Re: USAID and Digital Evidence in Ukraine

phunter@usaid.gov Patricia Hunter Friday, March 18, 2022 at 9:03:09 AM Eastern Daylight Time
To: lmeils@usaid.gov Lorri Anne Meils
Cc: csheetz@usaid.gov Christina Sheetz

Thank you so much, Lorri!

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 8:58 AM Lorri Anne Meils <lmeils@usaid.gov> wrote:
> Awesome. She scheduled the meeting for 2:30 but i'm going to be traveling back from the pentagon at that time and i've asked her to move it to 3 or 4pm. Once i get the time confirmed i'll add you guys to the invite.
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> Thank you so much:-)
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> **Lorri Anne Meils**
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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 8:55 AM Christina Sheetz <csheetz@usaid.gov> wrote:
> Hi Lorri,
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> Threat Exchange has not come up in other calls. I looked at it when Miranda sent it through, but can't say that I fully understand what it does. It does seem though that this would be more targeted at disinformation campaigns, as it seems more like a warning bell than a way to securely store/verify/authenticate data. In any case, it would be good to learn more from her on it.
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> On Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 10:28 PM Lorri Anne Meils <lmeils@usaid.gov> wrote:
> > Have you guys looked at threat exchange? Miranda wants to have a brief call tmrw and I will ask her to add you guys to the invite. Wanted to see if Threat Exchange came up on any of the previous calls?
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> > ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> > From: **Miranda Sissons** <[redacted]@fb.com>
> > Date: Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 7:34 PM
> > Subject: Re: USAID and Digital Evidence in Ukraine
> > To: Lorri Anne Meils <lmeils@usaid.gov>
> > CC: Amy Singh <[redacted]@fb.com>, Christina Sheetz <csheetz@usaid.gov>, Laura Pavlovic <lpavlovic@usaid.gov>, Sabeen Dhanani <sdhanani@usaid.gov>, John O'Bryan <jobryan@usaid.gov>, Johnny Walsh <jowalsh@usaid.gov>, Meral Karan <mkaran@usaid.gov>, Patricia Hunter <phunter@usaid.gov>, Kira Mitre <kmitre@usaid.gov>, Alex Warofka <[redacted]@fb.com>
> >
> > Hi Lorri Anne – thanks for more info. Indeed, scarcity of data is not a problem.

I'm checking in now with relevant teams including legal and product, and will get back to you as soon as I can.

If you call me at 1130 PT Friday we can have a quick chat. It may also be worth checking out this existing infrastructure, Threat Exchange, which powers the GIFCT and StopNCII multisakeholder initiatives.

Cheers, Miranda

From: Lorri Anne Meils <lmeils@usaid.gov>
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 12:04 PM
To: Miranda Sissons <[redacted]@fb.com>
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Subject: Re: USAID and Digital Evidence in Ukraine

Hi Miranda,

Thanks so much for the quick response. We've been in conversations with organizations that process digital evidence for purposes of verification and preservation. One organization (Berkeley Law School, Human Rights Clinic, Investigations Lab) suggested that the quantity of potential digital evidence has outpaced their ability to gather, organize and preserve it. They suggested a call to action among social media platforms to collaborate/coordinate in developing a new "button" that can be labeled "Ukraine Evidence" that could be installed at the point of photo/video upload. Once uploaded using this button the information would be stored in a common, trusted repository and made available to verified organizations for purposes of further categorization, verification and preservation.

We are reaching out to multiple social media companies to gauge interest in collaborating on this feature. We would appreciate any time you or others at Meta have to further discuss next Monday if that would work for you.

Many thanks,

Lorri

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On Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 1:54 PM Miranda Sissons <[redacted]@fb.com> wrote:

> Hi Lori,
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> Thanks for being in touch. Tomorrow is a company holiday. Can I get more idea of the promising proposal? That way I can at least swiftly route to the correct folks.
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> Cheers, interested in hearing more,
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> Miranda
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> Miranda Sissons
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> Director, Human Rights Policy
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> **From:** Lorri Anne Meils <lmeils@usaid.gov>
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2022 8:20:21 AM
> **To:** Miranda Sissons <[redacted]@fb.com>
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> Hi Miranda,
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> I hope this email finds you well. You may recall we were in touch last year regarding USAID's digital democracy work and the Summit for Democracy.
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> I am reaching out today on a different but related workstream. USAID is exploring a promising recommendation in connection with the preservation and verification of digital evidence in Ukraine and we are hoping to discuss this with you and others at Meta that work on human rights issues.

Would you be available tomorrow morning at 11:30AM Pacific time for a 30 minute call? We could also make 12 or 12:30 work if those are more convenient for you. Many thanks in advance for taking the time and we very much look forward to connecting.

Best,

Lorri

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