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Paige Alexander is the Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for the Middle East. Ms. Alexander leads the Bureau, including the efforts of USAID missions and development programs in ten countries from North Africa through the Middle East. She oversees a large and varied portfolio that provides nearly \$1.6 billion annually in assistance across the region. With over 20 years working in international development, she draws upon her experience both in the field and in D.C., including time chairing USAID's Middle East Transition Response team.

Prior to the Middle East Bureau, Ms. Alexander served as the Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau for Europe and Eurasia (E&E) from 2010-2014, where she directed more than \$200 million in annual assistance to 13 countries. From 2001-2010, Ms. Alexander was senior vice president at IREX, an international nonprofit development organization that supports educators, journalists and community leaders in over 100 countries.

Alexander's other notable positions include previous service at USAID, serving as associate director of Project Liberty at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and as a consultant to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the C.S. Mott Foundation and the Open Society Institute in Prague. Alexander also served on the boards of the Basic Education Coalition and the Project on Middle East Democracy.