

John G. Allelo

Mr. Allelo currently serves as Director of the Office of Stabilization and Governance with USAID/Pakistan. He resides in Islamabad and oversees a portfolio playing a key role in supporting Pakistan's fragile trajectory towards a durable democracy. Through his partnerships with Government of Pakistan counterparts and a focus on open and transparent elections, countering violent extremism, civil society engagement, and gender equality, his portfolio is fundamental to effective and sustainable development in the country.

During the previous four years, Mr. Allelo was Director of USAID/Colombia's Office of Vulnerable Populations. He managed one of the Agency's most visible and politically sensitive portfolios dedicated to supporting the realization of peace and an end to the country's fifty year conflict. The focus of the portfolio included mechanisms that supported reparations and victims' rights, establishment and preservation of Colombia's historical memory, rehabilitation of the disabled, reintegration of ex-combatants and former child soldiers, prevention of recruitment of children and young adults by illegal armed groups, recognition and inclusion of marginalized communities and the elevation of civil society in political decision making processes.

Prior to joining the USAID/Colombia Mission, Mr. Allelo worked extensively in support of transitioning states. As the Rule of Law Advisor with USAID/Bulgaria, he assisted the Bulgarian government in adjusting its legal and judicial structures to meet European standards as essential components for European Union accession. During his tour as the Senior Rule of Law Advisor with USAID/Kosovo, his primary emphasis was supporting the Kosovo Constitutional Commission to draft the new nation's first Constitution and establish its Constitutional Court. He also supported the Kosovo Judiciary in designing a completely restructured, independent judicial system. His responsibilities as the Deputy Democracy Officer with the USAID/South Sudan Mission also included assisting that new nation with its transition to independence. He was instrumental in supporting the first government of South Sudan to establish democratic structures for the new country and in facilitating its Constitutional process.

Originally from Louisiana, Mr. Allelo received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and his Law Degree from Tulane University in New Orleans. He was engaged in an active legal and mediation practice prior to joining USAID, and he maintains his license to practice law and his membership in the American and Louisiana State Bar Associations.