



BIOGRAPHY

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Kathleen (Kay) McGowan leads the Agency’s efforts to foster the growth of sustainable, ultra-inclusive economic infrastructure to expand financial inclusion, build market systems that support pathways out of poverty, and improve governance and economic participation in countries where USAID invests. She oversees efforts within USAID to reform procurement policy and position Agency programming to accelerate the growth of inclusive electronic payment systems. Prior joining USAID, Kay was a political officer in the State Department’s Foreign Service, and has significant experience in South Asia and the Middle East. Kay holds degrees in political science and public affairs from Vanderbilt University and the University of Texas at Austin.