



The HELP Commission

Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe

Commission Overview

Mission: The Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People around the Globe Commission, or HELP Commission, shall develop and deliver actionable proposals to the President, Secretary of State and Congress to enhance and leverage the efficiency and effectiveness of U.S. foreign assistance programs to reduce poverty through sustained economic growth and self sufficiency. The Commission will communicate the need for change and will make bold recommendations for mechanisms, structures and incentives which will create definable, achievable, and measurable outcomes that empower recipients and meet U.S. national security and foreign policy goals and objectives.

Leadership: Mary K. Bush of Maryland, who has served three U.S. Presidents and is recognized for her innovative and ground-breaking work in international finance, was appointed Chairman of the HELP Commission by President George W. Bush.

Membership: The HELP Commission is bipartisan, with 21 members –

Appointing Official:	The President	Senate Majority Leader	Senate Minority Leader	Speaker of the House	House Minority Leader
Member:	Mary Bush Carol Adelman Glenn Estess Benjamin Homan Walter Kansteiner David Williams	Steve Berry Jerome Climer Thomas Kleine Marty Lavor	Leo Hindery Eric Postel Gayle Smith	Jennifer Dunn Nicholas Eberstadt William Lane Robert Michel	Lynn Fritz C. Payne Lucas Jeffrey Sachs

The Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, serves as an *ex-officio* member.

Mandate: The HELP Commission’s mandate includes not only those programs run by USAID and Department of State, but all foreign assistance programs run by the twenty or more organizations within the U.S. Government that possess the authorization and funding for foreign assistance programs. Programs covered span the entire range of foreign assistance spending, including, but not limited to, food aid, disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, economic development, democracy and governance promotion, and security assistance.

Report Date: The Commission will formulate its recommendations into a final report, and deliver it to Congress, the President, and the Secretary of State no later than December 2007.

The Honorable Mary K. Bush, Chairman