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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

It is my pleasure to greet you as the newly appointed Director for the Center for Faith-based & Community Initiatives and the Senior Advisor to the Administrator for NGO Partnerships and Global Engagement.

I am excited about the new opportunities that this position brings and I am eager to continue to engage in dialogue with you. Please enjoy the new look of our newsletter as we strive to bring you the most helpful information in the most accessible way we can.

Warmest Regards,
Ari Alexander

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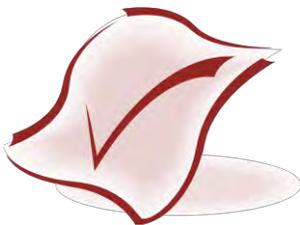
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News and Events

Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development

– From the USAID Impact Newsletter

On Wednesday in Washington, USAID launched a new partnership and grants-based program that aims to spark revolutionary advances to dramatically reduce maternal and newborn deaths around the world.

For most of us, the arrival of a new child is a profoundly joyful time. But in much of the developing world, it can be terrifying. The onset of labor marks the start of a high-risk period for both mother and baby that lasts until at least 48 hours after birth. During this short period of time, 150,000 maternal deaths, 1.6 million neonatal deaths, and 1.2 million stillbirths occur each year.

This partnership between [USAID](#), the Government of Norway, The [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#), [Grand Challenges Canada](#) and the [World Bank](#), is a testament to the belief that by harnessing the spirit of ingenuity, we can create new technologies, better service delivery models, and improved mass communication methods that prevent needless deaths and complications at the time of birth.

At the [Saving Lives at Birth](#) launch event at USAID headquarters, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah, and Melinda Gates gave impassioned remarks on the need to do more to provide quality care for women and newborns in rural and low resource settings.

Partners for [Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development](#) expect to provide nearly \$14 million for this grant program's first round of funding. Over five years, the partners aim to invest at least \$50 million in groundbreaking and sustainable projects with the potential to have a transformative effect on the lives of pregnant women and their babies in the hardest to reach corners of the world.

To read a blog post from Dr. Rajiv Shah and the White House's Tom Kalil, click [here](#).

Ghana Travels

I recently had the amazing opportunity to spend some time in Ghana visiting local agricultural projects as well as attending and speaking at a conference of the African Christian Health Associations. To read more about my visit to a great development success story in the Eastern Region of Ghana and what I learned about the role of FBOs in helping the world achieve the Millennium Development Goals on maternal and child health, see my USAID ImpactBlog posts found [here](#) and [here](#). In addition, to learn more about the trip and my work at USAID see my [recent interview](#) with Frederick Nnoma-Addison of *AMIP News*.

Honoring an Aid Worker

Each day, thousands of aid workers work to implement programs benefiting millions of people living in dangerous and insecure settings. Unfortunately, some – both Westerners and their local counterparts – end up paying the ultimate cost for their service. Last month, President Obama honored one such worker, Dr. Tom Little, with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Dr. Little was an optometrist who was brutally murdered on August 6, 2010, by the Taliban in the Kuran Wa Munjan district of Badakhshan, Afghanistan, along with nine other members of a team returning from a humanitarian mission to provide vision care in the remote Parun valley of Nuristan.

Here are the President's remarks on Dr. Little:

An optometrist from New York, Tom Little could have pursued a lucrative career. Instead, he guided – he was guided by his faith and he set out to heal the poorest of the poor in Afghanistan. For 30 years, amid invasion and civil war, the terror of the Taliban, the spread of insurgency, he and his wife Libby helped bring Afghans, literally, the miracle of sight. Last summer, Tom and his team of doctors and nurses were ambushed and senselessly murdered. Today, we remember and honor Dr. Tom Little – a humanitarian in the truest sense of the word; a man who not only dedicated his life to others, but who lived that lesson of Scripture: “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

To read more from the Presidential Medal of Honor Ceremony, including remarks on other honorees, click [here](#). Click [here](#) to listen to Elizabeth Little reflect about her husband's life and work and the significance of receiving this honor.

National Prayer Breakfast Report

USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah participated in several events surrounding the annual National Prayer Breakfast in February. Here is one highlight from the USAID Impact Newsletter:

Administrator Shah spoke [February 3] at a White House gathering of young evangelical leaders including innovators in development. The White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships hosted the gathering and invited Administrator Shah to speak about USAID in general and Feed the Future in particular. The vast majority of the group was new to engaging with USAID. Administrator Shah's words inspired and motivated many of the leaders. Individuals expressed support for the work of the Agency as well as a heartfelt desire to engage in future collaborative opportunities.

The group convened on the heels of the National Prayer Breakfast, which the Administrator attended earlier that day. The National Prayer Breakfast provided an opportunity for USAID to engage with various significant stakeholders including Senator John Barrasso seated at his table as well as faith leaders such as Jim Wallis. President Obama delivered remarks at the breakfast in addition to keynote speaker Randall Wallace.

Click [here](#) to read about the President's Prayer Breakfast remarks.

Announcements and Information

Child Survival and Health Grants Program

The Child Survival and Health Grants Program (CSHGP) has published its Fiscal Year 2011 Request for Applications (RFA). This RFA is seeking effective partnerships with U.S. PVOs/ NGOs to enable the identification, testing, and scale up of innovative solutions to improve integrated community oriented delivery

of health interventions and strengthen the capacity of health systems and their local partners to respond to local needs.

Of special interest to newsletter readers, the New Partner category is seeking U.S. PVOs/NGOs and their local or regional partners to strengthen their capacity to design, implement, monitor and evaluate innovative, effective and sustainable Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health projects. New Partners are defined as U.S. PVOs and U.S. NGOs that have been awarded no more than \$5 million in total, direct U.S. Government funding over the five fiscal years prior to the due date for submission of an application under this RFA. The \$5 million eligibility limitation does not include U.S. Government emergency and disaster assistance or U.S. Government funding received by virtue of a subcontract or sub-grant. For more details and to read the full RFA, click [here](#). Proposals are due by March 25, 2011.

GDA Annual Program Statement

The USAID Office of Development Partners/Private Sector Alliances Division (ODP/PSA) has announced the issuance of the 2011 Global Development Alliance Annual Program Statement.

The Global Development Alliance (GDA) invites prospective partner organizations to form public-private alliances to carry out activities in support of USAID's international development objectives. GDA uses its Annual Program Statement (APS) to generate competition for new awards to address critical development problems in countries where USAID is currently working. Companies and NGOs are encouraged to discuss the mutual benefits of a potential partnership with the relevant country Mission and/or Washington Operating Unit or ODP/PSA before submitting a concept paper.

Potential alliance partners are expected to bring significant new resources, ideas, technologies, and/or partners to development activities. Partners include a wide range of organizations such as: foundations, U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs), U.S. and non-U.S. private businesses, business and trade associations, international organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. colleges and universities, U.S. cities and states, other U.S. Government agencies, civic groups, other donor governments, host country governments, regional organizations, host country parastatals, philanthropic leaders including venture capitalists, public figures, advocacy groups, pension funds and employee-welfare plans.

Click [here](#) or [here](#) to read the full APS.

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DCHA/FFP - DRAFT USAID/DCHA/FFP Annual Program Statement (APS) for International Emergency Food Assistance (For Comments Only) – The USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP) is seeking comments on its draft APS. The objective of FFP is to reduce food insecurity among vulnerable populations. Through its Emergency Programs, FFP meets this objective by providing food assistance to save lives, reduce suffering, and support the early recovery of populations affected by emergencies. Comments are due by March 11, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Washington – FY 2011 Child Survival and Health Grants Program (CSHGP) - The FY 2011 Request for Applications (RFA) for CSHGP is seeking effective partnerships with U.S. PVOs/ NGOs to

enable the identification, testing, and scale up of innovative solutions to improve integrated community oriented delivery of health interventions and strengthen the capacity of health systems and their local partners to respond to local needs. The RFA includes a New Partner category. The closing date of this announcement is March 25, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Nairobi - INTEGRATED IMPROVED LIVELIHOODS PROGRAM (IILP) – RWANDA -

The purpose is to improve the livelihoods of Rwanda's very poor particularly women, through expansion of responsible and appropriate access to finance, increased economic opportunities and incomes, and enhanced food consumption. The closing date of this announcement is March 21, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

DCHA/FFP - Emergency Food Security Program - The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information to enable prospective applicants to decide whether to seek funding in support of the subject Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP). The purpose of this APS amendment is to request submissions in response to the current complex emergency in Libya, including the displaced populations to Tunisia and Egypt resulting from the conflict in Libya. The closing date of this announcement is March 31, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Dakar - Health Services Improvement (HSI) Program Component - The focus of this component is on health posts and health centers, with strong linkages to community based services and to regional hospitals to ensure a well-coordinated continuum of care for women and children under five. The closing date of this announcement is April 5, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Dakar - Community Health (CH) Program Component - This Program Component is expected to improve access to and quality of community health services and information; to enable the active engagement of beneficiaries in seeking and using health care options at the community level (urban and rural) throughout Senegal; to contribute to the establishment and sustainability of technical linkages and referral networks for community-based health service providers and strengthening the relationship between these structures and the formal Government of Senegal (GOS) health system. The closing date of this announcement is April 5, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Addis Ababa - Pastoralist Areas Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Program - USAID/Ethiopia seeks to support the improvement of access to clean and sustainable water sources for target communities in the Afar, Oromia, and Somali Regions of Ethiopia. The closing date of this announcement is April 11, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Moscow - US-Russia Civil Society Partnership Program - The purpose of the US-Russia Civil Society Partnership Program (CSPP) is to increase and intensify peer-to-peer relationships between US and Russian civil society groups (NGOs, non-profits, universities, foundations, and, where appropriate, private business) - which share common objectives in addressing major societal challenges. USAID encourages applications from potential new partners, particularly if they are joined with a more experienced organization. The closing date of this announcement is April 11, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Brasilia - BRAZIL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - The USAID Mission in Brazil is seeking concept papers from qualified U.S. and non-U.S., non-profit or for-profit NGOs to create new partnerships to support USAID Brazil Mission priorities in Economic Growth and Investing in People through initiatives in the following areas: 1) Corporate Social Responsibility; 2) Disaster Assistance; 3) Energy – Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency; 4) Environment – Biodiversity; 5) Health – HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis. The closing date of this announcement is April 13, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/OFDA - Programmatic Learning for Prevention of, and Response to, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Disaster Situations - Applications submitted under this APS must address well-defined GBV problems in natural disaster or conflict settings and articulate clear linkages between identified problems, proposed activities, and expected impacts. The closing date of this announcement is April 15, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Dakar - HIV/AIDS and TB (HIV/TB) Program Component - The focus of this component is to provide targeted, relevant technical assistance and institutional support to the Government of Senegal and its partners in order to maintain a low national prevalence of HIV/AIDS, reduce transmission in high prevalence areas and among most vulnerable populations (MARPs), improve the quality and availability of treatment, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHIV) and improve detection and treatment of tuberculosis (TB). The closing date of this announcement is April 19, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - Building Disaster-Resilient Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean - The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information to enable prospective applicants to decide whether to seek OFDA funding in support of the subject Building Disaster-Resilient Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean program and, if so, to assist them in developing and submitting applications. The closing date of this announcement is April 22, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - A Grand Challenge for Development - USAID, Government of Norway, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges Canada, and The World Bank have joined together to launch Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development. Together, we are calling for groundbreaking prevention and treatment approaches for pregnant women and newborns in poor, rural communities around the time of childbirth. The closing date of this announcement is April 29, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - IFRP 2011 Request For Applications - The International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) is a USAID program to support the production, stockpiling, transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf-stable, prepackaged foods by U.S. non-profit and Public International Organizations. The closing date of this announcement is May 18, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Pretoria - APS: Basic Education with Links to Employment and Vulnerable Children in Angola - The United States Government, as represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission to Angola, is seeking applications from local organizations registered to operate in Angola to expand its programming in basic education. *Potential applicants must be local organizations registered in Angola.* Applications for Round 2 should be received no later than June 20, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - Development Innovation Ventures - Development Innovation Ventures aims to institutionalize further in USAID the serendipitous process by which great ideas are conceptualized, developed, refined to meet real-world operational challenges, tested, and ultimately scaled up to change the world in fundamental ways. The closing date of this announcement is July 21, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Dar es Salaam - Comprehensive and Sustainable Clinical and Community Based HIV/AIDS Services - Eligible organizations are invited to submit applications which describe proposed approaches and methods of building greater program sustainability and ensuring service delivery integration in a range of programs that include HIV/AIDS services and underlying health systems strengthening. The closing date of this announcement is August 24, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - Global Development Alliance Annual Program Statement - By pursuing opportunities to partner with USAID, innovative development public-private alliances can make important contributions to

development and humanitarian objectives in vulnerable countries. The closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Lima - Development Assistance Fund Program - The objective of this APS is to create the competitive environment for small development activities that benefit the communities within the USAID/Peru operating environment. The DAF cross-cuts all USAID/Peru program areas and seeks responses/grant ideas from local communities. *Applicants must be local Peruvian non-governmental organizations.* This Annual Program Statement focuses on establishing grant opportunities for small development activities that address basic community needs. The closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Bogota - Colombia Alliance Program (CAP) - The USAID Mission in Colombia has a successful track record in developing strategic alliances with an extensive range of partners, international and local NGOs, the Government of Colombia, universities, bilateral and multilateral donor agencies, and the private sector. Through the issuance of this APS, the USAID Mission in Colombia seeks to strengthen, enhance and create additional alliances to leverage development assistance funds and resources to address global challenges. The closing date of this announcement is December 15, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Cairo - Egyptian Transition Support - Through this Annual Program Statement (APS), USAID/Egypt intends to support programs of Egyptian, U.S., and international organizations which respond directly to Egyptian-identified needs in the area of democratic development. The closing date of this announcement is February 11, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Cairo - Egyptian Economic Support – Through this APS, USAID/Egypt intends to support programs of Egyptian, U.S., and international organizations which respond directly to Egyptian-identified needs in the areas of job creation, poverty alleviation and economic development. The closing date of this announcement is March 8, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Department of State

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Open Funding Opportunities for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State can be found at: <http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html> .

Current opportunities include:

- National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)
- FY2012 Humphrey Fellowship Program
- Youth Leadership Program with Sub-Saharan Africa
- Youth Leadership and Teacher Professional Development Program with Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration

Fiscal Year 2011 grant opportunities from the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration at the U.S. Department of State can be found at: <http://www.state.gov/g/prm/c39538.htm>. Additional information, including PRM's general guidelines for NGOs can be found at: <http://www.state.gov/g/prm/c27111.htm>. Current opportunities include:

- FY 2011 PRM Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO Programs in Sudan Benefiting Southern Sudanese Refugee Returnees and Receiving Communities and NGO Programs in Sudan Benefiting Congolese and CAR Refugees

International Labor Programs - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote the strengthening of civil society and labor rights in the following regions and countries: Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo); the Near East (Jordan); East Asia Pacific (Indonesia; Philippines), South Asia (Maldives;

Pakistan); and the Western Hemisphere (Colombia). The closing date of this announcement is April 1, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

MEPI Regional Office Annual Program Statement - The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce funding is available through the Regional Offices' Local Grants program. Purpose of Grant: Local Grants are intended for local representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and universities. They support projects to expand and develop civil society and encourage indigenous efforts to create societies based on pluralism, participation, and prosperity. Funding is available for projects that increase the scope and capacity and participation of civil society, create new economic opportunities, enhance access to and quality of education systems, and/or empower women. Applications will be received on a rolling basis and will be reviewed on the basis of their fullness, coherence, clarity, and attention to detail. For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Mission to Afghanistan - Afghan Women's Empowerment Grants Program - The Political Section at U.S. Embassy Kabul is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the newly-launched Afghan Women's Empowerment (AWE) Grants Program. The AWE Grants Program provides \$5,000-\$50,000 grants for Afghan-led projects that increase women's participation in the political sphere. The closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).



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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Since our last newsletter, Japan suffered a devastating earthquake and tsunami. Unrest continues in Libya. Our thoughts go out to the people of Japan, Libya, and others caught in humanitarian emergencies. Today's newsletter provides an update on what the U.S. Government is doing to respond to these situations.

Also, we are excited to announce the publication of several new funding opportunities, including the Development Grants Program (DGP). DGP is targeted at organizations new to working with USAID so please take a look at the information below.

Warmest Regards,
Ari Alexander

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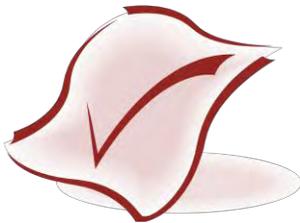
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News and Events

USG Response to the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

White House Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Blog Post by Ari Alexander

I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of offers to assist the people of Japan in the wake of the disastrous earthquake and tsunami. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is leading the US Government's response. We hosted a conference call this past Thursday in order for you to hear directly from Nancy Lindborg, our Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance. A couple of key points that I want to highlight from the call and share with you:

- The Government of Japan is leading the disaster response efforts. USAID is seeking to play the most effective role we can in standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our Japanese friends in responding to this disaster. President Obama spoke at the White House on the tragic events in Japan. Click [here](#) to read or view the President's comments on how we are working aggressively to support our ally at this time of extraordinary challenge.
- For those organizations with staff in Japan, we are happy to help you connect with coordination efforts on the ground. Please email JapanHelp@ofda.gov for additional information. For those of you who are not in Japan, we encourage you to consider supporting the organizations that are already there. For more information on what USAID is doing and organizations accepting donations for the Japanese earthquake response, visit USAID's Japan response website.
- When disasters happen abroad, the best and most effective way for Americans to help is to give cash. One person's informed donation decision can make a big difference for many victims. Monetary gifts in any amount - big or small - are absolutely essential to swift, efficient and successful international disaster relief efforts. Read more about the importance of cash donations on the USAID Impact blog.
- Again, if you have questions or comments regarding logistics or how to connect with the humanitarian coordination efforts on the ground, please email JapanHelp@ofda.gov.

If you have more general questions or would like to sign up to receive notification of future calls and email updates on the Japan response, please email fbcj@usaid.gov. In addition, please use fbcj@usaid.gov to provide feedback on how future calls best serve your needs.

To find the latest news of what USAID is doing in Japan, click [here](#) for a link to the most recent fact sheet on the USAID response.

Libya

As you know from news reports, unrest continues in Libya and humanitarian needs in Libya and the border regions with Tunisia and Egypt are great. Below is a summary of the U.S. Government (USG) commitments as well as links to additional information on the USG response.

The overall U.S. Government financial pledge of \$47 million includes:

- \$10 million contribution toward the U.N. World Food Program's emergency food operations;
- \$10 million to support several international organizations and NGOs to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs both inside and outside Libya;
- \$13 million to IOM to support the transportation of thousands people from Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia who fled Libya and are now in Tunisia and Egypt;
- \$7 million to the UNHCR, which is working in both Tunisia and Egypt, including managing the transit center in Tunisia near the Tunisia-Libya border that is currently providing basic services to thousands of migrants; and
- \$7 million toward the ICRC's efforts to meet humanitarian needs in Libya and the region.

Some of these funds will clearly be used for activities outside of Libya, but a large portion of the assistance, including food assistance through the WFP and program support through NGOs, will potentially benefit people and programs inside Libya. Specifically, from the \$10 million to support international organizations and NGOs, we are directly funding key international NGOs which have been operating inside Libya, building their capacity and strengthening the provision of humanitarian assistance. These funds are ensuring that health facilities in eastern Libya receive adequate medical supplies and staff, and are enabling the emergency distribution of blankets, hygiene kits, and water containers in eastern Libya, including Benghazi.

Additional Information:

- [March 24, 2011 USG Humanitarian Fact Sheet](#)
 - [USAID Libya Disaster Response Website](#)
 - [InterAction Members Responding to the Crisis in Libya](#)
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Announcements and Information

Development Grants Program (DGP)

Take Note! New Partner Grant Opportunity *The purpose of the DGP is to create new partnerships between USAID and NGOs that have had limited or no prior funding from and experience working directly with USAID. Below is a summary of an RFA that was recently released. Concept papers in response to this RFA are due on April 25, 2011.*

USAID established the Development Grants Program as a small grants program which would increase the number and quality of NGO (both local and U.S.-based) implementing partners who can meet the needs of the communities they serve and contribute to the accomplishment of the Agency's goals and objectives.

The DGP offers USAID a unique opportunity to foster partnerships with organizations and communities that have not been direct USG development partners and to collaborate with grant recipients to make contributions to country development objectives, and the U.S. Government (USG)'s priorities and initiatives. The DGP is closely aligned with Agency Initiatives addressing today's pressing problems of hunger and food security, health impacts of insufficient water resources, and challenges that accompany global climate change, local capacity development, and women and peacebuilding as well as post-conflict resolution.

This RFA encourages applicants to propose effective, innovative approaches that contribute to the achievement of development objectives in the sectors specified for this third cycle of DGP funding. Funds for the DGP are available for activities in the following three sectors: water (especially water and sanitation), microenterprise and climate change adaptation. Concept papers should only request support for activities that fall under the Agency's definitions for the three sectors and in particular should comply with the country-specific guidance provided in the RFA Attachment I.

USAID strongly encourages cost sharing with non-USG partners and the creation of innovative alliances, particularly public-private partnerships. An "alliance," in this sense, is a formal agreement between two or more parties created to jointly define and address a development problem. Alliance partners combine resources, risks and rewards in pursuit of common objectives. Alliance partners make financial and/or in-kind contributions to increase the impact and sustainability of development efforts. Both U.S. PVOs and local NGOs are strongly encouraged to consider alliances with private partners and foundations as a means of leveraging the DGP program funding for greater impact and sustainability. For more information about USAID and alliance building, please see: http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/gda/tab.html.

Click [here](#) to access the full RFA. Reminder: The DGP RFA clearly describes the countries and sectors for which USAID is accepting applications for this funding opportunity. Read the RFA and its attachment carefully to see whether your proposed project is eligible for funding in the country in which you work.

Egypt – Annual Program Statements

The USAID Mission in Cairo recently published two funding solicitations to support programs of Egyptian, U.S., and international organizations which respond directly to Egyptian-identified needs as described in the annual program statements summarized below.

Annual Program Statement - Egyptian Transition Support

Under this APS, USAID is making funding available to complement ongoing activities within

Egypt, build on the wide range of programs carried out to date, incorporate lessons learned from prior work in these areas, and meet Egyptian-identified needs in the areas outlined below.

The five areas listed below provide a framework in which to consider applications, as these areas have been identified by Egyptians as those where more progress is needed to support democratic development. The five broad areas are:

- 1) Civic Engagement / Civic Awareness;
- 2) Elections and Political Processes;
- 3) Access to Justice / Human Rights;
- 4) Transparency and Accountability; and
- 5) Civic Participation.

Programs may cover one or more areas. Innovative ideas are especially welcome. Any program supported through this APS shall be in direct response to Egyptian-identified needs and based on a request for support.

Proposed activities within these areas may include, but are not limited to, training, technical assistance, sub-grants, the provision of equipment and supplies, and operating costs. Innovative approaches are highly encouraged. In addition to programmatic activities, Egyptian applicants may include activities to strengthen internal organizational capacity if needed. Examples could include acquisition of communications technology, skills training in advocacy, strengthening financial management skills, strategic planning assistance, etc. This is in addition to being eligible to receive support through the Egyptian Civil Society Support project mentioned above. All proposed activities shall directly and predictably relate to the achievement of program objectives. Any assistance that is provided must be in a strictly nonpartisan manner. Applicants are encouraged to propose the best mix of approaches and activities to achieve program results.

Annual Program Statement - Egyptian Economic Support

The recent revolution in Egypt has launched an unprecedented political and social transformation. The root causes are varied, but the economic disparity and lack of opportunity faced by the majority of Egyptians today were certainly contributing factors. Many are unemployed or in low wage jobs, millions live in poverty and there is a growing social and economic gap between wealthy Egyptians and poorer Egyptians who represent the majority of the population. While the transformation in politics and society represent a tremendous new opportunity to accelerate equitable economic growth and innovation, the immediate impact of the unrest will be economic decline especially in sectors most affected by the protests.

Short-term economic wins, which include minimizing job-loss and maintaining household income levels, are critical to stabilizing Egypt's economy now. Nevertheless, these short-term goals should be achieved in a broader economic framework that will position the Egyptian economy or growth in response to political and social reforms resulting from the transformation presently underway.

This APS is targeting a wide range of potential beneficiaries who have been adversely affected by the recent political and economic turmoil. Specifically this refers to those who have lost their jobs, or are now underemployed, due to the recent unrest. In addition, because of secondary impacts of the unrest, including capital flight, inflation, and higher food prices, specific economic sectors may be of more interest to USAID in this APS. Sectors of interest may include, but are not limited to, tourism, agriculture, logistics, light manufacturing, food processing or small scale construction.

Finally, certain groups of people, particularly those with dependents and who are consistently among the lower income groups are also targeted, including female-headed households, those from urban neighborhoods or informal settlements and the rural poor. This reference to targeting does not mean USAID will not consider proposals that do not work with these groups nor does it imply that USAID is not interested in working with others not specifically targeted.

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USAID/Brasilia - BRAZIL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - The USAID Mission in Brazil is seeking concept papers from qualified U.S. and non-U.S., non-profit or for-profit NGOs to create new partnerships to support USAID Brazil Mission priorities in Economic Growth and Investing in People through initiatives in the following areas: 1) Corporate Social Responsibility; 2) Disaster Assistance; 3) Energy – Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency; 4) Environment – Biodiversity; 5) Health – HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis. The closing date of this announcement is April 13, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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USAID - IFRP 2011 Request For Applications - The International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) is a USAID program to support the production, stockpiling, transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf-stable, prepackaged foods by U.S. non-profit and Public International Organizations. The closing date of this announcement is May 18, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Bangkok - Thai-Burma Border Humanitarian Assistance Program - USAID's Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) intends to issue a request for applications (RFA) from interested U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations to implement a program for continued humanitarian assistance to Burmese

refugees, migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) along the Thai-Burma border. The request is expected to be available for the public in the spring of 2011. The closing date of this announcement is May 31, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Pretoria - APS: Basic Education with Links to Employment and Vulnerable Children in Angola -

The United States Government, as represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission to Angola, is seeking applications from local organizations registered to operate in Angola to expand its programming in basic education. *Potential applicants must be local organizations registered in Angola.* Applications for Round 2 should be received no later than June 20, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - Development Innovation Ventures - Development Innovation Ventures aims to institutionalize further in USAID the serendipitous process by which great ideas are conceptualized, developed, refined to meet real-world operational challenges, tested, and ultimately scaled up to change the world in fundamental ways. The closing date of this announcement is July 21, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Dar es Salaam - Comprehensive and Sustainable Clinical and Community Based HIV/AIDS Services - Eligible organizations are invited to submit applications which describe proposed approaches and methods of building greater program sustainability and ensuring service delivery integration in a range of programs that include HIV/AIDS services and underlying health systems strengthening. The closing date of this announcement is August 24, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - Global Development Alliance Annual Program Statement - By pursuing opportunities to partner with USAID, innovative development public-private alliances can make important contributions to development and humanitarian objectives in vulnerable countries. The closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Lima - Development Assistance Fund Program - The objective of this APS is to create the competitive environment for small development activities that benefit the communities within the USAID/Peru operating environment. The DAF cross-cuts all USAID/Peru program areas and seeks responses/grant ideas from local communities. *Applicants must be local Peruvian non-governmental organizations.* This Annual Program Statement focuses on establishing grant opportunities for small development activities that address basic community needs. The closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Bogota - Colombia Alliance Program (CAP) - The USAID Mission in Colombia has a successful track record in developing strategic alliances with an extensive range of partners, international and local NGOs, the Government of Colombia, universities, bilateral and multilateral donor agencies, and the private sector. Through the issuance of this APS, the USAID Mission in Colombia seeks to strengthen, enhance and create additional alliances to leverage development assistance funds and resources to address global challenges. The closing date of this announcement is December 15, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Cairo - Egyptian Transition Support - Through this Annual Program Statement (APS), USAID/Egypt intends to support programs of Egyptian, U.S., and international organizations which respond directly to Egyptian-identified needs in the area of democratic development. The closing date of this announcement is February 11, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

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U.S. Department of State

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Open Funding Opportunities for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State can be found at: <http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html> .

Current opportunities include:

- FY2012 Humphrey Fellowship Program
- Youth Leadership Program with Sub-Saharan Africa
- Youth Leadership and Teacher Professional Development Program with Bosnia and Herzegovina
- American Music Abroad
- Global Connections and Exchange Programs
- Youth Leadership Program with South Asia and the Youth Leadership Program with Azerbaijan
- Open Competition for Professional Exchange Programs
- One Beat
- Professional Exchanges Congress

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration

Fiscal Year 2011 grant opportunities from the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration at the U.S. Department of State can be found at: <http://www.state.gov/g/prm/c39538.htm>. Additional information, including PRM's general guidelines for NGOs can be found at: <http://www.state.gov/g/prm/156599.htm>. Current opportunities include:

- FY 2011 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO programs benefiting refugees and refugee returnees in Burundi, the DRC, Tanzania and Uganda
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- FY 2011 PRM Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO Programs in Sudan Benefiting Southern Sudanese Refugee Returnees and Receiving Communities and NGO Programs in Sudan Benefiting Congolese and CAR Refugees

International Labor Programs - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote the strengthening of civil society and labor rights in the following regions and countries: Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo); the Near East (Jordan); East Asia Pacific (Indonesia; Philippines), South Asia (Maldives; Pakistan); and the Western Hemisphere (Colombia). The closing date of this announcement is April 1, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

MEPI Regional Office Annual Program Statement - The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce funding is available through the Regional Offices' Local Grants program. Purpose of Grant: Local Grants are intended for local representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and universities. They support projects to expand and develop civil society and encourage indigenous efforts to create societies based on pluralism, participation, and prosperity. Funding is available for projects that increase the scope and capacity and participation of civil society, create new economic opportunities, enhance access to and quality of education systems, and/or empower women. Applications will be received on a rolling basis and will be reviewed on the basis of their fullness, coherence, clarity, and attention to detail. For more information, click [here](#).

Middle East Partnership Initiative - Tunisia: Supporting a Democratic Transition – MEPI announces an Annual Program Statement (APS) competition for proposals supporting Tunisia's democratic transition, which includes the drafting of a new constitution, the election of a new president and parliament (anticipated for later in 2011), economic and political reforms, and other steps toward democracy. Proposals received by April 11, 2011 will be reviewed within two weeks. For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Mission to Afghanistan - Afghan Women's Empowerment Grants Program - The Political Section at U.S. Embassy Kabul is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the newly-launched Afghan Women's Empowerment (AWE) Grants Program. The AWE Grants Program provides \$5,000-\$50,000 grants for Afghan-led projects that increase women's participation in the political sphere. The closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).



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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week President Obama welcomed faith leaders to the second annual Easter Breakfast at the White House. USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah attended the event and was recognized by the President for his role in advancing global food security. Read on for more details on the President's speech and the day's activities.

In addition, I am very excited to announce that Zeenat Rahman has joined the CFBCI as Deputy Director on April 11. We are tremendously honored to have her on the CFBCI team. See below for a short note from Zeenat.

Pesach Sameach and Happy Easter to those of you observing the holidays.

Warmest Regards,
Ari Alexander

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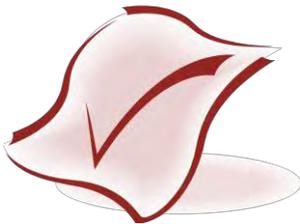
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News and Events

Easter Breakfast with the President

Easter marks one of the Christian calendar's holiest days. For the second year, President Obama hosted a breakfast for religious leaders in observance of this holiday. USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah attended the breakfast and was recognized for his role in leading the U.S. Government's food security efforts known as Feed the Future. Below you will find links to the President's full comments as well as an Impact blog post from CFBCI Director Ari Alexander on the breakfast and the policy briefings hosted by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships later in the morning.

[White House Easter Prayer Breakfast](#)

Written by [Ari Alexander](#)

Yesterday President Obama hosted a prayer breakfast observing the Christian holiday of Easter in the East Room of the White House. In only its second year, President Obama is the first President to host such an event for Easter, and was honored to be joined by pastors and leaders from around the nation. USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah attended the morning prayer breakfast and was recognized for his extraordinary leadership in the President's remarks.

"Before I begin, I want to acknowledge one particular member of my administration who I'm extraordinarily proud of and does not get much credit, and that is USAID Administrator, Dr. Raj Shah, who is doing great work with faith leaders. [...] Raj is doing great work with faith leaders on our Feed the Future global hunger program, as well as on a host of other issues. We could not be prouder of the work that he's doing."

Following the breakfast, attendees gathered for a series of policy briefings from various U.S. government agencies. The discussion included topics on: energy and climate change; immigration; fatherhood and healthy families; human trafficking; and international development. Gayle Smith, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director on the National Security Council, spoke eloquently about development, calling the gathered faith leaders "champions of dignity" for those often forgotten. She highlighted the importance of the Presidential Policy Directive on Development as well as the role of USAID and Administrator Shah in leading the Feed the Future initiative. The gathering was a unique opportunity to gather religious leaders from around the nation for a moment of reflection during Holy Week and to dialogue about ways to partner together in caring for the most vulnerable.

You can view the [full transcript](#) or [video](#) of the President's remarks.

New Deputy Director for the CFBCI

Hello everyone,

I am delighted to begin my tenure as Deputy Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Initiatives at USAID. Prior to this position, I was at the Interfaith Youth Core, an organization whose mission it is to make interfaith cooperation a social norm by training young leaders and empowering them to work together to serve others. In that position, I was very fortunate to work with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships to advance initiatives which increase interfaith cooperation and understanding. I look forward to bringing those experiences to bear in my new position and to working with you to explore new opportunities. I believe there is no more exciting time than right now to be at USAID and I am very excited for what's ahead!

Warmest Wishes,
Zeenat

Announcements and Information

Amendment to the Development Grants Program (DGP)

New Partner Grant Opportunity: *The purpose of the DGP is to create new partnerships between USAID and NGOs that have had limited or no prior funding from and experience working directly with USAID. Below is information on a recent amendment to the DGP RFA. Concept papers in response to this RFA are due on May 9, 2011.*

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- Amendment 01 (found [here](#)) lists the questions received from prospective applicants and the USAID responses.
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Click [here](#) to access the full RFA. **Reminder: The DGP RFA clearly describes the countries and sectors for which USAID is accepting applications for this funding opportunity. Read the RFA and its attachment carefully to see whether your proposed project is eligible for funding in the country in which you work.**

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USAID - Global Development Alliance Annual Program Statement - By pursuing opportunities to partner with USAID, innovative development public-private alliances can make important contributions to development and humanitarian objectives in vulnerable countries. The closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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USAID/Bogota - Colombia Alliance Program (CAP) - The USAID Mission in Colombia has a successful track record in developing strategic alliances with an extensive range of partners, international and local NGOs, the Government of Colombia, universities, bilateral and multilateral donor agencies, and the private sector. Through the issuance of this APS, the USAID Mission in Colombia seeks to strengthen, enhance and create additional alliances to leverage development assistance funds and resources to address global challenges. The closing date of this announcement is December 15, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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U.S. Department of State

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Open Funding Opportunities for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State can be found at: <http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html> .

Current opportunities include:

- Global Connections and Exchange Programs
- Youth Leadership Program with South Asia and the Youth Leadership Program with Azerbaijan
- Open Competition for Professional Exchange Programs
- One Beat
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- Timor-Leste and South Pacific Scholarship Programs
- American Film Showcase
- Community Solutions

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration

Fiscal Year 2011 grant opportunities from the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration at the U.S. Department of State can be found at: <http://www.state.gov/g/prm/c39538.htm>. Additional information, including PRM's general guidelines for NGOs can be found at: <http://www.state.gov/g/prm/156599.htm>. Current opportunities include:

- PRM NGO Projects in Europe
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- FY 2011 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO programs benefiting Iraqi refugees in the Middle East and displaced persons and returnees in Iraq
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- FY 2011 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO programs benefiting refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya
- PRM NGO Projects in Thailand, Bangladesh and Malaysia

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Request for Proposals: International Religious Freedom Rapid Response Fund – The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for effective and immediate approaches to 1) disburse small, short-term emergency financial support to religious freedom victims facing long-term detention or death sentence for their religious beliefs (or lack thereof) or expression of beliefs; and 2) fund short-term innovative initiatives that defend and/or support religious freedom and tolerance, including activities that support education, training, and public outreach such as at multilateral fora. The closing date of this announcement is May 4, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) - Democracy and Human Rights Programs in South Asia – DRL announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote the strengthening of democracy, human rights, and civil society in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The closing date of this announcement is May 9, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - CAFTA-DR TCB - DRL seeks proposals that will promote and strengthen a culture of compliance in the CAFTA-DR region by working directly with workers and worker organizations to protect and promote labor rights. The closing date of this announcement is May 11, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs - Afghan Higher Education Exchanges - PAS Kabul invites all eligible organizations to submit a proposal for working with the U.S. Embassy and the Afghan Ministry of Higher Education to implement two exchange programs targeting administration professionals within the Afghan higher education system. The closing date of this announcement is May 19, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

Middle East Partnership Initiative - Establishing MEPI Alumni Network Local Chapters - The Middle East Partnership Initiative seeks to establish a network that connects all alumni of MEPI-funded projects. Eligible applicants include any registered non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector organizations, for-profit organizations, small businesses, and institutions of higher education (such as colleges and universities) based in the eligible countries. The closing date of this announcement is May 31, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

MEPI Regional Office Annual Program Statement - The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce funding is available through the Regional Offices' Local Grants program. Purpose of Grant: Local Grants are intended for local representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and universities. They support projects to expand and develop civil society and encourage indigenous efforts to create societies based on pluralism, participation, and prosperity. Funding is available for projects that increase the scope and capacity and participation of civil society, create new economic opportunities, enhance access to and quality of education systems, and/or empower women. Applications will be received on a rolling basis and will be reviewed on the basis of their fullness, coherence, clarity, and attention to detail. For more information, click [here](#).

Middle East Partnership Initiative - Tunisia: Supporting a Democratic Transition – MEPI announces an Annual Program Statement (APS) competition for proposals supporting Tunisia's democratic transition, which includes the drafting of a new constitution, the election of a new president and parliament (anticipated for later in 2011), economic and political reforms, and other steps toward democracy. Proposals received by April 11, 2011 will be reviewed within two weeks. For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Mission to Afghanistan - Afghan Women's Empowerment Grants Program - The Political Section at U.S. Embassy Kabul is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the newly-launched Afghan Women's Empowerment (AWE) Grants Program. The AWE Grants Program provides \$5,000-\$50,000 grants for Afghan-led projects that increase women's participation in the political sphere. The closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).



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If you are in the Washington, DC area, please consider registering to attend Friday's meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA). See the announcement below for more details on the meeting and a link to a list of the new ACVFA members.

We are also pleased to include a link to the just released issue of [Frontlines](#) with a host of pertinent stories and interviews on global health and Iraq.

Lastly, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships recently released a toolkit of steps community groups can take to assist those in need. Read more below.

Warmest Regards,
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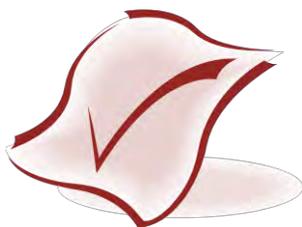
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News and Events

Register now! Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA) was established by Presidential directive after World War II to serve as a link between the U.S. Government and private voluntary organizations (PVOs) active in humanitarian assistance and development work overseas.

USAID's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA) will convene on **Friday, May 13, 2011**. USAID invites members of the public and media to join the ACVFA meeting **from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** at the **National Press Club Ballroom, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.** At the meeting, USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah and senior staff will discuss with ACVFA members and the public progress in implementing USAID Forward, the Agency's reform agenda. [ACVFA members](#), who represent the diversity of the international development community, will reflect on the public's input as they deliberate on issues such as economic growth and university engagement. We hope you can join us. **Click [here](#) to register now!**

USAID Frontlines

FrontLines features articles about USAID; international development and humanitarian assistance efforts around the world; and the people who are dedicated to these efforts.

Highlights from the just released [issue](#) include:

- [Exclusive Interview with WHO's Dr. Margaret Chan](#) - Dr. Margaret Chan joined the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2003, and was appointed to the post of director-general in 2006.
- [Initiative Aims to Upturn the Status Quo in Health Care](#) - The Global Health Initiative starts with a woman. With all her responsibilities, she will have to choose which services her family gets and who will go without. The fragmented and poorly coordinated health system in her country forces her to make difficult tradeoffs about her family's health. She is the person for whom the Global Health Initiative (GHI), the Obama administration's multi-year interagency effort aimed at improving and saving lives by strengthening health systems, is designed. USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah calls GHI a fundamentally different way of doing business. It is a push to think holistically about how to reach beneficiaries. And, it builds on the foundation of the U.S. Government's HIV/AIDS and malaria programs, which have been deemed successful due in large part to strong coordination across U.S. agencies as well as the experts working in the field.
- [Exclusive Interview with CENTCOM's Lt. Gen. John R. Allen](#) - Lt. Gen. John R. Allen – President Obama's recent nominee to take Gen. David Petraeus' place as commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan—gives an exclusive interview to *FrontLines* regarding his time in Iraq and the relationship between USAID and the military. Allen currently serves as deputy commander, United States Central Command. He served as deputy commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force, and commanding general, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, deploying to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- [USAID Partnership Working with Iraq for Long-Term Stability](#) - Together, the United States and Iraq have faced many challenges to promote stability and development after the fall of the previous regime. Now the Iraqi-U.S. partnership that began seven years ago is at a critical crossroads. Just as USAID and the State Department are taking the lead in relations with the country, Iraqis are transitioning from a legacy of war and insurgency onto a course of economic opportunity and good governance they themselves are plotting.

National Day of Prayer

On April 29, President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation for a National Day of Prayer to be observed on May 5, 2011. An excerpt from the Proclamation is below with a link to the full text.

“Throughout our history, Americans have turned to prayer for strength, inspiration, and solidarity... It is thus fitting that, from the earliest years of our country's history, Congress and Presidents have set aside days to recognize the role prayer has played in so many definitive moments in our history. On this National Day of Prayer, let us follow the example of President Lincoln and Dr. King. Let us be thankful for the liberty that allows people of all faiths to worship

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Announcements and Information

White House Toolkit for Community Leaders

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships prepared this guide to give local faith and community leaders a menu of opportunities to partner in addressing a variety of domestic and international challenges and issues.

[Partnerships for the Common Good: A Partnership Guide for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations](#)

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While our newsletter usually focuses on international work, we thought you would enjoy this *New York Times* [article](#) featuring our sister office at the Department of Homeland Security and the work of Center Director David Myers in facilitating the active involvement of faith-based groups in disaster relief.

USAID IMPACTblog

The USAID IMPACTblog (<http://blog.usaid.gov/>) is updated daily with news and stories from USAID’s work around the world. It is a great way to receive regular updates from USAID staff about the Agency’s work. Below are a few recent posts.

- A [report from Sudan](#) where USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah just signed a communiqué on behalf of the U.S. Government to help boost private sector engagement in agriculture in southern Sudan.
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USAID/Bogota - Colombia Alliance Program (CAP) - The USAID Mission in Colombia has a successful track record in developing strategic alliances with an extensive range of partners, international and local NGOs, the Government of Colombia, universities, bilateral and multilateral donor agencies, and the private sector. Through the issuance of this APS, the USAID Mission in Colombia seeks to strengthen, enhance and create additional alliances to leverage development assistance funds and resources to address global challenges. The closing date of this announcement is December 15, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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New! USAID/Kampala - INFORMATION ON UGANDA LITERACY AND HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM - USAID/Uganda is in the process of designing a new program to support Uganda's Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES) to provide high-quality literacy and HIV/AIDS education. USAID/Uganda is posting this Concept Paper in order to provide public access to any parties interested in USAID's support to the education sector in Uganda. This Concept Paper is intended solely as a thought-piece; ideas contained herein may change significantly during the Mission's program design, consultation and approval process. This program is designed in support of Uganda's National Development Plan and the policies laid out in the 1992 Government White Paper on Education. For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Department of State

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

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Current opportunities include:

- Youth Leadership Program with South Asia and the Youth Leadership Program with Azerbaijan
- Open Competition for Professional Exchange Programs
- One Beat
- Professional Exchanges Congress
- Timor-Leste and South Pacific Scholarship Programs
- American Film Showcase
- Community Solutions
- Young Turkey / Young America: A New Relationship for a New Age
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Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) - WHA Access to Justice and Freedom of Expression/Press - DRL seeks proposals for a two-year project directed at increasing citizen confidence in the judicial system and strengthening citizen access to justice by combating impunity, raising citizen awareness of civil and political rights and increasing availability of legal services. The project will target the general population in the identified project countries (at least two countries per proposal; proposals focusing on a single country will not be considered competitive), with an emphasis on reaching marginalized and vulnerable communities in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The closing date of this announcement is May 23, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs - Afghan Higher Education Exchanges - PAS Kabul invites all eligible organizations to submit a proposal for working with the U.S. Embassy and the Afghan Ministry of Higher Education to implement two exchange programs targeting administration professionals within the Afghan higher education system. The closing date of this announcement is May 19, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

Middle East Partnership Initiative - Establishing MEPI Alumni Network Local Chapters - The Middle East Partnership Initiative seeks to establish a network that connects all alumni of MEPI-funded projects. Eligible applicants include any registered non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector organizations, for-profit organizations, small businesses, and institutions of higher education (such as colleges and universities) based in the eligible countries. The closing date of this announcement is May 31, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

MEPI Regional Office Annual Program Statement - The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce funding is available through the Regional Offices' Local Grants program. Purpose of Grant: Local Grants are intended for local representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and universities. They support projects to expand and develop civil society and encourage indigenous efforts to create societies based on pluralism, participation, and prosperity. Funding is available for projects that increase the scope and capacity and participation of civil society, create new economic opportunities, enhance access to and quality of education systems, and/or empower women. Applications will be received on a rolling basis and will be reviewed on the basis of their fullness, coherence, clarity, and attention to detail. For more information, click [here](#).

Middle East Partnership Initiative - Tunisia: Supporting a Democratic Transition - MEPI announces an Annual Program Statement (APS) competition for proposals supporting Tunisia's democratic transition, which includes the drafting of a new constitution, the election of a new president and parliament (anticipated for later in 2011), economic and political reforms, and other steps toward democracy. Proposals received by April 11, 2011 will be reviewed within two weeks. For more information, click [here](#).

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June 28, 2011

The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives **NEWSLETTER**

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By Ari Alexander

Director, Center for Faith-based & Community Initiatives and Senior Advisor to the Administrator for NGO Partnerships and Global Engagement

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

The start of summer has proved to be a busy time with many exciting announcements and changes. I wanted to highlight current and upcoming travel that our office will be doing around the country. Stay tuned for highlights from the CFBCI's participation in the International Food Aid and Development Conference as well as the Islamic Society of North America's Annual Conference.

We want to wish Heather MacLean well as she leaves USAID to pursue exciting new endeavors. Her time at USAID and in our office is valued beyond expression. In addition, we are thrilled to have an additional set of hands as Maisha Lopa joins our office for a summer internship and are grateful for her assistance.

Warmest Regards,
Ari Alexander

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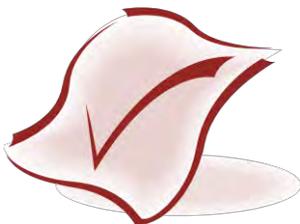
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International Food Aid and Development Conference: “Food Aid: Results That Matter to Hungry People”

June 27-29 2011, Kansas City, MO Sponsored by USAID and USDA.

The conference held this year will be the thirteenth conference, which has become the largest food aid and agricultural development conference in the U.S. In 2010, the attendance had more than 550 participants from over 20 countries with representation from the food and agriculture industries, maritime and rail transportation, ports, private voluntary and non-governmental organizations, and US and foreign governments. Zeenat Rahman, Deputy Director of the USAID Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, along with Max Finberg, Director of the USDA Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, participated in a session on interfaith cooperation. USAID Administrator Raj Shah provided the keynote address. Check www.usaid.gov for the posting of Dr. Shah’s remarks.

The First Lady’s Trip to Africa

First Lady Michelle Obama traveled to South Africa and Botswana during an official visit to Africa from June 20 – 26 focused on youth leadership, education, health and wellness. Among her many visits, the First Lady and her family spent Wednesday, June 22 in Soweto, Johannesburg -- the sprawling South African township of over a million, once home to such giants as Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu and scene of so many dramatic events of the struggle against apartheid -- including those that occurred at Regina Mundi church, where the First Lady gave the keynote address at the US-sponsored Young African Womens Leaders Forum.

On June 23rd, the First Lady visited the University of Cape Town where she spoke with high school students from nearby townships. She talked with them about the importance of working hard in school, knowing they each have the ability to achieve their dreams, and how each of us is connected. She said, “I can see the same promise in all of you as I do in my own girls. That’s what keeps me motivated. When I see you, I see them. When I see them, I see you. And I see it in the students that I’ve met all across my country in America, and in all of the young men and women I see as I travel around the world.” To read more about her travels, click [here](#).

Dr. Suzan Cook Sworn-In as Ambassador-at-large for International Religious Freedom

The Office of International Religious Freedom has the mission of promoting religious freedom as a core objective of U.S. foreign policy and monitor religious persecution and discrimination worldwide, recommend and implement policies in respective regions or countries, and develop programs to promote religious freedom.

On May 16th, 2011, Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook was sworn in as the New Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom. Ambassador Johnson Cook will serve as a principal advisor on religious freedom to the Secretary of State and to the President, and she will head the Office of International Religious Freedom in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Ambassador Johnson Cook is the Founder and President of Wisdom Women Worldwide Center and served as the Senior Pastor of the Bronx Christian Fellowship Baptist Church in New York City, the Wall Street Congregation and was a Founder/Board Member of the Multi-Ethnic Center, an enrichment program for youth. She served as an advisor on President Clinton’s Domestic Policy Council, the President’s Initiative on Race, and Chaplain to the New York Police Department. She has spoken and led delegations throughout the United States, Africa and the Caribbean. Ambassador Cook will help implement President Obama’s policies encouraging greater religious freedom throughout the world.

First Lady Speaks to Faith and Community Leaders about Joining Forces

The Joining Forces Initiative, started by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden is a comprehensive national initiative to mobilize all sectors of society to support and engage military families and veterans in the areas of education, employment and wellness.

During a conference call on May 18th, 2011, First Lady Michelle Obama spoke to a gathering of over 1,800 faith and community leaders about the Joining Forces Initiative and called upon houses of worship, faith-based community organizations, and faith leaders to actively engage in efforts to support and engage military families and veterans. She outlined three specific areas of focus and urged the faith and community leaders to increase their efforts to raise awareness of the challenges facing military families and veterans and create a new ministry or service, specifically for military families and veterans. Lastly she urged faith leaders to organize more one-time initiatives geared towards military families and veterans to raise awareness and engage the public on issues that they face.

The First Lady highlighted the role of the faith-based community as leaders of their respective communities and the importance of their engagement in national initiatives such as Joining Forces. She said, “You all are trusted leaders in your communities. And you can make a real difference to our military families and the communities and the country they protect and serve” and called for a joint effort that crosses party and religious affiliations.

To read the full transcript of the First Lady’s speech, [click here](#).

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Islamic Society of North America Conference to take place in Illinois

The Islamic Society of North America serves the Muslim community in North America and focuses on projects that are more humanitarian than theological and more global than national. The Annual ISNA Conference brings together thought leaders and the public to facilitate ideas about cooperation and understanding.

The Islamic Society of North America will hold its annual conference at the Rosemont Convention Center at Rosemont, Illinois from July 1st to July 4th, 2011. The conference will facilitate panels on a multitude of areas including Business, Environment, Empowerment through Engagement and the role of Faith in Public Service. The conference aims to bring Muslim leaders from communities across the country to exchange ideas and share progress on common goals. USAID’s Deputy Director for the Office of Faith Based Community Initiatives, Zeenat Rahman, will coordinate the participation of USAID through panels, and will hold a special breakout session on how organizations can most effectively partner with USAID. For more information on the ISNA Conference, please visit their website www.isna.net

USAID’s Development Innovation Ventures Program

The second Annual Program Statement (APS) for USAID’s Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) program was recently released. This APS, which serves as a call for applications, reflects input from a wide range of stakeholders, including many of you. Development Innovation Ventures aims to institutionalize further in USAID the serendipitous process by which great ideas are conceptualized, developed, refined to meet real-world operational challenges, tested, and ultimately scaled up to change the world in fundamental ways. The closing date of this announcement is July 21, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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New! USAID/Tbilisi - USAID/Armenia Labor Market Integration of People with Disabilities – USAID is seeking applications for Assistance Agreements from U.S. organizations for funding to support a program entitled "Labor Market Integration of People with Disabilities" project. USAID intends to provide approximately \$3,000,000 in total USAID funding to be allocated over a 3 years period. The closing date for this announcement is July 15, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Bangkok - Counter Trafficking in Persons Program – USAID is seeking applications from organizations to implement the Counter Trafficking in Persons Program (CTIP II) which will build on the notable successes of CTIP while broadening the focus to more inclusively address the needs of victims of forced labor. The closing date for this announcement is July 22, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Kiev - Healthy Women of Ukraine Program – USAID is seeking applications from organizations to implement the Healthy Women of Ukraine Program (HWUP). USAID plans to provide a maximum of \$8.2 million to be allocated over a five-year period. A cost share is not required under this funding opportunity. USAID intends to award a single cooperative agreement as a result of this solicitation. The closing date of this announcement is July 25, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the following regions and countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen. The closing date for this announcement is July 6, 2011. For more information, please click [here](#).

- Transitional Justice and Reconciliation for the Middle East and North Africa (approximately \$1,200,000): DRL will fund one program for up to \$1,200,000 which will respond to transitional justice and reconciliation issues as they arise in the broader Middle East region
- Labor (approximately \$2,000,000): DRL will fund up to two grants to support activities that promote democratic practices within worker organizations and build their capacity to respond to social and economic challenges.
- Gender Based Violence (approximately \$500,000): DRL will fund one regional grant to support activities that work to protect women in countries undergoing transition or upheaval who have suffered from, or been threatened by, gender-based violence because of their political engagement.
- Protection for Religious Freedoms (approximately \$500,000): DRL will fund one initiative to support programming to protect and promote religious tolerance, pluralism, and the fundamental human right of freedom of religion. Special emphasis will be placed on engaging youth and women.

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) - Democracy and Human Rights Programs in Kyrgyzstan - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote the strengthening of democracy, human rights, and civil society in Kyrgyzstan. The closing date for this announcement is July 6, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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September 22, 2011

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Dear Friends,

Today is my last day at USAID. The Center for Faith-based & Community Initiatives will now be led by Zeenat Rahman as our Acting Director. Zeenat has learned an enormous amount in the five months since she arrived as Deputy Director here in the CFBCI. She has my full confidence and support in her new role. Please join me in congratulating her on this opportunity. Zeenat will be leading a team that includes the now longest serving member of the CFBCI team, the sensational Rachel Rose, new Feed the Future consultants, Senior Advisor Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, and Advisor Chris Latondresse and as well as our star intern, Melissa Yao. CFBCI is poised to be more effective and helpful than ever before.

It has been an incredible honor and privilege to serve the country and the world in this capacity. I look forward to our continued partnership and learning in the months and years ahead, wherever our paths may cross.

Sincerely, Ari

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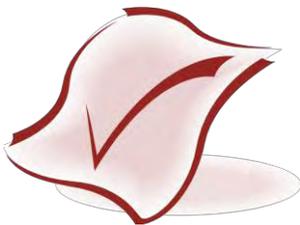
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USAID Frontlines

FrontLines features articles about USAID; international development and humanitarian assistance efforts around the world; and the people who are dedicated to these efforts.

Highlights from the just released [issue](#) include:

- [Insights from Administrator Rajiv Shah](#) - The world welcomed its newest nation when South Sudan officially gained its independence on July 9. After over two decades of war and suffering, a peace agreement between north and south Sudan paved the way for South Sudanese to fulfill their dreams of self-determination.
- [Q&A with Bill Hammink, Former Mission Director to Sudan](#) - Bill Hammink was USAID's last mission director to a unified Sudan. He held the post from March 2009 to July 2011, just after South Sudan became the world's newest country. Hammink is a career Senior Foreign Service Officer with more than 30 years at USAID working on international development and humanitarian programs.
- [Darfur's Window of Opportunity](#) - Eight years ago, Darfur was one of the most unstable corners of Sudan—and the world. Though insecurity continues in some areas, USAID is now capitalizing on pockets of opportunity where security and access permit its partners to support a wide array of community-led, early-recovery activities to help Darfuris rebuild their lives.
- [USAID's Global Education Footprint Takes Shape](#) - USAID's new Education Strategy, released in February 2011, commits the Agency to ensuring that its education programs deliver measurable and sustainable results and focus squarely on measureable achievement in the early grades, access to education that has been disrupted due to conflict and crisis, and support for higher education and workforce development.

The White House Attends the COGIC AIM Convention in Houston, TX

Each year, the Church of God in Christ, Inc. (COGIC) International Auxiliaries in Ministry (AIM) convenes for its national conference. The annual summer convention brings together nearly 30,000 COGIC members representing nationwide Music & Youth, Missions & Evangelism, and Sunday School ministries for a week of fellowship and training. The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (WHOFBNP) had the honor of participating on two workshop panels during the annual convening held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX. Click [here](#) for the full article.

International Development Leaders Hail Programs that are Advancing Millennium Development Goals

At a high profile event during the UN General Assembly in New York, Dr. Rajiv Shah, head of USAID, and Andrew Mitchell, UK Secretary for International Development, highlighted a set of programs as bringing about a significant step towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). [...]

USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah said: "To meet the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, we must work more effectively and efficiently to deliver meaningful results for the people we serve. By working directly with country governments and local partners, we can increase transparency and support more innovative projects with the potential to transform development."

As the international community counts down to 2015, the US and UK are determined to inspire action by celebrating successes and innovations across the MDGs. The event MDG Countdown: Successes and Innovations looked at what has worked and why, how it could work elsewhere and at scale. The first event of this series highlighted programs, policies and partnerships from Brazil, Gambia, Zambia, Peru, Ethiopia, Nepal, Vietnam and from the GAVI Alliance. Click [here](#) for the full article.

The White House Partners with Hindu American Seva Charities for Historic Gathering

A 3-day conference in Washington, D.C., convened by Hindu American Seva Charities, recently brought together representatives from government agencies, nonprofit organizations and diverse faith leaders from across the country to discuss ways to enact sustainable community development through service. Several Administration officials as well as the White House Office and Agency Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership Centers participated in various panels at the conference, focusing on partnership development for community service. Click [here](#) for the full article.

In Your Words

New opportunity to share the work you are doing

This is a new section that will be included in future newsletters to create a space of shared stories. We want to hear your accomplishments, trials, campaigns, and difficulties. Sharing our collective knowledge and experiences is one of the easiest ways we can work together to help the most vulnerable.



We hope that you saw the recent announcement about the new FWD Campaign. USAID has heard your request for updated and easily accessible information about the crisis in the Horn of Africa and has launched a website that has updates on USAID's response and ways to be engaged. Click [here](#) to check it out.

Now we want to hear from you! What steps are you, your community or organization taking to raise awareness for the crisis in the Horn of Africa? Please share with us your stories! Email us at fbc@usaid.gov.

In the next newsletter we will be sure to highlight some of your responses and introduce a new theme.

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New! USAID/Mongolia - Strengthening Transparency and Governance (STAGE) in Mongolia - USAID is seeking applications for Assistance Agreements from all U.S. and non-U.S. qualified organizations for funding to support a program entitled "Strengthening Transparency and Governance (STAGE)." The overall goal of the award of the RFA will be to provide technical assistance in order to support judicial and administrative reform and combat corruption in Mongolia. The closing date for this announcement is October 3, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID - Draft Request for Applications for Title II Development Food Aid Programs - This Request for Applications (RFA) provides information on funding opportunities for multi-year, development food aid programs. FFPs goal for multi-year, development programming is to reduce risks and vulnerabilities to food insecurity and increase food availability, access and utilization/consumption. The range of activities may include, but is not limited to, sustainable agricultural production and marketing, natural resource management, non-agricultural income generation, health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, emergency preparedness and mitigation, vulnerable group feeding, and social safety nets. The closing date for this announcement is October 7, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Budapest - Civic Advocacy and Partnership Activity (CAPA) – USAID is seeking applications from eligible Macedonian organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a project in Macedonia entitled Civic Advocacy and Partnership Activity (CAPA). USAID expects applicants to have experience in civil society development and be able to propose a staffing/teaming structure which will provide a wide range of strategic and technical assistance to grantees at varying levels of competency in areas such as lobbying, advocacy, constituency building, media relations, and coalition building. The closing date for this announcement is October 12, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID - Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA III) – USAID proposes to enter into a five (5) year Cooperative Agreement for the implementation of the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA III) activity FANTA III aims to provide technical assistance to partner countries, USAID, and implementing partners to improve overall nutrition capacity and program effectiveness. With a particular emphasis on food security and health programming, FANTA III will work closely with the Bureau for Global Health (GH) and other USAID bureaus and offices to strengthen the nutrition components of food security and health programming as a mechanism to improve the nutritional status of its target populations. The closing date for this announcement is October 14, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID - Innovations in Gender Equality (IGE) Household Food Security Program – The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to pilot and collect evidence of impact from innovative and bold interventions that increase women’s leadership in the agriculture sector, improve women’s access to and utilization of technology to increase agricultural productivity, increase labor saving technologies, strengthen gender equality in land, credit and other policies, and enhance nutritional outcomes for women and children. The closing date for this announcement is October 17, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Peru – Ethical Schools - USAID is seeking applications from Peruvian local organizations (nongovernmental) for funding to support a program entitled Ethical Schools. The overall objective of the Project is to promote a culture of ethical behavior and civic responsibility among youth, teachers and parents, and to explore the way in which this may contribute to a reduction in corruption and other forms of illicit activity like coca cultivation and illegal environmental degradation. This Project should work with the GOP to assist teachers (new and in-service) to equip youth in Lima, San Martin, and Ucayali with ethical decision-making skills based on reasoning and critical thinking. The Project should involve parents and regional and local authorities to secure their support for and ownership of the Project. The closing date for this announcement is October 18, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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U.S. Department of State

New! Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Open Funding Opportunities for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State can be found at: <http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html>.

Current opportunities include:

- Teacher Exchange Program
- English Language Fellow Program for Academic Year 2012-2013

New! U.S. Mission to Afghanistan - Afghan Women's Empowerment Grants Program - The Political Section at U.S. Embassy Kabul is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the newly-launched Afghan Women's Empowerment (AWE) Grants Program. The AWE Grants Program provides \$5,000-\$50,000 grants for Afghan-led projects that increase women's participation in the political sphere. The closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).



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The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

October 26, 2011

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By Zeenat Rahman

Acting Director, Center for Faith-based & Community Initiatives

Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting month for the CFBCI team as I have transitioned into my role as Acting Director. As you will see in this issue of our newsletter we have had some wonderful events that brought together USAID and some of our faith-based and community partners. Our Administrator spoke at World Vision headquarters in Seattle and we participated in Church World Service's Arlington, VA CROP Walk.

I would like to personally express my gratitude to the many of you who have reached out to me and embraced me in my new role. I highly value our faith-based and community partners and I am looking forward to working with each of you. Also, please keep your stories coming! We are excited about our new "In Your Words" section and would love to highlight the meaningful work that you all do on a daily basis in some of the toughest parts of the world.

Warmest Regards,
Zeenat

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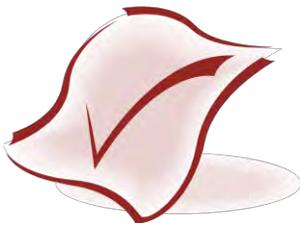
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Administrator Shah addresses World Vision employees - During a visit to World Vision's U.S. headquarters in Federal Way, Washington, USAID Administrator Raj Shah spoke to a gathering of nearly 600 staff on the role of faith and faith-based organizations in addressing hunger, poverty, and preventable diseases in the developing world. In addition to acknowledging the extensive and rich history of USAID and World Vision's partnership, he also spoke about the importance of foreign aid. The International Affairs Budget, which funds U.S. international aid programs, makes it possible for the United States to contribute to the global fight against hunger, extreme poverty, and disease, especially among children. At just one percent of the federal budget, this small but very effective budget item makes the United States a leader when it comes to international aid. For example, 53 percent of the global relief for the horn of Africa drought is from the United States. To read the full article, [click here](#).

USAID participates in a local Crop Walk



USAID's Paul Weisenfeld addresses crowd of
Photo Credit: Chris LaTondresse USAID

On Saturday, October 15, representatives from USAID's Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives and the Bureau for Food Security participated in [CROP Hunger Walk](#), an annual walk-a-thon event in Arlington, VA sponsored by [Church World Service](#) (CWS). Every year over 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks are organized in over 2,000 communities, ranging in size from 200-2,500 participants, in partnership with thousands of local congregations across America to raise awareness about the issues surrounding global and domestic hunger. In his opening remarks at the kick-off event, Paul Weisenfeld, Assistant to the Administrator in the Bureau for Food Security, highlighted USAID's response to the Horn of Africa crisis and spoke about the need to invest in food security over the long-term through efforts like the [Feed the Future](#) initiative. CWS is the relief and development arm of the National Council of Churches.

President Obama hosts first Evangelical Summit at the White House

President Obama meets with top leaders of the National Association of Evangelicals in the White House last Wednesday (October 12). The group discussed topics ranging from religious freedom to foreign aid. To read the full article outlining the conversation, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events:

White House Online Live-stream Event - Open for Question: Crisis in the Horn of Africa - Last month USAID launched the [FWD campaign](#) to raise awareness across America about the drought and famine crisis in the Horn of Africa. On Wednesday, October 26th, at 12:30 p.m. EDT, we invite you to join USAID Administrator Raj Shah, Gayle Smith and Jon Carson from the White House Office of Public Engagement to learn about the steps we have taken to build this campaign by informing and engaging our friends and family in order to harness the compassion and generosity of the American people. Event will be live-streamed at [whitehouse.gov/live](#) and at [www.usaid.gov](#). Speakers will take questions submitted over twitter to @usaid or @rajshah, with the hashtag #AskFWD.

Conference Calls on food security and the FWD Campaign: Be sure to check your inbox in the next few days! We will be sending out information on our upcoming conference calls around food security and the FWD campaign.

Developing Excellence Forum 2011 by ACCORD - November 15-17 in Baltimore, MD: This event will include 4 summits on Transformational Development, WASH, Microenterprise Development, and Advocacy. CFBCI Acting Director Zeenat Rahman will be leading one of the break-out sessions. For more information, [click here](#).

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In response to last month's topic about awareness for the crisis in the horn of Africa, Floyd E. Dowell, Ph.D., Research Leader with USDA ARS Center for Grain and Animal Health Research shared "Volunteers here in Manhattan, KS, are pulling together efforts from various groups such as [Kids Against Hunger](#), Howies Recycling, Numana, World Help, and Kansas State University to send food to the Horn of Africa famine region. We helped send 265,000 Kids Against Hunger meals to the famine region through World Help a few weeks ago, and we will send another 265,000 in a few weeks. We have pledges of 265,000 more, and I am optimistic we can reach 1,000,000 meals by the end of the year!"

As many of you know, foreign aid has less than 1% of the United States budget. Administrator Shah believes in doing more with less. What are some innovative ways your organization is maximizing your limited resources?

Please share with us your stories! Email us at fbc@usaid.gov.

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New! USAID/Mozambique - Media Strengthening Program for Mozambique - The USAID/Mozambique Media Strengthening Program (MSP) seeks to support the professionalization of journalists and empowerment of independent media in Mozambique, working both with individual journalists and media organizations in the capital, Maputo, as well as with local media outlets and community radio stations located throughout the country. The goals of the MSP are to improve the quality of information provided to citizens by state and non-state media and to enhance the capacities and financial viability of non-state, or independent, media organizations in Mozambique. Ultimately, a more professional and effective media will work at the local, regional, and national levels to inform citizens, encourage citizens to hold their government more accountable, and contribute to better governance in Mozambique. The closing date for this announcement is November 14, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID - Assets and Market Access Collaborative Research Support Program – USAID seeks to support and to mobilize the capacities of U.S. universities and public and private partners of universities for 1) global research on problems affecting food, agriculture, forestry, and fisheries; and 2) improved human capacity and institutional resource development for the global application of agriculture and related environmental sciences. Research activities are conducted in collaboration with host-country researchers and institutions, and are structured so as to have a returning benefit to the U.S. institutions or U.S. agriculture more broadly. There are currently nine CRSPs addressing different sub-sectors of agriculture. One of these is the Assets and Market Access (AMA) CRSP. The AMA CRSP agreement expired September 30, 2011. The AMA CRSP proposed in this RFA will be a continuation, with some modification, to the previous AMA CRSP program. The closing date for this announcement is November 21, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Democratic Republic of the Congo – Developing and Strengthening Services and Systems that Support Family Cohesion and Respond to the Separation of Children in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - USAID/EA is seeking applications from qualified U.S. and non U.S. organizations and institutions, in the form of partnerships or consortia that include DRC organizations, interested in providing the services described in this

solicitation. This is full and open competition, under which any type of organization, large or small, commercial (for profit) firms, faith-based, and non-profit organizations in partnerships or consortia from geographical code 935, are eligible to compete. In accordance with the Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreement Act, USAID encourages competition in order to identify and fund the best possible applications to achieve program objectives. The closing date for this announcement is November 30, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID - Building a Better Response - The scope and objectives of the program(s) to be funded under this APS includes strengthening NGO engagement in the humanitarian assistance architecture by providing training and instruction to national and international NGOs on policies and practice. USAID/OFDA is working in close partnership with UN OCHA on this program. USAID/OFDA's primary objective will be to improve humanitarian response to disasters by fostering understanding of and securing expanded commitment to the internationally-recognized humanitarian assistance architecture, improving coordinating and enhancing its performance. The closing date for this announcement is December 12, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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U.S. Department of State

New! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration FY 2012 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO Programs Benefiting Refugees in Kenya, Ethiopia and Yemen

Limited funding is available to support NGOs working with UNHCR in Kenya, Ethiopia and Yemen in support of refugee assistance and protection. While PRM encourages activities that include host communities, because of PRM's mandate to provide protection, assistance, and sustainable solutions for refugees and victims of conflict, PRM considers funding only those projects that include a target beneficiary base of at least 50% refugees. The closing date for this announcement is November 7, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! Office of Export Control Cooperation - Strategic Trade Control Legislation Development Assistance – Oman

The Department of State's Office of Export Control Cooperation (ISN/ECC) is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity through this Request for Applications (RFA). ISN/ECC invites U.S. non-profit organizations and educational institutions, as well as PIOs, to submit proposals for assisting the Government of Oman with strengthening its strategic trade control laws and implementing regulations. ISN/ECC has approximately \$150,000 available to fund this project. See the attached RFA document for project details and complete proposal submission instructions. The closing date for this announcement is November 21, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - PRM NGO Programs in Thailand and Malaysia

Funding is available to support NGO programs benefiting Burmese Refugees in Thailand and Malaysia. PRM will prioritize funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities. Current funding priorities in Thailand for Burmese refugees in camps along the Thai-Burma border are health and nutritional assistance. The current funding priority for assistance to Burmese Refugees in Malaysia is mental healthcare. The closing date for this announcement is November 28, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs - U.S. - Afghan National Museum Partnership

As part of the U. S. Government's policy to support Afghanistan's people and government as they establish a more secure, moderate, just, and lasting civil society and to demonstrate American commitment and support for Afghan culture and heritage, the U.S. Embassy Kabul Public Affairs Section is soliciting proposals from highly-qualified and experienced major U.S. non-profit/non-governmental cultural organizations, such as museums or universities, or consortia of organizations and individuals, to enter into a cooperative agreement to develop and carry out the U.S.- Afghan National Museum Partnership. This three-year effort includes; * the establishment of a new museum electronic catalogue and collections management system, * the complete cataloguing and archival rehousing of the Museum's collections in preparation for their future relocation to a new Museum building, * practical, sustainable, capacity-building training in museum management, museum practice and operations for the National Museum of Afghanistan staff in Kabul, Afghanistan. The closing date for this announcement is December 14, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).



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Dear Friends,

The season of giving thanks is upon us, and we at CFBCI have much for which to be thankful. We are especially grateful for each of you and the critical work you are doing.

This past month we have had several opportunities to interact with many of our partners. USAID officially launched the FWD campaign, a campaign to raise public awareness on the crisis in the Horn of Africa. Through Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, videos, blog posts and listservs, we were able to reach 117 million forwards. We also received a piece of good news regarding the crisis. Thanks to all of our efforts, the number of famine areas in the Horn of Africa has gone down from six to three. However, the work continues. There are still more than 250,000 people at imminent risk of starvation. Let's not forget them this season. Please visit our website to learn more on what you can do.

Warmest Regards,
Zeenat

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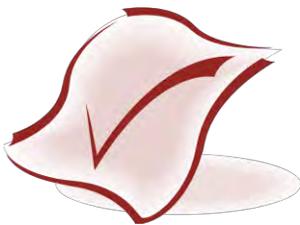
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News and Events

FWD Campaign updates – On November 3, 2011 CFBCI convened a conference call highlighting the FWD campaign around the crisis in the Horn of Africa. Speakers included Joshua DuBois, Zeenat Rahman, Ruth Messinger from American Jewish World Service, Rachel Wolff from World Vision, and Abed Ayoub from Islamic Relief. Thank you to the many of you that participated! To learn the most updated information on the crisis in the horn of Africa, you can read USAID’s blog by clicking [here](#).

All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge for Development - Reading skills build the foundation for all future learning. Yet, in sub-Saharan Africa, a child with five years of education has a 40% chance of being illiterate. In Mali, Pakistan, and Peru, more than 70% of children at primary grade levels cannot read at their grade level. A leading international assessment indicates that low-income countries are performing in the bottom 5th percentile in the world in learning outcomes. USAID, World Vision and AusAID are partnering to launch a multi-year initiative that seeks to improve early grade reading outcomes in low-resource settings called All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge for Development. This Grand Challenge for Development calls for ground-breaking solutions that offer scalable, cost-effective innovations to address two critical and unmet needs in developing world contexts. To learn more about this Grand Challenge, visit the website at <http://www.allchildrenreading.org/>

16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence - It is estimated that 1 in 3 women will experience gender-based violence in their lifetime, most often at the hands of an intimate partner. Females aged 15-44 are more at risk from rape and domestic violence than from cancer, motor accidents, war and malaria. Gender-Based Violence is a global pandemic that cuts across all borders - ethnicity, race, socio-economic status, and religion. In response, USAID has launched our observance of [16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence](#) (November 25th-December 10th). We aspire to create broader understanding that GBV has a significant economic cost in developed and developing countries alike. Started in 1991 by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership, the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is a world-wide campaign to raise awareness about gender-based violence and to encourage others to help eliminate GBV. The first day, November 25th, is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the last day, December 10th, is International Human Rights Day, the 16 days highlights that gender based violence violates human rights. To learn more, click [here](#).

Celebrating Interfaith Collaboration with the Rumi Forum – At this year’s Rumi Peace and Dialogue Awards Joshua Dubois, Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of the Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships was honored with the “Extraordinary Commitment to Public Service Award”. The Rumi Forum, a Turkish American organization, works to foster interreligious and intercultural understanding at a pivotal time in our human history. In his remarks, Joshua highlighted that the Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships “looks forward to working with the Rumi Forum to advance intercultural understanding in our government, in our country, and around the world, motivated by the President’s belief as stated in his inaugural address that, ‘our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness. We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus - and non-believers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this earth.’” To read the full blog, click [here](#).

Acting Director Zeenat Rahman speaks at Advocacy Summit with Accord – At this years Accord conference held in Baltimore, MD Acting Director Zeenat Rahman spoke with a group in the Advocacy summit. Her focus was to shed light on the public sector and the range of possible partnership opportunities. Rahman was part of a panel that included Adam Taylor, VP of Advocacy at World Vision and Tim Glenn, Director of Advocacy at Compassion International.

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American Jewish World Service and Islamic Relief USA and several other faith-based groups partnered with USAID to raise awareness on the crisis in the Horn of Africa. Below are some examples of the work they are doing:

American Jewish World Service is working diligently to support those being impacted by the drought in the Horn of Africa by supporting several projects on the ground. For example, a project in Kenya is working with local herders, buying up their livestock that would otherwise die in the drought. The meat is then distributed to women-led households. Another project is focusing on providing emergency water. However, the project could only afford 2-3 liters/day in contrast to the internationally recognized minimum amount of 15 liters/day. Through AJWS support the program has been able to increase the daily water amount to reach international standards. To learn more about the work of American Jewish World Service, visit their website by clicking [here](#).

Islamic Relief USA is also working to alleviate suffering in the Horn of Africa. Already, as part of its relief effort in the Horn of Africa, Islamic Relief USA has built wells, established a supplementary feeding program for malnourished mothers and children, and delivered food packs to more than 200,000 people and water to more than 160,000. On their blog they write “Three-quarters of a million people are on the brink of starvation and death in the Horn of Africa, and more than half of Americans have not even heard of the problem. So Alexandria, Va.-based Islamic Relief USA heeded an urgent call to action by the U.S. Agency for International Development by supporting the FWD (Famine, War, Drought) Campaign—an initiative to educate Americans about the crisis and to encourage more people to donate to provide relief.” To read the full blog, click [here](#).

Please share with us your stories! Email us at fbc@usaid.gov.

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New! USAID/Hungary - Anti-Corruption Civic Organizations' Unified Network (ACCOUNT) - The purpose of this three-year \$1.05 million program is to strengthen and streamline the voice of civil society in order to put pressure on the BiH government to enforce and sustain anti-corruption reforms required for the BiH European integration process. The Cooperative Agreement for ACCOUNT will be awarded to a competitively selected local Bosnian non-governmental organization (NGO) who is expected to serve as a coordinator and/or a secretariat among local NGOs already involved and committed to anti-corruption work in BiH and promote the development of larger informal NGO networks or a consortium assembled around specific thematic issues. ACCOUNT will provide technical assistance and capacity building support for networking of local NGOs. The closing date for this announcement is December 12, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Uganda - Literacy and Health Education Program – The Literacy Program is a 5-year program to improve the quality of education in Uganda, with an emphasis on addressing early grade reading, health and HIV/AIDS education, and the availability and use of high-quality EMIS data for education sector decision-making. The closing date

for this announcement is December 16, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Guatemala - Community Nutrition and Health Care Project - The goal of the CNHC Project is to improve the nutrition and health status of women and children in underserved rural communities of the Guatemalan Western Highlands while also strengthening local GOG structures and systems to provide quality nutrition, family planning and health care services in hard-to reach communities. The closing date for this announcement is December 9, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! USAID/Ukraine - Improved HIV/AIDS Services among Most-at-Risk Populations (MARPs)- USAID/Ukraine is supporting the Improved HIV/AIDS Services among Most-at-Risk Populations project to reduce HIV transmission among most-at-risk populations (MARPs) through state of the art HIV/AIDS services delivered by Ukrainian organizations. These services include a range of behavioral, biomedical, and structural HIV/AIDS activities, community- and facility-based services, and communications. The project will provide technical assistance to national and local Ukrainian organizations to improve MARP's access to and use of HIV/AIDS services, with a focus on HIV prevention. The closing date for this announcement is January 11, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

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USAID/Democratic Republic of the Congo – Developing and Strengthening Services and Systems that Support Family Cohesion and Respond to the Separation of Children in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - USAID/EA is seeking applications from qualified U.S. and non U.S. organizations and institutions, in the form of partnerships or consortia that include DRC organizations, interested in providing the services described in this solicitation. This is full and open competition, under which any type of organization, large or small, commercial (for profit) firms, faith-based, and non-profit organizations in partnerships or consortia from geographical code 935, are eligible to compete. In accordance with the Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreement Act, USAID encourages competition in order to identify and fund the best possible applications to achieve program objectives. The closing date for this announcement is November 30, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - Building a Better Response - The scope and objectives of the program(s) to be funded under this APS includes strengthening NGO engagement in the humanitarian assistance architecture by providing training and instruction to national and international NGOs on policies and practice. USAID/OFDA is working in close partnership with UN OCHA on this program. USAID/OFDA's primary objective will be to improve humanitarian response to disasters by fostering understanding of and securing expanded commitment to the internationally-recognized humanitarian assistance architecture, improving coordinating and enhancing its performance. The closing date for this announcement is December 12, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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New! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor - Promoting democracy and human rights in East Asia and the Pacific - Community Participation to Improve Government Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (approximately \$300,000 available). Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor's objective is to increase the organizational capacities of disabled persons' organizations (DPOs) to broaden civil society participation in, and support to, government efforts to implement the CRPD. DRL seeks proposals to increase the ability of DPOs to play a greater role in advocating for their rights. The closing date for this announcement is December 13, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Youth Leadership Program: TechGirls - The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for the new Youth Leadership Program “TechGirls.” Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct a three- to five-week exchange program in the United States in Summer 2012 focused on promoting high-level study of technology for high school girls from the Middle East and North Africa. U.S. Embassies in the participating countries and territories will recruit, screen, and select the teenage girls. The program will provide an exchange of academic study of applied technology for girls who already have a demonstrated aptitude and strong interest in the subject, will empower girls to pursue higher education and careers in technology, and will support activities in the participants; home countries that are designed to reinforce and support the skills and linkages acquired during the U.S. program. The closing date for this announcement is December 15, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

New! Office to Monitor/Combat Trafficking in Persons - Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) for Anti-Trafficking Projects in Thailand

Due to the extensive flooding in recent weeks in Thailand, the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (the Office) is announcing a special limited solicitation for applications for fiscal year 2012 funding of projects to combat trafficking in persons in Thailand. The first stage of competition for projects in Thailand begins with this solicitation for two-page Statements of Interest (SOI) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that address recommendations for Thailand published in the 2011 Trafficking in Persons Report. In the second stage, the Office will invite applicants whose Statements of Interest are reviewed favorably to submit proposals that expand on their SOI. Statements of Interest and proposals will be reviewed by a panel for consideration of funding. U.S.-based and foreign non-profit and non-governmental organizations (NGO), public international organizations (PIO), and institutions of higher education are encouraged to apply by submitting a Statement of Interest. Pending fiscal year 2012 appropriations, the Office anticipates awarding grants of up to \$750,000 per project. The closing date for this announcement is December 16, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).

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Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs - U.S. - Afghan National Museum Partnership

As part of the U. S. Government's policy to support Afghanistan's people and government as they establish a more secure, moderate, just, and lasting civil society and to demonstrate American commitment and support for Afghan culture and heritage, the U.S. Embassy Kabul Public Affairs Section is soliciting proposals from highly-qualified and experienced major U.S. non-profit/non-governmental cultural organizations, such as museums or universities, or consortia of organizations and individuals, to enter into a cooperative agreement to develop and carry out the U.S.- Afghan National Museum Partnership. This three-year effort includes; * the establishment of a new museum electronic catalogue and collections management system, * the complete cataloguing and archival rehousing of the Museum's collections in preparation for their future relocation to a new Museum building, * practical, sustainable, capacity-building training in museum management, museum practice and operations for the National Museum of Afghanistan staff in Kabul, Afghanistan. The closing date for this announcement is December 14, 2011. For more information, click [here](#).



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Dear Friends,

CFBCI has seen a flurry of activity as we come upon the close of the year. We recognized World AIDS Day, attended the Abu Dhabi Gallup Forum, and sponsored an Evidence Summit on Protecting Children Outside of Family Care. On World AIDS Day, I attended a discussion hosted by ONE (and RED) entitled "[The Beginning of the End of AIDS](#)." The event was an incredible example of how we can work across lines of difference to achieve a common goal. Among the speakers were Presidents Obama, Clinton, and Bush, Kay Warren from Saddleback Church, Muhtar Kent from Coca-Cola, and of course Bono—a long time champion in the fight against AIDS.

President Bush, under whose leadership PEPFAR was launched, said "There is no greater priority than living out the admonition, to whom much is given, much is required. The United States is a blessed country, and I believe we have a duty to live (that) out." President Clinton spoke about how the presence of USAID around the world is a powerful example that demonstrates that we care about whether people live or die around the world. Finally, President Obama set a new target of helping 6 million people get treatment by the end of 2013.

We in the Faith-based and Community Initiatives office want to take a moment to thank you for helping so many people in dire need throughout the world. I would like to wish you a happy holidays and I look forward to another year filled working together to help those most in need.

With Blessings,
Zeenat

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Letter from the Director

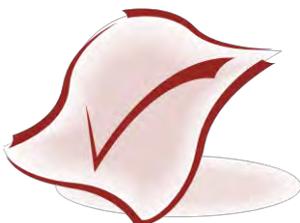
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News and Events

World AIDS Day:

Administrator Shah writes on World AIDS Day in The Huffington Post

USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah wrote a powerful opinion piece on the steps the American people can take to begin the end of AIDS. Dr. Shah states, “As the head of a federal agency dedicated to improving human welfare, I have seen firsthand the deeply moral, social and economic costs of HIV/AIDS: children who have been born HIV-positive and find the odds in life already stacked against them; businesses close in regions where HIV is rampant while hospitals fill up; and the despair fueled by a single disease. This reality has always been unacceptable. For the first time, we can confidently say it is also avoidable. With the continued support of a remarkable bipartisan constituency of congressional leaders, faith-based institutions, multilateral alliances and private sector partners, we can build on the momentum of proven results and scientific discoveries.” To read the full article, [click here](#).

Tips for Congregations and Communities on World AIDS Day Activities

In response to events surrounding 2011 World AIDS Day the White House posted a blog with tips for congregations and communities to get involved. In the blog they write “Our nation’s churches, temples, mosques, synagogues and community organizations are uniquely positioned to contribute to the national effort to reverse the course of the HIV epidemic in America. Reaching our goals of ending stigma against AIDS; making sure everyone who is HIV+ knows it; getting everyone who needs it treatment; and all the other goals the President put forth in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy require everyone to work together. These are not the kinds of goals government can achieve alone!” To read the tips and more about how you can get involved, [click here](#).

U.S. Government Evidence Summit on Protecting Children Outside of Family Care

Children in the most dire straits are those outside of family care, such as those living on the streets or in institutions, trafficked, participating in armed groups, or exploited for their labor. Children in such circumstances often experience abuse, neglect, lack of stimulation, and extreme and toxic stress – all of which have a profoundly negative impact on a child’s development and adult outcomes. In response, the USG Secretariat for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, with support from the USAID Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives, convened an evidence summit to bring clarity on policies, identify evidence gaps in research, and establish programming principles for the U.S. Government. In recognition of this highly important event, Administrator Shah addressed the attendees and expressed “As we help establish a formal U.S. government plan of action, we must better coordinate our efforts [...] We should explore stronger partnerships with communities of faith that have increasingly focused on aiding vulnerable children and fighting trafficking.” To learn more about this summit and to stay informed on outcomes, please visit the [website](#).

Abu Dhabi Gallup Forum

Earlier this month, CFBCI Acting Director Zeenat Rahman attended the first inaugural Abu Dhabi Gallup Forum in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The goal of the two-day working meeting was to bring thought leaders together to focus on empirical social research on crucial global issues and to formulate evidence-based recommendations around Muslim-West relations, the Arab Spring, and Western Muslim integration. Among the recommendations brought forward from experts around the world, the launch of the Gallup Muslim-West Perceptions Index (MWPI) was a highlight of the forum. The MWPI measures global views of Muslim-West relations and the drivers of these opinions based on more than 45,000 interviews conducted in more than 45 countries. The countries that rank highest on the Muslim-West Perceptions Index (MWPI) - i.e., those who view the relationship between the two societies most positively – included Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, and Guinea, countries that are among the highest recipients of foreign aid. You can view the full report [click here](#).

In Your Words

An opportunity to share the work you are doing

We want to hear your accomplishments, trials, campaigns, and difficulties. Sharing our collective knowledge and experiences is one of the easiest ways we can work together to help the most vulnerable.

MLK Drum Major for Service Nominations: “Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness... We all have the drum major instinct.”

These are the worlds of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from his “Drum Major Instinct” sermon from February 4, 1968. In honor of MLK Day of Service, the Corporation for National and Community Service is offering opportunities for those who serve to be recognized for the hard work they do for others. MLK Drum Majors for Service are volunteers who perform extraordinary everyday acts of service with reliability and commitment, but who seldom receive recognition. Now you can recognize extraordinary volunteers who are MLK Drum Majors for Service with a special Presidents Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) called the [Drum Major for Service Award](#). The awardees will receive a special PVSA certificate and letter from the President of the United States. To learn more about this program and find out how to nominate someone, you can go directly to the website at: <http://mlkday.gov/awards/>

Please share with us your stories! Email us at fbc@usaid.gov.

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New! USAID/Uganda Literacy and Health Education Program - Literacy Program is a 5-year program to improve the quality of education in Uganda, with an emphasis on addressing early grade reading, health and HIV/AIDS education, and the availability and use of high-quality data for education sector decision-making. This is a full and open competition, under which any type of organization, large or small, commercial (for profit) firms, faith-based, and non-profit organizations in partnerships or consortia from geographical code 935, are eligible to compete. The closing date for this announcement is January 12, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

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New! USAID/Ukraine - Strengthening Political Accountability and Civic Engagement in Moldova (SPACE-Moldova) Program - USAID is seeking applications (proposals for funding) from U.S. or non-U.S. non-profit or for-profit nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and other qualified non-U.S. organizations to implement the Strengthening Political Accountability and Civic Engagement in Moldova (SPACE-Moldova) Program. The purpose of this program is to improve the quality of political representation in Moldova through the development of more accountable political parties at the national and local levels that represent citizens’ interests; strengthening pressure points to

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New! USAID - All Children Reading Competition - USAID, the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and World Vision (collectively referred to as the “Founding Partners”) are seeking game-changing innovations with the potential to dramatically improve reading skills and low literacy rates among primary grade children. Through a multi-year initiative called All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge for Development (ACR), the Founding Partners will collaborate to achieve the goal of global action to improve child literacy. The closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

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New! Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Study of the United States Institutes for Student Leaders on U.S. History and Government - The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of six (6) Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders on U.S. History and Government, pending the availability of funds. Participants will be drawn from countries throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean. Three institutes will be conducted entirely in Spanish, and the remaining three in English. Each academic institute will be five weeks in duration, including a one-week integrated study tour. The closing date for this announcement is January 13, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

New! International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affair - Legal Education Visiting Scholar Program – Afghanistan - Strengthening rule of law is a key foreign policy objective and integral to the United States Government's overall effort to ensure peace and stability in Afghanistan. USG programs in rule of law, implemented through the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), are focused on building the capacity of justice institutions, enhancing legal education, increasing opportunities for minorities and women, improving access to justice and creating a demand for justice. INL's Office for Afghanistan and Pakistan Programs is focused on directing and overseeing critical foreign assistance activities pertaining to counternarcotics, crime, rule of law and law enforcement training in Afghanistan. The Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Programs is now seeking applications from U.S. public/private/state institutions of higher education (or law schools) with American Bar Association accreditation and the requisite capacity and experience to implement rule of law education programs in Afghanistan. The closing date for this announcement is January 17, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

New! Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Empowering Women and Girls Through Sports - The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for Empowering Women and Girls through Sport Program as part of the International Sports Programming Initiative. This initiative will consist of approximately 12 short-term U.S.-based and overseas programs focused on using sport as a tool for women's empowerment. The program envisions approximately 115 participants from overseas coming to the U.S., and approximately 20 American participants traveling overseas. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may apply. The closing date for this announcement is February 6, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).