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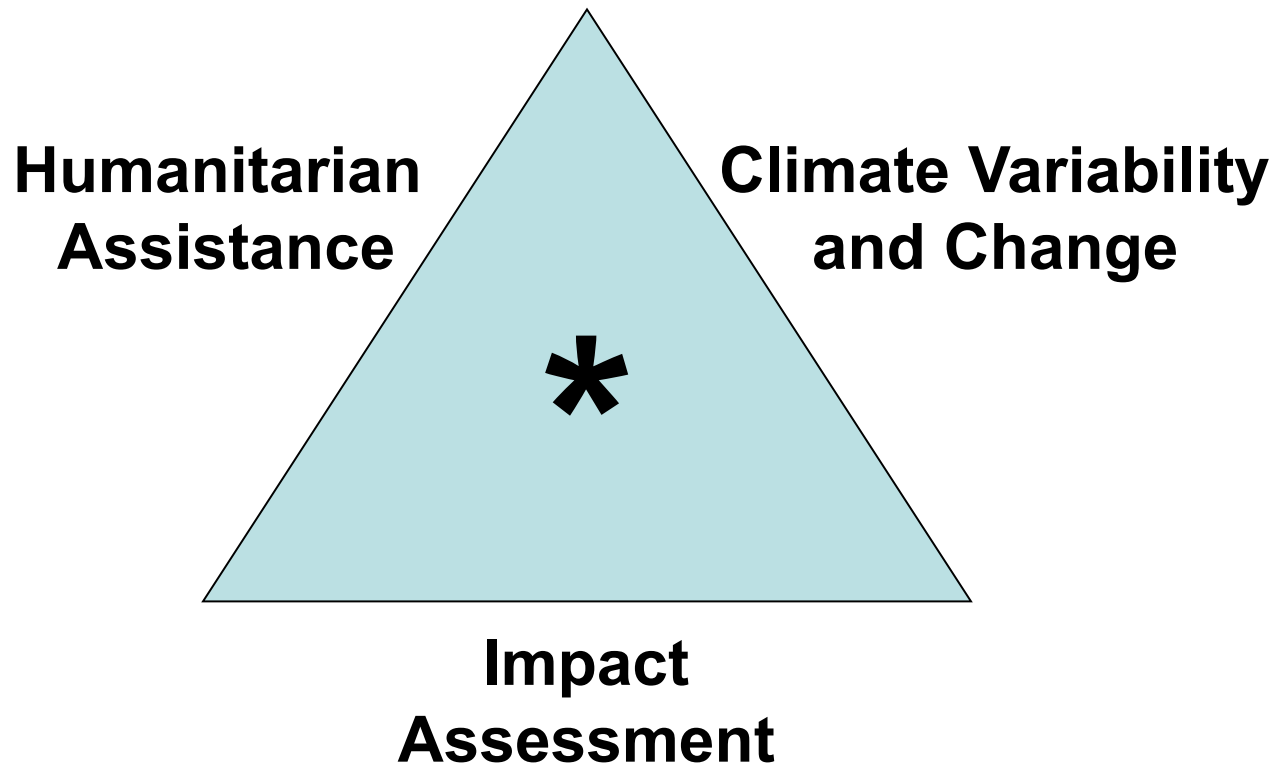
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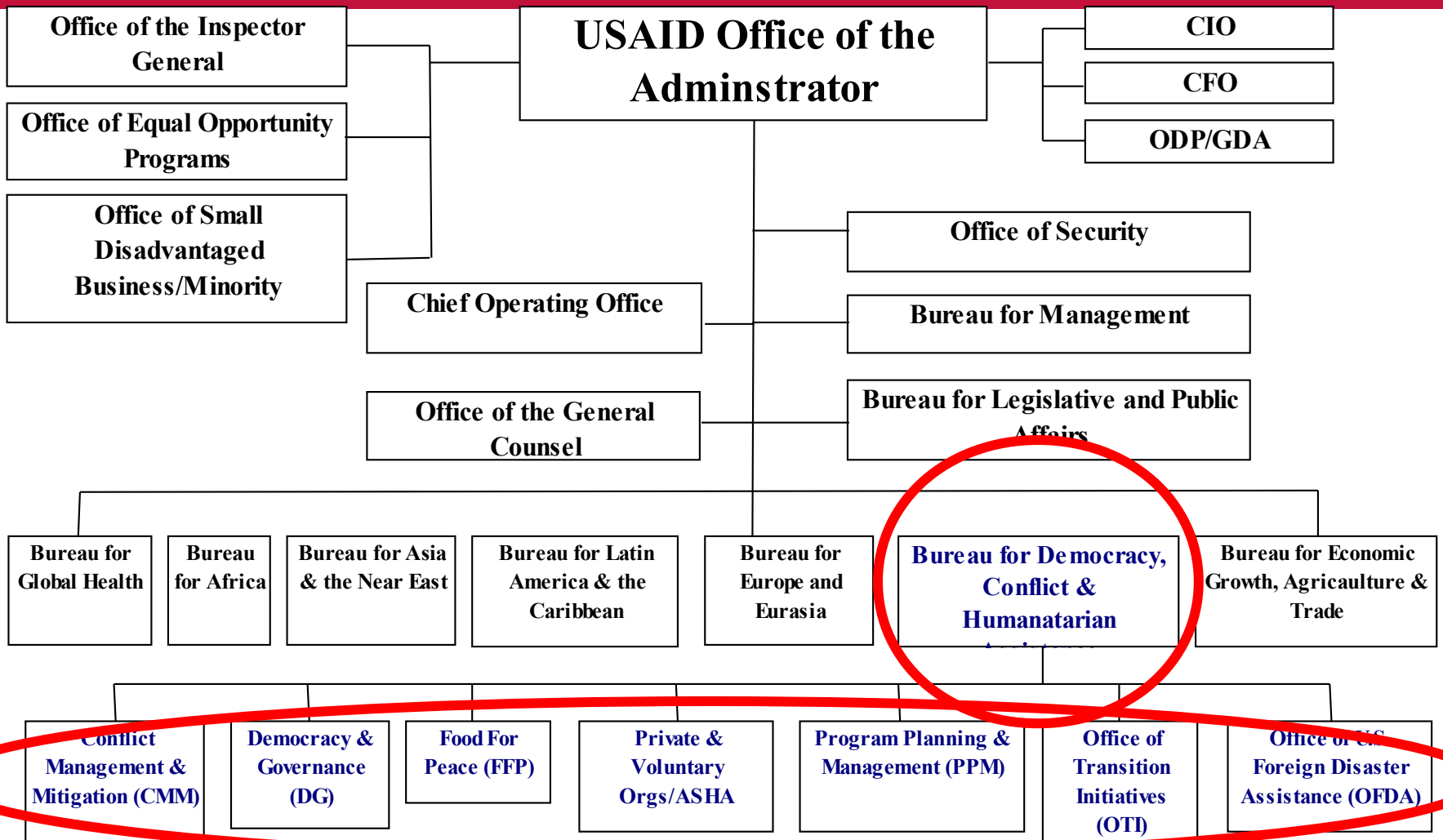
Strategic Integration at the Intersection





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USAID GCC Framework

1. Clean Energy

2. Sustainable Landscapes

3. Adaptation

- Disaster Response and Risk Reduction
- Food Aid and Food Security
- Conflict Mitigation
- Democracy and Governance



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Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance

Global Forum & Community-Based Disaster Management:

- **Climate Variability, Flood and Drought Mitigation**
 - Global and Regional Flash Flood Guidance and Mitigation
 - Climate Prediction and Application Center
- **Community-Based Preparedness**
 - Dissemination of climate information to people in remote areas
 - Flood proofing of housing, canal cleaning

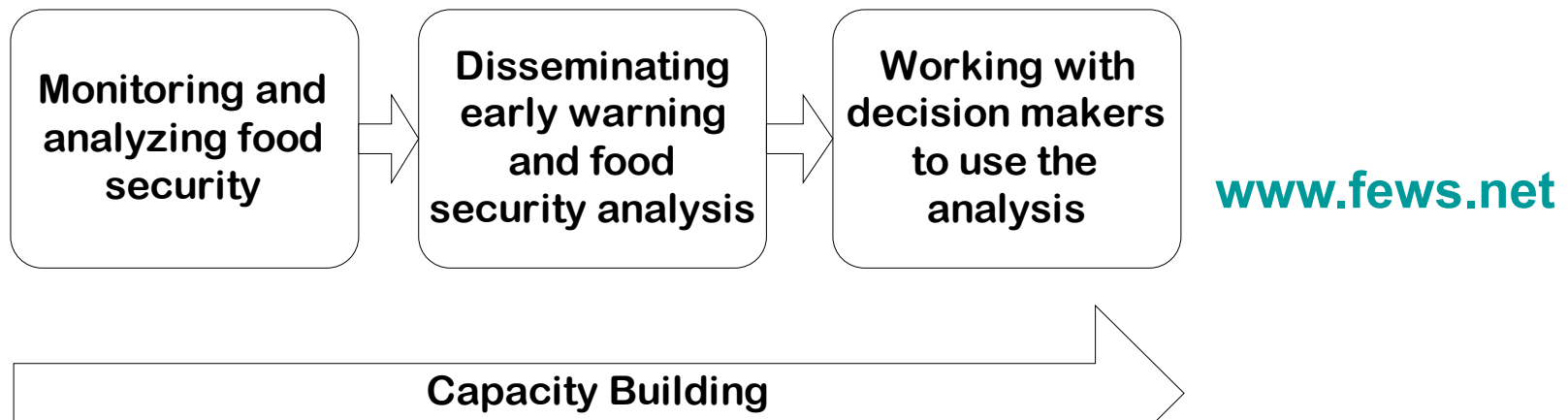
**Sezin Tokar, Hydrometeorology Advisor & Chuck Setchell,
Shelter and Hazard Mitigation Advisor**



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USAID Famine Early Warning System (FEWSNET)

FEWS NET provides decision makers with **reliable, timely** and **analytical early warning** and **vulnerability information** necessary to avert or mitigate the impact of a food security hazard



Gary Eilerts, FEWSNET Manager, Office of Food for Peace



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USAID Democracy & Governance

- **Governance & Public Administration**

- Increasing transparency and accountability of government
- Successful strategies for implementing difficult policies (corruption, entrenched)

- **Civil Society**

- Citizens to engage effectively with governments

- **Rule of Law**

- Accountable law enforcement and judicial systems (Land Disputes)





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DCHA's Office of Conflict Mitigation & Management (CMM)

**Violent Conflict unlikely unless
failure of state to respond to
climate-induced pressures**

**DCHA uniquely positioned to foster
social and institutional
resiliency to mitigate of
climate-induced conflict.**

**Strong evidence that early
response is more effective than
post-conflict reconstruction**

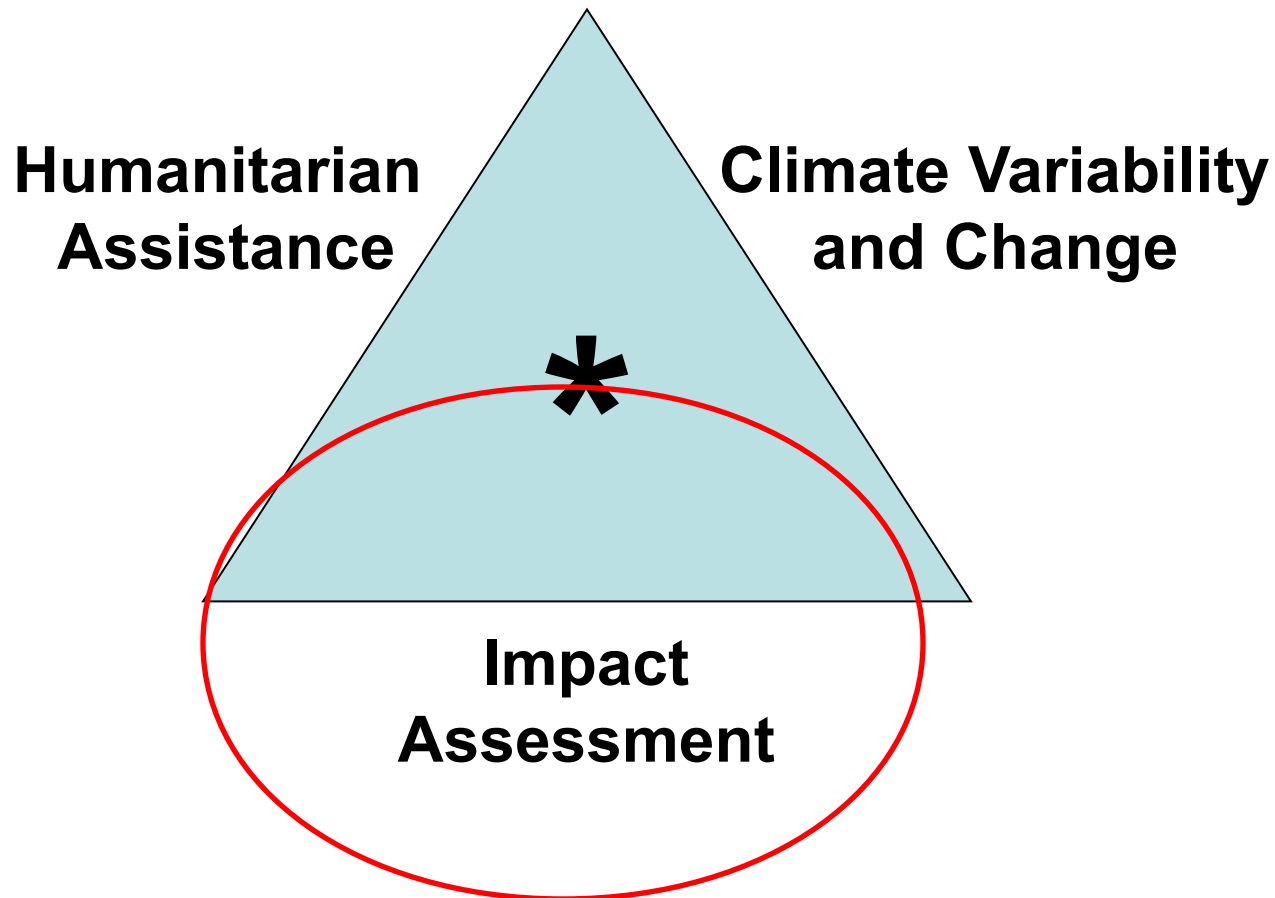
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At the Intersection...

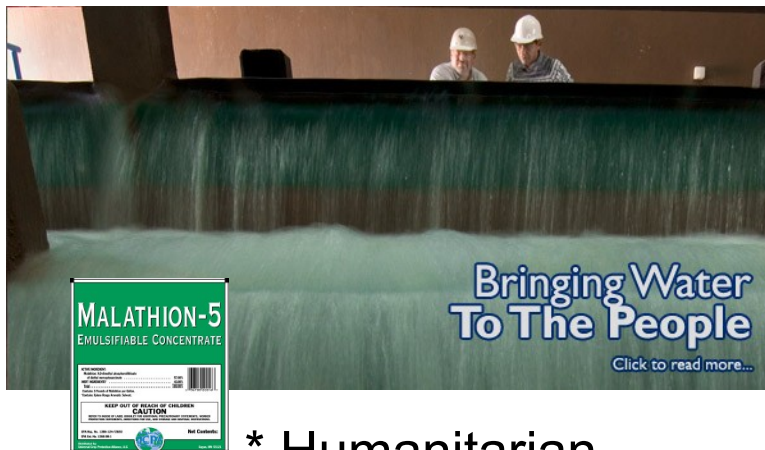




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USAID Environmental Impact Assessment

- NEPA compliance through 22 CFR 216
- Every program undergoes **environmental impact assessment** process (Programmatic → Project)*
- System of **Bureau Environmental Officers** for oversight of environmental compliance



* Humanitarian





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USAID Integration Ways Forward

- **DCHA Pro-Poor GCC Capabilities across Physical and Social Sciences**
- **Evaluation of Integrated Assessment Approach across Relief, GCC and IA**
- **Agency GCC Strategy to include Do No Harm to avoid Unintended Consequences**



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Climate Change & IA

- **CEQ Draft NEPA Guidance on Climate Change (Feb. 18, 2010)**
- **Will CC cause consequences that are more damaging than experience with environmental impacts analysis might indicate?**
- ✓ **Goal: To use the requirement of the IA process, especially in absence of climate change programming (stand-alone or integrated) to integrate CC considerations, where warranted**



USAID Climate Change Strategy

- 1. Agency Policy Task Team
Developing Strategy**
- 2. Draft for Presentation to AID
Administrator Next Week**
- 3. Prioritization Among International
Policy, Stand Alone, Integrated and
GHG Footprint Goals**