



United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520

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Dominic Mancini, Acting Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget

Dear Acting Administrator Mancini:

The Department of State requests Office of Management and Budget (OMB) emergency processing, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 1320.13, of "Foreign Assistance Review Data Call for Implementing Partners", OMB Control Number 1405-XXXX. The Department requests OIRA approval by February 24, 2025.

On January 20, 2025, 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*. On the same day, the President signed 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.

In order to inform the decisions required by E.O. 14169, the 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. This necessarily requires the Department and its interagency partners to identify the programs that provide lifesaving assistance or otherwise support critical U.S. national security goals,

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and ensure that the funding for such programs continue as expeditiously as possible. 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 Department has determined that:

- 1. This collection is essential to the mission of the Department of State.** As provided throughout 22 U.S.C., but especially by the Foreign Assistance Act (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) and 22 U.S.C. 2656, the mission of the Department is almost exclusively the conduct of foreign affairs functions, including, when determined by the President to be in the best interest of the United States, the provision of foreign assistance. It is critical that data relating to foreign assistance programs be expeditiously collected, so that the Secretary and President can make targeted decisions relating to the expenditure of such funds, especially for programs providing lifesaving assistance and supporting critical U.S. national security goals, and potentially cease or modify the funding of programs that do not have appropriate terrorist vetting and anti-trafficking procedures in place.
- 2. The use of normal clearance procedures would prevent the Department from obtaining this information on a timely basis.** The normal PRA clearance process extends beyond the 90-day deadlines mandated by the President in E.O. 14169 and the proclamation of a national emergency at the southern border; therefore, the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. For the reasons provided above, public harm is also reasonably likely to result if normal PRA clearance procedures are followed.

- 3. This collection is necessary without allowing for the time period normally associated with a routine submission for review under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.** The President gave agencies 90 days to review foreign assistance programs and actions necessary to obtain complete operational control of the southern border and submit their conclusions and recommendations to the White House. The Department has made all practicable efforts to minimize the burden of this collection of information on members of the public.

In light of the foregoing, and pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(j)(1)(B) and 5 CFR 1320.13, the Department of State requests OMB's formal emergency review and approval of this information collection February 24, 2025.



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