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USAID Office of Inspector General Meets with United Nations Officials on Oversight of U.S. Foreign Assistance Programs

The United States Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General (USAID OIG) is responsible for providing independent oversight over USAID's programs, personnel, and operations. In March, April, and May 2023, USAID OIG senior leadership, led by Acting Deputy Inspector General performing the duties of the Inspector General, Nicole Angarella, travelled to Rome, New York, and Geneva for meetings with 11 United Nations (UN) agencies that are recipients of USAID funding. She was joined by leaders from USAID OIG's Audit, Investigations, and General Counsel/Congressional Affairs divisions.

The delegation held meetings with the following UN agencies:

- **Rome-based:** World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- **New York-based:** United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).
- **Geneva-based:** World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

In the meetings, USAID OIG conveyed its expectation for transparency, oversight, and accountability for USAID funding to UN agencies. The parties discussed the need for USAID OIG to be afforded access to all relevant documents and information relating to USAID-funded programs, and the contractual obligation for UN agencies to provide timely disclosures to USAID OIG of credible allegations of misconduct, including fraud, corruption, and sexual exploitation and abuse.

The USAID OIG delegation also met with the Inspector General and equivalent oversight counterparts within the above UN agencies and the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), as well as The Global Fund and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. In Rome, Acting Deputy IG Angarella executed a renewed memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the WFP Office of Inspector General, facilitating information sharing and collaboration on issues of mutual interest. USAID OIG has a total of seven information-

sharing MOUs in place with IG and oversight counterparts with UN and other international organizations, including The World Bank which is responsible for administering \$22.9 billion in USAID-funded direct budget support to the Government of Ukraine.

This oversight collaboration across the international aid sector allows USAID OIG and its counterparts to use their collective experience, contacts, and resources to ensure that donor assistance reaches its intended recipients and to swiftly respond to allegations of criminal activity. This is particularly essential for oversight over USAID assistance to Ukraine. Recently, our MOU with the WHO led to USAID's suspensions and subsequent debarments of former WHO officials who sexually assaulted beneficiaries and job applicants in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Outcomes like this prevent the recirculation of corrupt actors and sexual predators across the humanitarian aid sector.

USAID OIG also met in Rome with then-U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture Cindy McCain and in New York with U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations for UN Management and Reform Christopher Lu, and U.S. Ambassador to the UN Economic and Social Council Lisa Carty. In Geneva, USAID OIG met with U.S. Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN and Other International Organizations Bathsheba Nell Crocker. USAID OIG conveyed its appreciation for the support from the U.S. Missions to the UN of its independent oversight mandate and efforts to ensure accountability over USAID funding to UN agencies.

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