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USAID Acting Deputy Inspector General Angarella's Remarks on Oversight Collaboration and Ukraine Aid Efforts at The World Bank Group

Nicole Angarella, Acting Deputy Inspector General for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) recently delivered remarks at a forum convened by the Group Internal Audit Vice Presidency of The World Bank Group. The forum, titled "Assurance During Times of Heightened Risk, Uncertainty, and Change" was held on the sidelines of the 2022 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and The World Bank Group.

In her <u>remarks</u>, Ms. Angarella underscored the importance of collaborative and coordinated oversight, among both U.S Offices of Inspectors General and U.N. and multilateral development bank oversight bodies. The need is particularly pressing for ensuring the effectiveness, efficiency, and integrity of USAID's Ukraine programming. She called for collaboration and coordinated oversight that holds accountable those who defraud or abuse these programs. USAID OIG views oversight over USAID's Ukraine response as its top priority.

At the event, Ms. Angarella outlined the OIG's ongoing efforts to provide comprehensive oversight over USAID's funding to support Ukraine and its people, including:

- 1. Establishing a presence on the ground in Ukraine to allow OIG to engage with key stakeholders to obtain relevant information in real-time, and travel locally to assess programming and investigate allegations of fraud, corruption, and abuse.
- 2. Issuing timely and relevant products and information through audits, evaluations, fraud alerts, and advisories.
- 3. Collaborating with domestic and international oversight partners such as the Departments of Defense and State OIGs, and oversight arms of other donor countries and U.N./multilateral organizations.
- 4. Reaching out to share expertise in combating corruption and engaging with NGOs and U.N. organizations to emphasize the importance of reporting allegations in which U.S. aid has been compromised or beneficiaries abused.

Following these principles will deter some of the biggest risks and challenges to USAID's delivery of humanitarian and development aid, which USAID OIG has <u>flagged</u> to include

procurement fraud, cash assistance fraud, sexual exploitation and abuse, human trafficking, and lack of oversight and monitoring.

The event was attended by oversight counterparts from numerous U.N. and international organizations, bilateral donors, and multilateral development banks including, World Food Programme, IMF, UNOPs, OECD, Inter-American Development Bank, EU Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), European Commission, and Gavi.

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- USAID OIG Oversight of Ukraine
- DoD OIG Oversight of Ukraine
- <u>State OIG Oversight of Ukraine</u>