



Dear Colleague:

Please join us for **Women Thrive Worldwide's May Gender Roundtable event:**

**All Development is Local: Making U.S. Assistance Work for Women**

**Thursday, May 3rd  
3:30 - 5pm  
Bread for the World  
425 3rd Street, SW  
Suite 1200  
Washington, DC 20024**

Featuring:

- **Ritu Sharma, Co-Founder and President, Women Thrive Worldwide**
- **Littleton Tazewell, Senior Advisor for Implementation & Procurement Reform, US Agency for International Development (USAID)**
- **Jill Miller, Deputy Director, Civil Society Development Division, IREX**
- **Sharon Williams, Director, Gender Practice, Development & Training Services, Inc. (dTs)**
- **Naw Susanna Hla Hla Soe, Executive Director, Karen Women Action Group (KWAG)**

USAID is undertaking an historic set of reforms to implement its development programs through a wider and more varied set of contractors and grantees, with a particular focus on working with local in-country partners. As part of this effort, USAID is investing in building the capacity of local civil society and the private sector to improve aid effectiveness and sustainability.

**The May Gender Roundtable will take a closer look at USAID's strategies and its impact on women-led local groups from the perspective of both USAID and women's civil society. We hope you will join us for this important discussion.**

Light Refreshments will be served.

If you have not done so already, **please RSVP [here](#) if you plan to attend the event on May 3rd.** We look forward to seeing you then!

Best,

Women Thrive Worldwide