



CONGRESSIONAL BULLETIN

May 9, 2011

INTRODUCTION

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- to give you a sense of what's on the horizon – not only in terms of upcoming Congressional testimony or briefings but also opportunities to meet with our Mission Directors, when they're in Washington for consultations .

We welcome your input and want to make sure that this newsletter is useful to you. Please hit "reply" to give us feedback on what you'd like to see more (or less) of in future editions.

Attached please find an updated list of our Legislative Affairs team. Please let us know how we can be of assistance to you in the future.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Chief of Staff:** We are pleased to announce that **Margie Sullivan** has joined the Agency as **Chief of Staff to the Administrator**. (Today was her first day on the job.) Margie comes to USAID from San Francisco-based Farallon Capital Management where she directed the Political Risk Management office. Margie has a long history of federal service including serving as Chief of Staff to Secretary Andrew Cuomo at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Chief of Staff to United States Trade Representative, Charlene Barshefsky in the Executive Office of the President. Other federal service includes Special Assistant to Secretary of Defense William Perry, and Senior Policy Advisor to House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt. She also served as a professional staff member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, as well as the House Armed Services Committee. We look forward to introducing her to you.
- **Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:** As part of our push to elevate gender at USAID, **Carla Koppell** officially joined the Agency on April 25, as **Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment** in the Office of the Administrator. Carla will accelerate our efforts to integrate gender equality as cross-cutting

throughout the Agency. She will provide USAID's leadership with expert advice and guidance, having most recently served as director of the Institute for Inclusive Security and the Washington office of the Hunt Alternatives Fund. Carla has worked extensively with women and civil society leaders from conflict areas around the world including Afghanistan, Colombia, Iraq, the Middle East, and Sudan. She is also no stranger to USAID, having previously served as Special Assistant to Administrator Brian Atwood and Director of our climate change program.

- **Director, Office of Learning, Evaluation and Research:** USAID bade farewell last week to **Ruth Levine**, Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning (PPL). Effective this week, Ruth will take up new responsibilities at the Hewlett Foundation in California, where she will join her husband, a professor at Stanford University. Ruth leaves behind an extraordinary legacy, including above all, the world-class [evaluation program](#) and policy she has helped put in place, and the USAID-State streamlining project, which she has co- led, in an effort to make our foreign assistance programs more effective. The Agency is excited to welcome **Cindy Clapp-Wincek** as the new Director of the Office of Learning, Evaluation, and Research in the Policy, Planning and Learning Bureau. Cindy [re]joins USAID with 30 years of experience in strategic planning, performance monitoring, and evaluation of U.S. foreign assistance programs, split between the Federal Government and independent consulting. She began her career in the Evaluation Office at USAID (which became CDIE) and ended her 14 years at USAID as the Evaluation Officer for the Africa Bureau.
- **Senior Advisor / LPA:** As many of you know, **Barbara Larkin**, Senior Advisor in the Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, took a bad fall six weeks ago, breaking her leg and shoulder. She is making steady progress in her recovery. Many thanks to all for your support and warm wishes.
- **Senior DAA / EGAT:** USAID thanks **Dr. Michael Yates** for his leadership of the Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Trade (EGAT) as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator since June 2009. Effective tomorrow (May 9), Mike will assume his new duties as Director for the Regional Development Mission for Asia, based in Bangkok, Thailand. A Senior Member of the USAID Foreign Service, Mike has been with the Agency for over 20 years, including tours as USAID Mission Director to Afghanistan, Bolivia, and the Philippines. Mike will be succeeded by **Dr. Mary Ott** as EGAT's Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator. Mary has more than 20 years of experience in development, including tours as Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for the EGAT Bureau, Deputy Mission Director in Egypt and Bangladesh, and Director of the Economic Growth Offices for USAID/El Salvador and USAID/Panama. Mary has also served as Chief Economist in USAID's Latin America bureau.
- **DAA/Management:** USAID is pleased to announce that **John Munzer** has been appointed Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Management. John served previously as Associate Director in the Governor of Illinois' Office of Management and Budget, where he had leadership roles on a number of successful enterprise-wide operational initiatives, including implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, realignment of administrative functions and business processes, and management of operational studies of multiple large agencies. Prior to joining the Governor's office, he held management positions at Lissner Associates, iXL/Scient, PricewaterhouseCoopers/IBM, and SNET/AT&T.

NOMINEES:

- **AA/Middle East:** We are working with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) to ensure swift consideration of **Mara Rudman's** nomination to serve as Assistant Administrator for the Middle East. Mara's confirmation hearing was held on April 5. Click [here](#) to read her testimony.

- **AA/Global Health:** We are also working with SFRC to schedule a hearing for Dr. Ariel Pablos-Méndez, USAID’s nominee for Assistant Administrator for Global Health. Ariel is currently Managing Director at The Rockefeller Foundation and Professor of Clinical Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia University in New York. Since 2007, he has led the Rockefeller Foundation’s global health strategy on the transformation of health systems in Africa and Asia. From 2004 to 2007, Ariel served as Director of Knowledge Management at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva. He first joined the Rockefeller Foundation in 1998, spearheading public-private partnerships in R&D for diseases of poverty, the Foundation's strategy on AIDS care in Africa, and the Joint Learning Initiative on Human Resources for Health.

TESTIMONY / BRIEFINGS:

- **House Oversight and Government Reform:** USAID Administrator **Raj Shah** will testify before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on May 11, 2011 at a hearing entitled “USAID: Following the Money.” The USAID **Inspector General Don Gambatesa** also will testify at this hearing.
- **House Foreign Affairs:** Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa **Sharon Cromer** will testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on May 10 regarding the FY 2012 budget request for Africa.
- **Senate Foreign Relations:** Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia **Paige Alexander** will testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on May 18 regarding Administration Priorities for Europe in the 112th Congress.
- **Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission:** Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa Sharon Cromer will testify before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission on Indigenous Peoples in Africa on May 12, 2011.
- **House Caucus for Effective Foreign Assistance Launch:** Administrator Shah will serve as a guest speaker at the launch event for the “Caucus for Effective Foreign Assistance” on May 12, 2011, speaking on the topic of “the importance of effective foreign assistance.” The caucus is co-chaired by Reps. Ander Crenshaw and Adam Smith.
- **USAID 101:** USAID, in partnership with the **Congressional Tri-caucus** – comprised of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus – will host a “USAID 101 for Congressional Staff” on May 16. This will be the fourth “USAID 101” we have sponsored for Hill staff, and the first to take place on the Hill. These sessions have focused on USAID Forward (the Agency’s reform agenda) including segments on procurement reform, innovation, science, technology, policy and budget; humanitarian assistance, including live demonstrations from our Operations Center; key initiatives and national security priorities; and the tracking of foreign assistance dollars through <http://foreignassistance.gov>. Please let us know if you are interested in attending or co-hosting a USAID 101 on the Hill.

TRAVEL

- **Administrator Shah Travels to Sudan, Co-Chairs World Economic Forum in South Africa**
Administrator Shah returned today from Sudan, where he joined Development Ministers Andrew Mitchell of the UK and Erik Solheim of Norway to underscore and advance their respective countries' support for a peaceful transition this July 9th. The U.S. pledged to host an International Engagement Conference for South Sudan this fall to promote investment in the private sector and anti-corruption and transparency efforts. Click [here](#) to read an [op-ed](#) co-authored by Shah, Solheim and Mitchell, which ran in this weekend's edition of the *The Guardian*. Prior to Sudan, Dr. Shah traveled to South Africa to address the PEPFAR Implementers' Conference aimed at maximizing the effectiveness and impact of the US Government's efforts to prevent and fight HIV/AIDS and served as a [co-chair](#) of the World Economic Forum in Cape Town, where he partnered with key private and public sector leaders to advance economic investment in Africa, specifically in the areas of private sector-led development/economic growth; accountability/good governance and science and technology.
- **Deputy Administrator to Lead U.S. Delegation to Least Development Countries Conference**
Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg is leading the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Least Developed Countries (LDC IV) Conference in Istanbul this week. In this role, DA Steinberg will conduct bilateral meetings with foreign dignitaries and provide remarks on the role of the private sector in LDC's, resource mobilization for development and global partnership, and participate in a UNICEF event on nutrition, co-hosted by the Government of Nepal and the World Food Program.

UPDATE ON USAID POLICY TASK TEAMS

The **Policy Planning & Learning (PPL) Bureau** plays a leadership and coordination role on matters of policy, strategic planning, evaluation, donor engagement, and utilization of science and technology to address development challenges. Last year, the PPL Policy Office established Policy Task Teams (PTTs), which are the main vehicles to establish Agency-wide policies and strategies. These teams of 7-9 technical experts, drawn from across the Agency, are convened to draft policies and strategies, which are further developed and vetted through a wide-ranging internal and external consultation process, including Congressional staff and Members.

Products of the inaugural PTTs include (1) the [evaluation policy](#), released in January 2011; (2) the [education strategy](#), released in March 2011; (3) a policy on the development response to violent extremism and insurgency, which is anticipated for release in May 2011 (4) a global climate change strategy, which is anticipated for release in June 2011; and (5) a water strategy, which is anticipated for release in Summer 2011.

The six newly announced PTTs are: (1) **Youth in Development**; (2) **Gender Equality and Female Empowerment**; (3) **Donor Engagement**; (4) **Economic Growth**; (5) **Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance**; and (6) **Sustainable Service Delivery in an Increasingly Urban World**. The first four PTTs have begun their work, and the last two will be launched within a few months.

We look forward to seeking your input and feedback as we move forward with these policies and strategies.

PARTNERSHIPS

- **Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA) USAID and Johnson & Johnson** In honor of Mother's Day, Secretary Clinton announced last week the Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA) to harness the power of mobile technology to deliver health information to new and expectant mothers. Over the next three years, the MAMA partners -- USAID, Johnson & Johnson, the UN Foundation, the mHealth Alliance, and BabyCenter are expected to mobilize \$10 million for work in Bangladesh, South Africa and India. MAMA will coordinate and increase the impact of existing mobile health programs, provide resources and technical assistance to promising new business models, and build the evidence base on the effective application of mobile technology to improve maternal health. The mobile health messages will quickly and easily disseminate information that will inform women of ways to care for themselves during pregnancy, dispel myths and misconceptions, highlight warning signs, connect women with local health services, and make new mothers aware of how best to care for their babies. MAMA is about getting timely information to women who own mobile phones in low and middle countries to improve their lives and the lives of their children. The partnership addresses the challenge of reaching women in developing countries who are pregnant or new mothers in-need of basic health information. Click [here](#) for more information on this exciting alliance.
- **USAID-NASA LAUNCH:** Last week NASA Administrator Charles Bolden and USAID Administrator Shah signed a five-year MOU at NASA Headquarters to formalize ongoing agency collaborations that use Earth science data to address developmental challenges, and to assist in disaster mitigation and humanitarian responses. The agreement also encourages NASA and USAID to apply geospatial technologies to solve development challenges affecting the United States as well as developing countries. Last Thursday at an event on Capitol Hill, the USAID/NASA LAUNCH Team was selected as a finalist for the Service to America medal, in the *Science & Environment* category. This is the first time that a USAID team or individual has been nominated in this category. For more information, please visit the [LAUNCH website](#).
- **ACVFA Members Announced / Public Meeting May 13:** Last week USAID formally unveiled the membership roster of the [Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid \(ACVFA\)](#). Established by Presidential directive after World War II, ACVFA serves as a link between the U.S. Government, the private sector, and private voluntary organizations active in humanitarian assistance and development work overseas. [Members](#) are appointed by the Administrator for two-year terms. They serve without compensation. We are especially excited by the breadth and depth of experience reflected in this year's ACVFA line-up and invite you to join us for the Committee's official meeting, which will take place **Friday, May 13 from 9-11AM at the National Press Club**. For more information, please visit the ACVFA [website](#).

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

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- [Haiti](#) earthquake and cholera fact sheet, dated 5/03/11
- [Kyrgyzstan](#) complex emergency fact sheet, dated 5/03/11
- [Cote d'Ivoire](#) complex emergency fact sheet #5, dated 5/06/11

DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (DLI) UPDATE

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A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for your interest in USAID and your support for our work. Please let us know what we can do to be responsive to your concerns. We're eager to hear your suggestions on how we can partner more effectively with you in the future. Please also let us know what you'd like to see more (or less) of in this bulletin. Thank you!



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PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Senior Advisor / PPL:** Tom Carothers, Vice President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has joined USAID on a part-time, temporary basis as Senior Advisor, based in our Bureau for Policy Planning & Learning. In addition to working on democracy and governance and political economy issues, **Tom** is also working closely with the Agency's Middle East Strategy Group.

- **DAA/Public Affairs:** The Agency bade farewell last week to **Moira Whelan**, our Deputy Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs, who has joined the Department of State as Senior Advisor for Crisis Communications. **Moira** leaves behind an impressive legacy, having brought USAID communications into the modern age, establishing a new and robust social media presence with tens of thousands of Twitter followers, reinvigorated our magazine [Frontlines](#) with a new design and format; and provided headquarters crisis communications support in more than 6 disasters worldwide. We look forward to working with **Moira** in her new capacity.
- **BIFAD Board Appointments:** President Obama recently announced five new appointments to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). **BIFAD** is a presidentially appointed advisory committee, comprised of seven members from the academic, NGO and private-sector communities, four of whom must represent the academic community. The Board's primary responsibility is to advise and assist the USAID Administrator on agriculture and food security-related issues and on mobilizing the U.S. academic community and their partners in agriculture and hunger/famine prevention and development assistance efforts. Click [here](#) to read the bios of all BIFAD members.

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PUBLIC EVENTS:

- **Dr. Shah Keynote at Chicago Council Symposium on Food Security:** Administrator Shah delivered a [keynote address](#) this morning at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Symposium, highlighting progress made over the past year through [Feed the Future](#), the U.S. Government’s global hunger and food security initiative. More than 400 opinion leaders were invited to today’s event, which also included remarks by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture **Tom Vilsack** and Microsoft’s **Bill Gates**. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Feed the Future initiative.
- **Development Forum with Dr. Esther Duflo:** On May 23, USAID hosted a Development Forum entitled “Radically Rethinking Global Poverty,” featuring Dr. **Esther Duflo**. The co-author of *Poor Economics* and co-founder of MIT’s Poverty Action Lab, **Dr. Duflo** was recently named one of TIME Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People in the World, and is a recipient of both a MacArthur “genius” grant and the Clark Medal, awarded to the top economist under 40. A transcript and video of the event will be available on our website later this afternoon. Through USAID’s “Development Forum,” the Agency brings in leading experts, thinkers, and practitioners to discuss some of the biggest issues in development today. Please let us know if you’d be interested in joining us for a future Development Forum.
- **Deputy Administrator Speaks on “Women and War”:** On May 13, **Deputy Administrator Steinberg** spoke at the U.S. Institute of Peace’s “Women and War” symposium on peace and security. The Deputy Administrator underscored the critical link between gender equality and women’s empowerment and the achievement of our development and humanitarian assistance objectives. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Deputy Administrator Speaks on USAID & Conflict -- Hard Lessons from the Field:** On May 17, **Deputy Administrator Steinberg** spoke at an event co-hosted by the American Enterprise Institute and the Center for American Progress regarding the challenges facing the United States as it tries to help nations emerge from conflict, and prevent new conflicts and crises from arising around the globe. The conversation touched on key issues, including the role of the private sector in post-conflict settings, the importance of women in shaping enduring peace agreements, lessons learned since 9/11, the role of development in preventing conflict, and the future of assistance in Afghanistan and Pakistan. You can find **Deputy Administrator Steinberg's** remarks [here](#).
- **Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid:** On May 13, **Dr. Shah** hosted a public and business meeting of the [Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid](#) (ACVFA), the Administrator's advisory body. [Comprised of up to 30 members](#), ACVFA promotes a vibrant exchange of ideas between USAID and the non-governmental sector, and offers substantive input into the Agency's work. Recognizing the [diversity of international development actors](#), Dr. Shah has appointed leaders from NGOs, universities, corporations, and foundations. ACVFA will focus on issues of economic growth, democracy and governance, university partnerships, and civil-military relations. USAID will make a transcript of the public meeting available on [our website](#) within the next few weeks.

TRAVEL:

- **OECD Ministerial Meeting:** USAID Administrator Shah will attend the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's 50th Anniversary and Ministerial Meeting May 25-26, participating during a session on "A New Paradigm for Development" chaired by Secretary Clinton.
- **Humanitarian Assistance Needs in East Africa:** **Nancy Lindborg**, Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance will travel to East Africa this week to review humanitarian assistance needs in Somalia.
- **Haiti:** **Eric Postel**, Assistant Administrator for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, is in Haiti this week to review USAID technical assistance programs in the areas of energy, natural resources management/agroforestry, infrastructure, microenterprise and microfinance.
- **North Korea:** **Jon Brause**, USAID Deputy Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance and U.S. Special Envoy for North Korea Human Rights **Robert King** will travel to North Korea this week to meet with DPRK Government officials and conduct a field evaluation of food security needs.

PARTNERSHIPS:

- **Global Diaspora Forum:** USAID and the Department of State welcomed leaders of the nation's most influential diaspora networks to our respective headquarters last week (May 17-19) for a [Global Diaspora Forum](#), aimed at recognizing and celebrating the contribution of diaspora communities to America's relationship with their countries of origin or ancestry; fostering diaspora-centric partnership models; and encouraging intra-diaspora collaboration and learning. Click [here](#) for more information on USAID's diaspora engagement.
- **New Western Union Diaspora Marketplace Launched:** USAID used the diaspora forum as a platform to announce the launch of a second African Diaspora Marketplace (ADM) in partnership with Western Union. The ADM encourages sustainable economic growth and employment by supporting

U.S.-based African Diaspora entrepreneurs with innovating and high-impact ideas for start-up and established businesses in Sub-Saharan Africa. The new Marketplace will focus on priority, high-impact sectors in Africa, including agribusiness, renewable energy, and information and communication technology. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Expanding Private Sector Partnerships in Agriculture / Food Security:** On May 18, **Tjada McKenna**, Deputy Assistant Administrator Bureau for Food Security, addressed the League of Black Women Voters at the organization's 8th Global Strategic Leadership Conference on business opportunities in the global food chain. Joining U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Agencies in Rome **Ertharin Cousin**, the Millennium Challenge Corporation's **Cassandra Butts**, and General Mills' **Angela Mwaniki**, **Tjada's** remarks centered on Feed the Future's efforts to leverage private sector partnerships to build local capacity in focus countries for improved food security.

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PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Director, Office of Development Credit Authority:** We are pleased to announce that **Ben Hubbard** has been named Director of the Office of Development Credit Authority (DCA) in the Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Trade (EGAT). [DCA](#) is the premier platform for bringing commercial capital to underserved markets in developing countries. Through partial loan guarantees USAID has leveraged over \$2.4 billion dollars in private capital using only \$82 million of U.S. government resources. Prior to joining DCA, Ben was Acting Chief of Staff to Administrator Shah where he facilitated and coordinated overall Agency operations and played a lead role in designing and advancing USAID's agenda, goals and critical initiatives.
- **Veronica "Ronnie" Young Retires:** USAID's Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA) will host a retirement celebration June 16 in honor of Ronnie Young who recently retired from USAID after 38 years of government service. Ronnie was a pillar of our legislative team, liaising

with the Office of Management and Budget, the Government Accountability Office, the Congressional Research Service, and in guiding our Communications Unit focused on correspondence, testimony, and questions for the record. Until further notice, please contact Maya Worman for assistance with these issues at mworman@usaid.gov or 202-712-1174. In addition, we invite you to join us in honoring Ronnie on June 16. Please email Alice Taylor at alice@usaid.gov.

TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC EVENTS:

- **House Foreign Affairs:** USAID Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East **Christopher Crowley** testified before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia on June 1 regarding the civilian transition in Iraq. State and Defense representatives also testified. Click [here](#) for SDAA testimony.
- **Deputy Steinberg to Speak at U.S. Institute for Peace:** Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg** will give the keynote address at a U.S. Institute for Peace Conference on Health Issues in Post Conflict and Unstable States on Friday, June 10. His speech will address “The USAID Experience in Fragile States.”
- **DAA/ME to Speak at American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee Convention:** USAID’s Deputy Assistant Administrator for Middle East, **Hady Amr**, will address the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee Annual National Convention at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel on June 10. The title of her address is “Popular Uprisings: Roundtable on Recent Developments in the Arab World.”
- **DRG 2.0 Conference:** USAID is hosting a conference on “Promoting Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance in 2011” on Monday and Tuesday, June 20-21, at the Hilton Arlington Hotel. The conference brings together critical and innovative thinkers in democracy, human rights, and governance to discuss pressing issues such as new opportunities for development, tools to assist in the presentation of human rights abuses, the integration of democracy, human rights, and governance across all of the development goals.
- **Administrator Shah to Speak at Bread for the World Event:** On June 12, **Dr. Shah** will join World Bank **President Robert Zoellick**, New York Times journalist **Mark Bittman**, U.S. Under Secretary of State **Maria Otero**, and Rev. **Gabriel Salguero** of the National Latino Evangelical Coalition are among the powerful speakers who will address Bread for the World’s National Gathering 2011 in Washington, DC. Under the theme “Changing the Politics of Hunger,” the event will feature inspiring plenary sessions, workshops, and worship services. Click [here](#) for more information.

TRAVEL:

- **AA/LAC Travel to Mexico:** **Mark Feierstein**, Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), travels to Mexico City and Ciudad Juarez the week of June 6 to meet with Mexican Government counterparts and NGOs with whom USAID will collaborate on the joint U.S. and Mexico security strategy.
- **USAID Policy Leadership at Education Fast Track Initiative Meetings:** Late last month, David Barth, Director of USAID’s Office of Education, represented the United States at the board meetings of the Education for All Fast Track Initiative in Kigali, Rwanda. The Education for All Fast Track Initiative is a global compact on education, and includes donor and developing country partners. For the first time, the USG had a full seat on the board, and used the opportunity to ensure alignment of the Fast Track Initiative strategic framework around three issues: 1) Quality education, particularly in the early grades; 2) Fragile states; and 3)

Gender. These three areas align with USAID's [education strategy](#) which was developed in close collaboration with Congress.

PARTNERSHIPS:

- **USAID - AusAid Collaborate on Government of Tanzania Health Programs:** USAID/Tanzania and Australia's development agency, AusAid, have reached an agreement whereby AusAid will transfer \$5.5 million of its health funding to USAID to program and oversee support addressing urgent gaps in the Tanzania's measles program and critical gaps in Tanzania's stocks for family planning commodities. The agreement is designed to reduce duplication and burden on host country governments.
- **USAID - Government of South Africa Collaboration on Woman-Controlled AIDS Prevention:** In the wake of a landmark USAID-funded study examining the effectiveness of Tenofovir, a microbicidal gel to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS among women, USAID intends to co-fund with the South African government a confirmatory trial of 1% tenofovir gel. The trial, called the "Follow-on African Consortium for Tenofovir Studies" (FACTS) 001, is scheduled to last up to 25 months and will enroll approximately 2,000 women. The trial will be conducted by newly created South African consortium including seven local research institutions and three South African woman scientists.

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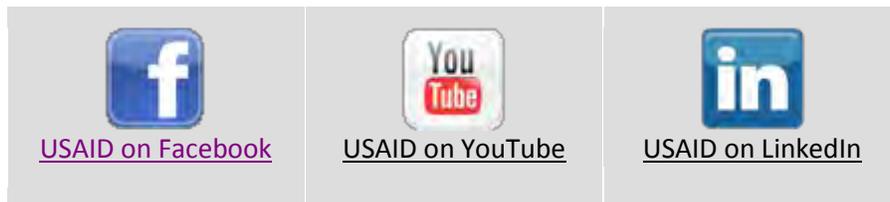
- Cote d'Ivoire complex emergency [fact sheet #9](#), dated June 3, 2011
- East and Central Africa Regional [fact sheet #1](#), dated May 23, 2011
- Haiti earthquake and cholera [fact sheet #6](#), dated May 31, 2011
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CONGRESSIONAL BULLETIN

June 24, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Food Security Week:** [“Food Security Week”](#) began earlier this week, when **USAID Administrator Shah** joined **USDA Secretary Vilsack** in a ceremony hosted by **Secretary of State Clinton** [to announce the winners of the 2011 World Food Prize](#). **Administrator Shah** also announced Feed the Future's “Borlaug 21st Century Leadership” program and kicked off the [Feed the Future Research Forum](#). Leadership from USAID, State, and USDA participated in a Congressional reception hosted by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, which featured university presidents, researchers, and scientists from across the United States. Click [here](#) to listen to **Dr. Shah’s** interview with *NPR* regarding the [Feed the Future](#) initiative, specifically the importance of supporting women in agriculture development programs and why investments in food security are important for national security and global stability. **Dr. Shah** will travel to Kansas City next week to deliver a keynote address at the 13th annual International Food Aid and Development Conference, where he will address the important role of food assistance in achieving food security.
- **GAVI:** **Administrator Shah** joined private and public donors from across the world at the [Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations \(GAVI\)](#) donor pledging conference June 13-14, where he announced a commitment, subject to Congressional approval, that will enable the Alliance to immunize an additional 243 million children in the poorest countries. GAVI, a public-private organization co-founded by the United States in 2000, is a dramatically effective example of public-private engagement to drive down the cost of vaccines and save lives at a lower cost. In addition to donor pledges, high quality vaccine manufacturers from both developed and developing countries announced major price reductions for new vaccines which will leverage the US contribution more than eight-fold. The United Kingdom, which hosted the conference, and the Gates Foundation were the largest single contributors. The GAVI pledge is an extension of the cost-efficient approach to global health programming that the **Administrator** laid out before the National Institutes of Health in February, which can be read [here](#).
- **USAID Hosts Landmark Democracy, Rights, and Governance Conference:** USAID was pleased to host a two-day conference focused on [“Democracy, Rights, and Governance: Today’s Challenges and Effective Responses.”](#) The conference brought together USAID democracy officers from around the world to share lessons learned and to hear from experts and practitioners in the field of democracy, human rights, and governance. **Senator Ben Cardin** (D-MD) and senior

bipartisan Congressional staff also participated. Click [here](#) to read **Administrator Shah's** remarks.

- **Policy, Planning, and Learning (PPL) Bureau One Year Anniversary:** June marks the one year anniversary of the re-establishment of a central policy, planning, and learning function at the Agency. Click [here](#) to read PPL Assistant to the Administrator **Susan Reichle's** account of what has been achieved over the past year.

TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC EVENTS:

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC):** On June 16, the Bureau for Africa's Deputy Assistant Administrator **Raja Jandhyala** testified before HFAC's Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights regarding assistance to Southern Sudan, particularly in the conflict-heavy regions of Abyei, Southern Kordofan, and Blue Nile. You can read her testimony [here](#).
- **Development Forum with Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf:** On June 24, USAID will welcome **Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** to address our staff on "Consolidating Democracy and Development in Post-Conflict Liberia." As Africa's first elected female head of state, **President Sirleaf** has made significant strides for her country in the realm of economic growth and democracy. She will speak on the challenges Liberia faces as it continues this development as well as her hopes for the nation's future. You can find information [here](#) on USAID's work in Liberia.
- **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD):** USAID Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg** is leading the U.S. Government delegation to the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Peer Review this week.
- **2011 AGOA Forum:** From June 8-10, USAID delegates attended the tenth annual forum of the [African Growth and Opportunity Act \(AGOA\)](#) in Lusaka, Zambia. **Dr. Julie Howard**, Deputy Coordinator for Development for the U.S. Government's Feed the Future initiative, and **Ricardo Michel**, a senior economic growth and trade advisor, represented USAID at this year's forum, which was entitled "Enhanced Trade Through Increased Competitiveness, Value Addition and Deeper Regional Integration."
- **Small Business Conference:** USAID was pleased to host its [fourth annual small business conference](#) June 9 to provide small business leaders an opportunity to learn how they can participate in development assistance programs. **Deputy Administrator Steinberg** welcomed more than 200 attendees to the daylong event. In his remarks, he described the critical role that small businesses are playing in the Agency's procurement reform strategy. He stated that USAID is "streamlining Agency policies and processes to reduce our dependence on large multi-year contracts and replacing them with smaller more flexible awards accessible to small businesses." These efforts are already showing major results as the Agency improved in FY 2010 in nine out of ten categories of small business prime and subcontract awards.

PARTNERSHIPS:

- **USAID, DNA, and NetHope Inc. Partner on Anti-Trafficking:** USAID, the Demi and Ashton Foundation (DNA), and NetHope Inc. have partnered to launch the [Stop Human Trafficking App Challenge](#), a contest to develop the most effective mobile technology application to tackle human trafficking in Russia. Contestants from Russia, Eastern Europe, and the Commonwealth of Independent States are invited to enter the competition through August 8. For more information, click [here](#).
- **USAID – Unilever-Lifebuoy:** USAID and Unilever-Lifebuoy launched a global effort June 13 to improve handwashing practices among birth attendants and family members to reduce newborn infections. Every year an estimated 4 million newborn babies die in the first month of their lives, while simple, low-cost health interventions, including handwashing with soap, could reduce this figure by up to 70%. USAID and Unilever-Lifebuoy will work together to design a handwashing behavior-change program to help new mothers and health workers adopt the practice of handwashing with soap as an ingrained habit.

NOMINEES:

- **AA/Middle East: Mara Rudman**, nominee for Assistant Administrator for the Middle East, has been placed on the Senate Executive Calendar. USAID is working with Senate leadership to bring her confirmation to the floor for a full Senate vote.
- **AA/Global Health: Dr. Ariel Pablos-Mendez**, nominee for Assistant Administrator for Global Health, has had his confirmation hearing, and USAID is currently working with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to add him to the agenda of the next business meeting.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We are pleased to announce that **Steve VanRoekel** joins USAID as Executive Director for Citizen and Organizational Engagement. He will be leading “USAID Connect,” an effort to review and reorganize the Agency’s online tools, operational platforms, programs, and USAID Forward reforms to increase engagement with the American public. On detail from his position as Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Steve brings over 18 years of information technology and management expertise as well as experience with improving citizen interaction.
- **David Barth** has joined the Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA) as Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator. A career Foreign Service Officer, David has worked for USAID since 1995, most recently serving as the Director of USAID’s Office of Education, a post in which he oversaw the development of a new education strategy intended to bring increased focus and impact to the sector. He previously directed the Office of Middle East Programs, where he focused on regional initiatives to confront conflict and extremism, with special emphasis on youth, governance, and water security. A lawyer by training, David has also served as the Regional Legal Advisor for Egypt, Yemen, Jordan, Morocco, and Lebanon, and he has worked with Missions in Guatemala, Panama, and Nicaragua.

- The Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning (PPL) welcomes **Curt Reintsma** as its new Director of the Office of Donor Engagement. Curt joins the USAID/Washington office after five years as Mission Director for Malawi. Previously, he served as the first Director of the Sudan Office in the Africa Bureau, and he helped create the Global Development Alliance in an effort to institutionalize the idea of public-private partnerships in USAID. Curt has lived in Africa for a total of 18 years.

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- Japan Earthquake and Tsunami [fact sheet #18](#), dated June 15, 2011
- Libya Complex Emergency [fact sheet #30](#), dated June 9, 2011
- Sri Lanka Floods and Complex Emergency [fact sheet #3](#), dated June 15, 2011
- Yemen Complex Emergency [fact sheet #4](#), dated June 15, 2011

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July 7, 2011

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Presidential Delegation to South Sudan: Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg** will travel to South Sudan as part of a presidential delegation to attend the ceremony marking the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of South Sudan on July 9. United States Ambassador to the United Nations **Susan Rice** will lead the delegation, which will include **U.S. Rep. Donald Payne** (D-NJ), former Secretary of State **Colin Powell**, Assistant Secretary of State **Johnnie Carson**, U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan **Princeton Lyman**, Deputy National Security Advisor **Brooke Anderson**, AFRICOM Commander **General Carter Ham**, U.S. Consul General for Juba **Barrie Walkley**, and **Ken Hackett**, President of Catholic Relief Services.
- **White House Web Chat: Administrator Shah** and **Kalpen Modi**, Associate Director of the White House's Office of Public Engagement, will participate in a live web chat **today** (July 7) to discuss youth participation in international development. They will be joined by 20 young Americans working in the field who will share their opinions about the role of USAID. Tune in at **1:30PM today** to watch the chat live [here](#); questions can be submitted [here](#). To read a blog post by Kalpen Modi discussing the event, click [here](#).
- **Development Seminar Series:** Please join us as USAID kicks off our summer Development Seminar Series. Each of the five sessions, beginning this week, will address a different aspect of the United States' involvement in international development, with topics ranging from food security to science and technology to geospatial mapping, business and human rights. For more information, and to RSVP, click [here](#).
- **USAID's 50th Anniversary:** As many of you know, USAID turns 50 this year. As part of the commemoration, the Agency has launched a 50th [microsite](#) - an interactive platform of stories, photos and video from the field; created a *50 Weeks to 50 Years* countdown series on [IMPACTblog](#) to highlight historic photos and personal stories from USAID staff; designed an [infographics](#) series that relays critical information on foreign aid spending and investment in a digestible way; and posted a video message from [Secretary Clinton](#) congratulating USAID on 50 years of progress. On June 23, USAID invited the Vermont-based Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) to visit the Agency for an ice cream social, where ISC Board Treasurer **Jerry**

Greenfield (co-founder of Ben and Jerry's) joined Agency leadership in scooping ice cream for our staff. Stay tuned for more information on USAID's 50th anniversary.

- **Call for Development Innovation Ventures Proposals:** The second [Annual Program Statement](#) (APS) for USAID's **Development Innovation Ventures** (DIV) program was released last week. DIV is a mechanism for working with partners to identify, test, and bring to scale potential development solutions. It encourages entrepreneurs, academics, NGOs, and others to submit proposals for innovations that address development challenges more effectively and may improve development outcomes in substantial rather than incremental changes. **We invite you to share this announcement with your district or state offices.** Past winners have come from all over the United States. For more information on applying for a DIV grant, click [here](#).
- **FLOTUS Visit to South Africa:** First Lady **Michelle Obama** traveled to South Africa and Botswana during an official visit to Africa from June 20 to 26 focused on youth leadership, education, health and wellness. USAID was honored to play a role in facilitating a discussion between Mrs. Obama and Young African Women Leaders to discuss the challenges and opportunities they face. You can read more about this discussion [here](#).

BRIEFINGS AND TESTIMONY:

- **Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee: Alex Thier**, Assistant to the Administrator and Director of the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs (OAPA), testified on June 30 before the Senate's Homeland Security and Government Affairs Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight regarding contracting in Afghanistan. A copy of his prepared testimony can be found [here](#).
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee:** On July 7, **Nancy Lindborg**, Assistant Administrator for the Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance Bureau, will testify before a joint hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade titled "Assessing the Consequences of the Failed State of Somalia."
- **House Foreign Affairs Committee:** On July 12, **George Laudato**, the head of USAID's Middle East Bureau, will testify before the HFAC Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia on assistance to the Palestinian Authority.
- **House Agricultural Committee:** On July 13, **Nancy Lindborg**, Assistant Administrator for the Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance Bureau, will testify before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture on Title III (Trade) of the Farm Bill that includes international food aid.

PUBLIC EVENTS:

- **USAID – National Science Foundation:** On July 7, USAID and the National Science Foundation will host an event to launch the joint ["Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research" \(PEER\) initiative](#). PEER combines NSF scientific investments and USAID's support for scientists in the developing world to support and build scientific and technical capacity. **Administrator Shah**, NSF director **Dr. Subra Suresh**, and President Obama's science advisor **Dr. John Holdren** will participate in the event.

- **Focus on Food Aid and Food Security:** As a follow-up to Food Security Week (see the [June 24 Congressional Bulletin](#) for more details), several senior Administration officials traveled to Kansas City, Missouri last week for the [International Food Aid and Development Conference](#), which was co-sponsored by USAID and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The annual forum provides a venue to discuss policy and operational issues related to food aid and development, as well as ways to improve collaboration between the government, private, voluntary and non-government organizations, and agricultural and transportation industry representatives. Click [here](#) to read Administrator Shah's remarks.
- **U.S. Global Leadership Coalition: Administrator Shah** will speak on a panel entitled "Investing in the Future: A Town Hall with Administration Leadership" at the 2011 U.S. Global Leadership Coalition Washington Conference on July 12. Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** and World Bank president **Robert Zoellick** will also participate.
- **Partnerships for Global Health Forum:** On June 27, **Administrator Shah** spoke at the Partnerships for Global Health Forum. The forum, sponsored by BIO and BioVentures for Global Health, encourages discussion among industry and global health leaders to identify ways to create new market-based solutions that speed the development of drugs, vaccines and diagnostics for diseases of the developing world.
- **Food Security:** Assistant to the Administrator of the Bureau for Food Security **Paul Weisenfeld** and Tanzania Mission Director **Robert Cunnane** spoke at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on June 27 to discuss the Feed the Future Initiative and its impact in Tanzania. They discussed its operation and the importance of partnerships with local and international private sector companies.
- **Citizen Security Conference:** With the State Department and the Organization of American States, USAID hosted a conference on June 28 entitled "Successful Models and Approaches on Youth Development and Crime Prevention." OAS Secretary General **José Miguel Insulza**, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs **Arturo Valenzuela**, and USAID Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean **Mark Feierstein** discussed the need for programs that target youth and tackle social and economic influences on crime and violence in the Americas. For more information on the conference, click [here](#).
- **Uganda and Somalia:** Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa **Raja Jandhyala** traveled to northern Somalia on June 21 to meet with local government officials and private sector businesses and to review the progress of USAID programs in the area. She then visited Kampala, Uganda, from June 22 to June 24, meeting with members of the Ugandan government to discuss the new nation of South Sudan.

PARTNERSHIPS:

- **USAID – Coca-Cola Company:** Through a public-private partnership between USAID and The Coca-Cola Company, the two organizations are investing nearly a million dollars each over the next three years to protect watersheds, improve access to safe water and sanitation, and encourage productive water use in Senegal. On June 25, USAID/Senegal Acting Mission Director

Alfreda Brewer inaugurated 20 modern water access points in the rural region of Tambacounda. To learn more about the ongoing partnership between USAID and Coca-Cola, click [here](#).

- **Feed the Future – Wal-Mart:** USAID/Honduras Mission Director **William Brands** signed an MOA with Wal-Mart on July 5 at the Wal-Mart store in Tegucigalpa. The partnership with Wal-Mart is designed to increase agricultural production among small-scale farmer through technical assistance, enable small-scale farmers and women-owned businesses to sell directly to Wal-Mart Mexico and Central America, expand access to commercial credit for these groups, and promote sound nutrition and household health practices.

NOMINEES:

- USAID is thrilled to report that the Senate has confirmed **Dr. Ariel Pablos-Mendez** as Assistant Administrator for USAID’s Bureau for Global Health.
- USAID is working with Senate leadership to secure the confirmation of **Mara Rudman** to serve as Assistant Administrator for the Middle East.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Senior Advisor for the Middle East:** USAID welcomes **Alina Romanowski** as a Senior Advisor in the Middle East Bureau. Currently serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs in the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Alina will lead the Middle East Transition Response team and take on budget, personnel and human resource management issues within the Bureau.
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USAID IN THE NEWS:

- In an interview with [NPR’s “Tell Me More”](#) on June 22, **Administrator Shah** discussed food shortages, security and prices with host **Michel Martin**.
- [Harvest Public Media](#) reported on the International Food Aid and Development Conference, including **Administrator Shah’s** comments on humanitarian aid and the Feed the Future Initiative.
- On July 1, Nicholas Kristof wrote for [The New York Times](#) on humanitarian aid to Africa in health, technology, and nutrition. He focused on the importance of food security and recognized the Feed the Future Initiative for its contributions to fighting hunger.
- In a June 27 editorial on U.S. leadership in global agricultural development, [Voice of America](#) reported that the U.S. is leading global efforts on food security.

- In an interview with Renee Montagne on [NPR's "Morning edition"](#) on June 23, **Administrator Shah** addressed the future of U.S. assistance to Afghanistan.

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- Somalia Complex Emergency [fact sheet #2](#), dated June 20, 2011
- Yemen Complex Emergency [fact sheet #5](#), dated June 29, 2011

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Horn of Africa:** Early this morning, the United Nations announced that a famine has been declared in Somalia. Across the eastern Horn of Africa, more than 11 million people are now in need of emergency assistance to survive. [The United States is one of the largest donors of emergency assistance to the region, helping more than 4.4 million of those in need and providing over \\$459 million to date in fiscal year 2011.](#) **Administrator Shah**, who is in the Horn of Africa as of this writing, offered [these remarks](#) in response to the famine declaration. Through the [Feed the Future Initiative](#), the USG is also working to address the root causes of hunger and malnutrition. On July 6, the Agency activated a regional Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to monitor regional drought conditions and coordinate response activities with other donors. Last week, USAID also stood up a Washington-based task force on the crisis, chaired by **Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg** and led by Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance **Nancy Lindborg**. On July 11, the Deputy Administrator and Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa **Raja Jandhyala** traveled to the Dolo Ado refugee camp on the Ethiopia/Somalia border to assess current needs and conditions. **Paul Weisenfeld**, Assistant to the Administrator for the Bureau for Food Security, traveled to Kenya July 11-18 to assess the current drought as well as Kenya's Feed the Future programs. Following a visit to Somalia and Kenya in late May, **Nancy Lindborg testified** on the humanitarian situation in Somalia on July 7 before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights. Click [here](#) for Administrator Shah's July 13 Huffington Post interview or [here](#) to watch a BBC interview with the Deputy Administrator for more on the crisis in the Horn of Africa and USAID's ongoing work there. Access USAID's landing page on the emergency [here](#).
- **South Sudan Independence:** South Sudan became Africa's 54th nation on July 9 in an event attended by delegations of many nations, including the United States. [Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg attended the independence ceremony with the U.S. delegation](#), headed by U.S. Ambassador to the UN **Susan Rice**. For more information on South Sudan and USAID's work in the country, click [here](#).

- **Saving Lives at Birth:** Join us July 26-28, as USAID hosts a “Development Xchange” here in the Ronald Reagan Building in association with the Agency’s Grand Challenge around “Saving Lives at Birth.” An estimated 150,000 women die each year in the 48 hours following a child’s birth. Through our Grand Challenge for Development, USAID has sought low-cost, far-reaching innovations from members of the general public. Next week’s event will highlight the work of 77 innovators from around the world who will present their projects to help save lives at birth. Workshops and panels will center around issues of maternal and child health and development. Members of the public are invited to view and judge the projects. Click [here](#) for more information on the event or [here](#) for information on Saving Lives at Birth.

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- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee:** On July 19, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance **Christa Capozzola** testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs regarding U.S. Policy in Yemen. Read her testimony [here](#).
- **USAID 101 for the Foreign Assistance Effectiveness Caucus:** On July 18, USAID was pleased to welcome a bipartisan gathering of staff affiliated with the House Foreign Assistance Effectiveness Caucus to Agency headquarters for an orientation to the Agency, including presentations on [USAID Forward](#). Please let us know if you would be interested in co-hosting or attending a future USAID 101 by emailing Aysha House-Moshi at ahouse-moshi@usaid.gov.
- **Consultations with USAID Mission Directors:** USAID offers the following Mission Directors for meetings/briefings with interested Members and staff on July 28, 2011: **Joseph Williams** (Albania); **Jatinder Cheema** (Armenia); **Michael Greene** (Azerbaijan); **Allan Reed** (Bosnia-Herzegovina); **Diana Putman** (designate, Democratic Republic of Congo); **James Watson** (Dominican Republic); Jonathan (**Jock**) **Conly** (Georgia); **Kevin Kelly** (Guatemala); **Nancy Estes** (Guinea); **Carol Horning** (Guatemala); **David Leong** (Regional Services Center, Budapest); **Erna Kerst** (Kenya); **Maureen Shauket** (designate, Kosovo); **Douglass Arbuckle** (designate, Malawi); **Dana Mansuri** (designate, Nigeria); **Rosemary Rakas** (Paraguay); **Charles North** (Russia); **Susan Fritz** (Serbia and Montenegro); **Janina Jaruzelski** (Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus); **Melissa Williams** (designate, Zimbabwe). To arrange meetings or briefings with the Mission Directors, please contact: Europe and Eurasia - **Mike Hathaway** at mhathaway@usaid.gov; Africa –

Heather Flynn at hflynn@usaid.gov; or Latin America and Caribbean - **Kate Beale** at kbeale@usaid.gov .

PUBLIC EVENTS:

- **Administrator in Tunisia:** Prior to his travel to the Horn of Africa (see Highlights above), **Administrator Shah** was in Tunisia this week to review current assistance strategies and survey how the Agency may further support the country's democratic transition. During this trip, the Administrator met with young entrepreneurs, farmers, business leaders, representatives of civil society organizations, and government officials to hear first-hand from a broad range of counterparts.
- **Tidewater Meeting:** From July 20-22, Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg** will be in the United Kingdom to participate in the annual Tidewater conference of development ministers. This year's discussion will focus on policy reform, economic growth, and the challenges of development in the Middle East and North Africa.
- **WTO Global Review:** On July 18-19, **Eric Postel**, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Economic Growth and Trade, attended the World Trade Organization's Third Global Review, where he presented lessons learned regarding trade building capacity and best practices, highlighting the findings of USAID's recent evaluation "[From Aid to Trade: Delivering Results.](#)" To learn more about the event, read his blog post [here](#).
- **White House Youth Webchat:** On July 7, **Administrator Shah** participated in an interactive White House youth roundtable moderated by **Kalpen Modi**, Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, to discuss how young people can play a critical role in international development. The [USAID Youth Impact](#) page, created to support the White House live chat with Administrator Shah, received more than 5,000 visits and over 100 comments during the event. To read the Administrator's blog post regarding the chat, click [here](#).

NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS:

- **USAID – Gates Foundation DIV on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:** USAID and the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** have established WASH for Life, a new program in the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector. Over the next four years, the partnership will use USAID's [Development Innovation Ventures](#) (DIV) to identify and test approaches to cost-effective and sustained services in developing countries. To learn more about the partnership, click [here](#). To read Maura O'Neill, Senior Counselor for Innovation's blog post on this partnership, click [here](#). We view this partnership as an important validation of DIV's approach, which systematically seeks, tests, incubates, and mainstreams cost-effective, breakthrough ideas to substantially improve the lives of people in developing countries. Leadership through this type of innovation is a key piece of [USAID Forward](#) and DIV aims to be both a model and incubator for other donors, host countries, and organizations looking to use proven successes to impact people in developing countries.
- **USAID – Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture:** USAID and the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture's Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector recently launched the [Atlas of Ethiopian Livelihoods](#). With the current drought in the Horn of Africa, this uniquely comprehensive data set provides an important tool for planning development initiatives, strengthening early warning

preparations and emergency responses, and identifying particularly vulnerable populations so that USAID and other humanitarian organizations can effectively provide assistance.

- **Field Guide on Assistance to Civilian Law Enforcement:** USAID has created a field guide for the Agency's Democracy and Governance Officers entitled "Assistance to Civilian Law Enforcement in Developing Countries." The guide provides an important roadmap to implementing law enforcement development assistance and illustrates how a sustainable approach to developing law enforcement agencies helps strengthen democracies. For more information, click [here](#).

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOMINEES:

- USAID is working with Senate leadership to secure the confirmation of **Mara Rudman** to serve as Assistant Administrator for the Middle East.
- **Kevin Mullally** was sworn in as the first Mission Director to South Sudan. Stationed in Juba, **Mullally** will oversee a development program that addresses the nation's needs for effective government, conflict mitigation, health, and education. **Mullally** has served as mission director to Senegal and Rwanda and deputy mission director to Mali. He also brings extensive experience in agriculture assistance, one of the main focuses of the South Sudan mission. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Richard Greene** was sworn in as the new Mission Director for Bangladesh. He previously served as the Director of the Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition in USAID's Bureau for Global Health. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID IN THE NEWS:

- [Voice of America](#) aired a TV piece on the drought in the Horn of Africa. Featuring **Moffatt Ngugi**, a USAID Advisor in the Bureau for Food Security, the video emphasizes the importance of long-term solutions such as Feed the Future to develop markets and strengthen value chains to improve food security.
- [CNN](#), [McClatchy Newspapers](#), and [The Washington Post](#) reported on July 12 that at a speech to the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** cited the importance of foreign aid and how the State Department and USAID are using "commercial diplomacy" to help U.S. companies compete and win in the future.
- In a July 13 interview with [The Huffington Post](#), **Administrator Shah** discussed the current drought and food crisis in the Horn of Africa. Shah stated that the food shortages are putting millions of lives at risk and threatening to further destabilize a troubled region of the world.
- Foreign Policy's [The Cable](#) blog reported on July 14 that in a recent interview with Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources **Tom Nides**, the State Department and USAID have a national security mandate. "We are helping countries through Feed the Future, Global Health Initiatives, climate change, and economic support funding. We're doing that because we're building up these countries to be more self-reliant and have stronger economies. By doing that, that helps our national security," said Nides.

- On July 17, [The Washington Post](#) reported on USAID’s aid efforts in a post-Mubarak Egypt. The Agency has been providing pro-democracy grants to Egyptians in order to build businesses and promote transparent, democratic governance.

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- Haiti Earthquake and Cholera [fact sheet #9](#), dated July 11, 2011
- Horn of Africa [fact sheet #2](#), dated July 14, 2011 [Note: Updated fact sheet available July 21]
- Libya Complex Emergency [fact sheet #35](#), dated July 15, 2011
- Pakistan Complex Emergency and Floods [fact sheet #2](#), dated July 8, 2011
- Yemen Complex Emergency [fact sheet #6](#), dated July 13, 2011

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CONGRESSIONAL BULLETIN

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Horn of Africa:** The Horn of Africa is experiencing the worst drought in 60 years, and southern Somalia is facing the most serious food insecurity problem in the world today. More than 12.4 million people, primarily in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, and Djibouti, are in need of emergency assistance. The United States is one of the largest donors of such assistance, helping more than 4.6 million people and providing \$459 million this year to date (FY 2011). U.S. assistance provides food, treatment for the severely malnourished, health care, clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education and supplies. The United States also works to improve long-term opportunities for affected communities through the [Feed the Future initiative](#). On July 20, USAID Administrator **Dr. Rajiv Shah** [traveled to the Horn of Africa](#), where he visited the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya and drought-affected Wajir County. On July 28, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance **Nancy Lindborg** [hosted roundtables](#) with Somali Americans in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Columbus, Ohio to update them on the U.S. response to the famine. On August 3, Assistant Administrator **Lindborg** [testified](#) before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs on the response to the drought and famine in the Horn of Africa. On August 4, USAID Administrator **Rajiv Shah** briefed House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and other House Members on the crisis, and separately, USAID Deputy Administrator **Don Steinberg** briefed the Congressional Hunger Caucus on the U.S. response to the humanitarian crisis in the Horn. To read a statement by Leader Pelosi following this morning's meeting, click [here](#). To stay updated on USAID's continuing response to the drought, click [here](#). **Effective next week, USAID plans to begin organizing weekly conference calls for Congressional staff on the Horn response. To be added to our distribution list for these calls, please email Bette Cook at bcook@usaid.gov**
- **Saving Lives at Birth:** From July 26-28, USAID hosted a "DevelopmentXChange" in association with the Agency's [Saving Lives at Birth](#) initiative. Through this Grand Challenge for Development, USAID has sought low-cost, far-reaching innovations for new technologies, new service delivery models, and new ways to stimulate demand for healthcare services at the time of birth. From a pool of more than 600 applicants, USAID chose 77 finalists from around the world—including NGOs, universities and university affiliates, and for-profit organizations—to present their projects to help save lives at birth to development experts, potential funders, and the general

public. Representatives **Nita Lowey** and **Rosa DeLauro** joined **Administrator Shah** and Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** to speak at the event. Click [here](#) to read Secretary Clinton's speech or [here](#) to watch video from the conference.

- **OECD Peer Review:** On July 28, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)'s Development Assistance Committee (DAC) issued an [assessment of U.S. programs and policies in international development](#), highlighting U.S. leadership in such areas as promoting public-private partnerships and applying strict standards of measurement and evaluation. To read Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg**'s statement regarding the results, click [here](#).
- **Sustainability Guidance for Afghanistan:** Consistent with the Agency's ongoing review of our assistance to Afghanistan and Pakistan, USAID has launched new [Sustainability Guidance for Afghanistan](#). This guidance captures USAID's strategy for achieving the conditions required for a successful, sustainable, Afghan-led transition, including achieving basic levels of security and stability, and building the confidence of the Afghan people so that there is positive movement toward capable, inclusive, and pluralistic governance. By committing itself to promote sustainable development in support of transition, USAID will be directly contributing to the United States' national interest to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan and to prevent its capacity to threaten America and our allies in the future. To read more, click [here](#).
- **FrontLines Magazine:** The newest edition of USAID's *FrontLines* magazine went live on July 25. This issue focuses on climate change and science and technology developments, highlighting the projects and partnerships USAID has implemented around the world. The issue features an interview with Sen. **Patrick Leahy**. To read the magazine, click [here](#).

TESTIMONY / BRIEFINGS

- **House Foreign Affairs Committee:** On July 26, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa **Sharon Cromer** testified before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights on "AFRICOM: Promoting Partnership for Global Security in Africa." Her testimony is available [here](#).
- **Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee:** On July 26, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Director **Mauricio Vera** testified in his capacity as Chair of the Federal OSDBU Council before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight. The hearing was titled "Small Business Contracts: How Oversight Failures and Regulatory Loopholes Allow Large Businesses to Get and Keep Small Business Contracts." His testimony is available [here](#).
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee:** **Nancy Lindborg**, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, testified on August 3 regarding the U.S. Government response to the drought and famine in the Horn of Africa before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs. Her testimony is available [here](#).
- **Leader Pelosi Briefing on the Horn of Africa Drought:** **Administrator Shah** briefed House Members on the Horn of Africa drought and famine at a meeting organized by **House Minority**

Leader Nancy Pelosi on August 4. Click [here](#) to read Leader Pelosi’s statement following that meeting.

- **House Hunger Caucus:** Also on August 4, Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg** addressed House Members, staff, and representatives of the NGO community at a Congressional House Hunger Caucus briefing on the Horn of Africa drought and famine.

PUBLIC EVENTS

- **Brookings Blum Roundtable: Administrator Shah** will deliver remarks and speak on a panel about development and national security on August 5 at the 7th Annual Brookings Blum Roundtable, “From Aid to Global Development Cooperation.” The Roundtable is an annual forum for international leaders to discuss ideas and initiatives to combat global poverty.
- **Transnational Organized Crime Roll Out:** On July 25, Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg** joined Assistant to the President for Counterterrorism **John Brennan**, Attorney General **Eric Holder**, Homeland Security Secretary **Janet Napolitano**, and other Administration officials in rolling out the U.S. government’s new strategy to combat Transnational Organized Crime. USAID is playing a key role in the strategy to combat transnational crime through the Agency’s programs to build or improve institutions, promote the rule of law and good governance, prevent human trafficking, provide economic opportunities, and otherwise reduce opportunities for such crime to flourish. The strategy can be found [here](#). To read the Deputy Administrator’s speech from the event, click [here](#).
- **AmFAR Capitol Hill Summit:** On July 27, **Administrator Shah** joined House Minority Leader **Nancy Pelosi**, Sen. **Michael Enzi**, and government officials, organization leaders, and political commentators at the Foundation for AIDS Research’s Capitol Hill Summit, “Making AIDS History: Ending the Epidemic.” The event observed the 30th anniversary of the discovery of AIDS, marking the progress in the fight against the disease as well as highlighting new research and policies. At the conference, **Dr. Shah** discussed a program to leverage private sector financing for health facilities in Ethiopia for people with HIV/AIDS. To learn more about the initiative, click [here](#).

PARTNERSHIPS AND NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS

- **LAUNCH:** Through a partnership with NASA, the Department of State, and NIKE, Inc., USAID has announced the third module of the LAUNCH initiative, a unique government and private-sector partnership to identify, support and take to market creative technologies and other solutions that address global sustainability problems—especially those related to international development. Announced on July 22, LAUNCH: Energy focuses on sustainable energy challenges in the developed and developing world. Selected on July 21 as a finalist for the Service to America medal, the LAUNCH partnership searches for entrepreneurs and innovators with proposals for large-scale impact development. Having previously engaged in water and health modules, LAUNCH is now seeking innovative products, services, and programs in the energy sector. Proposals in energy generation, storage, financing, education, and deployment as well as community applications will be evaluated for participation in the LAUNCH: Energy Forum at the Kennedy Space Center in November. For more information on the initiative and to share information on the application process with your constituents, click [here](#).

- **USAID – Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation:** On July 19, USAID announced WASH for Life (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene for Life), a partnership between USAID and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to use USAID’s Development Innovation Ventures program to identify, test, and help scale evidence-based approaches for cost-effective and sustained services in developing countries. WASH for Life focuses on interventions in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, India, Kenya, and Nigeria that address issues in the sanitation and hygiene sectors in particular and target beneficiaries earning less than \$2 a day. USAID Senior Counselor and Chief Innovation Officer **Dr. Maura O’Neill** made the announcement with colleagues from the Gates Foundation in Kigali, Rwanda. Click [here](#) to learn more about WASH for Life.
- **USAID – National Science Foundation:** USAID’s Office of Science and Technology has launched Partnership for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) with the National Science Foundation (NSF). The partnership improves access to scientific knowledge and higher education and training opportunities by establishing relationships between scientists in the United States and the developing world. PEER provides funding to developing country scientists to build labs, supports students and research, and empowers the use of science and technology to address local development problems such as food security, biodiversity conservation, water, and climate change. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- **2011 VolAg Report:** USAID has released the [2011 Report of Voluntary Agencies Engaged in Overseas Relief and Development](#). This detailed report lists all private voluntary organizations (PVOs) registered with the Agency, offering descriptions of each PVO’s mission, activities, and financial data. For more information on USAID’s work with PVOs, click [here](#).

PERSONNEL

- **Wade Warren** has been appointed as USAID Deputy Assistant Administrator for Global Health. For the past three years, Wade has served as the Acting Chief Operating Officer of the State Department’s Office of the Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance, where he has been responsible for a range of processes relating to foreign assistance reform. Previously, he held leadership positions in the Africa Bureau and in Missions in Zimbabwe and Botswana.
- **Monica Stein-Olsen** has been appointed Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Management. Monica has worked with USAID for 22 years as a Foreign Service Officer, serving in Mali, the Philippines, Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, Russia, and Morocco.
- **Douglass Arbuckle** was sworn in as Mission Director to Malawi on July 28. Doug previously served as Deputy Mission Director in Sudan and held executive officer positions in Iraq, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Honduras.
- **Diana Putman** was sworn in as Mission Director to Democratic Republic of Congo on July 29. Diana has lived in Africa for over 20 years, working in Tunisia, Tanzania and Kenya.
- **Erin McKee** was sworn in as Mission Director to the Central Asian Republics on August 4. Previously the Deputy Director of the Central Asian Republics Mission, she has also served in Iraq, Peru, Bolivia, West Bank/Gaza, and Russia.
- The Policy Planning & Learning Bureau (PPL) now has a fully staffed Front Office. **Susan Reichle** continues to serve as the Assistant to the Administrator. **Larry Garber** recently returned to PPL, where he’ll serve as a Deputy Assistant Administrator (DAA). **Tony Pipa** now also takes on the role of a DAA. Larry and Tony join **Chris Milligan**, who continues to serve as a PPL DAA.

- USAID is working with Senate leadership to secure the confirmation of **Mara Rudman** to serve as Assistant Administrator for the Middle East.

USAID IN THE NEWS

- At a special State Department briefing on the Horn of Africa on July 19, [CNN](#) reported that USAID Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg** stated that the Agency's Famine Early Relief Warning System predicted the crisis and, in August 2010, started pre-positioning supplies in South Africa and other areas near the crisis region. On a longer-term basis, the State Department and USAID are working with the international community to implement a long-term "Feed the Future" program aimed at increasing agricultural productivity.
- [The Guardian](#) reported on July 19 that USAID and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are partnering together to invest in improving sanitation services in poor countries over the next few years. The goal is to encourage the development of relevant tools and technologies that will improve basic sanitation around the world. An estimated 2.6 billion people do not have access to safe sanitation. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation investment in the Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) model will help fund WASH for Life. For more information on the program, click [here](#).
- On July 20, [Voice of America](#) featured a multimedia story on USAID's response to the drought and food crisis in Somalia. During his trip to neighboring Kenya earlier this week, **Administrator Shah** visited refugee camps and announced the United States' pledge of an additional \$28 million to assist affected people in Somalia.
- On July 21, [CNN](#) interviewed **Administrator Shah** from the Dadaab refugee camp in the Horn of Africa. The Administrator discussed the crisis in the drought- and famine-affected region and highlighted the work of humanitarian aid organizations despite the presence of terrorist organization Al Shabaab.
- Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Food Security **Paul Weisenfeld** provided a live interview on [CNN](#) on July 21 to highlight an urgent plea by Somalia's president for aid, difficulties in access, and obstacles due to al-Shabaab. During the interview, Weisenfeld addressed the challenges in getting aid to Somalia and the region and emphasized the U.S.'s role as a global leader in providing emergency response and its work with international humanitarian organizations to provide assistance on the ground.
- [Voice of America](#) reported on July 23 that recent findings in a HIV/AIDS study found that taking HIV medication orally once a day was highly effective in preventing HIV in heterosexual men and women in Botswana, Kenya, and Uganda. **Administrator Shah** noted that the next step in the global effort to combat the disease "is to determine how the teams' research can be put to use in a real world setting."
- At the Saving Lives at Birth Development Exchange Forum, innovators gathered from across the world with proposals for new technologies, new service-delivery models, and new ways to stimulate demand for health care services at the time of birth. [AllAfrica.com](#) reported on July 28 that at the event, Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** and **Administrator Shah** praised the group for their hard work and innovative thinking.
- In an interview with [Foreign Policy](#) published July 29, **Administrator Shah** discussed his recent trip to the Horn of Africa to visit refugees affected by the drought and the provision of nearly \$460 million of U.S. support, which has reached nearly 4.5 million people, making the U.S. the largest responder.

- In an August 2 interview with [PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer](#), **Administrator Shah** spoke about humanitarian access in Somalia. "We are working hard to make sure that authorities in Somalia allow access for humanitarian organizations and NGOs and the United States has been supporting those organizations and will continue to support those organizations going forward," Shah said.
- Appearing on [NPR's The Diane Rehm Show](#) on August 4, **Administrator Shah** discussed the latest developments in Somalia and what can be done to help the region.

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- Horn of Africa [fact sheet #5](#), dated August 4, 2011
- Iraq Complex Emergency [fact sheet #3](#), dated July 26, 2011
- Libya Complex Emergency [fact sheet #37](#), dated July 28, 2011
- Sudan Complex Emergency [fact sheet #5](#), dated July 18, 2011
- Yemen Complex Emergency [fact sheet #7](#), dated July 27, 2011

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Horn of Africa Crisis Response:** On August 11, Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** spoke at the [International Food Policy Research Institute](#) on the drought crisis in East Africa, the U.S. response, and the efforts underway to raise funds for relief efforts. Secretary Clinton announced that the USG is providing an additional \$17 million to meet humanitarian needs in Somalia and Ethiopia, bringing total USG assistance to the region to more than \$580 million to date in FY 2011. **USAID and State continue to host weekly conference calls with Congressional staff to provide updated information on the U.S. Government's response to the drought in Ethiopia and Kenya and the famine in Somalia.** We invite you to join the call each **Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.** by dialing in at 1-877-848-9316, password "Horn." USAID is also working with Congressional offices, particularly Members who represent Somali, Ethiopian or Kenyan diaspora constituencies, to maintain the flow of information about the response effort and how people outside of the region can help those directly affected. **For more information or to arrange an event in your Congressional district, please contact Morgan McClain-McKinney at mmcclainmckinney@usaid.gov or (202) 712-1476.** Click [here](#) or read below for more information on the crisis.
- **Libya:** USAID continues to provide [humanitarian assistance](#) to conflict-affected populations in Libya. **On Friday, August 26, USAID and State will begin weekly conference calls with congressional staff** to provide information on humanitarian assistance to Libya and to Libyan refugees on the Egypt and Tunisia borders. These calls will be held **each Friday at 10:30 a.m.** To join the call, dial in at 1-877-848-9316, password "Libya."
- **Tropical Storm and Hurricane in the Caribbean:** USAID responded to Tropical Storm Emily and is closely monitoring Hurricane Irene. For Tropical Storm Emily, USAID activated disaster teams in the Dominican Republic and Haiti to monitor the storm's progression and impact and to work with local authorities to respond as necessary. For Hurricane Irene, USAID staff are closely monitoring the storm, which continues its current path over Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Turks and Caicos Islands, the Bahamas, and toward the United States.

- **Cyprus Disaster Declaration:** The U.S. Embassy declared a disaster in Cyprus as a result of the July 11th explosion that took place at the Evangelos Florakis naval base killing 13, injuring dozens more, and leaving the island without sufficient energy and water supplies. Official requests for assistance came from the Republic of Cyprus' Ambassador to the U.S. and from the Cyprus Red Cross Society (CRCS). Fifty thousand dollars from USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance will be provided to the CRCS to obtain new portable generators, communications equipment, and other relief supplies so that it can service its Home for Children with Disabilities and other vulnerable populations concentrated in regional community centers.
- **Award for the Advancement of Women:** USAID is proud to announce that **Deputy Administrator Don Steinberg** and **Melanne Verveer**, State's Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, have been selected as winners of InterAction's [2011 Mildred Robbins Leet Award for the Advancement of Women](#). In his eleven months at USAID, **Deputy Steinberg** has worked to mainstream gender into all of our priority initiatives, launched USAID's contribution to a National Action Plan on women, peace and security, brought on board talented staff to focus on gender issues, and shaped the new Office of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. Click [here](#) for more information on USAID's work in this area.
- **From the Archives...** As USAID marks its fiftieth anniversary, we have recently uncovered audio of [President Kennedy speaking to an early group of USAID Mission Directors](#) and Deputy Mission Directors in the Rose Garden at the White House in 1962. Click [here](#) to listen to President's Kennedy's remarks.

PUBLIC EVENTS

- **Congressional Black Caucus Job Fair and Recruitment:** USAID was pleased to send representatives to job fairs in Atlanta and Miami over the past two weeks as part of the Congressional Black Caucus' ['For the People' Jobs Initiative](#). For more information on USAID career opportunities in Washington, DC or overseas, please click [here](#).
- **InterAction Forum 2011:** On August 10, USAID Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg** joined several USAID principals in addressing InterAction's Forum 2011: Investing in Common Solutions. Click [here](#) to read Deputy Steinberg's opening address.
- **Procurement and Implementation Reform Open Forum:** On August 17, USAID employees joined **Administrator Shah** for an update on procurement and implementation reform efforts and to share lessons learned and best practices. Through the [USAID Forward](#) agenda, the Agency is focused on providing guidance and adjusting policy where appropriate to enhance competition, broaden our partner base, and achieve greater long-term sustainable impact. Click [here](#) to learn more about USAID's work to reform our procurement processes and improve implementation. On a related note, USAID/South Africa recently delivered a capacity building course, drawing partners came from five countries across the region to build their understanding of USAID policies and procedures, enhance their capacities in program design, monitoring and evaluation, and deepen the partnership with USAID regional staff from technical, financial, program and contractual offices. Currently, over one third of USAID/South Africa's portfolio flows through South African organizations.

- **2011 Alliance Builders Forum:** USAID hosted nearly 120 attendees at an Alliance Builders Forum in late July to promote knowledge sharing in the area of public-private partnerships. Key participants included USAID alliance officers as well as private sector representatives from such businesses and associations as Amway, Caterpillar, Chevron, Clean Air Action, Cisco, Corporate Council on Africa, HP, Intel, Microsoft, WaterHealth International, and the World Cocoa Foundation. Key thought leaders – Jason Saul, CEO and founder of Mission Measurement and author of *Social Innovation, Inc.*; Christopher Jurgens of Accenture Development Partnerships; Bart Houlihan of B Corporation, Sameer Mithal of WaterHealth International, and Alan Trager of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government – spoke on current alliance trends and innovations. Click [here](#) for more information on USAID’s public-private alliances.
- **Iftar Dinner:** USAID was pleased to welcome Congressional colleagues to the Agency’s 10th annual Iftar Dinner on August 17. More than one hundred participants attended this year’s Iftar, including interagency colleagues, leaders from other faith-based communities, diplomats, NGO and think tank leaders, as well as USAID senior staff.
- **Mobiles for Education for Development:** USAID and Stanford University co-hosted a [Mobiles for Education for Development](#) (m4Ed4Dev) Symposium in Washington, D.C., bringing together donors, NGOs, foundations, private sector partners, academic researchers, and implementing organizations to explore cutting edge intersections between mobile devices, education, and development and analyze current projects to share results and best practices.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS

- **Horn of Africa:** On August 8, Second Lady Dr. **Jill Biden**, USAID Administrator **Rajiv Shah**, former Senator **Bill Frist**, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration **Eric Schwartz**, and Special Assistant to the President **Gayle Smith** travelled to the Horn of Africa and issued [statements](#) to raise [visibility of the famine and drought](#). The delegation visited the Dadaab Refugee Complex in eastern Kenya, met with Kenyan President Kibaki, Prime Minister Odinga and Agriculture Minister Kosgei, and visited the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute in Nairobi. **Administrator Shah** penned a two-part [blog post](#) about the immediate needs in Kenya’s refugee camps and agricultural innovations that are addressing long-term food security.
On August 11-17, **USAID Bureau for Food Security staff** travelled to Kenya and Ethiopia to establish a joint planning cell with the Kenyan and Ethiopian Missions and discuss emergency response, social safety net programs, and long-term resiliency building with USAID/Kenya and other partners on the ground. **Nancy Lindborg**, USAID Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, is in the region this week.
- **Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA) Pilot in Bangladesh:** First announced by Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** in May 2011, USAID/Bangladesh recently launched its first pilot project under [MAMA](#). The [partnership](#), which creates a platform to send both audio and text messages to pregnant women, new mothers, and family gatekeepers on health issues, leverages the resources of USAID, the Government of Bangladesh, and the Beximco Pharmaceuticals Limited, a leading pharmaceutical company in Bangladesh. Over the next three years, the partnership will work across Bangladesh to help coordinate and increase the impact of existing mobile health programs, provide resources and technical assistance to promising new business models, and develop case studies on the effective application of mobile technology to improve maternal health.

- **India Pesticide Reduction Project:** A partnership between USAID, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in India has saved more than \$98 million in papaya plantation losses and an additional \$36 million due to reduced pesticide use, through the introduction of a bio-control agent that manages the spread of the crop-devastating papaya mealy bug. The crop savings and reduced pesticide use resulted from a total investment of \$200,000, which facilitated the release of the agent in 36 research stations and 1,500 villages across Tamil Nadu over the past year.
- **Music Television End Exploitation and Trafficking (MTV-Exit):** More than one million people in Thailand recently viewed "Enslaved: An MTV-EXIT Special," a documentary exposing the dangers of human trafficking. Nearly half of those viewers hailed from rural areas, where the most vulnerable populations live. Another special shown on the mainstream media during Thai prime time, reached an audience estimated at 3,617,000 people. Of this, more than two million viewers were in the targeted rural areas. USAID contributed \$450,000 for the [entire campaign](#), which continues to demonstrate its effectiveness in Thailand and throughout Southeast Asia.
- **USAID Education Reform Program Bears Fruit in Liberia:** USAID-supported educational reform efforts bore fruit on August 8 when Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf signed the Liberian New Education Reform Act of 2011. The Education Reform Act will make basic education – up to grade 9 – compulsory and free, and create county school boards that will promote community responsibility for schools and their effectiveness. The formulation of the new education law is an example of USAID support for country-led policy reform, under the leadership of the Ministry of Education. USAID has provided targeted technical assistance to the Ministry of Education for several years, undertaking education sector studies, conducting legal and policy reviews, hosting consultative conferences with education stakeholders, and assisting Ministry of Education efforts to publicize the law.

PERSONNEL

- USAID is working with Senate leadership to secure the confirmation of **Mara Rudman** to serve as Assistant Administrator for the Middle East.
- **Melissa Williams** was sworn in as Mission Director for Zimbabwe on August 5, 2011.
- USAID is proud to announce that **Fernando Bolanos**, who has worked as a Senior Foreign Service National for our education office in Peru for more than a decade, has been appointed by President Humala as Peru's Vice Minister of Education for Institutional Management.

USAID IN THE NEWS

- On August 8, **Nancy Lindborg** discussed the efforts to alleviate the effects of the famine with the [Huffington Post](#).
- On August 9, [AP reported](#) that on Monday, Dr. **Jill Biden** and **Administrator Shah** visited Somalis at a refugee camp in Kenya. The [AP also highlighted](#) the White House announcement of \$105 million in humanitarian aid that will provide food, shelter, water, and sanitation and health services to those in need.
- [ClimateWire interviewed](#) Dr. **Kit Batten**, USAID Climate Change Coordinator, to discuss USAID's climate change policy.
- An August 10 feature story published in [The Sheboygan Press](#) highlighted the work of a local USAID Foreign Service Officer. **Michael Eddy**, a Sheboygan, Wisconsin native, recently completed working in South Sudan, helping the new country achieve independence.

- On August 10, [NPR](#) and [Reuters](#) reported on funding for development and humanitarian assistance priorities as the drought in the Horn of Africa.
- President of Liberia **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** wrote an Op-Ed for the [Washington Post](#) on August 12 entitled “How American aid is lifting Liberia.” The article emphasized the significant impact that USAID has had on Liberia’s economic, social and infrastructural progress.
- On August 16, former **Senator Bill Frist** wrote a piece on CNN’s website about why Americans should [care about famine in Africa](#) and emphasized the importance of medical care in emergency response. In an August 16 [Wall Street Journal](#) op-ed, Dr. Frist wrote about his trip to the Horn of Africa.
- On August 23, **Administrator Shah** [blogged on the Huffington Post](#) about the international partnership called Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge in Development and posted a short [video documentary](#) which captures the spirit of the initiative.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

- Haiti Earthquake and Cholera [fact sheet #11](#), dated August 12, 2011
- Horn of Africa Drought [fact sheet #8](#), dated August 18, 2011 *A new fact sheet will be issued on August 25 and can be viewed [here](#).*
- Libya Complex Emergency [fact sheet #40](#), dated August 18, 2011
- Cote d’Ivoire Complex Emergency [fact sheet #17](#), dated August 12, 2011
- South Sudan Complex Emergency [fact sheet #1](#), dated August 10, 2011
- Yemen Complex Emergency [fact sheet #8](#), dated August 10, 2011

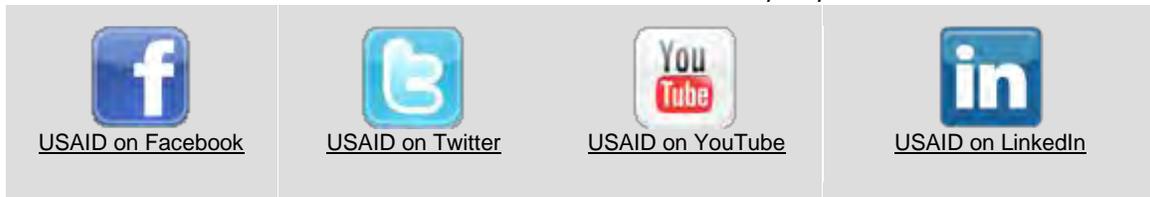
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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Join Us Thursday Morning!** Members and Congressional staff are cordially invited to attend a breakfast reception on **Thursday, November 10** from **10-11AM** in **SVC-203/202**, in the **Capitol Visitors Center**, hosted by USAID to coincide with a rare meeting of our worldwide Mission Directors, who are in Washington this week to operationalize the reforms set forth by **Administrator Shah**, which we have called **USAID Forward**. To RSVP, please call 202-712-0502 or email acatella@usaid.gov. To learn more about [USAID's 50th anniversary](#), and to listen to messages from Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#) and former Secretary of Defense [Bob Gates](#) and several of our Mission Directors, please visit: <http://50.usaid.gov/meet-usaid/>.
- **First Sitting USAID Administrator Speaks at West Point:** On November 4, **Administrator Shah** traveled to the **U.S. Military Academy at West Point** to deliver remarks on the importance of civilian and military partnerships in furthering America's economic and security needs through diplomacy, defense and development. Click [here](#) to read Dr. Shah's remarks. USAID's newly released *Policy on the Development Response to Violent Extremism and Insurgency* can be accessed [here](#). Click [this link](#), or visit our [website](#), to watch **former Defense Secretary Gates** and **Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral James "Sandy" Winnefeld** pay tribute to USAID and click [here](#) to read *Frontlines'* Magazine's interview with CENTCOM's **Lt. Gen. John R. Allen**.
- **USAID Expands Faith-Based Outreach:** **Dr. Shah** was pleased to visit with more than 12 representatives from the faith-based community during their visit to Washington D.C. last week. Dr. Shah's visit with the faith leaders, who represented a broad array of faith backgrounds, demonstrates an intensified effort to engage communities of faith as strong partners in USAID's mission. Click [here](#) to listen to Dr. Shah's remarks during a recent speech at World Vision headquarters emphasizing the central role of the faith-based community in addressing hunger, poverty and preventable disease.
- **Horn of Africa/ FWD Day is November 9:** Tomorrow (**Wednesday, November 9**) is "**FWD Day**" – a day to bring greater awareness to the ongoing famine, war, and drought (FWD) in the Horn of Africa, which is affecting more than 13.3 million people. USAID has partnered with the Ad Council to launch the [F.W.D. \(Famine, War, Drought\) campaign](#) – an effort designed to promote

public awareness and to enable the public to contribute directly to relief efforts. Thanks to the generosity of our partners, USAID has thus far dedicated approximately \$150,000 to this effort, leveraging an awareness campaign estimated at approximately \$3 million. Late last month, USAID officially launched the campaign through celebrity public service announcements (PSAs). In [this 30-second PSA](#), listen to **Chanel Iman, Uma Thurman, Josh Hartnett, and Geena Davis** speak about the crisis and the campaign to ask that people forward the facts. To learn more about the FWD campaign and how you can help, click [here](#). Several Members of Congress have recorded Public Service Announcements, which will be available on the FWD website this week. **Please contact Aysha House-Moshi at ahouse-moshi@usaid.gov or 202-712-5469 if your boss is interested in filming a Public Service Announcement on the crisis.** You can personally make a difference by taking part in FWD Day. Help us reach our goal Wednesday of 13.3 million “shares” on Facebook or Twitter—[FWD facts, FWD relief!](#)

- **Public-Private Partnerships Week:** Many thanks to all who joined us at USAID headquarters several weeks ago for [Public-Private Partnership Week](#), a series of events highlighting the strategic value of connecting private business and global development, which also marked the tenth anniversary of USAID’s “Global Development Alliance” (GDA) program. Since the creation of the GDA model ten years ago, USAID has forged more than 1,065 alliances, with more than 3,025 distinct partners. For every \$1 USAID invests, we leverage an average of approximately \$4 through the private sector. The events included presentations from **Administrator Shah**, Senior Advisor to the President **Valerie Jarrett**, as well as Executives from **Merck, Cargill, J.P. Morgan, General Mills, Mars, and Johnson & Johnson**. To read Administrator Shah’s remarks, please click [here](#).

PUBLIC EVENTS AND NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS

- **Vice President Biden Joins USAID in Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary:** USAID was thrilled to host **Vice President Biden, Caroline Kennedy** (daughter of President Kennedy, who established USAID 50 years ago), and Grammy award-winning **Angelique Kidjo** at a celebration marking the Agency’s 50 year anniversary. Click [here](#) to watch an encore presentation of this event.
- **Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS) Event:** USAID was pleased to be part of a recent [CSIS](#) event celebrating USAID’s 50th anniversary, which featured **Dr. Shah** and former USAID Administrators **Andrew Natsios, Henrietta Fore, Peter McPherson, and Brian Atwood** (by video), and CSIS president **John Hamre**. Click [here](#) to watch a video of the event.
- **“Power of 1%” Launch at Newseum:** USAID Deputy Administrator **Donald Steinberg**, USAID Chief Economist **Steve Radelet**, Global Health Corps CEO and Co-Founder **Barbara Bush**, and singer **Mandy Moore** headlined a press conference at the Newseum in early October, titled “The Power of 1%” that showcased the return on investments in global health. The press conference was followed by a three-part discussion series that highlighted how U.S. investments in global health are saving lives, strengthening global economies, and protecting our national security. In [The Huffington Post](#), Singer-songwriter and actress **Mandy Moore**, a spokesperson for the global health organization Population Services International (PSI), wrote, “When our country invests in global health, we are doing the right thing. When USAID succeeds, we all benefit. We invest less than 1% of the federal budget in strengthening the health and economic development in other countries, and we get incredible results.”

- **Increasing Access to Water & Sanitation:** On October 27, USAID was privileged to be hosted by **Representatives Blumenauer** (D-OR), **Poe** (R-TX), and **Fortenberry** (R-NE) at a briefing for Members of Congress and staff on the importance of providing access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene to the developing world. The focus of the briefing was USAID's **Development Innovations Ventures' Water, Sanitation and Hygiene or "[WASH](#)" for Life Partnership**, which is currently accepting proposals. Click [here](#) for more information on the WASH for Life Partnership, and [here](#) for a statement from Sen. Durbin commending USAID and the Gates Foundation on this effort.
- **CDC/Morehouse College Atlanta Events:** **Administrator Shah** traveled to Atlanta last month to join **Dr. Thomas Frieden**, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in discussing further collaboration in the area of health; to honor the **Chairman of Coca Cola** with an honorary award for Coca Cola's role in clean water processing; and to join **Senator Johnny Isakson** (R-GA), to address students at **Morehouse College**.
- **Launch of USAID's Policy Framework:** USAID is proud to announce the release of our [Policy Framework 2011-2015](#), a document designed to provide our staff and partners worldwide with a clear sense of the Agency's core development priorities. The Policy Framework translates the President's Policy Directive on Global Development and Secretary Clinton's Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR) into more operational principles and elaborates on the [USAID Forward agenda](#), which together provide a roadmap for how we will apply all of these principles in our work worldwide. This is the first in what will become a regular strategic exercise every four years, closely tracking the QDDR cycle.

PERSONNEL

- The President has nominated **Earl Gast** as Assistant Administrator for USAID's Africa Bureau. The Agency is working with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to schedule a hearing on Earl's nomination.

USAID IN THE NEWS

- [The New York Times](#) published an editorial supporting the budgets for the State Department and foreign aid. "Savings squeezed from the State Department and foreign aid — which together are less than a tenth of the basic Pentagon budget — would be a tiny share of the \$3.8 trillion federal budget. Yet the effects would be hugely damaging to American foreign policy."
- In an op-ed published in [The Washington Post](#), Bill Gates, Chairman of Microsoft, and co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, makes a compelling case for investing in development.
- In an op-ed published in [Politico](#), former USAID Administrators highlighted the success and value foreign aid has had over the past 50 years. "Using less than 1 percent of the U.S. budget annually, the American people have demonstrated their deepest values through USAID programs. Because of the efforts of the American people, more than 1 billion people now have safe drinking water, smallpox has been eradicated and tens of millions have been saved through USAID's famine relief efforts."
- In an op-ed published in [The Hill](#), Ret. USMC General Michael Hagee and Ret. USCG Admiral James Loy discussed the importance of maintaining a strong development program, including USAID, to address global challenges. "America cannot retreat from today's world, which is why military leaders from General Petraeus to Admiral Mullen have made clear that, in an era of

global threats, U.S. national security requires strong civilian partners working alongside the military.”

- [Bloomberg Government](#) highlighted increased USAID participation in public-private partnerships. [Devex](#) reported on USAID’s public-private partnership week and the important role businesses can play in development. In the article, Devex highlighted Administrator Rajiv Shah’s economic growth speech. “I’m talking about helping support the work of markets that can deliver profits and create opportunities for women, minorities and the poor,” Shah said. “In short, we must embrace a new wave of creative, enlightened capitalism.”

There was extensive recent coverage on the **Horn of Africa**:

- USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah was interviewed on [Fox 5 News](#) to discuss the launch of the new Public Service Announcements highlighting the [FWD Campaign](#). [Advertising Age](#) also wrote an article on the videos that feature Dr. Jill Biden, Uma Thurman, Josh Hartnett, Geena Davis and Chanel Iman.
- Administrator Shah’s travel to Ethiopia and Kenya to visit areas affected by the drought and announcement of an additional \$127 million in aid to help reach 1.5 million Ethiopians on behalf of the American people was covered by the Associated Press, [Foreign Policy’s “The Cable”](#) blog, and [Voice of America](#).
- USAID’s FWD (Famine, War, Drought) Horn of Africa public awareness campaign was covered by [Federal News Radio](#) and [The Huffington Post](#), including an [op-ed](#) written by Administrator Shah and an [article](#).
- The [Associated Press](#) reported that countless lives have been saved as a result of interventions to stop famine spreading throughout the Horn of Africa.

USAID Development efforts were also highlighted:

- [The Christian Science Monitor](#) published a story about one of USAID’s partners that is connecting mobile phone users with aid and relief workers in the Middle East. The article explains how text messaging is enabling development workers to learn what’s happening in the region and give out information on where people can find aid. The use of mobile phones in development is on the rise, as phones can now be used as ATM cards and can also send weather alerts rural farmers.
- In a blog posted on [ABC News’ website](#), Administrator Shah calls on readers to take the Million Moms Challenge, which aims to help mothers and newborns around the world who are at high-risk of complications and death during the first 48-hours of childbirth.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

USAID provides life-saving humanitarian assistance throughout the world. Below are links to the latest fact sheets describing our work:

- Central America floods [fact sheet](#) #3, dated October 24, 2011
- Horn of Africa drought [fact sheet](#) #5, dated November 3, 2011
- Pakistan floods [fact sheet](#) #4, October 28, 2011
- Southeast Asia floods [fact sheet](#) #2, dated November 1, 2011
- Turkey earthquake [fact sheet](#) #1, dated November 2, 2011
- Yemen complex emergency [fact sheet](#) #1, dated November 3, 2011

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **White House Event and Presidential Proclamation on USAID's 50th Anniversary: USAID Administrator Shah, Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams,** senior career staff and alumni of the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Peace Corps were thrilled and honored to join **President Obama** and senior White House officials for an event at the White House today marking USAID's and the Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary. In addition, **President Obama signed a [proclamation](#)** this week **commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the United States Agency for International Development.** He noted that "In the past five decades, USAID has helped developing countries across the globe transform into stable and prosperous nations, vibrant trading partners, and foreign assistance donors themselves. These countries stand as beacons of hope for people striving toward democracy, free economies, and respect for human rights. The critical work of USAID enables these transitions forward, helping prevent and end conflict around the world."
- **Horn of Africa/ Famine, War, Drought (FWD) Campaign:** The Horn of Africa is experiencing the worst drought in 60 years, the worst famine in 20 years, and relentless violence and conflict. On November 9, USAID hosted FWD Day (Forward Day), an effort to promote the FWD ([Famine War Drought](#)) campaign, which asked Americans to "forward the facts" - at least 13.3 million times - via social media about the 13.3 million people affected by the crisis in the Horn of Africa. The goal of 13.3 million messages sent was exceeded by a huge margin -- more than 117 million messages were forwarded on FWD Day. Nearly 18 million people were reached on Twitter. Nearly 50 million Facebook fans across more than 70 public pages read about the campaign. More than 40 videos were made garnering over 650,000 video views in just the first few hours of FWD Day. There were more than 30 blog posts with a reach of over 1.1 million people. USAID, Ad Council and GOOD have partnered to launch a [challenge](#) that encourages Americans to submit ideas for raising awareness of the crisis in the Horn of Africa; the winning entry will be awarded \$5,000 from GOOD to implement the proposal. **Proposals can be submitted between now and November 28th at 12noon PST at <http://fwd.maker.good.is>.** To learn more about U.S. Government efforts in the Horn, please visit www.usaid.gov/fwd and/or join us **for our next monthly humanitarian assistance update for congressional staff on the drought and famine crisis in the Horn on December 6, at 10:30 a.m. Dial-in: 1-877-848-9316, password "Horn."**

- Capitol Hill Day for USAID Mission Directors:** On November 10, USAID Mission Directors from approximately 80 countries around the world met in Washington to operationalize reforms set forth by Administrator Shah, which we have called [USAID Forward](#). These reforms, which are rooted in recommendations put forth by Mission Directors when they last gathered to evaluate USAID's mission, programs, and management, are already improving the effectiveness of U.S. foreign assistance programs. Mission Directors were welcomed by **USAID Administrator Shah**, as well as **Senators Lugar, Cardin, and Menendez**, during a reception in the Capitol Visitors Center. The directors, in small groups, also met with more than 50 Congressional offices to share their field insights and to discuss new agency initiatives and existing programs.
- All Children Reading, A Grand Challenge for Development:** Building on the success of USAID's first Grand Challenge for Development, [Saving Lives at Birth](#), highlighted in a five-minute video [here](#), on November 18 USAID launched its second Grand Challenge for Development, [All Children Reading](#), which is funded in partnership with World Vision International and our Australian counterpart, AusAID. The Grand Challenge Model is designed to leverage external funding and focus attention on specific and narrowly defined development challenges. The initiative focuses on solutions that are grounded in science and technology, and are robust, cost-effective, and scalable. USAID Administrator **Rajiv Shah** launched the challenge alongside guest speakers including Secretary of Education **Arne Duncan**, U.S. Representative **Nita Lowey** (D-NY), U.S. Chief Technology Officer **Aneesh Chopra**, NASA Associate Administrator for Education **Leland Melvin**, Jeopardy! Host **Alex Trebek** (as Master of Ceremonies) and **Elmo** of Sesame Street. Through its innovation grants program, *All Children Reading* issued a global call to innovators of all backgrounds for technologies, programs, and methodologies that address two critical barriers to early grade reading: (1) access to appropriate teaching and learning materials, and (2) improved quality and accessibility of education data.
- Administrator Shah's Travel to South Korea and Taiwan:** The U.S. Government will send a delegation led by **Secretary Clinton** and **Administrator Shah** to the fourth [High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness](#) (HLF4), which will be hosted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Busan, South Korea from November 29 to December 1. The HLF4 is the final review of implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, which was agreed at the second High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness held in Paris in March 2005.
- USAID Administrator Shah discusses Global Hunger, Innovation, and University Partnerships** in San Francisco. **Dr. Shah** delivered a keynote [address](#) at the annual meeting of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) - the premier event for public university leaders to share opinions on emerging topics, gain valuable professional development, and meet colleagues from across the nation. **Dr. Shah** highlighted USAID's partnership with U.S. universities, and challenged them to push the envelope on science, technology, and innovation to reduce poverty, hunger, and disease in developing countries. **Dr. Shah** also met with leaders in the Bay Area technical community who are amplifying USAID's first-ever public awareness campaign to engage citizens about the Horn of Africa drought crisis and to spur relief efforts for those affected.
- USAID launches GeoCenter:** As an integral element of USAID's ambitious reform agenda, [USAID Forward](#), the Office of Science and Technology launched the new [GeoCenter](#), an Agency-wide resource to expand and institutionalize the use of geospatial tools and analysis in support of development goals. The GeoCenter will enhance USAID's capacity in strategic planning and

programming, evaluation, and research with the use of the powerful tools of geospatial analysis. By improving the availability of data, the GeoCenter contributes to **Administrator Shah's** efforts to enhance aid transparency, and to the Obama Administration's commitment to the Open Government Initiative.

NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS

- **Clean Independent Audit of USAID's Annual Financial Report:** USAID is pleased to announce the publication of the [FY 2011 Agency Financial Report \(AFR\)](#). The FY 2011 AFR reflects that, for the ninth year in a row, the Agency received an unqualified, or "clean," audit opinion on the four principal financial statements from the independent auditors (Office of Inspector General), attesting to our stewardship of the public funds entrusted to us.
- **Clinton calls for evidence-based efforts to defeat AIDS:** In a [speech](#) at the National Institutes of Health, marking 30 years of the fight against HIV/AIDS, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on November 9, called for a renewed push for an "AIDS-free generation" by the United States and other countries. We need to let science guide our efforts," she told the capacity crowd. Using a variety of tools in a "combination prevention" strategy is the most effective way to combat HIV/AIDS, she asserted. NIH-funded research shows that early treatment with antiretrovirals can reduce transmission of the HIV virus by 96 percent. In addition to relying on science, Clinton urged more emphasis of country ownerships of AIDS prevention programs and called on other donor nations "to do their part," by supporting and strengthening the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
- **U.S.-Turkey Partnership in Earthquake Response.** On November 9, Turkey suffered another earthquake of 5.7 magnitude following the devastating 7.2 magnitude quake on October 23. The latest earthquake resulted in 40 deaths and approximately 25 collapsed buildings in addition to over 600 deaths, 4,100 injured, and over 7,000 damaged or destroyed buildings during the earlier earthquake and aftershocks. Both [USAID and the Department of Defense responded](#) to specific needs outlined by the Government of Turkey. This included funding for the relief effort and deployment of a disaster expert to the affected areas by USAID and the provision of relief commodities through a series of airlifts by the Department of Defense. Turkey's rapid and robust emergency response to these disasters, and Turkey's role as an international leader in global disaster response, reflect significant investments in disaster preparedness capacity since the United States partnered with Turkey following two devastating earthquakes in 1999 with 18,000 lost lives. Through the U.S.-Turkey partnership, urban search and rescue teams, including those responding to the most recent crisis, were trained and equipped. Community seismic training, including first responders, was increased, reaching 4.7 million children, 190,000 teachers, 110,000 staff, and more than 560,000 adults.
- **Building a Market Economy in Afghanistan:** On November 15, **Eric Postel**, Assistant Administrator in the Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade Bureau (EGAT) addressed the 7th Annual Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) Matchmaking Conference. Mr. Postel delivered the morning keynote titled, *USAID Support for Building the Private Sector and Market Economy in Afghanistan*. Read his remarks [here](#).
- **Partnership for Growth Joint Country Action Plans – El Salvador and the Philippines:** The U.S. Government recently signed Joint Country Action Plans (JCAP) under the Partnership for Growth

(PFG) effort with [El Salvador](#) (on November 3) and the [Philippines](#) (on November 16). The JCAPs represents significant partnerships and commitments by the governments to address binding constraints to growth in each country. The PFG effort is an innovative approach to accelerate and sustain broad-based economic growth, with the goal of creating the next generation of emerging markets in a select set of top-performing low-income countries. **President Obama** and **President Funes** announced the U.S.-El Salvador Partnership for Growth during President Obama's March 2011 visit to El Salvador. In addition to the success of El Salvador and the Philippines in reaching this critical milestone, other Partnership countries are making considerable progress. Tanzania and Ghana are expected to finalize their plans in the near future. The interagency and inter-government efforts on the Partnership for Growth will also be highlighted at December's High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan with senior officials from each of the Partnership countries, as well as State, USAID and the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

TESTIMONY / BRIEFINGS

- On November 15, Assistant Administrator for Asia **Nisha Biswal** [testified](#) before the Asia and Pacific Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on USAID assistance to China.

PUBLIC EVENTS

- **HIV/AIDS Treatment as Prevention Debate:** USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS and the World Bank co-hosted a debate in the [HIV Response Debate Series entitled, "The Ethics of Material Incentives for HIV Prevention."](#) The event featured expert panelists arguing for and against the proposition that providing material incentives is an ethical and effective tool for HIV prevention and should be implemented.
- **Symposium on Future Development Challenges:** Thank you to those of you who joined us on November 4, when USAID, along with the State Department, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the National Defense University, held a symposium in Washington to address the question of how USAID should be programming today to respond to future challenges. The Symposium examined worldwide changes in demography and urbanization, politics and economies, including emerging donors, climate and environment and new developments in science, technology and connectivity. Participants explored three themes: Evolution (gradual, evolutionary changes), Revolution (unexpected, punctuated changes) and 2025 Vision (envisioned aid landscape in 2025 based on evolutionary and revolutionary trends).

PERSONNEL

- **Veterans Outreach Efforts:** Thanks to the President's Executive Order 13518, **Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government**, USAID is proud to have brought on board 65 veterans in FY2011 with the assistance of our Veterans Employment Program Manager. Dennis Hicklin, who served in the Navy, serves as an advocate to promote veterans' recruitment, hiring, and retention within the Agency. Externally he serves as a counselor to veterans and transitioning military service personnel seeking career opportunities. Click [here](#) to read about EGAT Assistant Administrator **Eric Postel**'s experiences as a U.S. Navy Officer and learn more about veteran recruitment efforts at USAID. Click [here](#) to read Administrator **Rajiv Shah**'s statement recognizing veterans on Veterans Day.

- USAID is working with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to schedule a confirmation hearing for **Earl Gast**, who is nominated to serve as Assistant Administrator for Africa. Gast has a 21-year history working at USAID and leading meaningful development programming, especially in post-conflict and transitioning societies, including service as USAID's Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa from 2008-2010.
- We are pleased to announce that **Ann DeFabio Doyle** has been appointed as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs in the Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs. Doyle most recently served as Director of Strategic Initiatives in the Office of International Affairs at the Department of the Treasury, capping 15 years of public affairs and strategic communications experience in both the public and private sectors.
- USAID is pleased to welcome **Steve Feldstein**, who has recently been appointed as the Director of the Office of Policy in the Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning. His responsibilities include setting strategic direction and overall priorities for the office, as well as empowering a talented and performance-driven staff. Steve comes to USAID from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he worked on foreign aid reform and oversight of the U.S. foreign assistance budget, among other issues.

USAID IN THE NEWS

- [CNN's Security Clearance blog](#) reported on a joint letter to Congress from five former U.S. Secretaries of State addressing the importance of foreign aid. In the letter, former Secretaries Madeleine Albright, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, George Schultz and Henry Kissinger write that, "now is not the time for America to retreat from the world...this is one area where leaders of both parties can find common ground and come together to ensure a better, safer world and a more prosperous future."
- [The Washington Post's Checkpoint Washington blog](#) reported on USAID's deepening relationship with the U.S. military and the Agency's role in blunting the spread of Islamic extremism. "Over the past two years, [USAID] has quadrupled the size of its staff in Afghanistan to about 450 people, most of who work outside of Kabul. The aid agency also has reoriented itself so that it can push development money more quickly into areas that have been stabilized by U.S. military forces. The number of children in Afghan schools has grown by more than 6 million over the past decade, and the number of Afghans with access to basic health clinics has increased sixfold. With the war coming to a close in Iraq and winding down in Afghanistan, USAID is focusing on its role in providing aid in Somalia, where a drought has killed thousands and displaced millions. The agency currently has about 450 aid workers operating in the Horn of Africa, which has become ripe territory for Islamic militants allied with al-Qaeda. **Administrator Rajiv Shah**, when [addressing the audience at West Point](#) recently, emphasized that USAID's efforts to provide assistance are not just about American goodwill. "Food and water availability in places like the Horn of Africa is a national security priority," he said.
- A [Huffington Post](#) (11/10) blog highlights USAID investments in compelling low-cost development solutions. USAID's Chief Innovation Officer **Maura O'Neill** says, "Worldwide, a woman dies from an uncontrollable postpartum hemorrhage every four minutes," and "it should

be no surprise that most cases occur in the developing world" considering that "many new mothers" there "do not have access to...skilled, live-saving medical support." A "balloon tamponade...can help save a mother from excessive blood loss," but "with costs ranging from \$77 to \$312 for a single-use tamponade, they are prohibitively expensive for widespread use in developing countries." But thanks to USAID's "Development Innovation Ventures program," O'Neil explains that "smart and clever researchers at the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health" were able to "design a safe, simple balloon tamponade that, at less than \$10 per device, would be affordable in the developing world.

- The online [Financial Express](#) featured two video clips demonstrating how USAID is assisting the government by partnering with NGOs to help Bangladesh reach its goal to become a food secure nation. The [1st clip](#) talked about Selina, one of the beneficiaries from USAID's Accelerating Agriculture Productivity Improvement (AAPI) program. The [2nd clip](#) showed USAID-supported farmers talking about their agricultural benefits with visitors from Washington. By the end of AAPI program, an estimated 3.5 million farmers are to benefit from the program and 1,800 private entrepreneur supply points are to be established to help farmers access fertilizer products. The estimated savings to the Government of Bangladesh due to improved nutrient use efficiency is \$84 million.
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison's [Alumni magazine](#) published a story recently on USAID Foreign Service Officer **Michael Eddy**, who served in South Sudan and worked during the historic referendum and voting process. His service helped promote democracy and governance in the world's newest country.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

USAID provides life-saving humanitarian assistance throughout the world. Below are links to the latest fact sheets describing our work:

- Central America floods [fact sheet](#) #4, dated November 16, 2011
- Haiti earthquake and cholera [fact sheet](#) #2, dated November 14, 2011
- Horn of Africa humanitarian [fact sheet](#) #7 dated November 18, 2011
- Sudan complex emergency [fact sheet](#) #1, dated November 18, 2011
- Southeast Asia flooding [fact sheet](#) #3 dated November 8, 2011
- Pakistan complex emergency [fact sheet](#) #1 dated November 15, 2011
- Pakistan floods [fact sheet](#) #5, dated November 17, 2011
- Turkey earthquake [fact sheet](#) #1, dated November 2, 2011
- Yemen complex emergency [fact sheet](#) #1, dated November 3, 2011

DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (DLI)

USAID has hired 744 new Foreign Service officers under the Development Leadership Initiative (DLI) — a multi-year effort launched under the Bush Administration with strong, bipartisan support from Congress — to enhance the Agency's capability to effectively deliver U.S. foreign assistance and to increase its overseas presence. USAID's DLI priority in the coming year is in hiring applicants for contracting officers and controller positions. Opportunities in other specialties will continue to be available in the future as USAID replaces retiring and separating Foreign Service officers but in more limited numbers. To learn

more about the DLI, including opportunities for employment, click [here](#). Check for the currently advertised positions.

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