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Dear PEER Cycle 1 Grant Recipients,

National Instruments (NI) has entered into a unique [public-private partnership](#) with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as part of USAID's Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) Science program. This collaboration with USAID is facilitated through the National Instruments' [Planet NI program](#), which empowers engineers and scientists in emerging countries to achieve sustainable prosperity by providing increased access to the company's technology. As a PEER Science grant recipient, you are eligible to be considered for additional research assistance through Planet NI.

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- Providing access to technical support online and over the phone (where available) during the development period; and
- Globally promoting projects through NI marketing channels, including web pages, local events and social media.

Planet NI may reach out to you directly about support, but you may also apply for additional support through Planet NI. For more information about how this partnership can help your research projects, please contact Jimmy Hwang.

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