



Office of Inspector General

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The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly
Chairman
Subcommittee on Government Operations
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your June 15, 2020 letter to confirm that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is reviewing USAID's plans and procedures for returning employees to federal offices amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Our assessment, which we intend to complete and issue in August, will focus primarily on the design of USAID's plan for returning its workforce to its facilities, based on limited execution to date under the agency's Phase 1. However, we do plan to conduct some observational testing so we can provide some limited assurance on USAID's execution of its plan to date. It will also draw upon considerations laid out by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) for agencies returning employees to workplaces during pandemics. Because USAID offices overseas fall under U.S. Department of State authority, we will focus our review on USAID offices in the National Capital Region while describing USAID's overseas response under State Department's plan. We are also coordinating our work with the State Department OIG and GAO.

I look forward to providing the results of our assessment in the coming weeks and thank you for your interest in the health and safety of the federal workforce, as well as your support of the Inspector General community. If you or members of your staff have questions about this assessment, or any other aspect of our work or operations, please contact our Director of Congressional and Public Affairs, Andrew Schmidt, at 202-712-1150.

Sincerely,

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