DIASPORAS: SEEDING DEVELOPMENT
USAID PARTNERS WITH DIASPORAS TO GROW DEVELOPMENT IMPACT.

WHAT IS A DIASPORA?
Diaspora is a term of self-identification used by a community of people who live outside of a shared country of origin, ancestry, or affinity but maintain active connections with it. The U.S. has the largest number of global diaspora members of any country in the world.

62 MILLION AMERICANS ARE 1ST OR 2ND GENERATION DIASPORA. THAT'S 1 IN 5 AMERICANS.

WHY DIASPORAS MATTER:
With roots around the world, diasporans are uniquely positioned to amplify & sustain global growth.

FIRST RESPONDERS: Diasporans are typically some of the first to volunteer in countries that are disaster affected. Each year, 200,000 American diaspora volunteer abroad.

KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS: Diaspora organizations are reversing “brain drain” into a “brain gain” through expanded networks that transfer skills & knowledge between countries of affinity or countries of origin.

INNOVATORS & PIONEERS: Diasporans have long been among the most influential thought leaders and idea pioneers worldwide. Foreign-born entrepreneurs founded 1/4 of U.S. technology startups the past 6 years.

1/4 VOLUNTEERS

$440 BILLION
FINANCIAL FRONTRUNNERS: Today diaspora communities are at the forefront of investments in frontier and emerging markets. Diasporans invested $440 BILLION in low- and middle-income countries in 2015 alone through remittances.

JOB CREATORS: Diasporans use their unique insights and experiences to start businesses. More than 40% of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or their children.

40%

ROOTS OF GROWTH
USAID WORKS WITH DIASPORAS TO:

GROW INVESTMENTS:
USAID partners to design platforms that mobilize diaspora philanthropy, giving and financial investment.

GROW NETWORKS:
USAID creates opportunities for mentorship, collaborations & collaborative ways to leverage diaspora skills and expertise for development.

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