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Subject: Official update on the funding for the Flash Flood Guidance System and Early Warning System for Floods projects by the United States Agency for International Development

Dear Sir/Madam,

WMO wishes to inform you that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has decided to conclude its financial support to the Flash Flood Guidance System (FFGS) and the Early Warning System for Floods (EWS-F) projects that were implemented in collaboration with your national services. This outcome arises from the USAID termination notice of award dated 26 February 2025, the consequence of which is the ending of United States funding for multi-hazard hydrometeorological early warning systems and capacity-building.

While this change is beyond the control of WMO, we fully recognize the critical importance of the FFGS and EWS-F initiatives in strengthening national and regional capacities for flood forecasting and risk management. WMO remains firmly committed to supporting your efforts to protect lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure through enhanced forecasting and early warning services.

Please be assured that WMO is actively exploring alternative funding sources and strategic partnerships to ensure the continuity and sustainability of these essential services in hydrology, forecasting, and disaster risk reduction.

We sincerely value the strong collaboration with your Service and the significant progress we have achieved together. Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss the implications of this funding change for specific initiatives in your country, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat.

For any assistance requests, you may also reach out to Dr Hwirin Kim (hkim@wmo.int), Chief of the Hydrological and Water Resources Services Section.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Celeste Saulo Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO