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To: All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients
Subject: Reminder of Compliance Policies and Procedures

Dear Implementing Partners,

The purpose of this Contractor and Grantee Notice is to reaffirm existing anti-terrorism policy and procedures as prescribed in Mission Order No. 21.

Implementing partners and their staff must consider Mission Order No. 21 before executing any new sub-award or extending awards and when providing any assistance or training under USAID funded programs. If vetting is required, partners must ensure that no assistance is provided or award is made to any organization or individual until the prime partner has been notified by the Agreement/Contracting Officer's Representative (A/COR) in writing that vetting approval has been obtained. Failure to vet prior to award may result in the disallowance of costs, might inadvertently lead to USAID-funded assistance reaching prohibited individuals or organizations and termination of your award with USAID.

The special provision on "Prohibition against Support for Terrorism" states that

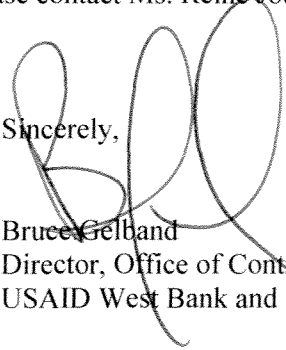
"USAID reserves the right to rescind approval for a subaward in the event that USAID subsequently becomes aware of information indicating that the subaward is contrary to U.S. law or policy prohibiting support for terrorism. In such cases, USAID's Contracting Officer will provide written instructions to the Contractor/Recipient to terminate the subaward."

In that regard, for cases where vetting is conducted while assistance is ongoing (such as when total annual payment to a contractor exceeds the \$25,000 threshold or when new vetting is triggered due to changes in key individuals or a time extension) and the organization or individual is found ineligible you must immediately terminate the ongoing assistance and suspend any payments to the organization or individual. No additional payments to the sub-awardee will be reimbursed by USAID.

Any questions or requests for clarifications related to vetting may be addressed to wbgvetting@usaid.gov.

Should you have any questions related to this notice, please contact Ms. Reine Joubran, Acquisition Supervisor, at rjoubran@usaid.gov.

Sincerely,


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