



Programmatic Infrastructure Guide

PROBLEM STATEMENT

FFP's IT infrastructure and system needs do not transfer one-to-one from USAID. USDA needs a framework to define programmatic infrastructure needs and a methodology to specify, procure, and stand up the systems that support FFP execution under USDA management.

WHY IT MATTERS

Infrastructure decisions made in the first six months of USDA's FFP tenure shape the program's operating efficiency for years. Infrastructure that is over-built ties up USDA resources; infrastructure that is under-built creates audit findings and operational drag.

HSG'S APPROACH

1. Build the IT infrastructure needs-assessment methodology — system requirements, data architecture, integration needs.
2. Map 22 CFR Parts 211 (USAID commodity-donation rules), 226 (USAID grant administration), and 228 (USAID-financed procurement) to USDA Title 7 / Title 22 / FAR-AGAR regulatory equivalents. This is the most consequential single-deliverable component of the entire transition and the most under-discussed in the PWS — USDA Title 7 doesn't directly govern these USAID-internal frameworks.
3. Migrate USAID Automated Directives System (ADS) Series 300 acquisition-and-assistance policies to USDA internal directive guidance equivalents. ADS 300 is the USAID operational substrate for FFP and must have a USDA-authored equivalent in place for continuity.
4. Inventory all historical Food for Peace Information Bulletins (FFPIBs) — the body of bulletins constitutes the de facto operating handbook. Evaluate each for continued applicability under USDA: re-issue, modify, or sunset.
5. Document the FFP data architecture — what data, where, how integrated, how retained.
6. Develop the system-procurement framework aligned to USDA FAS and OCFO governance.
7. Apply HSG's AI-augmented delivery methodology to inform AI/automation platform recommendations consistent with OMB M-25-21 / M-25-22 and the NIST AI RMF.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- Programmatic Infrastructure Guide (PWS Deliverable 10) — month 10 (HSG-proposed acceleration from PWS month 11)
- IT infrastructure needs-assessment methodology
- 22 CFR Parts 211 / 226 / 228 !' USDA Title 7 regulatory crosswalk
- USAID ADS Series 300 !' USDA internal directive crosswalk
- FFPIB inventory and disposition framework (re-issue / modify / sunset)
- FFP data architecture documentation
- System-procurement framework aligned to USDA governance

EXPECTED OUTCOME

USDA has a defensible methodology for FFP infrastructure decisions — and uses the methodology during the staff competency assessment in months 11–12 rather than after it.

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