



USAID OIG's Oversight of Funding to the United Nations

OUR MISSION

To safeguard and strengthen U.S. foreign assistance through timely, relevant, and impactful oversight.

This includes independent oversight of USAID programs funded through UN agencies.



In FY 2022, USAID funded \$21.4 billion of programming through the United Nations and other international organizations.

In spring 2023, USAID OIG senior leadership visited Rome, New York, and Geneva for meetings with the following UN agencies receiving USAID funds, and their IG equivalents:

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

OUR MESSAGE

We expect access, transparency, and cooperation from USAID-funded UN agencies to fulfill our oversight mandate and work toward holding bad actors accountable. This includes prompt disclosure of allegations concerning the misuse or abuse of USAID programs.



Relationships with International Oversight Counterparts

Our work is enhanced by long-standing partnerships and memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with our oversight counterparts at UN agencies and other international organizations.

We use our collective experience, contacts, and resources to ensure that donor assistance reaches its intended recipients and to swiftly respond to allegations of criminal activity.



Existing MOUs

- WFP IG
- WHO IOS
- The World Bank
- UNHCR IG
- The Global Fund IG
- UNDP Office of Audits and Investigations
- UNOPS Internal Audit and Investigation Group

Results of Our Work



Our audit work has led to fundamental changes to USAID awards to UN agencies, including new requirements to promptly disclose credible allegations of fraud, corruption, and sexual exploitation and abuse.



Our investigative work has led to the suspensions and debarments of WHO officials determined to have sexually exploited or assaulted women and girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo while performing USAID-funded Ebola programming.



We established the Complex Emergencies Working Group in 2015. The group, consisting now of 25 bilateral and multilateral organizations as well as our U.S. law enforcement partners, meets annually to exchange information and share best practices for combatting corruption and abuse in foreign assistance.