Re: USAID and WhatsApp

mmetcalf@usaid.gov Megan Metcalf Monday, April 26, 2021 at 8:41:23 AM Eastern Daylight Time
To: zkahn@usaid.gov Zecharia Kahn
Cc: swachter@usaid.gov Suzanne Wachter

Great point. Curious how CDC has made progress with them - assuming it's a COVID angle? We've totally got the COVID angle, maybe that'll work.....otherwise.....Reputation enhancement? Promoting the public good? Possibility of being the first of many agencies who operate overseas including State?

On Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 8:35 AM Zecharia Kahn <zkahn@usaid.gov> wrote:

> Of course. I'm still trying to work on an angle that would get them to want to work with us...
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> On Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 8:27 AM Megan Metcalf <mmetcalf@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > When we talk with this guy, can we please ask what USG partners have accepted their ToS?
> > Megan
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> > ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> > From: **Ben Supple** <[redacted]@fb.com>
> > Date: Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM
> > Subject: Re: USAID and WhatsApp
> > To: Zecharia Kahn <zkahn@usaid.gov>
> > Cc: Cristiane Reis <[redacted]@fb.com>, Ben Supple <[redacted]@fb.com>, Megan Metcalf <mmetcalf@usaid.gov>, Suzanne Wachter <swachter@usaid.gov>
> >
> > Hi Zecharia,
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> > Thanks for the note. I'd be happy to chat with your and your colleagues next week. We've grown our government partnerships pretty dramatically since 2019, in large part focused on COVID-19 response. We now have government partners across 60 countries.
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> > Unfortunately, we don't yet have any US federal government partners, but we are in advanced conversations about launching a project with the CDC and we're engaged with their legal teams on the compliance side.
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> > While we don't have a separate terms sheet for federal space, many government clients have been able to accept our business terms and privacy policy and we have developer partners who also have deep experience in the government space.
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> > Anyhow, curious to learn more about what type of project / partnership you have in mind and happy to chat live next week.
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> > Many thanks.
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> > Ben
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> > > On Apr 23, 2021, at 9:44 AM, Zecharia Kahn <zkahn@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > > Hi Ben, Christiane,
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> > > I hope this email finds you well. We corresponded back in 2019 about a potential partnership and I'd like to check back in with you, along with some colleagues, cced here.

We're interested in whether you have made any changes to how enterprises could potentially leverage WhatsApp, particularly in the federal space, and in addition if you have any specific federal terms of service that you have ever negotiated, similar to what Facebook provides.

We'd be happy to set up a call to discuss in the next week or so if that would be helpful.

Best regards,

Zack

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