



## WHAT WE DO

### Preventing Violent Conflict and Sustaining Peace

- ▶ USIP works to prevent, reduce, and resolve violent conflict around the world. The Institute applies practical solutions directly in conflict zones and provides analysis, education, and resources to those working for peace.
- ▶ USIP's specialized teams—facilitators, mediators, trainers, and others—work in some of the world's most dangerous places, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, and Syria.
- ▶ USIP's initiatives are cost-effective and equip countries and their people to manage and resolve conflict and reduce the need for U.S. engagement abroad.

## HOW WE DO IT

### Cost-Effective Contributions to National Security

- ▶ While ISIS seized much of Iraq in 2014, one region, Mahmoudiya, rebuffed ISIS. Why? The local tribes are committed to a decade-old agreement signed with USIP mediation. In hotspots like Tikrit, Yathrib, Hawija, Tal Afar, and the Nineveh Plains, USIP is supporting stabilization of ISIS-cleared areas through reconciliation dialogues that produced four agreements, with the Nineveh processes still ongoing.
- ▶ In Tunisia, USIP and its partner network brokered a peace agreement between Islamist and secular student unions at the University of Manouba to end violent clashes. In flashpoint cities, the USIP-supported dialogue led by Alliance of Tunisian Facilitators reduced tensions between police and street vendors, activists, and journalists.
- ▶ In May 2018, USIP launched the congressionally commissioned Task Force on Extremism in Fragile States. Chaired by Gov. Tom Kean and Rep. Lee Hamilton, it will evaluate the underlying causes of extremism in fragile states and provide actionable recommendations.
- ▶ With training, research, and other programs in the U.S. and abroad, USIP builds the capacity of the U.S. military, diplomatic, and development communities to combat extremism and stabilize war-torn countries. To date, the Institute has trained more than 65,000 professionals in the U.S. and abroad.

*“USIP has been in Iraq since 2003, ... training local people who could negotiate peace among the tribes and bring violence down... In 2007, in Mahmoudiya..., the ‘Triangle of Death,’ USIP negotiated an arrangement among the tribes ... Violence went down dramatically. The U.S. military presence was able to reduce by 80 percent. It saved a lot of lives, it saved a lot of dollars, and that basic peace agreement among the tribes has held up for 10 years.”*

**Stephen J. Hadley**  
Chair, USIP Board of Directors  
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House Armed Services  
Committee

## OUR STORY

### Three Decades of Impact

- ▶ President Ronald Reagan signed legislation creating the Institute in 1984.
- ▶ The Institute was created by leaders in Congress who had lived through the devastation of war and hoped to prevent it in the future.
- ▶ Congress appropriates the Institute's funding—\$37.8 million in 2018—to ensure that it remains nonpartisan and independent of outside influence.
- ▶ The Institute has a bipartisan board of directors that by statute includes the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the President of the National Defense University.