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# USAID RULE OF LAW AND SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE RESOURCES

## SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE PROJECT

### **OVERVIEW**

Security actors and systems play a critical role in advancing USAID priorities and development. USAID has played an important role in establishing, maintaining, and improving security through its technical and material support to the security sector via human rights and justice actors, including police, judicial, legal, prison, military, and paramilitary institutions. This also includes stated and civilian-oversight mechanisms such as parliaments, national ombudsmen, inspectors general, and civil society and media actors. As part of this work, USAID supports security sector governance (SSG), which is the set of policies, plans, programs, and activities that a government implements to provide services that promote safety, security, human rights, and justice in an effective, transparent, and accountable manner responsive to the needs of the public.

### **USAID Rule of Law and Security Sector Governance Resources**

USAID's global SSG project, implemented by Chemonics International, provided technical, analytical, and material assistance to USAID missions on SSG and reform. The SSG project also provided USAID officers worldwide with tools and resources to assist in the design, implementation, and evaluation of SSG and Rule of Law (ROL) related programs.

Below are a list of recent SSG and ROL resources now available on USAID's Technical Publications on Democracy, Rights and Governance (DRG) [website](#):

[Rule of Law Practitioners' Guide](#) (July 2020) - This guide is designed for USAID personnel engaged in the day-to-day practice of ROL programming. It is intended to supplement the 2010 *ROL Strategic Framework* with an examination of innovative tools, processes, and lessons learned gathered over the past ten years of both development and ROL programming that can strengthen future ROL program design and implementation by expanding on the tools, objectives, and necessary considerations at each stage of the program cycle. This includes discussion applying thinking and working politically, adaptive management, and co-creation to ROL program design and implementation.

[Designing and Implementing Court Automation Projects](#) (August 2019) - This guide provides USAID personnel an overview of court automation and guidance to enable them to ask the right questions when deciding whether to support a request for court automation assistance. It also highlights best practices drawn from prior experience in the design and implementation of court automation projects, to ensure that they provide the expected benefits to court managers and users. A companion training is available for continual learning points on USAID University, as well as a [public version](#) available on USAID's YouTube channel.

[Non-State Justice System Programming – A Practitioner's Guide](#) (June 2019) - This guide is intended to assist USAID personnel in designing, implementing, and monitoring rule of law programs that include support for community-level non-state justice systems (NSJSs). It serves as a digest of techniques used by donors in supporting such NSJSs and offers guidance on best practices and lessons learned, including a sample scope of work (SOW) that may be used as a starting point for future support programs. A companion training is available for continual learning points on USAID University, as well as a [public version](#) available on USAID's YouTube channel.

[Rule of Law and Security Sector Governance Indicators Guide](#) (January 2021) – The purpose of this guide is to support USAID personnel design and manage ROL and SSG projects and activities. It is organized by type of program objective to make it easy to identify which indicators are appropriate for each type of programming. It includes information on 521 indicators, 226 of which are publicly available. The guide also describes how USAID uses indicators, presents the characteristics of a good indicator, discusses gender considerations in collecting data, and provides recommended baskets of indicators that include publicly available data and relevant standard foreign assistance indicators where applicable.

[Inventory of USAID Security Sector Governance and Institution Building Programs](#) (January 2019) – This resource provides a list of USAID security sector governance and reform-related programs. Programs are categorized by sector and provide a broad sampling of the types of SSG and related activities that USAID can undertake in to support good governance and rule of law, conflict prevention, mitigation and response, reintegration and reconciliation, and other activities that build civilian capacity to manage, oversee, and provide security and justice.

[Effectiveness of Police Accountability Mechanisms](#) (August 2020) - This study of police accountability mechanisms within SSR programming provides USAID personnel with evidence and examples of

effective mechanisms for strengthening and improving police by drawing upon systematic studies, anecdotal evidence, and best practices and lessons learned identified by police accountability experts and programmers.

[Gender and Security Sector Reform Toolkit](#) (January 2021) – This toolkit is designed to assist USAID personnel in assessing, designing, and implementing SSG and reform-oriented projects. It does so by providing a roadmap on how to successfully incorporate gender perspectives into the program lifecycle. This roadmap discusses the relationship between SSG and gender, presents key gender issues within the sector, and provides guidance on integrating gender into institution-specific issues and reforms.

[Security Sector Assistance E-module Training](#) (May 2020) –This training explains best practices on how USAID helps shape partner country policies and actions in the security sector in order to build the capacity and effectiveness of legitimate institutions to provide security and safety for their people. This links to the YouTube video, but the training is also available for continual learning points on USAID University.

[Security Sector Governance and Justice Indicators Guide](#) (June 2019) - This guide provides guidance on how to best define, collect, and use key indicators to monitor and evaluate security sector assistance activities and programs implemented by USAID. It also provides recommended outcome indicators and additional output indicators for problem-sets specific to SSG, e.g., crime and violence prevention, improving customs and border management, improving community policing, etc.

[Security Sector Institution Building Toolkit](#) (December 2017) - This guide provides an overview of tools and approaches related to institution building programming. It is designed to highlight best practices that are applicable to security sector reform (SSR), to identify objectives for SSR programming and considerations, and guide readers through the process of strengthening government institutions in the security sector.

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