

Report to Congress
U.S. Agency for International Development
Implementation of Public Law 115-435
Foundations for Evidence-Based Policy-Making Act
Reporting Year: 2022

As required by the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policy Making Act (the Evidence Act), this report outlines the status of the U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID’s) compliance with the requirements of USAID’s Chief Data Officer (CDO) as outlined in 44 U.S.C. §3520(e).

Background

The Evidence Act requires that the Chief Data Officer “submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives an annual report on the compliance of the agency with the requirements of this subchapter [Subchapter I], including information on each requirement that the agency could not carry out and, if applicable, what the agency needs to carry out such requirement.” The status of USAID’s compliance with each requirement of 44 U.S.C. §3520(e) is outlined below. USAID’s compliance efforts with these requirements are ongoing.

EVIDENCE ACT REQUIREMENTS	
(a) (b) CDO Designation and Qualifications	
Requirement	Status Narrative
Head of the Agency designated a qualified, nonpolitical appointee employee as Chief Data Officer (CDO)	The USAID Administrator designated Brandon Pustejovsky as CDO in June 2019. From July 21 to August 7, 2020, USAID recruited competitively via USAJobs.gov for a full-time CDO that met the qualifications specified by the Evidence Act and OMB memorandum M-19-23 . USAID selected Brandon Pustejovsky for this position on April 7, 2021.