

Navigating the New Era of Foreign Aid

Since its founding in 2008, the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN) has been on the frontlines of foreign assistance reform, regardless of changing political landscapes or shifts in leadership in Congress or the White House. A bipartisan coalition representing international development and foreign policy practitioners and policy experts, MFAN is a widely respected thought leader, convener, advocate, and trusted resource for policymakers on both sides of the aisle.

Our Mission

MFAN believes that U.S. development and humanitarian assistance are key instruments for America's influence, strength, peace, and prosperity. These programs not only save lives, they advance national interests, spur economic development, strengthen alliances, and promote stability.

At a time of unprecedented uncertainty for international assistance, MFAN works with our members and partners, Congress, the Administration, and other stakeholders to advance policies and reforms that will enhance international assistance's effectiveness and its return on investment for U.S. taxpayers. We provide actionable ideas and recommendations for policy measures and legislation.

Our Policy Priorities

On behalf of our partners and members, MFAN works on key issues, including aid accountability and transparency; locally led solutions, aid systems and structures; innovations in development; private sector engagement; and development finance.

Our Members

Organizations

CARE
Center for Global Development
Catholic Relief Services
Counterpart International
FHI 360
Give Directly
Global Communities
Mathematica
One Acre Fund
Oxfam
Plan International USA
Publish What You Fund
RTI International
Save the Children US

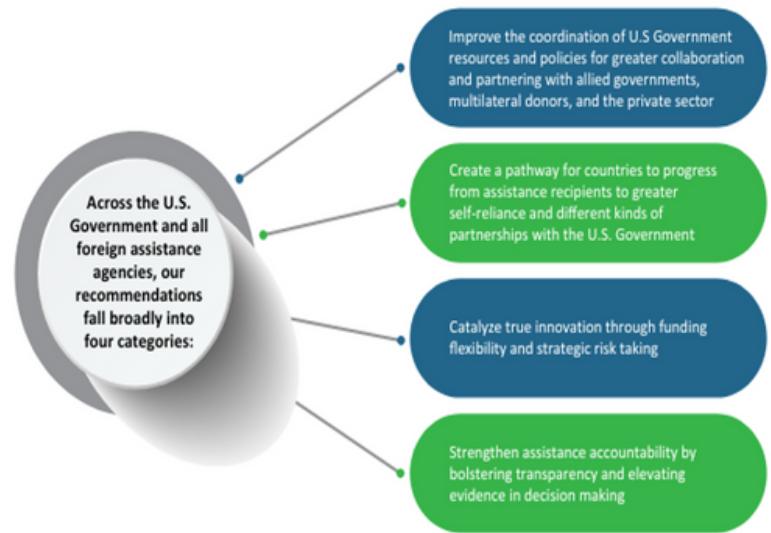
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MFAN Hosts Congressional Staff Briefing - April 15

MFAN is a leading voice at the forefront of defining the new landscape for U.S. international assistance. We develop timely and actionable recommendations to guide the future of U.S. development and humanitarian assistance.



Our Legacy & Impact

- MFAN was the first group to release (in March 2025) recommendations for the State-USAID reorganization. After convening an ideologically diverse group of former Republican and Democratic officials, foreign policy experts, and leading development practitioners, in July 2025 we released a comprehensive set of recommendations to guide the future of U.S. foreign assistance.
- In 2023, we led the relaunch of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus for Effective Foreign Assistance, under the new leadership of co-chairs Reps. Young Kim (R-CA) and Adam Smith (D-WA). We have hosted several congressional staff briefings in conjunctions with Caucus – three in the first half of 2025 alone.
- MFAN has helped with the formulation of several major bipartisan foreign assistance bills, including the Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2016 (FATAA) and the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (BUILD Act), which created the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.
- We successfully advocated for the elevation of USAID as a permanent member of the National Security Council under the last Administration, and we worked with USAID and Congress to bolster the agency's locally led development and use of strong and transparent metrics.