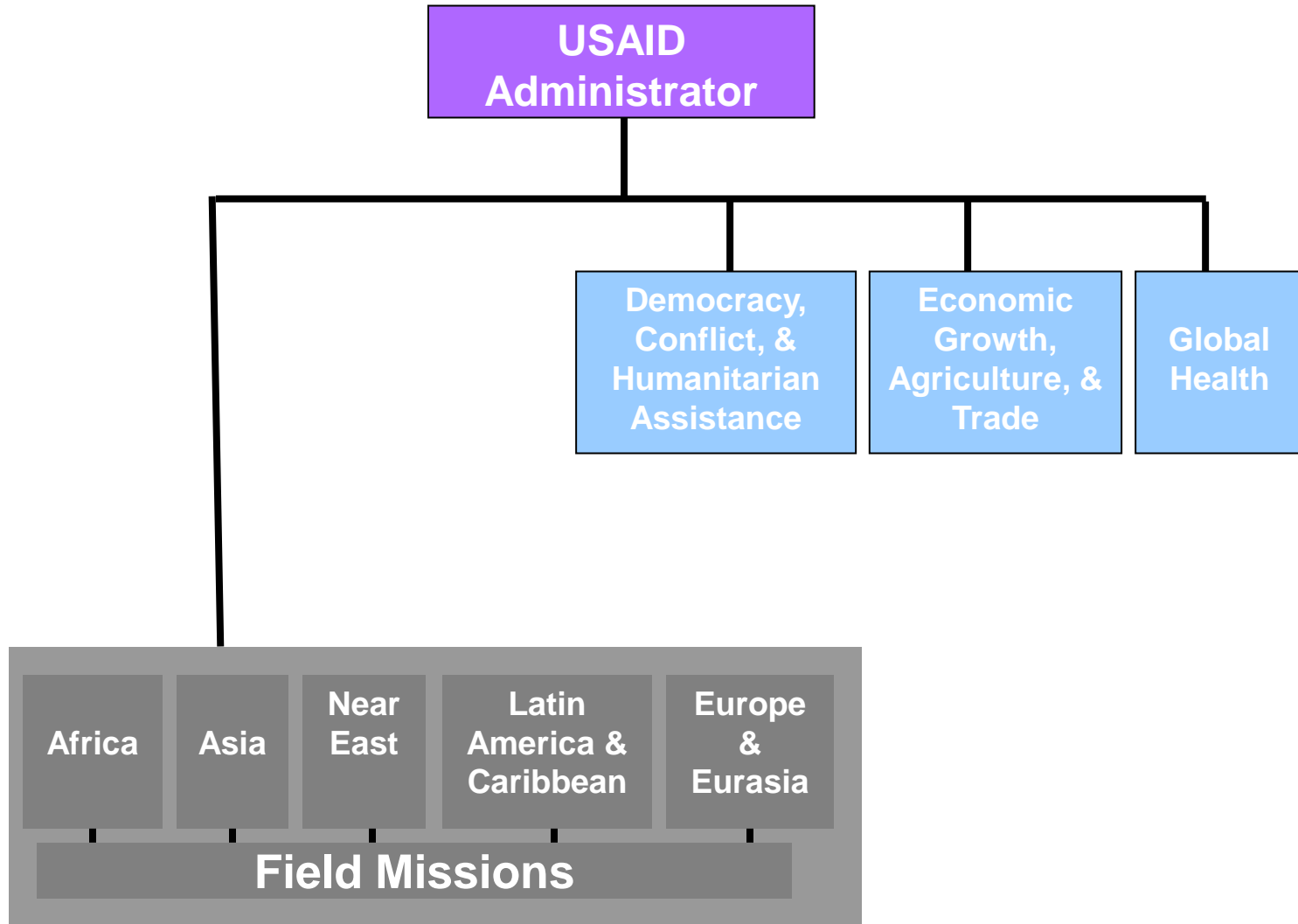
## USAID-Assisted Countries



**New USAID Missions since 2000**

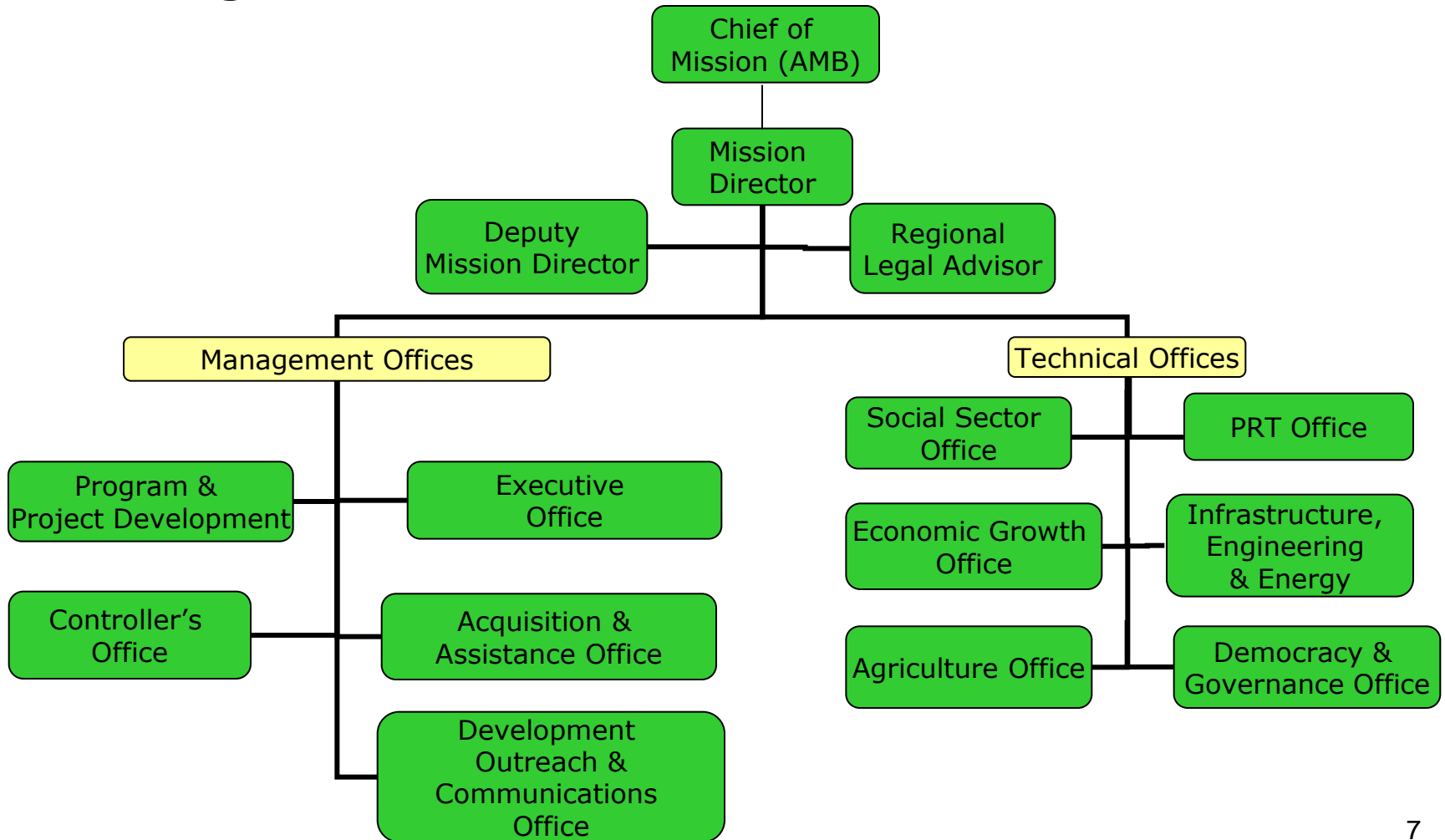
Afghanistan	Iraq
Sudan	Yemen
Djibouti	Cyprus
Pakistan	East Timor
Thailand (regional)	

USAID Presence (79)  
USAID Non-Presence (13)  
Graduated USAID Bilateral Program (20)





# Organization of USAID Missions Overseas



## Range of Programs

### **Peace and Security:**

- Post-Conflict Reconstruction
- Crop Substitution (counter narcotics)

### **Governing Justly and Democratically:**

- Political Process
- Independent Media
- Governance & Anticorruption
- Rule of Law
- Civil Society

### **Investing in People:**

- Child Survival and Maternal Health
- Education
- HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease

### **Economic Growth:**

- Small Business Loans
- Trade Capacity Building
- Agricultural Productivity
- Infrastructure Development
- Support for Economic Reforms

### **Humanitarian Assistance:**

- Anti-Trafficking in Persons
- Food and Humanitarian Aid
- Disaster Response
- Infectious Disease



## **USAID Mission Programming Capacities**

- **Assessments and analysis**
- **Strategic planning**
- **Designing (planning) comprehensive programs**
- **Guiding and managing implementation of foreign assistance programs – including direct dialog with host country officials on policy and institutional reforms**
- **Performance monitoring and evaluation**
- **Field delegation of implementation authorities (contracting)**



## **U.S. Foreign Assistance Mechanisms**

- **Bilateral agreements in areas such as funds, commodities, and training**
- **Contracts**
- **Grants**
- **Transfers to other USG agencies (Implementers)**
- **Contributions to International Organizations**
- **University Partnerships**
- **Public-Private Alliances**

**These are often long-term agreements**

# Partners





## What USAID Can't Do:

- × Support to police
  - × Support to military, paramilitary, militia
  - × Support to prison programs (except HIV)
  - × Pay salaries of host government workers
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- × Direct budget support
  - × Construction and some specific health things



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## USAID Culture

- Long-term, in country perspective vs. short-term mission
- More operationally oriented than the DoS
- Local partnerships are key
- Reliance on FSN staff
- Non-hierarchical, consensus-driven
- Most authorities are delegated to field missions





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*We work mainly through contractors and NGO partners in country*

Our programs aim at developing host country capacity and support host country priorities

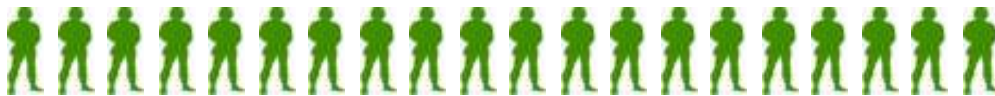
*We are a source of assistance in conflict analysis, program design, information on the local environment*

Limited staff but enormous reach through our partners



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This is the ratio of the number of DOD personnel deployed worldwide vs. the number of USAID personnel deployed worldwide – 210 to 1