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Updated COVID-19 Guidance for USAID Partners

Dear Partners,

USAID has updated its [COVID-19 frequently asked questions](#) for partners. Updates to the document have been highlighted in yellow.

In addition, updates to the memorandum authorizing [COVID-19 flexibilities pursuant to OMB Memorandum M-20-17](#) have been issued to allow assistance recipients flexibility when making budget transfers among direct cost categories in accordance with 2 CFR §200.308(e). This applies to assistance awards that restrict transfers among budget line items when such transfers exceed or are expected to exceed 10 percent of the

total budget. Prior approval for this transfer has been waived when it is a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Recipients must report budget changes made in accordance with this flexibility in writing to the AOR and AO as soon as possible. See the updated memorandum for complete details.

As was highlighted in message issued yesterday, we are requesting that our partners take a voluntary and anonymous survey. Please note that there is no requirement or obligation by USAID partners to complete the survey. Emails of organizations submitting responses will not be collected.

The purpose of this survey is to identify areas of USAID support for partners implementing existing USAID funded activities in the COVID-19 operating environment. Please respond to each question based on the current operating environment in the countries where you work. Please try to complete the survey by May 5th. [Take the voluntary survey here.](#)

In addition, USAID will be hosting a series of regional webinars with Implementing Partners. Highlighted below are registration links along with the dates and times of each regional call. Once you register for the webinar, we will provide a link to the event.

- [Washington, DC, Wednesday, May 6, 2:00-3:00pm EST](#)
- [Latin America and the Caribbean, Thursday, May 7, 2:00-3:00pm EST](#)
- [Europe & Eurasia, Friday, May 8, 9:30 -10:30am EST](#)
- [Middle East and OAPA, Monday, May 11, 7:30-8:30am EST](#)
- [Africa, Tuesday, May 12, 8:00 - 9:00am EST](#)
- [Asia, Tuesday, May 12, 9:00-10:00pm EST](#)

All of the information highlighted above is available on [USAID's COVID-19 partner resources here.](#)

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