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USAID Increases Support for Good Governance and Health in Nigeria

Abuja – The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) recently announced additional development assistance to support achieving the development goals outlined in the bilateral Development Objectives Assistance Agreement between the U.S. and Nigerian governments signed in 2015.

Of the new funding, \$25 million will strengthen good governance by supporting state governments' efforts to bolster Nigeria's Open Government Partnership commitments to improve transparency and fight corruption. An additional \$1.5 million will support a healthier, more educated population in targeted states through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), for a total of \$26.5 million in additional assistance.

USAID is also partnering with federal and state health ministries to build stronger health systems with the aim of guaranteeing equitable access to quality healthcare services nationwide. The additional new funding brings the total U.S. government assistance provided under the five-year Development Objectives agreement to \$1.1 billion.

“The United States believes that as the most populous country in Africa, with the largest economy on the continent, Nigeria holds tremendous influence over the future of Africa,” Acting Mission Director Erin Holleran said. “USAID is committed to partnering with the government and the people of Nigeria to address its development challenges.”

USAID collaborated with Nigeria's ministries of Budget and National Planning, Health, Agriculture, Power, and Education, as well as state-level government counterparts to structure the bilateral assistance agreement, which runs through 2020.

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ABOUT USAID: *USAID leads international development and humanitarian efforts to save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance and help people progress beyond assistance through social services, supports transparent and accountable governance, promotes a more market-led economy, and*

enhances Nigeria's capacity as a responsible regional and trade partner. For more information about USAID and its programs, please visit www.usaid.gov

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