

RECENT DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNOUNCEMENT RESUMING OPERATIONS

Dear Colleagues,

The U.S. Department of State has taken steps to resume most personnel operations and fund salaries beginning with Pay Period Two, which starts on January 20, 2019. As a result, all State Department U.S. Direct-Hire employees and State Department locally employed staff have been instructed to return to work on January 20/22.

This decision does not apply to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and at this time there is no change in the operating status of the Agency. For instance, U.S. Direct-Hire employees deemed “exempt” or “excepted” should still report to work on January 20/22, 2019, and those currently deemed “furloughed” should not. Similarly, there is no change in the status of our Foreign Service National staff.

In an effort to align more closely with the State Department, at this time we are consulting with the Office of Management and Budget and Congress to assess all options that would enable USAID to bring staff back to work in a paid status for restricted operations as soon as possible. Please continue to refer to the external USAID website for updates and additional information on the lapse in appropriations, which we will make available as quickly as we can.

I recognize that the lapse in appropriations continues to pose hardships for USAID staff around the world. I appreciate your service and dedication to our mission.

Sincerely,

Mark Green