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- USAID works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential.
- We work in many areas towards this goal, including: health, water and sanitation, agriculture and food security, economic growth and trade, education, democracy and governance.



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- Inadequate access to infrastructure is a key barrier to economic growth. It inhibits access to health care, education, and markets.
- USAID finances the design and construction of energy, roads, communication and water infrastructure, as well as schools and health facilities in more than 60 countries.
- To ensure that infrastructure investments are economically viable, USAID helps to create sustainable local institutions to finance and manage infrastructure and sound legal and regulatory environments to govern its operation.



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USAID's approach to infrastructure is more than just “bricks and mortar.”

USAID supports the development of systems, organizations, and people to support development goals:

- **Feed the Future** supports improvements to water and irrigation systems and expansion of communication services and roads that link farmers to their markets.
- **Global Climate Change** initiative supports energy sector reform, and clean and efficient energy technologies that help countries reduce their overall carbon emissions.
- **The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)** supports innovative platforms to provide health services and treatment that reach more people, increase responsiveness, reduce costs, and save lives.



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Changing the Definition of Infrastructure





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Innovations in Health

- Increasing emphasis on partnerships with government and private sector
- Technology innovations - automated pharmaceutical distribution – Getting services out to where they are needed
- Capacity building



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Linking Food Security to Infrastructure





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Food Security Infrastructure Advances

- Improved water supply & sanitation
- Appropriate agriculture irrigation systems and improved conservation farming
- Warehouse receipt systems - Promotes post-harvest storage for cooperatives: provides farmers with storage solutions, access to financing, and market information that allow farmers to choose when to sell their commodities.



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Food Security Through Regional Integration

- Working with regional structures such as SADC to increase regional trade
- Establishment of National Enquiry Points in countries such as Malawi, Botswana, Lesotho and others, where local business can access a single contact point for information on trade standards and regulations for import and export markets
- Working towards the creation of the National Single Window to enable border and customs efficiency to process trade goods faster



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