COVID-19 has created many challenges for USTDA and its overseas and U.S. partners. USTDA remains committed first and foremost to everyone’s safety and security, and also seeks to continue to provide support for the Agency’s numerous activities around the globe.

Work constraints caused by the emergency measures in place to combat COVID-19, including travel restrictions and social distancing requirements, are having a substantial impact on the completion of many ongoing activities. We would like to assure those who are working with us, including U.S. companies and contractors as well as our local partners in the countries in which we operate, that we are proceeding with flexibility and an eye to practical solutions, as we all navigate the evolving circumstances. Such flexibilities include, but are not limited to, travel and contract periods of performance.

Accordingly, we are increasing our normal outreach efforts to those implementing USTDA activities, to determine if adjustments are necessary for our activities to help them proceed under the current circumstances.

Critical for such adjustments is that the parties to USTDA activities discuss potential changes with USTDA prior to taking any action. As always, contract requirements and the Terms of Reference of USTDA activities govern the work that is to be completed. The potential to make adjustments to USTDA activities has always been in place, and the first step has always been and continues to be to discuss options with USTDA staff. This will allow for orderly and appropriate adjustments to be made. If you are a contractor on a USTDA direct contract or are sponsoring and/or participating in any USTDA-sponsored activity, please reach out to your USTDA contact(s) as soon as possible to discuss the status of your activity.

As always, USTDA continues to look forward to supporting our contractors and partners in the United States and other countries in implementing mutually beneficial economic development projects.