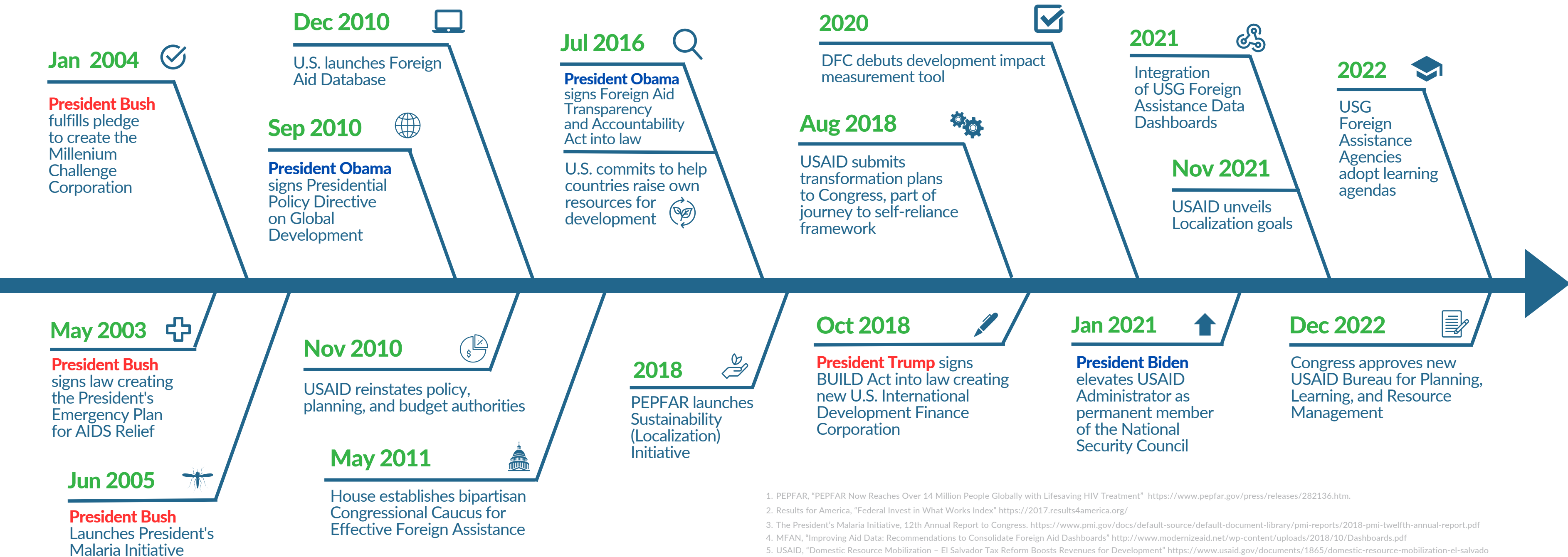


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President Bush Signs Law Creating the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) – May 2003

President Bush proposes PEPFAR in January 2003, and it is signed into law in May. The creation of PEPFAR marks a significant increase in funding to combat global HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria and prioritizes a data driven approach and sustainability.

President Bush Fulfills Pledge to Create Millennium Challenge Corporation – Jan 2004

The MCC is created with strong bipartisan support as an innovative and independent U.S. foreign aid agency focused on a competitive selection of partner countries that are committed to good governance, economic freedom, investments in their citizens, country ownership, and results.

President Bush Launches President's Malaria Initiative – Jun 2005

President Bush launches PMI, a multi-agency collaboration led by USAID. A new type of initiative, PMI prioritizes leveraging partnerships, transparency of operating plans and contracts, and a focus on select countries.

President Obama Signs Presidential Policy Directive on Global Development – Sep 2010

President Obama signs first-ever PPD on Global Development, which emphasizes sustainable development through country ownership and mutual accountability. It also reaffirms development as one of the core aspects of U.S. foreign policy along with diplomacy and defense, consistent with President Bush's National Security Strategy.

USAID Reinstates Policy, Planning, and Budget Authorities – Nov 2010

USAID launches the USAID Forward initiative, an internal reform agenda to boost agency effectiveness through results-driven approaches, enhanced partnerships with local actors, and a strong emphasis on evaluation and transparency.

U.S. Launches Foreign Aid Database – Dec 2010

ForeignAssistance.gov is launched as the first central location where all U.S. foreign aid data is to be made public and user-friendly in the International Aid Transparency Initiative standard for data transparency.

House Establishes Bipartisan Congressional Caucus for Effective Foreign Assistance – May 2011

Reps. Ander Crenshaw (R-FL) and Adam Smith (D-WA) launch the bipartisan foreign aid effectiveness caucus. In 2017, Rep. Ted Yoho (R-FL) becomes the new CCEFA Co-Chair, alongside Rep. Smith, and the Caucus expands to the Senate under co-chairs Senators Chris Coons (D-DE) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA).

President Obama Signs Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act into Law – July 2016

Sponsored by Reps. Ted Poe (R-TX) and Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Ben Cardin (D-MD), this bipartisan legislation establishes the first cross-agency transparency, monitoring, and evaluation standards for agencies that administer foreign assistance.

U.S. Commits to Help Countries Raise Own Resources for Development – July 2016

USAID launches the first of its pilot programs in Liberia as part of the U.S. commitment to double support for technical cooperation for domestic resource mobilization (DRM) by 2020. DRM programs -- run through USAID, Treasury, State and the MCC -- are geared to help developing countries raise and invest more of their own funding and resources for programs to improve their citizens' health, education, and economic well-being.

PEPFAR Launches Sustainability (Localization) Initiative – 2018

PEPFAR head Amb. Birx announces landmark initiative to shift 70% of all PEPFAR funding to local partners by 2020.

USAID Submits Transformation Plans to Congress, Part of Journey to Self-Reliance Framework – Aug 2018

In response to the Trump administration's call for government-wide reorganization, USAID plans to overhaul the agency based on Administrator Mark Green's Journey to Self-Reliance framework, aligned with MFAN's recommendations. The proposal aims to strengthen policy and budget coherence, responsiveness to the field, and sustained impact.

President Trump signs BUILD Act Creating new U.S. International Development Finance Corporation – Oct 2018

Sponsored by Sens. Bob Corker (R-TN) and Chris Coons (D-DE) and Reps. Tod Yoho (R-FL) and Adam Smith (D-WA), and supported by MFAN, the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development (BUILD) Act creates the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation to significantly expand the USG's capabilities to harness private sector financing for development.

DFC debuts development impact measurement tool – 2020

DFC unveils its Impact Quotient (IQ), a new framework for assessing the development impact of prospective projects on growth, inclusion, and innovation and measuring these impacts over a project's lifecycle.

President Biden elevates USAID Administrator as Permanent Member of the National Security Council – Jan 2021

As part of the nomination of Amb. Samantha Power as USAID Administrator, the Biden Administration elevates the USAID Administrator as a permanent member of the National Security Council. This move is a long-time goal of MFAN, given the critical role that development and humanitarian work plays in achieving U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives.

Integration of USG Foreign Assistance Data Dashboards – 2021

The State Department's ForeignAssistance.gov website and USAID's separate foreign aid dashboard are integrated in 2021, helping improve data quality and funding accountability of foreign aid programming, pursuant to Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act (FATAA) of 2016.

USAID Unveils Localization Targets – Nov 2021

Administrator Power pledges that 25% of USAID's funding will be implemented through local actors by 2025 and 50% of its programming will be shaped by local voices by 2030. These targets mark an important step in advancing localization and build on past efforts undertaken by the Obama and Trump Administrations and Congress.

USG Foreign Assistance Agencies Adopt Learning Agendas – 2022

USAID adopts its first ever agency-wide Self Reliance Learning Agenda in 2019 and updated the Agency Learning Agenda in 2022, in keeping with the requirements of the Evidence Act and to reflect current agency priorities. The State Department published a new Learning Agenda in 2022, also as required by the Evidence Act.

Congress Approves new USAID Bureau for Planning, Learning, and Resource Management – Dec 2022

Congress approves USAID's proposal to merge the Office of Budget and Resource Management with the Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning - creating a new Bureau for Planning, Learning, and Resource Management. Strengthening USAID's policy, planning and budget authority has long been an MFAN priority, in recognition that these capabilities are vital to enhancing the effectiveness and accountability of U.S. foreign assistance.