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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### USAID COVID-19 Performance Monitoring

**AGENCY:** United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for emergency OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is announcing that it has submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency approval of a new information collection to inform technical approaches to implementing USAID's COVID-19 Implementation Plan. If granted, this emergency approval will be valid for six months from the date of approval.

**DATES:** If this request for approval is granted, USAID plans to collect performance data for a period of six months, beginning on or about December 15, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Megan McGuire, [mmcguire@usaid.gov](mailto:mmcguire@usaid.gov), +1 (202) 705 6136.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed collection would request reporting from USAID award recipients (Implementing Partners) of performance indicators to be submitted through USAID's Development Information Solution (DIS) on the frequency designated in their awards. This activity-level information, in conjunction with contextual data, will allow USAID to track progress against the objectives of the U.S. Global COVID-19 Response and Recovery Framework. It will be used for adaptive management, evidence-based strategic decision-making, and accountability.

Information will be requested of contracts and grants in the Global VAX surge countries (Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ghana, Lesotho, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia) and for contracts and grants receiving more than \$500,000 in COVID-19 funds obligated after 9/1/2022 in Ethiopia, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Haiti and the Philippines.

### Description of Proposed Use of Information

The performance data would supplement contextual, country-level data currently analyzed by USAID and will provide critical, timely insight into the Agency's COVID-19 response. The collection and reporting of performance indicators by USAID's IPs will facilitate adaptive management, strategic planning, and ensure that COVID-19 response activities are continually aligned with the Agency's primary objectives and the evolving nature of the pandemic. The data will inform the strategic and operational approaches of both the Agency's Washington offices and field-based Missions involved in the COVID-19 response.

### Time Burden

USAID estimates an annual time burden of 333 hours per award or 83 hours per response, assuming most awards report on a quarterly basis. USAID expects that a total of 41 awards will be subject to the information collection requirements; for these awards, the time burden is expected to total 13,653 hours per year, or 6,827 hours for the six-month period specified in the emergency information collection review.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are

required regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by January 9, 2023 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* 7 CFR 764, Direct Loan Making.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0237.

*Summary of Collection:* The Farm Loan Program (FLP) in the Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides loans to family farmers to purchase real estate and equipment and finance agricultural production. The regulation under the 7 CFR 764 covered by this collection describes the policies and procedures that FSA uses to provide supervised credit to FLP applicants requesting direct loan assistance to comply with the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT; Pub. L. 87-128), as amended. Direct loan making information collection requirements include financial and production records of the operation, as