



July 31, 2024

The Honorable Joni Ernst
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Ernst:

Thank you for your letter of May 29, 2024, to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) regarding the status of any Agency funding to the EcoHealth Alliance (EHA). USAID confirms that on May 15, 2024 it suspended additional funding to EHA for the Conservation Works Activity in Liberia. USAID does not have any other direct awards with EHA, nor is USAID aware of the Agency providing any indirect USAID funding, including subawards, to EHA at this time.

Additionally, in accordance with the best interest of the Agency, USAID has decided to end all ongoing activities with EHA and is currently concluding an orderly termination of the aforementioned activity in Liberia.

We are pleased to provide the following responses to your questions below:

- **Active projects:** USAID suspended new funding to EHA on May 15, 2024, and USAID has terminated the EcoHealth Alliance Cooperative Agreement, Conservation Works Activity, Award Number 72066921CA00006, which will be effective as of August 15, 2024 following an orderly close-out that is currently underway.
 - The project supported biodiversity and conservation efforts in Liberia by establishing and improving the management of protected areas and supporting ecotourism and income generation.
- **Confirm suspension:** Health and Human Services' (HHS) action to suspend EHA on May 15, 2024, applied to all U.S. government agencies, including all USAID programs. Since that date, no further obligations of incremental funding have been provided into the existing cooperative agreement with EHA, and as noted above, the award has been terminated effective as of August 15, 2024, subject to an official appeal by EHA.
- **Data access and retention:**
 - USAID has access to all activity data submitted by EcoHealth Alliance for the Conservation Works Activity pursuant to USAID's development data policy and provisions in the Conservation Works cooperative agreement.
 - EcoHealth Alliance served as a subgrantee on the PREDICT-2 project from 2014-2020. The PREDICT-2 project worked to illuminate both the threat that

emerging viruses pose to us, as well as the impact that strategic investments can have on rapid disease detection and response. Pursuant to USAID's development data policy and provisions in the PREDICT-2 cooperative agreement, U.C. Davis submitted PREDICT-2 data to the USAID Data Development Library (DDL) between March 2020 and August 2021 (PREDICT-2 Datasets). USAID has published PREDICT-2 Datasets submitted by U.C. Davis from countries where the PREDICT-2 project worked, including the People's Republic of China, at different levels of access in the DDL in accordance with the processes set forth in USAID's ADS Chapter 579.

Thank you for your inquiry and the opportunity to respond to your concerns. We appreciate your interest in our work and your efforts to ensure our foreign assistance funding is managed effectively and efficiently. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at dmccurdy@usaid.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McCurdy', written in a cursive style.

Daphne McCurdy
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