



## USAID Climate Integration Support Facility (CISF) Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA)

### Scope of Work

**Task 1: Support for Missions and Bureaus:** Providing in-person and remote facilitation and technical assistance to USAID field missions and pillar and regional bureaus for climate risk management and other climate change efforts. This can include assessments and analyses to inform climate risk management and integration of climate change in the design and implementation of USAID programming as well as focused adaptation and mitigation programming.

- ✓ *In 2016, we helped USAID create strategy-, project-, and activity-level tools for climate risk screening and assessment that provide a practical, replicable approach for understanding climate risks, meeting the demand-driven need that we consistently hear from agency staff.*
- ✓ *We have conducted more than 100 impact, vulnerability, or risk assessments for development agencies, international lenders, federal agencies, corporations, cities, NGOs, and UN agencies. Our staff are currently playing key roles in leading the U.S. National Climate Assessment and facilitating the IPCC process. We co-authored [USAID's guide to Climate Vulnerability Assessment](#).*
- ✓ *We have led complex analyses that marry an in-depth understanding of climate change together with engineering-level analyses, such as the award-winning series of analyses we conducted for energy utilities examining potential impacts of climate change on operations.*
- ✓ *In our USAID Dominican Republic work, we are empowering municipal decision makers with feasible approaches to help them achieve their multi-sectoral objectives of expanding tourism, improving health services, and upgrading transportation services through integration of CRM into land use and municipal planning.*
- ✓ *The ICF Team can help Missions and Bureaus demonstrate a series of early successes upon which they can build, using "[Fast-Track Implementation](#)," an accelerated, no-regrets process for managing key climate risks using time-tested and readily implementable measures.*
- ✓ *The ICF Team has created multiple tools that empower end users to utilize the best available climate model output, including the [CMIP Climate Data Processing Tool](#), part of USG's Climate Resilience Toolkit, that extracts climate model output and tailors it to particular decisions using indices that are tied to key climate sensitivities.*

**Task 2: Capacity Building, Communications, and Knowledge Management:** Producing country-, regional-, and program-level climate change risk profiles and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions fact sheets, training development and delivery, and additional capacity building, communications products and knowledge management to support climate risk management and climate change efforts.

- ✓ *The ICF's Team approach to building capacity, communicating, and managing knowledge related to climate change and development integrates existing high-quality systems and platforms with innovative new approaches.*
- ✓ *Our capacity-building approach blends scientific analysis and tools from leading international training programs, with seasoned trainers and the experience of USAID projects including the Low Emissions Development Program (LEAD), African and Latin American Resilience to Climate Change (ARCC), and Forest Carbon Markets and Communities (FCMC) which have used objective-based and skills-building courses for USAID staff in Bureaus and Missions on vulnerability assessment, Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Plus (REDD+) finance, forest carbon monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV), and National Inventory Systems and other topics.*
- ✓ *Our state-of-the-art communications capabilities drive innovation in public and private sector communications, with examples ranging from a program of south-south peer learning under the USAID Climate Change Resilient Development (CCRD), social media under LEAD, cutting-edge tools for MRV under Resources to Advance LEDS Implementation (RALI), and other avenues such as LinkedIn, WhatsApp, blogs, etc. These approaches complement our strong capabilities in conventional communications media such as workshops, newsletters, and fact sheets.*
- ✓ *The ICF's Team range of experience across all sectors and presence working for dozens of Missions allows us to anticipate the communications and knowledge management (KM) needs across the agency and its partners, allowing us to efficiently propose and develop the right information and utilize the best communication pathways to reach the target audience to maximize impact within the available budget.*

**Task 3: Learning and Thought Leadership:** Supporting a robust monitoring, evaluation, and learning agenda that will measure and document results, as well as continuing to build USAID's expertise and connect stakeholders to latest field findings and best practices in climate risk management, climate change integration, and focused adaptation and mitigation programming.

- ✓ *Drawing on our extensive experience with USAID's monitoring and evaluation (M&E) processes (e.g., MEASURE Evaluation, which ICF has supported since 1998), we can help to evolve evaluation processes from examination of inputs and outputs increasingly toward outcomes and impacts of CRM and mitigation investments. These include post-disaster evaluations and assessments of resilience; new evaluations of USAID's Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS); a systematic approach for evaluating the climate resilience of new construction that draws from our experience developing climate-resilient engineering guidance for the transportation sector; and a framework for assessing the GHG footprint of CDCS, complementing the USAID CLEER tool.*
- ✓ *Under the CCRD project, ICF led the development of a series of thought leadership papers on an array of topics including Informing Climate-Resilient Development in Data Sparse Regions; Using DHS Data to Inform Climate-Resilient Development; and others.*
- ✓ *A relevant model for monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) and adaptive management is the work that the ICF Team has done with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), where we played a lead role in designing the agency's climate adaptation framework and helped them test, evaluate, implement, and adaptively refine their strategic approach.*
- ✓ *The ICF Team contributed to the development of a [USAID Guide on Climate Change and Conflict](#).*