

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Foreign Assistance Review Data Call for Implementing Partners **OMB Number 1405- XXXX**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. *Why is this collection necessary and what are the legal statutes that allow this?*

On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14169, *Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid*, in which he directed all department and agency heads with responsibility for foreign development and assistance programs to review each foreign assistance program within 90 days of the order and decide whether to continue, modify, or cease each foreign assistance program. Any paused programs can resume prior to the end of the 90-day period if the Secretary of State, in consultation with the OMB Director, decide to continue the program in the same or modified form. On the same day, President Trump invoked sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) declaring a national emergency at the southern border of the United States and signed Executive Order 14157 (E.O.) *Designating Cartels and Other Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists*

In order to inform the decisions required by E.O. 14169, the Department and other agencies that disburse foreign assistance funds need to determine that such programs are in alignment with the President's America First policy and will make America safer, stronger, and more prosperous. Non-USG implementing partners will be asked to complete the questionnaire. Additionally, in order to assist other agencies in responding to the national emergency at the southern border and fulfill obligations required by E.O. 14157, the Department must identify programs that may not have adequate safeguards and vetting procedures to prevent funds from being diverted to newly-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations, or those programs that do not have effective anti-trafficking policies.

The statutes that allow this are the Foreign Assistance Act, 22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq., the authority of the Secretary of State to conduct foreign affairs (22 U.S.C. 2656); and sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)

2. ***What business purpose is the information gathered going to be used for?***

Individuals and entities that partner with the USG on foreign assistance projects will be asked to complete the questionnaire. The Department will use the information to determine the alignment of those projects with the President's foreign assistance goals.

3. ***Is this collection able to be completed electronically (e.g. through a website or application)?***

The information collection will involve the use of email and Microsoft Forms.

4. ***Does this collection duplicate any other collection of information?***

No duplication is known.

5. ***Describe any impacts on small business***

The Department does not anticipate any impact on small businesses from the information collection itself. The Department might adjust foreign assistance projects based on the data collected in this information collection, which might have an impact on the projects being performed by some small businesses.

6. ***What are consequences if this collection is not done?***

Failure to collect this information would impede the ability of the Department to fulfill the President's mandate to align foreign assistance with Administration goals to prevent funds from being diverted to newly-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations, or those programs that do not have effective anti-trafficking policies.

7. ***Are there any special collection circumstances (e.g. responding in less than 30 days, excessive record retention, or requiring submission of proprietary trade secrets)?***

No special circumstances exist.

8. ***Document publication (or intent to publish) a request for public comments in the Federal Register***

The Department is requesting emergency approval of this collection, without a *Federal Register* notice.

9. *Are any payments or gifts given to the respondents?*

No.

10. *Describe assurances of privacy/confidentiality*

There are no assurances of confidentiality.

11. *Are any questions of a sensitive nature asked?*

No.

12. *Describe the hour time burden and the hour cost burden on the respondent needed to complete this collection*

The Department expects that approximately 2000 respondents will complete the online form during this data call. It is estimated that an applicant will spend approximately 30 minutes completing the form. Therefore, the annual hour burden to respondents is estimated to be 1000 hours (2000 respondents x 30 minutes, divided by 60).

Based on an average hourly wage of \$31.48¹, the weighted wage hour cost burden for this collection is \$47,220. This is based on the calculation of \$31.48(average hourly wage) x 1.5 (weighted wage multiplier) times 1000 hours.

13. *Describe any monetary burden on the respondent needed to complete this collection*

There is no monetary burden on the respondent.

14. *Describe the cost to the Federal Government to complete this collection*

The Office of Foreign Assistance will analyze roughly 2000 responses from the data call, averaging about 10 minutes per response. The Department will leverage AI to process results faster, where possible. Hourly rate should be based on GS-13 base pay.

$(2000 \text{ (responses)} \times 10 \text{ (minutes per response)} / 60 \text{ (mins)} \times \$56 \text{ (hourly rate)}) = \$18,667 \text{ total cost}$

15. *Explain any changes/adjustments to this collection since the previous submission*

¹ Source: Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2023 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for all occupations ([May 2023 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates](#)). Retrieved on February 21, 2025.

None; this is a new collection.

16. *Specify if the data gathered by this collection will be published*

Anonymized data might be publicized, but at this time, it is not anticipated that the data will be formally published.

17. *Explain the reasons for seeking approval to not display the OMB expiration date*

The expiration date will be displayed.

18. *Explain any exceptions to the OMB certification statement*

None are being requested.

B. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.