

Center for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DDI/DRG) Briefing for Samantha Power

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CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

- Three categories
  - DRG global challenges, USAID DRG efforts within USG's DRG efforts, questions related to previous administration

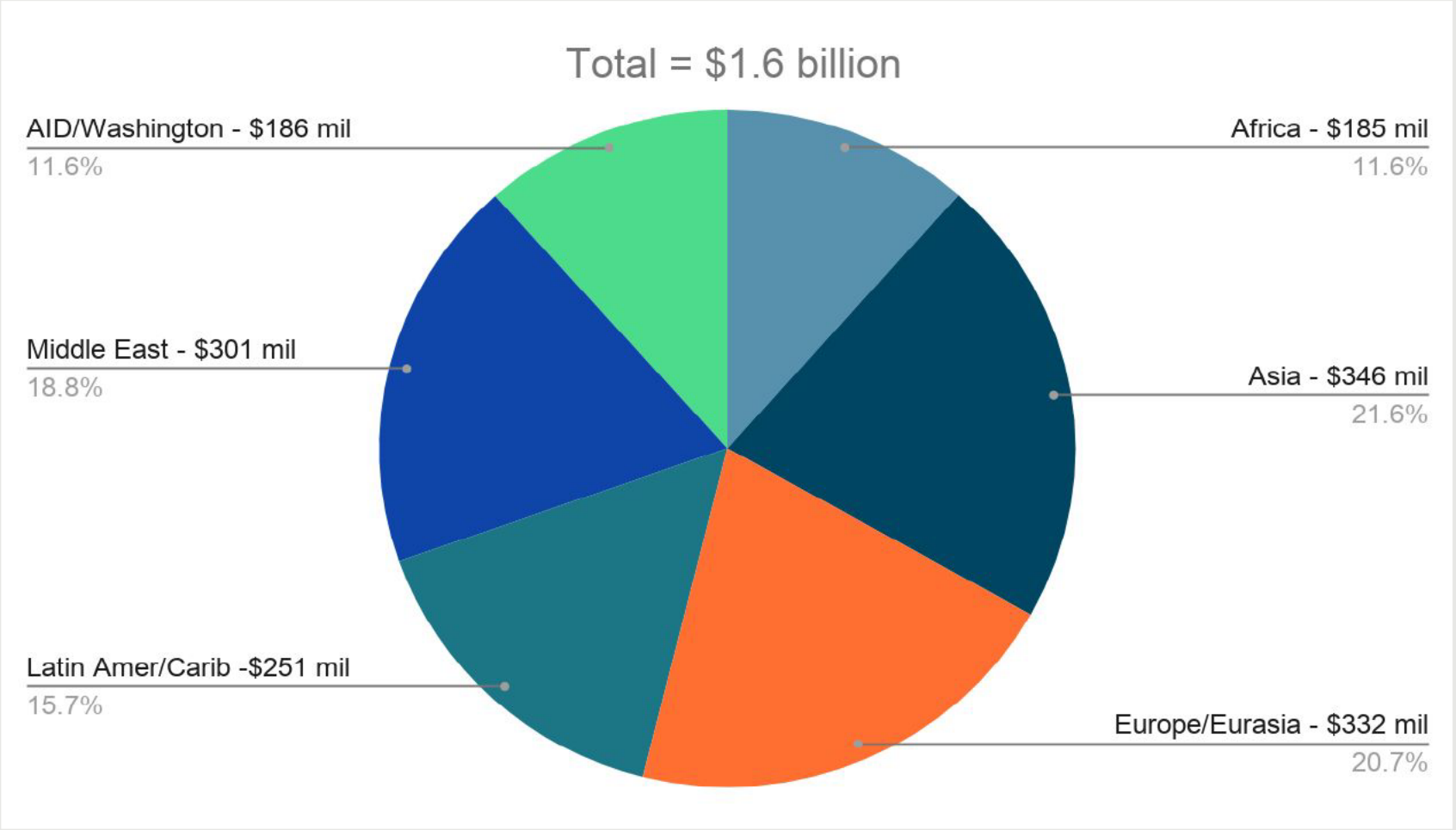
- USAID engaged in programmatic areas related to the questions

- Further programmatic context that provides additional background for questions

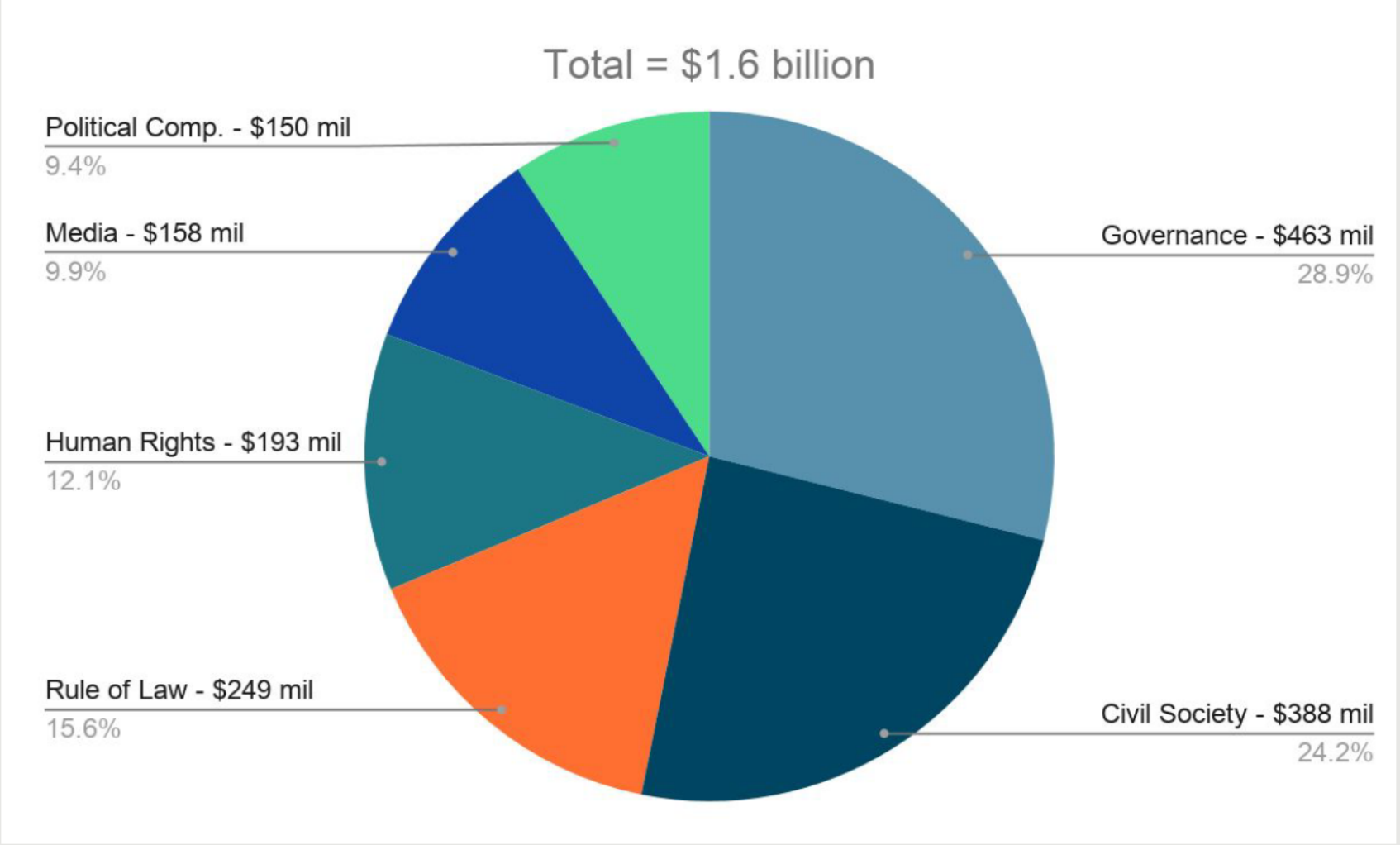
USAID DRG OVERVIEW

- Contributes to establish and consolidate inclusive and accountable democracies to advance freedom, dignity, and development
- 80 USAID Missions that program DRG funds globally: 66% in closing space
- Approximately 600 DRG global cadre members
- Thematic Areas: Governance, Anti-Corruption, Human Rights, Resurgent Authoritarianism, Rule of Law, Civil Society, Media, Labor, Cross-Sectoral Programs, Elections and Political Processes
- Impact of USAID democracy assistance
- $2.4 billion democracy directive since 2016
  - of which, approximately $1.6 billion is managed by USAID
  - of which, $130 million is managed by DRG Center

FY20 DRG FUNDING by REGION
(excluding INCLE and State/Washington)



FY20 DRG FUNDING by PROGRAM AREA
(excluding INCLE and State/Washington)



OTHER U.S. DRG ASSISTANCE ACTORS

- National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
  - $300 million annual budget, separate from the $2.4 billion directive
- Dept of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL)
  - $350 million DRG budget; overlap in Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption areas
- Dept of State, Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)
  - $225 million budget; more than doubled in past 5 years; overlap in Civil Society, Media, Labor, and Human Rights

COUNTERING RESURGENT AUTHORITARIANISM/CHINA

USAID Role

- Make it a priority
- Pivot from Clear Choice to countering resurgent authoritarianism

Approach

- Doing development democratically
- Combat corruption and elite capture, strengthen institutional resilience
- Counter digital authoritarianism and disinformation

Emerging Issue

- Opportunity: $300M Countering Chinese Influence Fund (CCIF)- operationalization of countering Resurgent Authoritarian Influence

COVID AND DRG

USAID's Role

- Rapid Program Adaptations

Approach

- Technical Guidance to the Field
- Responsive, Timely, and Flexible Funding
- Coordination with internal and external stakeholders

Emerging Issues

- Priority and urgency of 'integration' across all sectors
- Technical Learning
- Adaptive approaches to enhance responsiveness

GOVERNANCE and ANTI-CORRUPTION

USAID Role

- Leading USG and donor agency in governance and anti-corruption
- Ensure governance is integrated across sectors to enable countries to achieve SDG outcomes

Approach

- Build more effective, responsive and accountable institutions
- Enhance capacity to mobilize and use resources to meet public needs
- Strengthen ecosystem for combating corruption

Emerging Issues

- Debt accumulation, Debt traps
- Pervasive corruption, as illustrated by COVID-19 response

CIVIL SOCIETY/CIVIC SPACE

USAID Role:

- Lead donor
- Closing spaces - prevention, adaptation
- Youth and civic engagement

Approach:

- New program approaches
- Global, Regional & Bilateral programming

Emerging Issues:

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INDEPENDENT MEDIA AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

USAID Role

- One of largest donors for independent media development

Approach

- Independent media development
  - Newsroom professionalization and journalism quality
  - Media literacy and social participation in media
  - Legal and regulatory enabling conditions
  - Financial viability of the sector/digital innovation
  - Journalist safety
- Internet freedom programming

Emerging Issues

- Disinformation

JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

USAID Role:

- Leadership in building **accountability**

Approach:

- **Rule of Law**: opportunity to re-elevate the sector. Supporting full spectrum of justice chain
- **Human rights**: environment building, response, and remedy.
- **Atrocity Prevention**: prevention, response and recovery
- **Security Sector Reform**: building internal accountability

Emerging Issues:

- Challenges - declining budgets, need for more responsive programming
- Opportunities to re-elevate the sector

COUNTERING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

USAID Role

- Since 2001: $340M spent in 88 countries and regions
- C-TIP Directive: $22M/yr attribution; spend $30-$35M
- Strong interagency coordination

Approach

- Four P's approach (prevention, protection, prosecution, partnerships)
- USAID's comparative advantage

Emerging Issues

- DOS TIP Report and Tier 3 waivers
- Revised Policy: emphasis on survivor and trauma-information approach; evidence and data driven

LABOR

USAID Role

- Long-standing Congressional Directive plus bilateral programming
- Strong interagency coordination

Approach

- Partnership with Solidarity Center
- Fully invested in the value of unions and worker associations
- Two-pronged approach to managing the Global Labor Directive

Emerging Issues

- COVID-19 and closing space in the world of work

ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PROCESSES

USAID Role

- Leader in Elections and Political Processes Field
- "Go to" in Interagency

Approach

- Technical leadership and guidance
- Field-driven programming
- Key partners

Emerging Issues

- Electoral technologies and cybersecurity
- Countering malign influence
- Participation and inclusion


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