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- the date and time
- the URL of the website from which you linked to our site
- the name of the file or words you searched for
- the pages you visited on our site
- the items clicked on a page
- the browser and operating system used

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Our presence on social media sites is not intended to endorse, recommend, or favor any third-party company or service provider.

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Site Management

USAID's Center for Accelerating Innovation and Impact in the Bureau for Global Health and Ogilvy Washington manage the overall content, design, and organization of this website and coordinate the release of USAID information on the Internet.

Accessibility

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