

# DEMOCRACY DELIVERS

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## FACT SHEET: United States, Government Partners, and Philanthropies Increase Commitment to Supporting Democratic Openings

In 2022, USAID launched the [Democracy Delivers Initiative](#) with a simple premise: when a country experiences a promising democratic opening, governments that undertake meaningful reform *and* deliver on citizen priorities are more likely to experience enduring democratic gains. And when these openings arise, the international community can play a critical role in helping reform-minded governments, civil society, and citizens seize the moment.

In 2023, USAID, along with philanthropic and private sector partners, launched the Democracy Delivers [Commitment to Action](#) reflecting a common pursuit of increasing investment across sectors in countries experiencing a democratic opening to support democratic progress.

Over the past year, USAID has worked in coalition with philanthropic and bilateral government partners to expand this community of like-minded partners dedicated to supporting democratic development. In September 2024, USAID and bilateral development partners [jointly committed](#) to elevate attention to democratic openings, increase support across development sectors, and strengthen information resilience and advance narratives that affirm democracy.

In short, Democracy Delivers continues to grow as a multi-stakeholder community of action committed to democratic renewal and resilience around the world.

Together, we can prove that democracy can win and deliver for all. As a community, we can demonstrate the collective power of democracies – both established and emerging – working together to deliver for their people. [USAID's efforts](#) contribute toward the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to democratic leadership, further exemplified through the [Summit for Democracy](#) and [Presidential Initiative for Democratic Renewal \(PIDR\)](#).

Key actions announced and highlighted at USAID's third flagship "Democracy Delivers" Event at the 2024 UN General Assembly include:

- The addition of the Republic of Guatemala as the newest country designated in the Democracy Delivers Initiative

- \$425.2 million in U.S. Government funding for Democracy Delivers countries
- New commitments from development partners to support democratic openings
- \$92.4 million in new philanthropic commitments investing across sectors in Democracy Delivers countries and the broader goal of cultivating and supporting democratic openings

## U.S. Government Commitments

### USAID

**Since 2022, USAID has increased funding for the original cohort of nine Democracy Delivers countries by over \$300 million, representing an increase of over 38%.**

USAID is working with Congress to announce \$73.7 million for Democracy Delivers countries. This includes:

- **\$20 million**, through USAID and the U.S. Department of State, and working with Congress, for **Armenia** to bolster cyber, border, and energy security and to strengthen resilience against complex threats and challenges.
- An additional **\$600,000** through the Promoting Information Integrity and Resilience Initiative (ProInfo) to enhance the technological capacities of independent media to produce impactful and public interest journalism, leverage innovation to promote media and information literacy, and to bolster the local advocacy for key media reforms in **Armenia**.
  - This **\$20,600,000** in new support for Armenia builds upon approximately **\$11.9 million** in funding announced during [Administrator Power's July 2024 visit](#) to Yerevan. That funding will strengthen economic resilience, advance digital transformation, and support disaster preparedness.
- An additional **\$900,000** from the [Defending Democratic Elections fund](#) to support the expansion of voter access to the polls, bolster local civic and electoral participation including through youth and women networks, and support civil society efforts to improve future election cycles in the **Dominican Republic**.
  - This **\$900,000** in new support for the Dominican Republic builds upon **\$7.5 million** in funding to strengthen democratic governance and women's financial and digital literacy announced during [Administrator Power's August 2024 visit](#) to Santo Domingo.
- An additional **\$7 million** provided through [Partnerships for Democratic Development \(PDD\)](#) for the Tu Municipio Responde (TuMUNI) Program in **Ecuador** which supports local municipalities to deliver integrated services for their people - from education to water and sanitation - to improve health and promote economic growth.
- From September 30 to October 5, Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman will lead a United States government delegation to the Pacific, traveling to Palau, Papua New Guinea (PNG), and **Fiji**. As head of the delegation, Deputy Administrator Coleman will reinforce the United States'

commitment to the region and demonstrate how the U.S. continues to listen, partner, and deliver on Pacific priorities, including inclusive economic growth and climate change. The delegation will also include representatives from the National Security Council, Department of the Interior, Department of Commerce, U.S. Development Finance Corporation, and the U.S. Trade Development Agency.

- In June 2024 when Fiji joined the Democracy Delivers Initiative, USAID [announced](#) plans to work with Congress to provide **\$5.7 million** in funding to foster inclusive electoral processes, strengthen locally-grown crops, and improve waste management.
- An additional **\$6 million** to increase economic prosperity in **Guatemala** by supporting entrepreneurship and innovation in the Western Highlands, ensuring effective planning of construction and rehabilitation of 3,300 kilometers of secondary roads, improving transparency and efficiency in infrastructure procurement processes, and, working with Congress, to use [USAID's EDGE Fund](#) to realize private sector collaborations with partners from the fruits and vegetables produce industry. Through the Guatemala FIBER activity, USAID and partners will scale up production of sustainable textiles using agricultural plant waste from banana plantations.
- An additional **\$3.35 million** to strengthen effective and accountable governance in **Guatemala** by supporting civil society and media organizations to increase digital literacy and information integrity and resilience, support legislators to make effective and transparent reforms, facilitate constructive political dialogue, and expand government capacity to respond to and prevent corruption.
  - This **\$9.35 million** in total new support for Guatemala builds upon **\$5 million** [recently announced](#) to support innovative solutions for improved agricultural production, value chains and the scaling of agricultural technologies in Guatemala through USAID's [Feed the Future Initiative](#).
- An additional **\$4.975 million**, through [Partnerships for Democratic Development \(PDD\)](#), to support **Malawi** in strengthening collaborative problem-solving of public service delivery challenges across sectors such as health, education, natural resource management and agriculture. Funding will facilitate citizen engagement with government authorities to address governance bottlenecks and promote private sector participation, while fostering cross-government learning to empower district governments in improving service delivery outcomes.
- An additional **\$2 million** to address gender-based violence and support gender equality for women and girls in **Malawi** through USAID's [Gender Equity and Equality Action \(GEEA\) Fund](#). This activity aims to bolster their safety and security as well as their access to quality jobs, finance, and leadership in the fisheries sector.
- **\$1 million** over five years to bring the m-mama maternal health program to **Malawi**. M-mama is an emergency referral and transport system that uses existing ambulances and community drivers to transport women and newborns in rural areas when in obstetric or post-birth crisis.

USAID's \$1 million leverages \$10.5 million in commitment from foundations and local partners to launch m-mama with the Government of Malawi in 2025.

- An additional **\$750,000** to support citizen-led election observation groups in **Malawi** to strengthen integrity and accountability in democratic processes and build confidence in elections.
- An additional **\$3 million** to support new efforts to strengthen media literacy programming and promote information resilience in the **Maldives** by increasing transparency in the public and media sectors and equipping the public, particularly youth, with tools to be better informed and discerning consumers of media and social media content.
- An additional **\$1 million** in **Maldives** to support awareness raising for democratic rights and civic engagement, continued work with local councils and women's development committees (WDC), and advocacy for transparent and accountable democratic processes through the Strong and Inclusive Maldivian Democracy (SIMD) Activity.
- **\$1.2 million** through USAID's Elections and Political Processes (EPP) Fund to promote credible and inclusive referendum and electoral processes in **Moldova**.
  - This **\$1.2 million** for Moldova builds upon **\$4 million** through USAID's [Enterprises for Development, Growth, and Empowerment \(EDGE\)](#) Fund announced during the fifth ministerial conference of the Moldova Partnership Platform (MPP) in September 2024 – an event focused on supporting Moldova's accession to the European Union and building international support for Moldova on its EU path. The **\$4 million** includes:
    - **\$1.5 million** to enhance fruit supply chain management in Moldova and boost Moldovan fruit exports to the EU.
    - **\$2.5 million** to expand access to alternative capital for small and micro entrepreneurs in Moldova and Eastern Europe.
  - Additionally, at the MPP, the United States, through USAID and the U.S. Department of State, and working with Congress, [announced \\$75 million](#) in development assistance to strengthen vital transportation and logistics infrastructure and enhance cybersecurity capabilities in Moldova.
- An additional **\$3.5 million** through the [Partnerships for Democratic Development \(PDD\)](#) for **Nepal** to support: the development of rules, policies, guidelines, and legislation related to Nepal's digital landscape; strengthening of anti corruption efforts by fully digitizing Nepal's public procurement and contract management platform (in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank); and expansion of citizens' access to government services and streamlined service delivery.
- Up to an additional **\$500,000** for **Nepal** to support established and emerging partners to engage the Election Commission of Nepal (ECN) and Nepali CSOs to more effectively promote and advocate for inclusive political participation.

- **\$700,000** for a grant to Tanlake, a sustainable fishing company in **Tanzania**, which builds upon **\$8.3 million** in previously announced grants to nine other private sector partners across the agriculture, textile, and apparel sector. Our **\$9 million** investment is expected to attract private sector capital worth over \$25 million, create 2,000 full-time jobs, engage over 280 thousand smallholder farmers, yield \$42.5 million worth of exports, and earn over \$36 million in domestic sales.
- **\$2.357 million** to engage citizens in advocacy and oversight on good public governance in **Tanzania**. This funding will develop the capacity of citizen groups to access, analyze, and understand public financial reporting tools. It seeks to build collaborative relationships between citizens, civil society, the private sector, and public institutions to improve government effectiveness and reduce risks for corruption.
- **\$1.1 million** to provide civic education, enhance local and national election observation, and support civil society organizations in upcoming elections in **Tanzania**.
- **\$8 million** through USAID's Global Accountability Program to strengthen the legal and institutional capacity of the Government of the Republic of **Zambia** (GRZ) to detect, deter, and counter corruption by engaging key government agencies to improve the policy environment and core systems responsible for anti-corruption and greater accountability. The focus is on supporting the GRZ in its management and administration of beneficial ownership transparency, increased asset disclosure, reduced pharmaceutical theft, improved licensing and concession processes, and development partner collaboration.
- An additional **\$5.5 million** through the [Partnerships for Democratic Development \(PDD\)](#) to support the GRZ to implement its decentralization reforms, including strengthening fiscal, administrative and political devolution. The support, implemented through the Local Impact activity, is supporting the central and local governments to implement the vast systemic changes including devolving health and other staff and operations to district councils. The support also strengthens local governments' capacity to raise its own revenues, improve the local business environment, and improve public services and infrastructure. The support is engaging civil society to improve citizen engagement from community to council levels. Across all of these, PDD funding is supporting the Government to compile performance data across all districts to measure improvements and enable oversight for performance and targeted capacity building.
  - This **\$13.5 million** in total support for **Zambia** builds upon previous funding announced during Deputy Administrator Coleman's [July 2024 visit to Zambia](#), when she announced USAID intends to provide **\$66.8 million** to **Zambia** to address the current drought, strengthen food security, and build resilience in the country across a variety of sectors.

## Regional Support

National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and Administrator and Feed the Future Coordinator Samantha Power [recently announced](#) that the United States government, working with Congress, has committed

more than **\$80 million** of new Feed the Future funds and supplemental resources to rapidly respond to impacts of recent droughts and the lingering macroeconomic shocks of Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine. This commitment of more than **\$80 million** in USAID funding supports the Feed the Future Accelerator, an effort to deepen the U.S. government’s food security partnership and focus resources on three countries in Southern and Eastern Africa – **Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia**. These food security “accelerator” countries demonstrate both high need and high agricultural potential. These funds complement a diverse Feed the Future portfolio of **\$577 million**, including over **\$497 million** of ongoing U.S. investments in these three countries, plus more than **\$150 million** in private sector investments.

## Global Support

In line with the Biden Administration’s commitment at the third Summit for Democracy in March 2024, USAID – on behalf of the U.S. government – is announcing a contribution of **\$300,000** to the new Summit Support Mechanism. The Support Mechanism is led by the four organizations that supported the third Summit for Democracy in 2024 (International IDEA, Open Government Partnership, the Community of Democracies, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development). It will continue the work of the Summit’s multistakeholder thematic Democracy Cohorts, provide thought leadership to the Summit’s global network of partners to guide potential new commitments and deliverables, establish a civil society advisory committee to explicitly include voices from the Global South, and integrate Summit themes into other ongoing democracy related international convenings.

## U.S. International Development Finance Corporation

DFC Deputy CEO Nisha Biswal announced **\$348.2 million** in newly committed transactions in Moldova, Tanzania, and Zambia, including:

- **MSME Lending in Moldova:** DFC committed a **\$30 million** loan to MicroInvest to expand lending to the micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) sector, with at least half of DFC loan proceeds supporting on-lending for food security projects, allowing Microinvest to offer needed capital to this underbanked part of the Moldovan economy.
- DFC, in collaboration with USAID, also committed a **\$15 million** loan portfolio guaranty to MAIB, an existing client, to expand its on-lending to MSMEs in Moldova, particularly MSMEs operating in strategic sectors potentially including, but not limited to, agriculture, information technology, light industry, and the creative sectors.
- **SME Lending in Tanzania:** At UNGA, DFC is signing a **\$300 million** loan to expand small and medium enterprise (SME) lending in Tanzania. The loan will increase on-lending to small businesses in Tanzania and Burundi, especially enterprises led and owned by women, which often face a financing gap.
- **Supporting Critical Mineral Resources in Tanzania:** DFC signaled its consideration of support for the development of critical mineral resources by signing a retainer letter with Lifezone Metals for political risk insurance to mobilize financing to develop the Kabanga Nickel mine as well as a letter indicating interest in providing potential loans for the project. This continues DFC’s emphasis on supporting high-standards in critical minerals investments that will deliver positive impact for our partner countries and create a more diverse supply chain for these key resources.

- **Technical Assistance for Critical Mineral Development in Zambia:** DFC committed to a **\$3.2 million** technical assistance grant to Chillerton for the late-stage development of a green copper mine.

This builds on more than \$2.038 billion for projects in Democracy Delivers countries announced since 2022. Over the last year, the DFC has announced projects including:

- **Dominican Republic:** A **\$200 million** direct loan to Banco Popular Dominicano will support the institution's lending to small businesses and women entrepreneurs – groups that are often underserved by traditional financial institutions.
- **Dominican Republic:** A USAID-supported **\$42 million** loan portfolio guaranty to Banco de Reservas de la República Dominicana (Banreservas) in the Dominican Republic designed to support women micro-entrepreneurs in the southwest region, climate-focused loans, and small business lending across the country.
  - DFC also announced that its new regional office will open in Santo Domingo in October 2024, which will be DFC's second in Latin America and the Caribbean and will support the agency's efforts to finance more projects in the Dominican Republic and throughout the region.
- **Ecuador:** A **\$9 million** loan guarantee to WorldBusiness Capital in support of a loan to Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito 23 de Julio Ltda., which will expand the savings and loan cooperative's lending to small businesses in rural areas of Ecuador.
  - Ecuador remains one of DFC's largest single country investment portfolios globally, with an exposure of \$1.73 billion.
- **Guatemala:** In collaboration with USAID, a **\$20 million** loan to a Guatemalan savings and loan cooperative, Cosami R.L., will support the expansion of low-income mortgages that will finance the construction of borrowers' first homes in rural Guatemala.
- **Zambia:** A **\$10 million** loan to Seba Foods Zambia Ltd. - the first U.S. food and agriculture investment along the Lobito Corridor. The DFC loan will support the expansion of Seba Foods Zambia's food production and storage capacity for maize-based, soya-based, and other nutritious and affordable consumer food products, strengthening the food value chain in Zambia.

### Inter-American Foundation

The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) is announcing a total of \$3.3 million in new investments—matched by grantee co-investment of \$4.8 million for a total value of \$8.1 million—in fourteen local civil society organizations in Democracy Delivers countries, including:

- Targeted support of \$984,000 to **Dominican** organizations creating sustainable livelihoods and helping Haitian migrants and Dominicans of Haitian descent improve local solar and water infrastructure, prevent violence, and exercise their human rights.
- \$947,000 to **Ecuadorian** organizations working to prevent violence against women and youth, increase survivors' economic independence, and improve sustainable livelihood options.



- Additional funding of \$1.4 million, building on \$1.1 million in funding announced ahead of the Guatemala High-Level Economic Dialogue, to **Guatemalan** organizations addressing drivers of irregular migration by advancing durable economic solutions and civic engagement avenues for Indigenous communities, women, and youth.

## **Bilateral Partners**

The following partners and USAID have [jointly committed](#) to elevating attention and increasing support across sectors to democratic openings, and strengthening information resilience and positive democracy narratives: **Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Ireland, Finland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), and the United Kingdom’s Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.**

This shared commitment reflects an important shift in development and diplomatic priorities, resources, and tools, and builds on efforts from democracies around the world to collectively drive global democratic renewal and progress.

In addition, partners highlighted new and ongoing efforts to support democratic resilience and countries experiencing promising windows of democratic opportunity:

### Australia

Australia has committed AUD 35 million (Official Development Assistance) over four years to establish a new Civil Society Partnerships Fund to support projects in the Indo-Pacific region, which will improve access to civic space, to allow people to meet, express themselves, share information and contribute to decisions that affect their lives. This complements Australia’s long-standing engagement at international, national and local levels to support democracy in the Indo-Pacific region, including through elections support, strengthening governance and accountability institutions, support for civil society organizations, advancing gender equality, diversity and social inclusion, protecting and promoting human rights, and forging people-to-people links.

In 2024, Australia provided budget support (FJD 87 million) to Fiji under our Vuvale Partnership, linked to the Government of Fiji achieving shared priority economic reforms including public financial management, private sector development, gender and climate change. Australia also supported technical assistance to help develop and apply the agreed reforms, including through partnerships with the ADB and IFC. This is in line with the core pillars of the Government of Fiji’s new National Development Plan: economic resilience, people empowerment and good governance.

Building on Australia’s strong democratic system of government – with a vibrant civil society, independent media, and robust institutions underpinned by the rule of law – together with our development, diplomatic, trade, economic, defense, immigration, sporting, cultural, scientific and security efforts, Australia is committed to advancing an Indo-Pacific region that is peaceful, stable and prosperous.



To achieve this, we are supporting our partners to build effective and accountable states that drive their own development, deliver for all citizens, and are resilient to external pressures.

### Canada

Beginning in 2024-2025, Canada will provide the Republic of Moldova with a sovereign loan of \$120 million over 10 years. Canada's support will help co-finance a World Bank Development Policy Operation loan aimed at supporting the resilience of Moldovan families and Ukrainian refugees and fostering sustainable economic growth and climate resilience in the Republic of Moldova.

### Denmark

This year, Denmark has adopted a new approach to broaden and strengthen our engagement with African countries. This includes a renewed partnership with Tanzania. Our new strategic engagement will continue to build on strong values and we will seek to achieve our common goals and more effectively promote democracy, human rights and sustainable development through equal partnerships. Further, in the Eastern European neighborhood countries, Denmark is stepping up support to democratic processes and institutions, including in Moldova. Denmark will also continue to support local civil society and activists in developing countries to amplify and protect inclusive democracy and civic space through the Digital Democracy Initiative, by leveraging equal partnerships and digital technology to promote inclusive democratic spaces online and offline.

### Estonia

In order to comprehensively support democracy and good governance throughout society, Estonia will invest 800,000 euros in Moldova and Armenia in 2024. The partnership with Armenia is expanding following its inclusion on Estonia's list of priority partner countries in 2023. In both countries, the focus is on strengthening the digitalization of public services, enhancing cybersecurity resilience, promoting quality education and regional entrepreneurship, and empowering civil society organizations and local leadership. In Moldova, activities are guided by the overarching goal of supporting the country's EU integration. Through key collaboration with USAID under the Future Technology Activity in Moldova, Estonia will continue to drive innovative digital solutions in education, such as piloting e-testing and developing digital skills framework, and support the capacity-building of Moldova cybersecurity academy.

### Finland

Finland's recently published government papers – one foreign and security policy and the other on integrated trade and development policy – emphasize democracy and rule of law as prerequisites across all sustainable development efforts, and as core values and strengths in Finland's foreign policy. Through a specific budget line for strengthening democracy and Rule of Law – for which new allocations will be made for 2025 – Finland is committed to supporting key democratic institutions, including parliaments, political parties, election management bodies and the judiciary. Currently Zambia is among the partners. Finland's development efforts also seek to bolster free, independent and pluralistic civil societies to act

effectively and participate in decision-making. Finland launches regular calls for proposals to support civil society programs and projects; currently support is provided to around 80 countries, including six Democracy Delivers Initiative countries: Guatemala, Malawi, Moldova, Nepal, Tanzania, and Zambia. The next large call for proposals for civil society programs will be launched in 2025. Finland applies a broad view of democracy in which human rights, the rule of law, gender equality, good governance, citizen participation and the eradication of corruption are important and interdependent elements of democratic systems that can advance inclusive progress for all people.

#### Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

Spain has recently approved a new Master Plan for its development cooperation policy for 2024-2027. It includes for the first time a cross-cutting priority on governance and democracy, a lens we seek to apply to every project, program and investment we undertake across the world. This builds on AECID's Democracy Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, launched in 2023, which aims to support democracies' ability to deliver for all people, going beyond formal institutions (judicial systems, parliaments) and the essential elements of democratic systems (courts, elections, etc.) to also bolster civil society, combat information manipulation and strengthen information resilience, foster inclusive democracy (including gender equality and equity in democratic institutions and the representation of underrepresented groups such as indigenous peoples and the LGBTQI+ community), social dialogue, taxation, and fiscal policies as part of the broader social contract underpinning democracy and democratic institutions. It also includes a mechanism to protect human rights defenders, journalists and other key actors who often face risks in their crucial roles in promoting or protecting democracy at the grassroots level. Of the countries in the Democracy Delivers Initiative, AECID supports development efforts in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. In Guatemala, AECID's support for democracy and reform efforts will be a core priority.

#### Switzerland

Switzerland's Foreign Policy Strategy 2024-2027 identifies democracy and governance as one of its four thematic priorities. To strengthen its profile, Switzerland will continue implementing programmes that support democratic institutions and processes in partner countries and promote democracy in bilateral policy dialogues and multilateral fora. The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs is developing its first-ever "Democracy Guidelines," which define the goals and instruments for promoting democracy. In addition to Switzerland's long-standing development cooperation programmes in partner countries, diplomacy will be a key instrument: we will strive to use diplomatic tools more systematically for the sake of democracy, pay particular attention to positive democratic developments and provide support to emerging democracies.

#### United Kingdom

The UK will join USAID's '[Integrity for Development](#)' campaign, reflecting our priority focus on combating illicit finance, corruption, and kleptocracy. We will also expand the work of the UK's

Democratic Governance Centre of Expertise to share learning from around the world with a new, practical toolkit to help economic, diplomatic, development, and security efforts come together to advance democratic outcomes across sectors. We are proud to be working with many Democracy Delivers partners – including the Moldovan government, to strengthen civil society and independent media against internal and external threats, and with the government and people of Zambia to help make institutions become more stable, resilient, and effective.

## **Philanthropy Commitments**

### **Ford Foundation**

As an anchor partner for the Democracy Delivers event, the Ford Foundation commits \$8 million to support openings for democracy. An important portion of this \$8 million commitment will be directed to support the goals that the government of Guatemala has prioritized. This includes wide-ranging processes of dialogue and policy design that include historically excluded indigenous populations—a goal that has been a long-standing priority of Ford’s work in Guatemala. This also includes bolstering the work of organizations working across regions on democracy, such as Accountability Lab. This \$8 million commitment builds on Ford Foundation’s 2023 commitment of \$20 million in support of the Democracy Delivers initiative. The work supported by that 2023 commitment is underway, including a set of democracy-related grants to organizations working across regions, including IDEA International, and grants to organizations dedicated to strengthening the fibers of democracy in Moldova and Zambia. This work furthers Ford Foundation’s longstanding commitment to strengthen democratic institutions, fortify grassroots, citizen-led organizations and movements, promote government accountability, and ensure citizens can actively participate in shaping their societies.

### **The Rockefeller Foundation**

As an anchor partner of USAID’s Democracy Delivers Initiative, The Rockefeller Foundation intends to allocate up to approximately \$5.43 million to benefit Democracy Delivers countries. In Zambia, Rockefeller intends to embark on a two-year effort with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll) to support the scale-up of distributed rural electrification to 1,000 communities across Zambia, directly supporting the deployment of 105 mini-grids impacting 100,000 people and connecting Zambia to Mission 300 through the deployment of a national investment strategy in partnership with the government, developers, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, and private financing institutions. In Malawi, Rockefeller is supporting the work of Seed Global Health to conduct a health vulnerability assessment and develop a refined, streamlined tool that allows for more rapid diagnostic studies in resource-constrained settings. And in Fiji, we are supporting RSF Social Finance and The Pawanka Fund who work with a network of Indigenous and local peoples aimed at strengthening their own regenerative food systems while building a pipeline for future investment.

### **Chandler Foundation**

The Chandler Foundation commits up to \$14 million over three years to strengthen democratic governance and combat corruption in Democracy Delivers countries. In Malawi, resources will support the five policy commitments under the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan, which include beneficial ownership transparency, debt transparency, natural resource governance, among other reforms. The foundation will also assist in the development and implementation of a new National Action Plan. Additional support will be provided to whistleblower protection legislation and other anti-corruption initiatives. In Zambia, the foundation will mobilize support for an Open Government Partnership National Action Plan, partner with the Ministry of Justice on rule of law and access to justice data tools, support the Anti-Corruption Commission on leadership transformation, and work with civil society to monitor the government's progress on the IMF's Governance Diagnostic recommendations. The foundation will also prioritize government representatives from Democracy Delivers countries for participation in the 2025 Chandler Sessions on Integrity and Corruption at Oxford University. In addition, the Foundation is contributing to the World Bank's Governance and Institutions Umbrella Program, which supports justice sector reform in Zambia, public institution reform and GovTech in Armenia, and anti-corruption in Moldova.

#### Focus Central America

Focus Central America (FCA) commits \$1.5 million over three years in unrestricted funding to support the strengthening of civil society in Guatemala, with a broad lens view of the diverse sectors encompassed within this term. Recognizing the importance of equity in strengthening democratic movements, funding priority will be given to indigenous and female led organizations. Further adhering to FCA's core values, organizational leadership's proximity to the issues and communities addressed will be a primary funding determinant. FCA further commits to an additional \$750,000 in funding for educational opportunities for grassroots organizations across the region of Central America over the next 3 years to assist in meeting their organizational goals.

#### Hilton Foundation

Building on commitments announced in 2023, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation is investing an additional \$7 million in Tanzania, bringing the current total to over \$15 million, to improve outcomes for young children and their caregivers and to empower youth. In Zambia, the Foundation is investing over \$3 million for programs in elderly care and skills development. In Ecuador, the Foundation is investing an additional \$2 million, bringing the total to \$12 million invested in support of refugees and host communities.

#### Luis von Ahn Foundation

In the next year, the Luis von Ahn Foundation is committing \$13.5 million in grants to local partners in Guatemala working to advance education, the rights of women and girls, nature conservation, and democracy and citizen participation. Of this, \$5.2 million will support education, aiming to close gaps in access and quality of education for priority populations across Guatemala. Additionally, close to \$3 million will be dedicated to bolstering Guatemala's democracy, focusing on strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights, and the rest will be allocated to initiatives focused on rights of women and

girls and nature conservation. The Luis von Ahn Foundation remains devoted to a future where all Guatemalans are valued equally, have the opportunity to thrive, and are able to fully exercise their human rights.

#### Rockefeller Brothers Fund

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund has designated Central America as one of its “pivotal place programs.” Over the next five years, the Fund anticipates dedicating \$4 million per year to Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras to advance a democratic, inclusive, and sustainable Central America. Grants support work on transparency and anti-impunity, democratic culture and civic participation, justice and reconciliation, and sustainable development. Of the total of \$20 million, approximately \$9 million will support Guatemalan organizations or those working in support of democracy, justice, and sustainable development there. We see an historic opportunity to develop deeper partnerships with the public, private, and civil society sector organizations that are championing this renewed and inclusive chapter in Guatemala’s democracy. We are delighted that Guatemala will be part of the Democracy Delivers initiative and look forward to participating in this important partnership.

#### Skoll Foundation

In 2024, the Skoll Foundation plans to invest a total of \$10.5 million in health systems strengthening and advancing healthier information ecosystems. Working across more than 12 countries, including Nepal, Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia, Skoll invests in community-level health systems, strengthens pandemic preparedness and response, advances innovative solutions to health systems challenges, and is deepening partnerships between communities and Ministries of Health. Skoll’s investments also improve access to trusted and accurate information so that citizens can engage in constructive discussions about collective challenges to make the best decisions for themselves, their families, and their communities. Additionally, the 2024 Skoll World Forum brought together social innovators, government, philanthropy, storytellers, civil society, and others to collectively advance solutions to the world’s most pressing problems. This included USAID hosting a Democracy Delivers conversation to elevate attention and action for democratic openings and democracy renewal around the world. The 2025 Skoll World Forum will take place April 1-4 and will be further leveraged as a multi-stakeholder platform to support global efforts to bolster democracy.

#### Tinker Foundation

The Tinker Foundation announces \$310,000 in 2024 and 2025 funding for educational equity in Guatemala, with a focus on scaling successful practices in the public education system. Specific projects will promote intercultural and bilingual education and advance post-pandemic educational recovery. Funds will also support engagement between civil society and the Ministry of Education, centering evidence-based practices that increase educational access.

#### Vodafone Foundation

The Vodafone Foundation is committing an additional \$2 million over the next two years to establish a regional team based in Tanzania to support m-mama there and in additional countries. m-mama is an emergency referral and transport system that uses existing ambulances and community drivers to transport women and newborns in rural areas when in obstetric or post-birth crisis. In partnership with USAID and the Government of Tanzania, m-mama has already reached nation-wide scale in Tanzania and over 100,000 mothers and babies have been transported in an emergency to date, showing a 25% reduction in maternal and newborn deaths where m-mama has been deployed. Additionally, Vodafone's commitment announced in 2023 to provide up to \$6 million over five years to expand m-mama to Malawi has now been matched by \$1 million from USAID and \$4.5 million from a coalition of philanthropies and local partners, contingent upon the commitment from the Government of Malawi to cover the ongoing operational cost of running the service (estimated at less than \$500,000 per year). Patient transports should begin in 2025.

### WINGS

WINGS – a community of philanthropic changemakers who are committed to ensuring philanthropy will reach its fullest potential as a catalyst for social progress – is committed to supporting governments and civil society actors in countries undergoing democratic renewal. In 2024 and beyond, WINGS is expanding its scope of work to Guatemala, including by launching a new mapping initiative with philanthropic partners. WINGS also plans to disburse significant direct awards for regional initiatives in Africa that will target Tanzania, as well as a regional initiative in Latin American and the Caribbean that includes Guatemala. Building on its announcement in 2023, WINGS is advancing its investment of \$1.5 million over four years to support philanthropic partners in Nepal, Zambia, and Tanzania. WINGS will continue to leverage its worldwide network to provide capacity building and technical assistance to governments to unlock additional resources, improve development outcomes, and optimize the impact of philanthropy's contribution to development.