



INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF USAID FUNDING TO UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES

OUR MISSION

USAID OIG's mission is to safeguard and strengthen U.S. foreign assistance through timely, relevant, and impactful oversight. This includes providing independent oversight of USAID funding to United Nations (UN) agencies implementing foreign assistance programming on the Agency's behalf.

OUR MESSAGE

USAID OIG expects access, transparency, and cooperation from USAID-funded UN agencies to fulfill our oversight mandate. This includes prompt disclosure by UN agencies of allegations concerning misuse of USAID-funded programming. USAID funds billions of dollars in humanitarian assistance and developmental programming through UN agencies across the globe, often in nonpermissive environments such as Gaza, Ukraine, Ethiopia, and Haiti. To conduct effective oversight, USAID OIG must have access to the same level of information that it has for programming administered by nongovernmental organizations or contractors.



UN Building in Geneva, Switzerland.

Timely sharing of information by UN agencies allows us to swiftly respond to allegations of fraud, sexual exploitation and abuse, corruption, misconduct, or other misuse of USAID programming funded through the UN.

RESULTS OF OUR WORK



USAID OIG's [audit work](#) has led to fundamental changes to USAID awards to UN agencies, including new requirements to promptly disclose to USAID OIG credible allegations of fraud, corruption, and sexual exploitation and abuse. A recent [evaluation](#) identified opportunities for USAID to strengthen its due diligence over funding through UN and other international organizations.



USAID OIG's investigative work has helped USAID ensure the integrity of its programming implemented through the UN. Results include the government-wide debarments of numerous former World Health Organization officials found to have sexually assaulted women and girls while performing USAID-funded Ebola programming in Africa. USAID OIG also has identified multiple fraud schemes involving UN-implemented humanitarian aid in Ethiopia.

We have longstanding relationships with oversight counterparts within both UN agencies and bilateral donors. Our International Partnerships and Overseas Contingencies Operations unit coordinates USAID OIG's engagement with international organizations and foreign donors to expand our ability to conduct effective oversight of U.S. foreign assistance across the globe.



USAID OIG continues to encounter challenges in receiving information from UN agencies funded by USAID. Despite contractual obligations to report allegations of misconduct directly to USAID OIG, reporting from UN agencies is sparse (see Table). Failure to report allegations or respond to follow-up requests for information limits our investigators' ability to inform USAID of harm to its programs and hold bad actors accountable. In 2024, Congress enacted a requirement to ensure that USAID OIG, State OIG, and the Government Accountability Office have contractual rights to access all necessary information to conduct oversight work.

Table. USAID Obligations to UN Agencies and Disclosures to USAID OIG of Potential Misconduct (October 1, 2019¹ to June 30, 2024)

UN Agency	USAID Obligation	UN Disclosures Sent Directly to USAID OIG	UN Disclosures Sent to USAID & Forwarded by USAID to USAID OIG	Total Disclosures Received
World Food Programme	\$16,813,724,312	29	519	548
UN Children's Fund	\$2,658,688,305	63	59	122
International Organization for Migration	\$1,828,643,602	19	46	65
Food and Agriculture Organization	\$898,325,912	6	7	13
World Health Organization	\$868,511,131	1	13	14
UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	\$450,859,397	1	4	5
UN Office for Project Services	\$400,133,873	5	7	12
Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS	\$399,677,459	0	1	1
UN Development Programme	\$370,139,622	1	5	6
UN Population Fund	\$219,691,889	0	1	1
Pan American Health Organization	\$76,176,080	0	0	0
International Union for the Conservation of Nature	\$34,884,964	0	0	0
UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	\$25,769,625	0	0	0
UN Women	\$24,663,311	0	0	0
United Nations World Meteorological Organization	\$24,449,621	0	0	0
UN Human Settlements Program	\$19,695,490	0	0	0
International Labor Organization	\$13,242,118	0	0	0
UN Industrial Development Organization	\$11,116,687	0	0	0
UN Office on Drugs and Crime	\$10,682,689	0	0	0
International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance	\$10,251,444	0	0	0
Total	\$25,159,327,531	125	662	788

Source: USAID. Table includes disclosures pertaining to allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse.

¹ Requirements to disclose allegations of fraud, corruption, and other prohibited misconduct to USAID OIG were instituted in November 2019. Requirements to disclose sexual exploitation and abuse allegations were instituted in May 2021.