

## HOW DOES THE DEVELOPMENT INNOVATION ACCELERATOR BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT WORK?

The Development Innovation Accelerator Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnership serves to inform the public of USAID's intent to consider ideas that harness science research and innovation to solve core development problems. The BAA allows USAID to (1) reach out to potential partners with recognized expertise in relevant areas, and (2) co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate with partners.

Awards under the Accelerator BAA will be based on individual addenda to the BAA. Each addendum will describe the particular research area of interest, the evaluation criteria, and administrative information such as the requirements for concept papers, statements of interest, and response deadlines. The amount of resources made available under specific addenda to the BAA will depend on the concepts received and the availability of funds. USAID anticipates issuing some addenda that will not provide funding. At no time during this process is there a guarantee of funding and USAID reserves the right to make that determination at any time.

### FOCUS AREAS

The focus areas of the Accelerator BAA coincide with the nine initial areas of interest of the U.S. Global Development Lab that reflect development and foreign policy priorities:

- 1. Food, Security and Nutrition***
- 2. Modernizing Food Assistance***
- 3. Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths***
- 4. Energy Access***
- 5. Water Solutions***
- 6. Child Literacy***
- 7. Financial Inclusion***
- 8. Rights, Participation and Accountability***
- 9. Humanitarian Response***

### ELIGIBILITY AND RESOURCING

Public, private, for-profit, and non-profit organizations, as well as institutions of higher education, public international organizations, non-governmental organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. government organizations, and international donor organizations are eligible under this BAA, unless otherwise stated in the individual BAA Addendum. All organizations must be properly vetted by USAID before any awards are made. In responding to BAA Addenda, organizations may be expected to provide a reasonable amount of cost share or matching funding, both cash and in-kind, to ensure projects can leverage the expertise, talent, and innovations of our partners. Proposals under BAA Amendments are encouraged to suggest creative approaches to funding projects.

## ACCELERATOR STEPS TO AGREEMENT

### STEP 1

The U.S. Global Development Lab (with the Bureau/Field Mission) posts a Broad Agency Announcement on [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) as a call for suggestions on what associated areas of interest USAID should consider as it develops addenda to the BAA.

### STEP 2

USAID puts out a BAA addendum, announcing a specific area of interest. The addendum includes the content of the statement of interest (2-3 pages), timeframe, criteria for co-development.

### STEP 3

USAID project office evaluates the statements of interest against the criteria in the addendum and selects organizations to co-create a development solution.

### STEP 4

USAID and the selected organization(s) work together to co-develop a concept paper that includes the development problem, solution, the technical approach, areas of comparative advantage and general resourcing (about 7 pages).

### STEP 5

USAID and selected organization(s) present the concept paper to the Lab's Science-Peer Review Board, which will make a recommendation to proceed to co-development IF the concept has merit based on the criteria set forth in the BAA itself (e.g. STIP merit, scalability.)

### STEP 6

USAID Contracting/Agreement Officer works with the co-developers to determine the instrument-relationship type for the new project.

### STEP 7

USAID senior management reviews the project to revalidate the linkage of the proposed project with USAID's or field mission's strategy and evaluates resourcing constraints.

### STEP 8

USAID project office and the selected BAA partner(s) co-develop the project plan and resourcing in sufficient detail to establish a formal relationship (contract, grant, MOU, or other instrument).

### STEP 9

USAID project office completes any pre-obligation requirements while the CO assesses the capabilities of BAA partner(s) for project implementation.

### STEP 10

Once a consensus is reached and resources have been formally established, the parties conclude the agreement. Implementation launches.