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NEW FO Guidance for Blanket Waivers and Exception Requests

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Hello all,

I have some updates from the FO as of this afternoon on **all outstanding requests** and guidance they have asked ES to socialize moving forward for future waivers/exceptions. This is a new request.

NEW FO GUIDANCE

- **Budget breakdowns for anything over 1million:** The FO has requested moving forward **and for activities currently awaiting SBO approval** that for awards over 1million, a budget breakdown is submitted in addition. Note: This doesn't need to be incredibly detailed but should be broken down as "\$XYZ for commodities, \$ABC for transport, etc." So if it's 1million for medical assistance for example, it should be (\$200K for medical supplies, \$300k for transportation, \$200k for testing/treatment, \$300k for facility costs). This can be included in Column Q at the end of the "Program Description/Intended Programmatic Outcomes" section in either the exception template or the waiver template.
- **Action memos needed:** The guidance on Blanket Waiver requests applies to obligations and disbursements into existing awards. B/IOs that wish to submit a Blanket Waiver request for a new award must submit an action memo to accompany the request. Please use the same action memo template as included in the "Foreign Assistance Pause Exception Guidance", but clearly note in your memo template that you are submitting a Blanket Waiver request for obligations into a New Award. ES will process these requests for approval by the Director of Foreign Assistance.

Guidance on action memos for new awards has been updated per this FO request. The spreadsheet and guidance will also be updated to include the budget breakdown request the FO has made.

Please let me know if you have any questions or want to hop on a call to get any clarity on this.

Best,
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