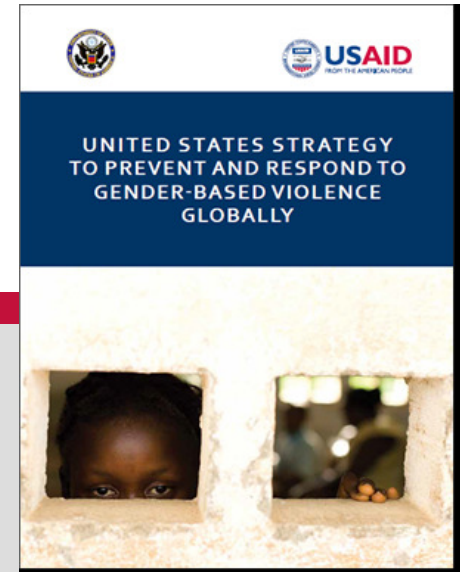




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# **USAID's Implementation of the United States Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally: Evaluation, Findings, and Recommendations**

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## BACKGROUND

- GBV Strategy published August 2012
- Whole-of-government strategy
  - Leadership by Department of State and USAID
  - Includes Departments of Treasury, Defense, Justice, Labor, and more
- Executive Order (E.O.), August 10, 2012: *Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Girls Globally*
  - E.O. called for evaluation within 18 months and at 3 years
  - 3-year evaluation to inform an update to strategy



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## Gender-based Violence Definition

This strategy defines “gender-based violence” as violence that is directed at an individual based on his or her *biological sex, gender identity, or perceived adherence to socially defined norms of masculinity and femininity*.

It includes physical, sexual, and psychological abuse; threats; coercion; arbitrary deprivation of liberty; and economic deprivation, whether occurring in public or private life.



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2. To enhance **integration** of gender-based violence prevention and response into existing United States Government work.
3. To improve collection, analysis, and use of data and **research** to enhance GBV prevention and response efforts.
4. To enhance or expand U.S. Government **programming** that addresses GBV.



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## USAID Implementation Plan: Strategic Goals

1. Mainstream and Integrate Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Activities into Work Across Sectors
2. Sharpen Program Priorities
3. Expand Collaborative Efforts





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## **GBV Strategy: USAID's 3-year Evaluation Activities**

- GBV Key Issue: Review and Analysis of Annual Reporting
  - Review of narratives and indicators
  - Content analysis of narratives
- Survey to USAID Staff – June 2015
- External Stakeholder Meeting – July 2015

### **GOALS:**

- (1) track progress
- (2) identify challenges
- (3) plan the way forward



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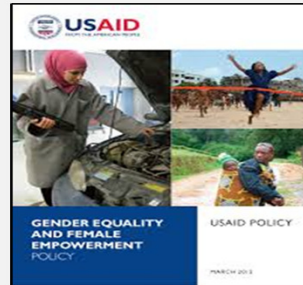
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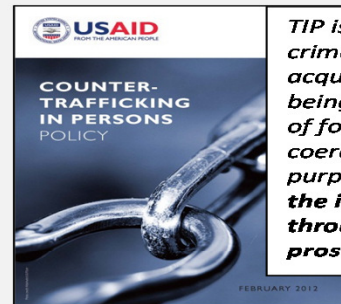
**Outcome 2:**  
*Reduce gender-based violence and mitigate its harmful effects on individuals and communities, so that all people can live healthy and productive lives.*



**Objective 3:**  
*Protect Women and Girls from Violence, Exploitation, and Abuse*



*USAID's efforts to end child marriage advance efforts to end gender-based violence while strengthening the Agency's commitment to children in adversity, gender equality, female empowerment, and youth development.*



*TIP is an international crime involving the acquisition of a human being through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of exploiting the individual for profit through forced labor or prostitution.*



*USAID's vision is a world in which the human rights of LGBT persons are respected and they are able to live with dignity, free from discrimination, persecution, and violence.*



*Particular attention will be given to early marriage, gender-based violence, trafficking in persons, and the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) populations.*

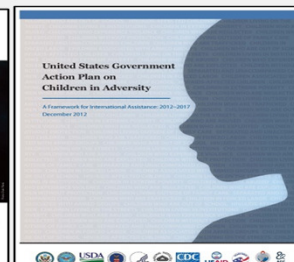
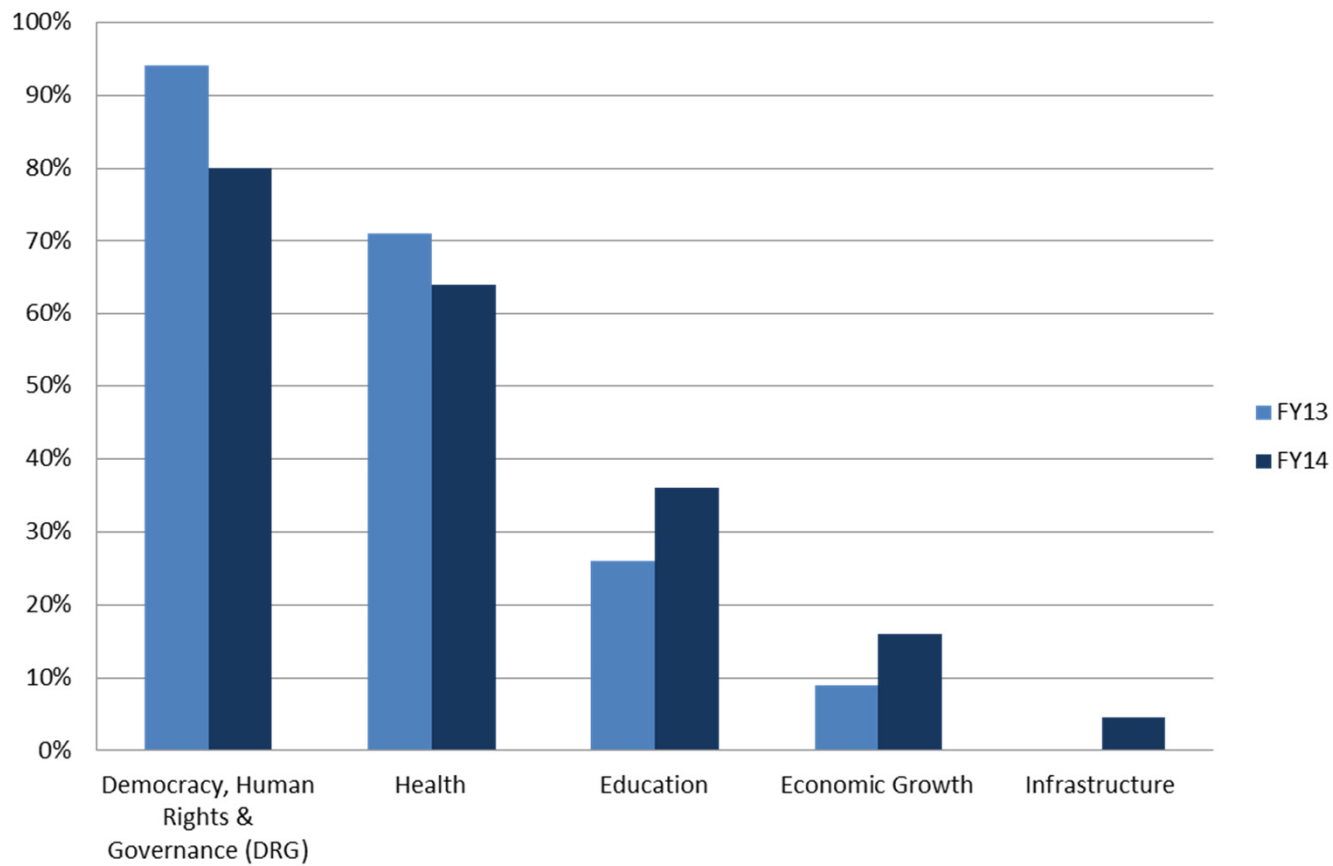


Figure 1: USAID Policy Framework and Integration of GBV Strategy



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Figure 3: GBV Integration Across Sectors  
Percentage of Missions with Activities by Sector  
(n=35 missions in FY13; n=44 missions in FY14)





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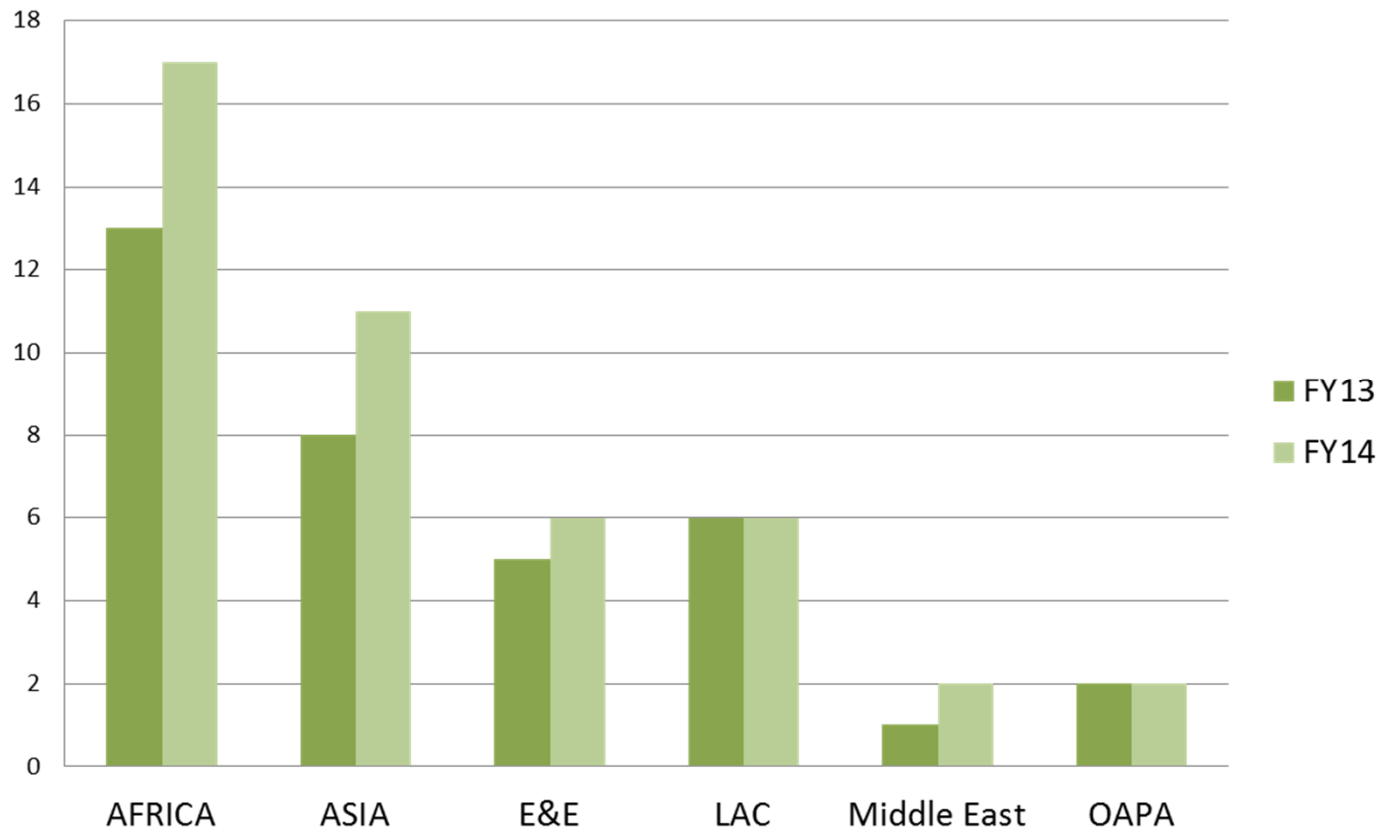
## Topline Findings

- USAID reached > 5 million survivors since FY 2012
- 26% increase in countries reporting
  - 36 to 44 missions FY 2013 to 2014
  - Efforts to address GBV reported in all regions
- Increased integration across sectors



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### GBV Key Issue Reporting by Region





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## GBV Incentive Funds

- 36 priority countries identified
- Since 2012, \$17 million support GBV activities in 15 countries



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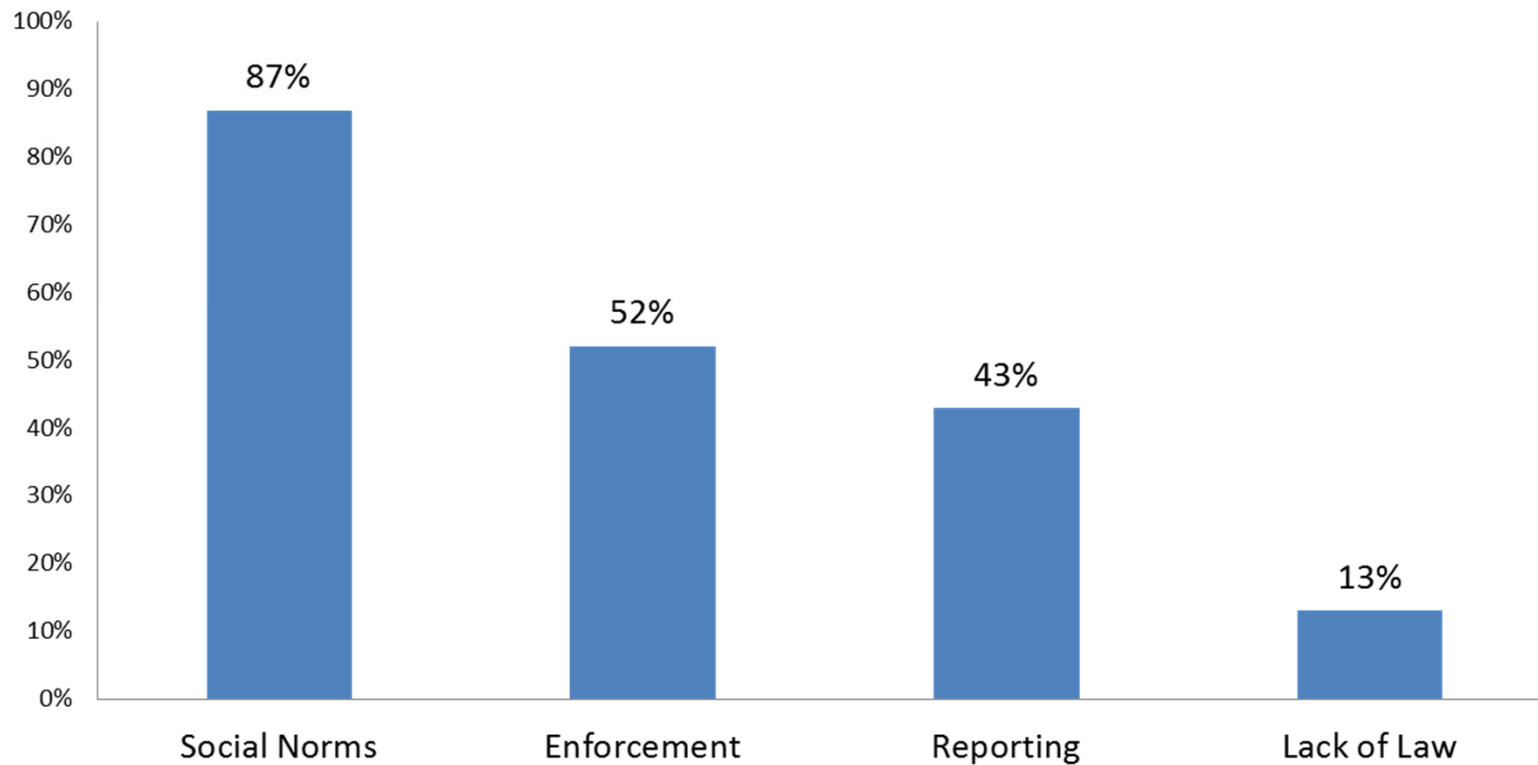


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# Challenges

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among 23 of 44 countries who reported any challenges  
(FY14 GBV narratives; n=23 countries)

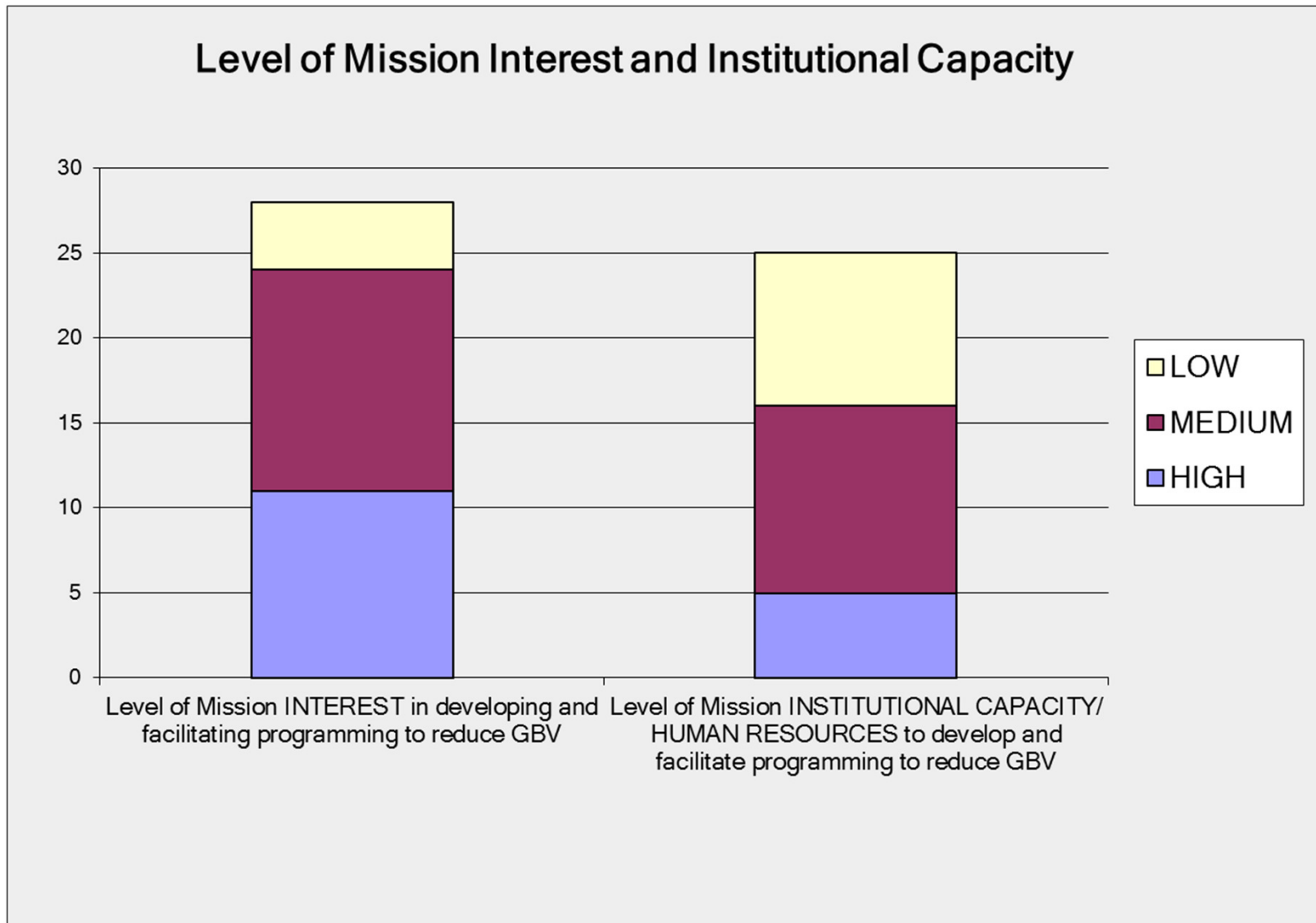






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# Challenges





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Figure 2: Newly Published Reports and Toolkits for Integrating GBV Efforts into USAID Programs



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## Next Steps and Recommendations

- Continue to improve coordination at multiple levels
- Capacity Building
- Invest in research through long-term commitments
- Expand programming using sector-specific resources
- Use incentive funds to emphasize prevention, innovation, and potential for scale
- Continued analysis
- Expand sector reviews



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