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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week is especially exciting for our office, President Bush highlighted many of the activities and accomplishments the Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI) enabled at his seventh and final State of the Union Address. His speech called for compassion at home and abroad through continued support for the FBCI. President Bush traveled on Wednesday to the Jericho prisoner reentry program in Baltimore, a grantee of the Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (PRI) and a signature domestic program of the FBCI where he released a seven year review and fact sheet of the FBCI. In his speech in Baltimore, the President discussed the successes of the FBCI and the challenges that lay ahead.

The White House followed these events by having Jay Hein, Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, host an interactive dialogue on **Ask the White House**- an online interactive forum where you can submit questions to Administration officials and friends of the White House. All of these events were surrounded by a great deal of media attention focusing on what all the Initiative has accomplished, a sampling of the articles are available throughout the newsletter. Indeed there is a new excitement for collaborative innovation, and the CFBCI is proud to be a part of it.

Warmest regards,

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President Bush's State of the Union Address: Compassion Needed at Home and Abroad

Charity begins at home and extends globally, U.S. President George Bush said Monday when offering his plan to help people needing assistance.

During his final State of the Union address, Bush called upon Congress to permanently extend Charitable Choice legislative provisions governing participation of faith-based organizations in certain federal programs. He outlined several ways faith-based initiatives met individuals' needs, highlighting several prisoner-related programs.

Bush also asked lawmakers to expand the U.S. efforts to promote a global agenda of compassion to support the basic human needs of all people. Among the issues, Bush asked Congress to support a proposal that would provide food assistance in poor and developing countries by purchasing crops of local and regional farmers.

He also asked Congress to reauthorize the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and double its initial commitment with an additional \$30 billion over the next five years. The United States in 2003 began the program that helps bring life-saving treatments to more than 1.4 million people around the world.

To read more about the State of the Union and to view all of the 2008 State of the Union Policy Initiatives book and fact sheets, [click here](#).

Ask the White House

In his State of the Union address, the President recognized the impact of faith-based and other dedicated charities throughout the country. He also called on Congress to ensure faith-based organizations are always guaranteed a level playing field in Federal programs, by making Charitable Choice principles *universal and permanent* under the law.

In honor of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative's 7th anniversary, Director Jay Hein is hosting an interactive dialogue on **Ask the White House**- an online interactive forum where you can submit questions to Administration officials and friends of the White House.

To check out the Q & A regarding the initiative and our seven years of progress, [click here](#).

President Bush Celebrates the FBCI's Seventh Year Anniversary

On January 29, 2008, President Bush celebrated the seventh anniversary of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI) by touring the Jericho prisoner reentry program in Baltimore. Jericho is a grantee of the Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (PRI), which the President proposed in 2004 as a signature program of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

Discussing the visit, Baltimore Sun's Gregory Kane wrote:

Hines (Jason Hines a beneficiary of the Jericho program) and other enrollees in the Jericho program said they were impressed with the president. He spoke to them about his own addiction to alcohol. He told them that his favorite food was enchiladas and that he hadn't given much thought to his post-presidential plans.

Then Bush autographed their GED certificates, address books or anything else they had handy. He gave them all official presidential pins, which they sported proudly on their shirt pockets. At the end, according to Jericho staffers who witnessed the scene, the guys in the program wrapped their arms around Bush as if he'd been one of their buddies from around the way and posed with him for snapshots.

You read that right: George W. Bush became a "Homey for a Day."

"I had mixed views about him," Hines said of his feelings for Bush before his visit. "But now I see him as a man just trying to do a job. Heavy lies the head that wears the crown. I was also impressed by his faith."

President Bush also spoke on the Faith-Based and Community Initiative, which was launched on January 29, 2001 when he signed an Executive Order creating the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. This Order charged the office with leading a "comprehensive effort to enlist, equip, enable, empower, and expand the work of faith-based and other community organizations." The President has since established Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at 11 Federal

agencies, including USAID, where they are successfully strengthening partnerships with these grassroots organizations and implementing the FBCI vision within their agency's human service programs.

To read the President's entire speech, [click here](#).

Faith-Based Models for Improving Maternal and Newborn Health

Written by Dr. Sarla Chand of IMA World Health (www.imaworldhealth.org) and Ms. Jacqui Patterson, *Faith-Based Models for Improving Maternal and Newborn Health*, published by the ACCESS Program, highlights the contributions of faith-based organizations to the development of successful, replicable and sustainable models of maternal and newborn health care.

The ACCESS Program (www.accesstohealth.org) is a 5-year global program, sponsored by USAID that aims to improve the health and survival of mothers and their newborns. JHPIEGO implements the program in [partnership](#) with Save the Children, Constella Futures, the Academy for Educational Development, the American College of Nurse-Midwives and IMA World Health.

Faith-based organizations (FBOs) play a crucial role in increasing access to maternal and newborn health (MNH) services worldwide. In developing countries, faith-based health care facilities provide a significant percentage of health care services. With networks that reach even the most remote communities, many FBOs are well positioned to promote demand for and access to MNH services.

The brief highlights four categories of faith-based models; 1) community health programs focusing on behavior change e.g. *World Relief Care Group Model*, 2) congregation based health programs e.g. the *Synod of Livingstonia Malawi's Malaria Prevention Program*, 3) comprehensive health care and health system strengthening e.g. the *Jamkhed (India) Comprehensive Rural Health Project*, and the *SANRU Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo* and 4) the FBO Health Networks representing different religious affiliations e.g. *Christian Health Associations (CHAs)*, *Bakawata*, and the *Aga Khan Development Network*, etc. The FBO Health Networks provide 30-60% of health care in various African countries.

To view the publication visit, www.accesstohealth.org/toolres/pdfs/ACCESS_FBOopt2007.pdf

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Federal Funding Opportunities

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Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa has posted a cooperative agreement. To qualify, applicants must have demonstrated technical skills, experience, and the necessary management competence to plan and efficiently execute a Family Planning/Maternal, Newborn and Child Health assistance program. The new Family Planning/Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (FP/MNCH) Program will directly contribute to the USAID Investing in People Objective and the goal of Improved Family Health through Increased use of high impact family planning, maternal, newborn and child health practices, products and services. As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 11, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement. The purpose of this Leader with Associates Award cooperative agreement is to provide technical leadership, long-term support activities, and make progress towards advancing the following elements of the rule of law and human rights. Activities may aim to reform legal frameworks and/or strengthen actors and institutions within and beyond the justice sector, including but not limited to the judiciary, prosecutors, legal defense, investigators, civilian police, traditional authorities, civil society, and citizens. As of

February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 11, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Philippines USAID-Manila has posted a cooperative agreement for U.S. or Non-U.S. non-profit and for-profit entities. They are seeking programs that: a) promote the inclusion of people with disabilities (PWDs) in development promotion; b) find solutions that break down existing as well as potential barriers, and; c) ensure inclusion of PWDs in USAID activities and programs. Concept papers of no more than ten (10) pages in length may be submitted from January 8, 2008 to February 8, 2008, though USAID reserves the right to close this APS before then if it chooses to do so. Funding requests should range from \$20,000 to \$300,000 for programs with periods of implementation of 12 to 24 months. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Rwanda USAID- Kigali has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning. They are seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for funding a program for the implementation of "the Food and Nutrition Interventions for People Living with HIV/AIDS" Program in Rwanda. The main objective is to integrate the nutrition activities of the food distributing organizations that are already distributing food to malnourished Rwandans with the goal of assisting those living with HIV/AIDS. It is anticipated that organizations wishing to apply must have significant food resources available for distribution in Rwanda. As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 19, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Tanzania USAID-Dar es Salaam has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(C)(3) status, private institutions of higher education, and for profit organizations other than small businesses. This RFA is seeking plans for counseling and testing services in Tanzania, particularly through, but not limited to, the mobilization of the nongovernmental sector, and linking to care, treatment and prevention services. As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 19, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement seeking quality community-oriented health projects to significantly improve the health status of children under five and women of reproductive age in developing countries with a focus on innovation in delivery strategies for new, underused and high impact MCH interventions. For more in-depth information on this RFA please contact the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

Guinea USAID-Conakry has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement seeking RFAs. They are seeking full applications from prospective partners to implement activities to enhance democratic governance, foster economic growth and improve natural resource management to the benefit of the people of Sierra Leone. The program is to be designed and implemented with an integrated, comprehensive, multi-sector approach, addressing the U.S. Foreign Assistance Framework Objectives. As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 31, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Dominican Republic USAID-Santo Domingo has posted an APS announcing USAID's intention to awarding multiple grants. Eligible applicants are Dominican NGOs operating legally under Dominican law, foreign organizations operating under the relevant Dominican laws and that have the required clearance to operate in the Dominican Republic from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The RFA is seeking project proposals to administer aid for the Out of School and At Risk Children and Youth program. Applicants must specify the length of time and requested funding level in the submitted concept paper. As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The US Agency for International Development Food for Peace grant announcement has been posted on Grants.gov. Eligible applicants include U.S. non-profit organizations and Public International Organization (PIO). Applications may request a maximum of 75 metric tons (MT) of commodities

(currently valued at approximately \$173,000) and up to \$100,000 of funding. It is not mandatory, however, that these exact levels be requested or in this proportion. (Note: Funding is available for costs directly associated with the movement, management and monitoring of IFRP commodities. Funding will not be considered for the following costs: vehicle purchase, project materials, tools and office equipment.) To read more about USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) and to obtain a link to fiscal year 2008 IFRP Guidelines and Procedures, [click here](#). To access the announcement on Grants.gov and for contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 2, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to encourage the abandonment of traditional practices that promote and condone gender-based violence. USAID is specifically interested in those traditional harmful practices that have received limited attention from the development community. The geographic focus under consideration is USAID's geographic definitions of Africa and Asia & the Near East (ANE). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 12, 2008.

Kazakhstan USAID-Almaty has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement designed to support activities that promote the protection of human rights. USAID/CAR encourages submissions that creatively address the human rights development priorities and issues in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 13, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted grant announcement seeking partners to meet the critical basic needs of internally displaced people and returnee populations (both old and new caseload) in Kabul Province. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 21, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted a cooperative agreement for registered U.S. and non-U.S. NGOs, non-profit, and for profit organizations willing to forego profit. The purpose of the Annual Program Statement is to solicit applications for funding. The United States Government, through USAID/Washington and in close collaboration with USAID/Cotonou, USAID/Nairobi, USAID/Pretoria, and USAID/Lusaka, is seeking full applications from prospective partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to the USAID-related components of the Presidential Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative (WJEI). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 23, 2008.

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit applications for funding from prospective new partners to support implementation of the United States Government's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (hereafter referred to as Emergency Plan or also referred to as PEPFAR) in Ethiopia. The United States Government, through USAID/Ethiopia, is seeking, from prospective partners, concept papers to be followed by full applications (if concept papers are selected) to implement activities in support of the Prevention for at Risk Populations in High Prevalence Urban Areas in Ethiopia. The U.S. Government Mission in Ethiopia anticipates awarding a limited number of grants or cooperative agreements (hereafter called Agreements) for a period of no less than one year and no more than three years. Meanwhile, depending on successful implementation, needs and availability of funds, the period of performance could be extended by one or two additional years. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 31, 2008.

Department of State

The Department of State has posted a grant for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status. Organizations must

first submit an SOI before they are asked to submit a proposal. They are seeking interest in projects that promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law for countries in Africa (Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Sudan), East Asia Pacific (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines), South Asia (Regional South Asia, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan), Europe (Azerbaijan, Russia/North Caucasus) and Central Asia (Regional Central Asia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 5, 2008.

The Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs has posted two grants for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are seeking proposals to administer the Global Connections and Exchange program in (1) Afghanistan and/or (2) the Palestinian Territories, West Bank only. The Bureau will award one grant for each program. The grantee organizations and/or their partners will select overseas schools and provide them with access to the Internet and related training to develop collaborative partnerships with U.S. schools. Thematic online projects will enhance mutual understanding as they encourage learning, research and free expression among participating schools. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 8, 2008.

The Department of State has posted a grant with the intentional of awarding several grants to different organizations. Eligibility is unrestricted. They are requesting anti-trafficking in persons proposals for protection, prevention, and prosecution projects. These projects can be regional or global in nature, or be focused in one specific country. Applicants can request up to \$500,000 to support programming for 12-36 months. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 12, 2008.

Department of State Mission to Turkey has posted a grant for a youth innovation and entrepreneurship program. NGOs must register under Turkey's "Law on Associations." The lead organization must have been registered for a minimum of 1 year and demonstrate institutional capacity by documenting the successful completion of related projects. The NGO will help stimulate innovations and mutual relations by partnering Anatolian High Schools in Turkey with High Schools in the United States. The program may include components such as distribution of educational materials, a series of trainings, web-based education, information fairs, media events, and a student exchange to nurture the innovation and entrepreneurship skills of students. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

The Department of State has posted a grant, with the intentional of awarding several grants to different organizations, for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are requesting anti-trafficking in persons proposals for capacity-building programs with locally-based organizations abroad. Programs must include mentoring and partnerships concerning such topics as: developing models for providing comprehensive and effective services for adult and child victims; training initiatives with a focus on identifying and understanding the complex needs of victims; building working relationships with law enforcement responders and other community stakeholders; and, strengthening advocacy skills and public awareness-raising efforts. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 3, 2008.

The Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs has posted two grants for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are seeking proposals to administer this semester-long program for Chilean pre-service teachers. Post-secondary educational institutions may apply independently or in a consortium with other post-secondary institutions. The program will include academic coursework and practicum/student teaching for Chilean EFL student teachers in their penultimate year of undergraduate study. The program will take place during the fall semester of 2008. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 1, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 13, 2008.

PRM Thailand has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and international organizations. They are accepting applications from non-governmental organizations and international organizations for assistance to refugee populations in Thailand. This program will have three deadlines: Dec. 16 for proposals for health care/other assistance in Ban Mae Nai Soi and Ban Mae Surin camps (Mae Hong Son sites 1&2); Feb. 1 for proposals for food assistance; and Apr. 1 for health care services/water/sanitation/other assistance in Umpiem Mai, Nu Po, and Ban Don Yang camps. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits with 501 (C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning and for international organizations. They are seeking applications from non-governmental organizations and international organizations for assistance to Afghan refugees in Pakistan and recent returnees in Afghanistan. This program will have two deadlines: February 25 for projects beginning in May and June, and April 18 for projects beginning in July through September. Please consult the full announcement for additional details and priority areas in Afghanistan and Pakistan. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

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