Infrastructure and Capacity: Start Today To Be Ready Tomorrow

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• USAID works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential.

• We work in many areas towards this goal, including: health, water and sanitation, agriculture and food security, economic growth and trade, education, democracy and governance.
• Inadequate access to infrastructure is a key barrier to economic growth. It inhibits access to health care, education, and markets.

• USAID finances the design and construction of energy, roads, communication and water infrastructure, as well as schools and health facilities in more than 60 countries.

• To ensure that infrastructure investments are economically viable, USAID helps to create sustainable local institutions to finance and manage infrastructure and sound legal and regulatory environments to govern its operation.
USAID’s approach to infrastructure is more than just “bricks and mortar.”

USAID supports the development of systems, organizations, and people to support development goals:

- Feed the Future supports improvements to water and irrigation systems and expansion of communication services and roads that link farmers to their markets.

- Global Climate Change initiative supports energy sector reform, and clean and efficient energy technologies that help countries reduce their overall carbon emissions.

- The President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) supports innovative platforms to provide health services and treatment that reach more people, increase responsiveness, reduce costs, and save lives.
Changing the Definition of Infrastructure
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Innovations in Health

- Increasing emphasis on partnerships with government and private sector
- Technology innovations - automated pharmaceutical distribution – Getting services out to where they are needed
- Capacity building
Linking Food Security to Infrastructure
Food Security Infrastructure Advances

• Improved water supply & sanitation

• Appropriate agriculture irrigation systems and improved conservation farming

• Warehouse receipt systems - Promotes post-harvest storage for cooperatives: provides farmers with storage solutions, access to financing, and market information that allow farmers to choose when to sell their commodities.
Food Security Through Regional Integration

- Working with regional structures such as SADC to increase regional trade
- Establishment of National Enquiry Points in countries such as Malawi, Botswana, Lesotho and others, where local business can access a single contact point for information on trade standards and regulations for import and export markets
- Working towards the creation of the National Single Window to enable border and customs efficiency to process trade goods faster
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