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Dear USAID/Ukraine Implementing Partners,

This communication is to provide an update to our previous guidance that was issued on January 21, January 25, February 3 and February 11, 2022. On February 12, 2022, the U.S. State Department approved the Ordered Departure from the U.S. Embassy - Kyiv, Ukraine for certain U.S. Government personnel. This means that the USAID/Ukraine Mission non emergency U.S. direct-hire employees and all remaining eligible family members will be departing the country in the coming days.

<https://ua.usembassy.gov/travel-advisory-ukraine-level-4-2022-do-not-travel-2/>

During this time we will be doing all we can to maintain our full engagement and support to all of you. As certain Mission staff depart Ukraine and are operating from different locations/time zones we intend to maintain oversight and coverage of our programs and implementing mechanisms without interruption. USAID Ukraine Mission personnel are all available to support our Implementing Partners during this challenging time regardless of our physical location. Our commitment to you and to the work in helping the Ukrainian people is unwavering.

We emphasize the utmost importance to maintain the operational readiness and the safety of your staff. Please continue to regularly interact and engage with the cognizant CO/AO, COR/AOR, and Activity Manager. Our Foreign Service National staff, in their capacity as COR/AORs, will remain your first line of communication on all relevant issues related to your activities. As we are gathering more information on the current status of our activities we will be reaching out to both the local office and headquarters of each of our Implementing Partners in the coming days. At the same time we ask that you continue to reach out to us with any suggestions, questions, and concerns on how we can better support your work during this unprecedented time. The authorizations approved in the January 25 letter remain in full force and effect, and their reauthorization is being considered and will be communicated to you in the coming weeks.

Please continue to rely on your organization's internal processes and procedures in adjusting your operational posture accordingly to protect your staff. We are here to help in any way that we can in expeditiously granting administrative approvals, modifying awards, and providing guidance. If staff are unable to safely work due to the ongoing situation, you should engage with your headquarters and follow your internal protocol with respect to leave policy, remote work or relocating staff to an alternate location. Please continue to communicate with USAID concerning any changes related to your operational posture.

Please stay safe and continue to reach out directly to the cognizant COR/AOR and CO/AO.

Regards,

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