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United States Ambassador Thanks USAID/Nigeria's Implementing Partners

United States Ambassador Robin Renée Sanders today expressed the United States Government's gratitude to USAID/Nigeria's implementing partners who implement its development programs in Nigeria. The Ambassador expressed her gratitude while making remarks at USAID's Chiefs of Party Workshop held in Abuja. The Workshop was designed to strengthen and ensure coordination of USAID's development portfolio in Nigeria as well as collaboration with the activities of other donors. Ambassador Sanders noted that it would be impossible for the United States Government to achieve its foreign assistance goals without the hard work and courage of these partners, who sometimes work in challenging environments.

USAID's activities are implemented through contracts and grants to a variety of non-governmental organizations, corporations, and academic institutions. Currently, USAID/Nigeria works with about forty implementing partners, out of which eight are Nigerian. USAID provides assistance to Nigeria to build a sustainable, well-governed democracy; a diversified, poverty-reducing economy; and a healthy, educated population. These goals support the Government of Nigeria's Vision 20:2020. USAID/Nigeria also supports human infrastructure development to help Nigeria achieve the Millennium Development Goals. The workshop was attended by Ambassador Sanders, USAID/Nigeria Mission Director Ray Kirkland and Chiefs of Party and staff.