

- USAID managed about \$10 Billion last year
- Development Assistance (DA) - \$1.6 Billion
- Economic Support Funds (ESF) - \$2.6 Billion
- International Disaster Assistance (IDA) - \$0.6 Billion
- Child Survival Funds - \$1.5 Billion
- Food For Peace (PL-480) - \$1 Billion
- HIV/AIDS - \$1 Billion
- Iraq - \$1 Billion
- Other - \$0.5 Billion



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Setting the Stage for Success

Following the invasion of Iraq in 2003, US Marine Expeditionary Forces (MEFs) and US Army Divisions deploying to Iraq and later Afghanistan were increasingly faced with missions including both familiar kinetic lines of operation (combat and security operations) and much less familiar non-kinetic lines of operation (economic and governance stabilization).

CHALLENGE

To help MEFs succeed in their mission of providing support to non-kinetic lines of operation, the Marine Corps wanted to connect senior staff with pertinent information about efforts already underway in their destination prior to deployment.

SOLUTION

At the request of the Marine Corps, and funded through DoD's Business Transformation Agency, IDB designed and built a two-day pre-deployment roundtable for the First Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF). The course design featured:

- Participation from representatives across US government agencies, NGOs, and international organizations active in the I MEF unit's assigned area of responsibility
- Exercises designed to present I MEF senior staff with a wide range of information on the approaches and challenges related to governance and economic operations in their destination
- Review of specific operations plans, programs, initiatives, action items, and lessons learned from prior operations activities
- Discussions on regulatory, administrative, and financial impediments to effective operations

RESULTS

- Drove significant impact on optimizing stabilization and economic revitalization planning and execution efforts
- Engendered cooperation between military and civilian components of stability operations efforts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and beyond
- Established relationships among course participants to facilitate continuing information exchanges
- Led to the delivery of 16 more pre-deployment roundtables as troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan