Re: TPP Response

dburgipalomino@usaid.gov Daniella Burgi-Palomino Friday, May 3, 2024 at 8:00:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time

To: mguilarte@usaid.gov Mileydi Guilarte
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Hi Mileydi,

I just wanted to close the loop on this and let you know that we checked and DRG Bureau colleagues have not followed up with Meta on the Trusted Partners Network (TPP), largely because of GC guidance with regards to our relationship with social media companies. As the agency's Chief Digital Democracy Officer, Vera is currently not comfortable pushing them further on the TPP.

GC has reminded us of FAQ #16 of the GC guidance which mentions that we cannot be perceived to be putting pressure on them to change policies and as such, repeated questions about the same program may be viewed as coercive.

Given this, it does not appear that we have the room to engage with Meta on TPP at this time, despite legitimate concerns about under-resourcing, under-staffing, and response times, among others.

If you would want to get back to them, you could say that we have discussed and have nothing further to add at this time. Just let us know if you need anything else on this front. Thanks!

Best,
Daniella

On Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 2:59 PM Daniella Burgi-Palomino <dburgipalomino@usaid.gov> wrote:
Sounds good, will do. Thanks Mileydi.

Best,
Daniella

On Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 2:57 PM Mileydi Guilarte <mguilarte@usaid.gov> wrote:
Thanks Daniella, this is helpful. I'll certainly loop you ladies in on my response. And do let me know what you ultimately hear from Meta when you have your follow up conversation re Internews report.

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On Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 2:42 PM Daniella Burgi-Palomino <dburgipalomino@usaid.gov> wrote:
Hi Mileydi,

We are currently reaching out to colleagues in the DRG Bureau to follow-up on the Trusted Partners Program (TPP) to see whether there has been any following since a call they organized in August 2023 with Internews on a report with recommendations and critiques of the TPP. We think it's important to get a sense of who has tracked this internally first given the Internews report recommendations before we go back to Meta to see how they've responded to these critiques or even if we recommend civil society organizations. Meta's response to Cara's question about how they're responding to the Internews report critiques in the meeting we had with them were a bit unsatisfactory so when we have more information, we'd like to have a longer conversation with them.

At this point, we suggest you thank them for sharing this information and mention that we will discuss internally and get back to them. You can feel free to loop in Cara and I to the email response and we will follow-up from there. Thanks!

Best,
Daniella

On Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 12:14 PM Mileydi Guilarte <mguilarte@usaid.gov> wrote:
Hi there! Any thoughts on this?

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---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Sandra Luff** <[redacted]@meta.com>
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Mileydi,

Hope all is well! Following up on our Trusted Partners Program, our TPP includes 30 organizations across 15 different countries (provided below) in Latin America and the Caribbean. If USAID has organizations that it'd like to recommend for the program, please let us know; we are continuously working on improving and adding new organizations.

Best,

Sandy

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Colombia

Costa Rica

Dominican Republic

Guatemala

Haiti

Jamaica

Honduras

Mexico

Nicaragua

Paraguay

Peru

Venezuela

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