



Urban-Rural Linkages: How Cities Promote Sustainable Economic Growth

A training opportunity for USAID officers
to share, interact and learn from experts and from each other.

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What topics will be addressed? Urban and rural areas are inextricably linked. When designing programs, it is no longer a question of choosing urban or rural. Instead, it's about pursuing integrated approaches that strengthen the linkages between rural and urban areas in developing and transition countries.

“Urban-Rural Linkages” will explore the role of cities of all sizes -- from small market towns and secondary cities to mega-cities and capitals -- in USAID’s development objectives. Participants will learn about the flows of people, food, power, money and information between rural and urban areas. We will share successful USAID interventions that strengthen these flows and promote economic growth. We will also learn from less successful interventions – ones that have weakened the linkages between urban and rural areas. Specific topics will include:

- People flows - Urban-Rural migration patterns and implications and how HIV/AIDS may be altering migration patterns
- The role of market towns in adding value to agricultural production
- Food Flows - Agricultural Product flows between rural and urban areas, including food security
- Money flows – Capital investment in the private sector in urban and rural areas and infrastructure investments that stimulate urban/rural economic growth
- Power flows – How decentralization policies can strengthen urban/rural linkages

Who should attend? *Urban-Rural Linkages* is open to all USAID officers with varying levels of experience, including seasoned USAID officers and new employees and direct and non-direct hire (PSC, RSSA, FSN, CASU, etc.). Priority will be given to field officers and those who are awaiting field placement (i.e. NEPs and IDIs). The course should be of interest to USAID staff working in a variety of sectors including agriculture, economic growth and urban development.

How to enroll? Just complete these two easy steps: (1) Complete the registration questionnaire at <http://inside.usaid.gov/off-pr/urbanquestionnaire.htm> and (2) Submit a signed training form SF-182 to Vickie Clark EGAT/PR/UP (vclark@usaid.gov) (or fax (202) 216-3174). The form is available at <http://tcoweb.usaid.gov/forms/sf-182.doc>. Enroll early. Our last course was oversubscribed and prospective participants were turned away. Deadline for enrollment is August 30.

Additional information? This training is sponsored by the Urban Programs’ Team of the Poverty Reduction Office of the EGAT Bureau and will be held at the Urban Institute, 2100 M Street, NW in Washington, DC. There is no tuition cost, but sponsoring Missions will pay for the travel costs of their participants. Additional information (location, nearby hotels, course outline, etc.) is available at www.makingcitieswork.org, then click on “Urban-Rural Linkages Course”. You can also contact Vickie Clark (vclark@usaid.gov) or Faye Haselkorn (fhaselkorn@usaid.gov) for more information.

