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SUBJECT: Revised ADS 200: Policy Guidance on Assistance for Civilian Policing

NEW MATERIAL: Revised ADS chapter 200 describes USAID's Policy Guidance on Assistance for Civilian Policing, which was adopted in December 2005.

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POLICY

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Revised ADS chapter 200 describes USAID's Policy Guidance on Assistance for Civilian Policing, which was adopted in December 2005.

This Policy Guidance was formulated in response to legislation that expanded USAID's mandate to work with civilian policing authorities. Specifically, section 564(a) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY05 expanded "community-based police assistance" authority on a worldwide basis. This authority was also contained in our appropriations act for FY06 and continues to be available to USAID in FY07 under the Continuing Resolution.

The policy supports USAID's overall goals in helping to establish the rule of law, with security and human rights protections as inherent components of a democratic political order, to promote stability, and to establish a positive enabling environment for economic growth, including commercial activity, investment, and trade. Civilian police assistance may be in support of democracy, humanitarian, economic or other development objectives; however, it is not to be standalone assistance, divorced from other USAID objectives.

The policy sets forth specific guidelines. There is a restriction on assisting civilian police forces that are not under the control of democratic authorities, or, in transition situations, not demonstrably moving toward such control. USAID must consider the country's human rights situation, as well as the level of corruption within the civilian police authority, and approach any assistance with careful consideration of the potential benefits and risks. The following forms of assistance are prohibited: commodity support

for lethal technology or weapons; support for internal intelligence or surveillance operations; and involvement in specific investigations, police actions, and prosecutions.

The Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Democracy and Governance (DCHA/DG), along with the relevant Regional Bureau, is responsible for facilitating Congressional notifications and coordination with other Bureaus and agencies. The requirements for notification and consultation are detailed in the policy. USAID Missions considering assistance should contact DCHA/DG as early as possible in the planning process to ensure application of the policy guidance. Missions should also involve their Regional Legal Advisors early in the planning stage.

DCHA/DG and the Office of Conflict Mitigation and Management (DCHA/CMM) are developing a number of resources to assist field missions in implementing the Policy Guidance and in developing, managing, and evaluating civilian police assistance programs. Resources include:

- Technical Guidance aimed at sharing best practices and approaches in key areas related to civilian police assistance, including expanding rule of law programs to include police, preventing crime through community-based and national strategies, and reducing police corruption.
- Technical Staff, including a full-time police expert, expected to be on staff in early 2007, as well as security sector, conflict, and rule of law experts to assist Missions in conducting assessments, designing new programs, integrating police assistance into ongoing programs, improving monitoring and evaluation, and other technical services as needed.
- Partnerships with a number of organizations and individuals who can provide support for a range of activities, from assessments and program design to implementing and evaluating programs. Many of these organizations and individuals are accessible under existing USAID procurement mechanisms.

DCHA/DG welcomes any queries, questions or updates from the field regarding current or planned activities that involve assistance to civilian police, and appreciates field missions keeping us apprised of activities.

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