TRANSFORMING OUR PROCESSES

ADDRESSING THE AUDIT BACKLOG

Through Transformation, USAID is committed to addressing open audit recommendations from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in a timely manner. In May 2018 the audit recommendation backlog was eliminated ahead of schedule, but the process to ensure the backlog remains eliminated is ongoing.

The Agency maintains a zero-tolerance policy for recommendations in "backlog," which are recommendations that have not been fully implemented by the agreed-upon target action date. The Agency is prioritizing the expeditious resolution of open recommendations.

Oversight bodies such as the GAO and the OIG help USAID maximize every taxpayer dollar spent by identifying areas where the Agency's programs, operations and fiduciary oversight can be more effective and efficient. Strengthening the Agency's audit management process promotes trust and confidence in our important work by ensuring USAID is accountable and transparent to the public.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The Transformation Task Team is leading an Agency-wide effort to review, enhance, and revise USAID's management of audit engagements and recommendations by eliminating the Agency's backlog of unresolved audit recommendations, and developing and implementing practices that strengthen the current program, and reduce the potential for a future backlog.

T3 has been working closely with the relevant Bureaus, Independent Offices, and Missions to create the necessary infrastructure, provide training to USAID personnel, update relevant policy and guidance, streamline existing systems of tracking and reporting, and assist action offices in the timely implementation of recommendations.

KEY DELIVERABLES
- Eliminate the backlog of audit recommendations from the GAO and the OIG [Accomplished May 2018]
- Create and disseminate Agency-wide tools to prevent future cases of audit recommendations going into backlog [Winter 2018 - 2019]
- Build and implement a stronger Agency-wide audit management function [Winter 2018 - 2019]

RESULTS
- Save taxpayer dollars by preventing and responding to fraud, mismanagement, and wasteful practices
- Increase both key stakeholder and public trust in the Agency's fiduciary and programmatic oversight and accountability
- Strengthen USAID's programs and operations by building in effective controls and using our limited resources more efficiently

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