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# COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

on **USAID's Draft  
Program Statement**

**“Higher Education  
Partnership for  
Innovation and Impact”**

- HED ending in 2015
- Higher Education Coordinator soon to be announced
- What is an APS?
  - “When USAID intends to support a variety of creative approaches towards developing methodologies to assess and implement development objective activities, the Agency may use an Annual Program Statement (APS) to notify potential applicants about these funding opportunities.”
  - Open for an extended period of time – 6 months, 1 year or longer.

- Other APS's include:
  - Development Innovation Ventures
  - The Global Development Alliance
  - Mexico Partnership Program

# WHAT WE KNOW

- Generally a two step process:
  1. Submit a short concept paper
  2. Upon invitation, submit a full proposal.

- Some APS's set up different categories with funding ranges for each, such as:

Stage 1: Proof of Concept/Initial Testing – Awards of \$25,000 to \$150,000 (up to 2 years)

Stage 2: Testing and Positioning for Scale – Awards of \$150,000 to \$1,500,000 (up to 3 years)

Stage 3: Transitioning Proven Solutions to Scale (up to 5 years)

Category A: Awards of \$1.5M to \$6M

Category B: Awards of \$6M to \$15M

# WHAT WE KNOW

- The HEPII APS is probably around 30 pages long.
- Final APS is expected mid-April.

# TODAY'S DISCUSSION

1. Questions? (10 minutes)
2. Comments on the four pages we were given by USAID (10 minutes)
3. Wish list for the APS (rest of the webinar)

# AFTER TODAY'S DISCUSSION

1. APLU will submit a collective statement to USAID. (We will share this with all webinar participants and anyone else who requests it.)
2. We encourage all of you to send individual comments to USAID.



1. We have muted everyone so that the line remains clear.

2. Two ways to participate:

- To speak, click the raise your hand button on your screen so we can unmute you.
- Submit comments and questions via the question box.

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