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Denise Rollins

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for Asia



Denise Rollins has served as USAID's Acting Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Asia since September 2013. Prior to that, Ms. Rollins served as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator since July 2011. The Bureau manages a complex portfolio of development programs across 32 countries, supports 12 bilateral field missions and 2 regional missions. Ms. Rollins is responsible for overseeing USAID's Asia portfolio which stretches from the Central Asian Republics through the population-dense countries of South Asia to the diverse political economies of East Asia and the Pacific.

A member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, Ms. Rollins has more than 25 years of international experience. Prior to her appointment to the Asia Bureau, Ms. Rollins was named in 2007 as USAID's Mission Director in Bangladesh, where she provided executive leadership for four years to USAID's largest development program in South Asia, implementing a \$200 million assistance program in one of the United States' most important partners in Asia. The Bangladesh program included activities in support of the President's four initiatives—Global Health, Food Security, Global Climate Change, and Global Engagement—designed to improve maternal and child health, combat malnutrition, increase economic growth, foster democratic governance, tackle corruption, respond to disasters and provide humanitarian assistance.

Before her appointment to Bangladesh, Ms. Rollins served as USAID's Deputy Mission Director in South Africa, where she oversaw development programs addressing health, education, local government service delivery, and private sector development, including USAID's largest HIV/AIDS program in the world, funded under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. She has also served in Ghana, Uganda, and Nigeria, three of USAID's largest development programs in Africa, as well as in Jamaica.

Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Rollins was the Senior Program Officer at the African-American Institute, Procurement Agent for Stronghold (Nigeria) Limited, a Nigerian trading company based in London, and Legislative Assistant for two members of the U.S. Congress.

Ms. Rollins earned a Master of International Public Policy degree at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, majoring in international economics and finance, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics at Howard University. She is a native of Detroit, Michigan.