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- USAID takes seriously any allegations of criminal or otherwise illegal behavior by entities that receive USAID funds.
- USAID became aware of the allegations against ISS-SafeNet in February. In response, USAID's newly established Vetting Support Unit (VSU) initiated a formal vetting of the private security subcontractor ISS-SafeNet.
- When we get the results of the vetting, we will take appropriate action.