



## USAID/Bangladesh Implementing Partner Q&A

(Updated as of August 19, 2024)

### General OD

**Question:** How long will the OD status remain? Does the OD status affect consular services for Bangladeshi Nationals?

**Answer:** As soon as it is safe and reasonable. Daily basis assessment is being done. EAC will meet and discuss this to reverse the OD decision. On August 19, 2024, the OD status will be reviewed and a decision will be made whether OD will continue or not. Second review of OD will be done on September 18, 2024. If the situation continues, OD will be extended.

### Security

**Question:** Will you be providing more specific security information from the RSO to feed to our security people in order to make decisions about returning to Dhaka?

**Answer:** This is a complex security environment. RSO provides general information such as do not travel. For specific information reach out to PLSO Keith Nichols ([keinichols@usaid.gov](mailto:keinichols@usaid.gov)). PLSO will use its contacts with RSO and in the Mission to get you information. RSO is ready to provide best advice based on your individual interest. Take advantage.

**Question:** What is your guidance for organizing events with Government officials in the coming days. What is the posture on hosting public events?

**Answer:** Limiting movements to essentials in the Diplomatic enclave. Meeting within the diplomatic enclave. Find areas safest to do your business. Own security planning matters most. Some meetings, if very important, talk to your AOR/COR. Business needs to continue. The Front Office will discuss with the Chief of Mission (COM) to decide if meetings can take place outside of the Diplomatic enclave. USAID Mission Director attended meetings within the Diplomatic Enclave.

### Acquisition & Assistance

**Question:** With the ongoing political situation in the country, does USAID/Bangladesh anticipate any effect on A&A approvals/transactions for ongoing projects, or timing of any pending new awards?

**Answer:** At this time, USAID/Bangladesh does not anticipate any impact on A&A approvals/transactions for ongoing projects due to the current situation.

**Question:** Is there any indication how the current situation affects funding for existing activities, especially those that have an obligation lasting for the next few months only?

**Answer:** IPs will not have any effect on the funding due to the current situation. Our FY 23 funds are in the process of being obligated in the DOAG. Even if it is delayed for some

reason, we have alternate plans to secure our activity funding. Continue business as usual. If you anticipate anything special, talk to you AOR/COR.

**Question:** What is the stand on forecasted opportunities that are expected to release soon, the ones specially that needs to work closely with the Government (eg: system strengthening) - can we expect any delays?

**Answer:** This question will be answered during the next update of the procurement plan and Business Forecast.