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Hallam Ferguson is USAID's Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for the Middle East, including the efforts of USAID missions and development programs in ten countries in the Middle East and North Africa. He oversees a large and varied portfolio that provides nearly \$1.7 billion annually in assistance across the region.

Ferguson joined USAID in 2017 after 13 years with the International Republican Institute (IRI), where he began his development career in Afghanistan in 2004. During his tenure at IRI he helped Afghanistan prepare for the country's first presidential elections and subsequent parliamentary elections. In 2006 Ferguson returned to Washington to manage programs throughout the Middle East. In 2008 he returned to the field as Director of Operations for IRI's Iraq program, and in 2010 assumed overall management of this program, at that time the largest at IRI. In 2011 Ferguson became IRI's Deputy Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, with responsibility for programs from Morocco to Pakistan, and accounting for one quarter of IRI's total grant dollars.

Prior to joining IRI, Ferguson completed his Master's degree in international security at Georgetown University, where he received fellowships to study Central Asia and Afghanistan. He received his Bachelor's degree from Colby College in Maine.