

ASIA EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES (AEO)

SCOPE:

The AEO contract provides analytical services to USAID Asia Missions and the USAID Asia Bureau as needed through a diverse portfolio of sub-task orders. The scope encompasses the data and analysis needed to anticipate and respond to development opportunities and challenges including those presented by the COVID-19 pandemic in a variety of sectors including democracy, governance, peace, and security (DGPS), wildlife crime, health, human rights, energy, and information and communication technologies (ICT); utilizing that data, research, and analysis in policy, strategy, and program development. Within this context, the contract supports USAID's efforts to shape a more stable and prosperous Asia region that advances American security and economic interests, with a focus on the following three strategic objectives (not to be achieved in sectoral silos): (1) Fostering inclusive and equitable growth, especially important in light of the region's youth bulge needing jobs, (2) Promoting and strengthening democratic institutions, including judicial and legislative, and (3) Improving natural resource management and resilience to common issues that plague Asia. The technical services apply evidence driven strategies developed from research, program and impact evaluations.

IMPACT:

Program evaluation and data analysis has been a key underlying component of the activities delivered to the Asia Bureau and Missions under this contract. Equally relevant and important is the emphasis and requirements for learning, knowledge management, and dissemination of evaluation and research results. Beyond analysis, Integra has been entrusted with capacity building, dissemination, and learning initiatives across senior management within

the Bureau and specific Missions. AEO is demand driven and solutions oriented. In addition to requirements for diverse technical skills, exceptional project management has been required to ensure that task orders are effectively structured at the activity level, and staffed with reliable technical teams. Project schedule, financial, and logistical management (e.g. virtual solutions due to COVID-19, procurement, data management, and travel once resumed) are demonstrated key skills that have driven successful delivery. Technical expertise is consistently delivered in short time frames and assistance can be provided across all sectors.

"Integra was exceptional in its response time to requests for new analytic products and was able to maintain high-quality while delivering consistently on time. They were consistently able to juggle multiple tasks simultaneously."

Georgia Fuller, CO

Client:	USAID, Asia Bureau and Missions
Location of Work:	Washington DC/Worldwide
Period of Performance:	09/30/2018 - 09/29/2023
Total Dollar Value:	\$8,000,000
Competition Type:	Small Business Full and Open Competition
Contract Type:	Time and Materials, GSA Professional Services Schedule
Contract Number:	7200AA18M00015
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14 Activities to date:

- 6 Assessments
- 5 CLA Activities

18 Countries:

Bangladesh, the Maldives, the Philippines, Tajikistan, Thailand, Vietnam, and 12 Pacific Island Countries

7 Sectors:

Climate & Environment, Energy, Governance, Health, Democracy, Human Rights, and Conservation

ACTIVITIES:

USAID Maldives

Rule of Law Assessment - Conducted rapid assessment (desk research, literature reviews, and field work) on the constraints and opportunities for advancing the rule of law in the Republic of the Maldives. Connected Maldivian reformers with unbiased international expertise for informing deliberations on the form, content, and sequencing of a coherent justice reform agenda.

USAID Asia Bureau

Central Asia Assessment - Developed desk assessment on Central Asia synthesizing U.S. strategic goals, opportunities for advancing regional interests, and the geopolitical role of each of the five Central Asian countries. Identified four fundamental changes that will allow USAID to serve as a region-wide facilitator and catalyst for initiatives that promote democracy and improve cooperation and coordination in sovereign states.

Health Migration Assessment - Conducted a study of internal migration in Asia to better understand the driving factors and determine if systems can be put in place to both track and anticipate internal migration movements. Discovered important vulnerabilities of rural-to-urban migrants and insufficient statistical profiles, resulting in recommendations for expanding the evidence basis optimal for planning future development interventions.

Critical Elections Roundtables - Supported a series of 'Critical Elections Roundtables' on countries facing critical elections in Asia. The first roundtable focused on the Philippines Senatorial Elections and was held on February 26, 2019 in Washington DC featuring David Timberman as the keynote speaker.

Environment Officers Learning Event in Bangkok - Implemented a KM and learning workshop based on the findings from the 2020 Asia Environment Officer (EO) Planning Survey in preparation for the 2020 Asia EO Learning Event in Bangkok, Thailand. Offered logistics and facilitation support, as well as assistance in identifying suitable external environment experts from the region to participate in the workshops.

Strategy Retreat in Burma - Began identifying and contracting with technical experts (Conflict Resolution and Peace Building) to participate in a USAID strategy retreat that was scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, but was postponed due to COVID-19. Required rapid delivery for recruiting, contract preparation, and logistics planning.

Knowledge Sharing Event "How to Save a Tiger" - Requested by Mary Melnyk (Sr. Advisor for Natural Resource Management in USAID's Asia Bureau) to conduct logistical support services for the "How to Save a Tiger" Knowledge Sharing Event in collaboration with UNDP on March 4th, 2020 in New York (venue and catering, advertising, and outreach such as invitations and agenda, and speaker coordination.)

Big Cat Conservation Dialogue Series - Supported a virtual series aimed at building awareness and innovative responses to the ongoing and emergent threats to big cat species including, wildlife trafficking, lack of effective infrastructure safeguards, strengthening community livelihoods, and the impacts of COVID-19.

Analysis of Impact of COVID-19 on Democracy, Governance, Peace, and Security in the Asia-Pacific Region - Reviewed and analyzed at a macro-level how COVID-19 is affecting governments, civil society, and individuals, particularly vulnerable populations, within Asia and the Pacific, including attention to differences among the subregions of Central Asia, East Asia, the Pacific islands, and South Asia.

Asia Bureau Analytical Services - Migration and COVID-19 - Assessed both the migration dynamics (drivers, responses, and systems) and impacts on resources (e.g., natural, economic, health) related to COVID-19 within Asia to develop programs and interventions that boost resilience and create responsive environments for migrants and their families, while protecting local natural resources.

Pacific Islands Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Assessment - Provided an analysis of the current status of democracy, human rights, and governance in the Pacific Island countries to identify critical gaps and needs, and ultimately to support developing strategies to improve democracy, rights, and governance (DRG) in the region. Country profiles of twelve Pacific Island nations were developed including information on governance, human rights, political history, and donor engagement.

Timor Leste Activity -

Laos Activity -

Glaciers Activity -