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Re: FOIA Request No. F-00159-20
Final Response

Dear Mr. Tobias:

The U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) regrets the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Unfortunately, USAID is experiencing a backlog of FOIA requests. Please know that USAID management is very committed to providing responses to FOIA requests and remedying the FOIA backlog.

This is the final response to your March 26, 2020 FOIA request to USAID. You requested any written or electronic communication including email, email attachments, memos, guidance and white papers, sent or received by Administrator Mark Green that relate to the Emerging Pandemic Threats program, also known as the PREDICT program funded by USAID that was shuttered in 2019. Specifically, you requested records related to the decision to shutdown, end, and/or stop funding the Predict program, the closure of which was covered in a 2019 New York Times article.

For your information, Congress excluded three (3) discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all of our requesters and should not be construed as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

USAID conducted a comprehensive search of the COVID-19 Taskforce, the Bureau for Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer (M/CIO), and the Bureau for Global Health (GH) for records responsive to your request. Based on this search, no records were identified as responsive to your request. Please note, the PREDICT program has been extended until September 2020.

If you require any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Theresa Morris, the assigned FOIA Specialist by phone on (202) 921-5003 or at thmorris@usaid.gov. You may also contact USAID's FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Colbow, at foia@usaid.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services offered:

Office of Government Information Services
National Records and Archives Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
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You have the right to appeal this "No Records" response. Your appeal must be received by USAID no later than 90 days from the date of this letter. In order for it to be considered an official appeal, please address and send directly to the FOIA Appeal Officer:

Deputy Director, Office of Management Services
U.S. Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
USAID Annex, M/MS, Room 10.8.OD
Washington, DC 20523

If you wish to fax your appeal, the fax number is (202) 916-4990. Both the appeal and envelope should be marked "**FOIA APPEAL.**" Please include your tracking number F-00159-20 in your letter.

There is no charge for this FOIA request. As this concludes the processing of your request, it will be closed.

Thank you for your interest in USAID.

Sincerely,

Adam Abdi

for

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