

# FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

## DATA REVIEW

An initiative led by the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources (D-MR), the Office of Management Policy, Rightsizing, and Innovation (M/PRI), and the Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources (F)

## WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The Department of State plays a key role in U.S. foreign assistance and is committed to tracking and openly providing foreign assistance data to improve development outcomes and meet transparency commitments.

**The Foreign Assistance Data Review (FADR) is an effort to better understand and document the Department's current foreign assistance data environment and recommend a path forward.**

The FADR was chartered because the Department does not have a standard business process to capture foreign assistance activity in its multiple budget, financial, and program management systems. This impacts the Department's ability to manage activities, coordinate with others effectively, make data-driven decisions, report accurately to external audiences, and meet transparency commitments.

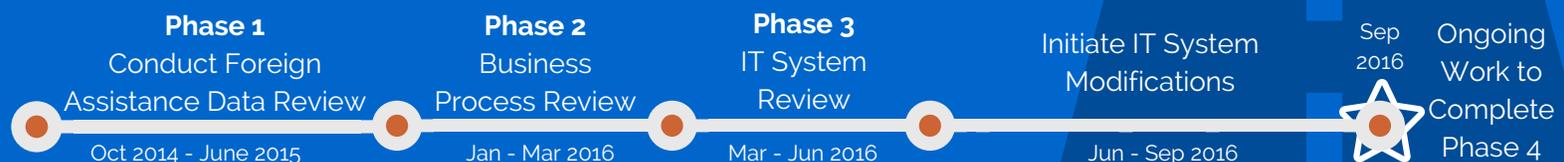
## WHAT DID IT FIND?



- + There is no standard business process for foreign assistance program management.
- + While a sizable portion of foreign assistance budget, financial, and program data exist in centralized systems, there is limited integration between systems, requiring office-specific, ad hoc workarounds for storing and/or analyzing missing data.
- + The level of transactional detail required by OMB Bulletin No. 12-01 is more than existing financial and program systems can handle, leading to substantial data gaps.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- ★ Develop a standard business process to manage foreign assistance funds and programs (Phase 2).
- ★ Identify requirements to change existing systems and requirements for new systems (Phase 3).
- ★ Develop an integrated system solution, including standards and governance, to meet all requirements of the foreign assistance business process (Phase 4).



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