



## **James Randall Tift**

Prior to rejoining USAID in October 2017, Randy Tift served on the US Congressional staff, in field-based operations in global development, and as a policy manager in international affairs focused on relief and development, human rights, and national security.

James Randall (Randy) Tift is currently Senior Adviser for the USAID Office of Acquisition and Assistance and Co-Senior Leader Champion for Effective Partnering and Procurement Reform (EPPR) under the USAID Transformation. EPPR seeks to elevate excellence in program design, partnering approaches, and aid delivery mechanisms to enable more effective locally-led development, flexibility, innovation, and diversification of the USAID partner base.

From 2006-2017, Randy was Senior Adviser and Senior Director for Policy at World Vision in Washington, DC. In this role, Randy managed WV policy engagement in crisis response, operational risk, program effectiveness in fragile states, civil society strengthening, human rights, counter-terrorism, and other issues affecting WV brand, mission, and message. He coordinated US donor support for field programs promoting local advocacy and policy change as a critical driver of development outcomes in over 40 countries.

From 1995-2005, Randy managed international development programs in the Balkans. As Chief of Party in Serbia, Randy managed the \$50 million USAID Community Revitalization through Democratic Action (CRDA) program, supporting post-conflict civic participation, income generation, and reconstruction assistance to Serbia. He earlier served as USAID Senior Adviser for Democracy and Governance in Romania, managing a portfolio of a dozen US and local implementing partners building new coalitions for reform, promoting programs to remove barriers to free enterprise and economic growth, and strengthening Romanian democratic institutions. Prior to this, Randy served as coordinator of a US Congressional assistance program in the Romanian Parliament.

Randy graduated from Vanguard University of Southern California in history and political science. He has lectured in global development at Cluj University in Romania and elsewhere. He is married with two children living in Falls Church, VA.