

Working Definitions for Applying Digital Tools for the Journey to Self-Reliance October 2019

Development

USAID's approach:

U.S. Agency for International Development leads the U.S. Government's international development and disaster assistance through partnerships and investments that save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance, and help people emerge from humanitarian crises and progress beyond assistance. Our objective is to support partners to become self-reliant and capable of leading their own development journeys. We make progress toward this by reducing the reach of conflict, preventing the spread of pandemic disease, and counteracting the drivers of violence, instability, transnational crime and other security threats. We stand with people when disaster strikes or crisis emerges as the world leader in humanitarian assistance.

Journey to Self-Reliance

USAID defines self-reliance as the capacity to plan, finance, and implement solutions to local development challenges, as well as the commitment to see these through effectively, inclusively, and with accountability.

Digital Technologies

USAID's new Digital Development Strategy defines digital technologies as the platforms, processes, and range of technologies that underpin modern information and communications technologies (ICT), including the internet and mobile phone platforms as well as advanced data infrastructure and analytical approaches.