



Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

As the month of February begins, the calendar for faith-based and community initiatives for 2008 is growing more quickly than ever. President Bush announced his FY 2009 Budget, complete with \$6 billion for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This new funding will continue the single largest initiative to fight HIV/AIDS that we have ever seen. On February 7 the 56th annual National Prayer Breakfast convened with a speech by President Bush welcoming participants and making the opening remarks. To read those remarks, [click here](#). On the same day, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community initiatives hosted a roundtable discussion on successful FBO activities in Social Entrepreneurship. An International Food Aid Conference and Global Fund Workshop present new opportunities for FBOs to explore new partnerships in the future.

While all of this news gives us much to do in the near future, we are strengthened and encouraged by the progress we have made in the past. In a recent news article, The Weekly Standard praises PEPFAR and its many accomplishments, including the donations of life-saving medicines to nearly 1.4 million AIDS patients in 15 nations in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. This gives us great hope as we continue to come together to find solutions in 2008.

Warmest regards,

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White House Office Of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives' 'Compassion In Action Roundtable' On Social Enterprise

On Thursday, February 7, 2008, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) held a Compassion in Action Roundtable entitled, "Social Enterprise in International Development: Reinventing Public Private Partnerships." OFBCI Director Jay Hein joined author and pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in California, and other key players to highlight the growing influence of faith-based and community leadership on international social enterprise, particularly in African nations.

President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative was built from his conviction that the most effective way to address our communities' great needs is to draw upon the unique strengths of every willing community and faith-based partner. The tremendous growth of social entrepreneurship to meet

international needs has demonstrated the transformational power that comes from neighbor helping neighbor - whether home or abroad.

This event served as a precursor the President and Mrs. Bush's travel to Africa from February 15-21, 2008. They will visit Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ghana, and Liberia. This trip will be an opportunity for the President to review firsthand the significant progress since his last visit in 2003 in efforts to increase economic development and fight HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other treatable diseases, as a result of the United States robust programs in these areas.

Bush Releases FY 2009 Budget With Funding for Global, Domestic HIV/AIDS Programs

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President Bush on Monday released his \$3.1 trillion fiscal year 2009 budget proposal, which allocates funding for global and domestic HIV/AIDS programs, the AP/Google.com reports (Taylor, AP/Google.com, 2/5). Under Bush's budget proposal, \$4.8 billion would be allocated for the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative, which forms the bulk of funding for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Bush's total request for **PEPFAR** funding is \$6 billion in FY 2009. In addition, the budget would allocate \$1.6 billion for child survival and health programs.

The budget proposal would allocate \$200 million for the Global Fund To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria within the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative account. The Global Fund also would receive \$300 million within the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases account. The budget proposal would provide \$300 million for the President's Malaria Initiative and ongoing malaria programs worldwide. Bush also requested \$2.2 billion for the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a program meant to encourage economic and political reforms in developing countries (President's FY 2009 budget, 2/4).

To read the entire article, [click here](#).

USAID and USDA International Food Aid Conference Information

The USAID/USDA International Food Conference is the largest food aid conference in the United States. More than 700 participants will gather in Kansas City, Missouri for the tenth annual conference from April 14-16, 2008. Participants from over 25 countries are expected and represent private voluntary organizations, commodity and transportation companies, university scientists and administrators, as well as policy and operations staff from the USAID and USDA.

The conference now has a website available with all necessary information for those seeking to participate. Please note, discounted registration ends March 27th, and all registration will be closed on April 3.

To visit the Conference's website, please [click here](#).

Global Fund Workshop in Kenya

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, in collaboration with the Christian Health Association of Kenya and the World Council of Churches, will be hosting a two-day workshop on Global Fund experiences of faith-based organizations (FBOs) in Nairobi, Kenya on April 16th-18th. The workshop will bring together faith-based organizations across Sub-Saharan Africa from various religions as well as both international and regional networks of religious groups. Over the course of two days, participants

will identify strategies for increasing FBO involvement with the Global Fund. Participants will also learn strategies to increase their access to resources as in-country programs scale up.

To visit the Global Fund's website, please [click here](#).

To visit Friends of the Global Fight, an advocacy organization that works to expand U.S. support for the Global Fund, please [click here](#).

Bush's Other War Fighting AIDS in Africa, and Winning

From the Weekly Standard
by Joseph Loconte

FOR A FEW FLEETING moments Monday night--what should have been vivid and affecting moments--television coverage of President Bush's final State of the Union address fastened on the image of a mother and daughter from Moshi, Tanzania. They sat, their faces alive with hope, in the first lady's box seats. Viewers were not told, and no one seemed inclined to tell them, that Tatu Msangi and her daughter Faith quite literally owe their lives to the Bush administration.

After Msangi became pregnant, she went to a clinic at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center and learned she was HIV-positive. Five years ago that news typically brought a death sentence in Tanzania, as it does in much of sub-Saharan Africa. But in 2003--over the carping of liberal ideologues and conservative fiscal hawks--Bush launched the most ambitious international health initiative in American history, the \$15 billion Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The Kilimanjaro clinic receives PEPFAR money and anti-retroviral drugs, and Msangi enrolled in their program to prevent HIV transmission between mother and child. In addition to her treatment, her daughter Faith, now two years old, received nevirapine immediately after her birth. Today Faith is free of HIV.

"Protecting our nation from the dangers of a new century requires more than good intelligence and a strong military," Bush said. "It also requires changing the conditions that breed resentment and allow extremists to prey on despair. So America is using its influence to build a freer, more hopeful, and more compassionate world." Under PEPFAR, about 1.4 million AIDS patients in 15 nations in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean have received life-saving medicines. Bush announced Monday night that he intended to add another \$30 billion to the program over the next five years.

Many on the left, at home and abroad, have reproached the president for his alleged failure to use "soft power" to confront religious extremism and advance U.S. foreign policy goals. Yet here is a supremely humane initiative--inconceivable to foreign policy realists--linked to U.S. security concerns. Bush rightly calls it "a reflection of our national interest and the calling of our conscience." Just think about the number of AIDS orphans that would be scratching for survival without PEPFAR. Millions of rootless young boys cannot be a good thing for any society. Whatever the relationship between poverty and terrorism, this program is probably doing more to check the flow of terrorist recruits than all the diplomatic bloviating in Brussels, Geneva, and New York put together.

Even the president's most vitriolic critics call his HIV/AIDS policy a remarkable achievement. After Bush signed PEPFAR into law, *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof ripped it as "a war on condoms." But Kristof has since praised the initiative, and a recent *Times* story called it "the most lasting bi-partisan accomplishment of the Bush presidency." Democratic Senator John Kerry labels the program "a tremendous accomplishment for the country." And Paul Zeitz, executive director of the liberal Global AIDS Alliance, believes Bush has ignited a "philosophical revolution" in America's commitment to combating global AIDS and poverty.

That's no embellishment. The *Times* article noted, with obvious embarrassment, that before the Bush initiative hardly 50,000 AIDS patients overseas were getting U.S. assistance. The unmentionable fact is that Bill Clinton--despite a robust economy, budget surpluses, few international crises, and eight

interminable years in the White House--never seriously contemplated how America might help the developing world tackle the AIDS pandemic. The plight of AIDS orphans barely appeared on the Clinton radar screen. But if Congress approves the next round of funding, HIV/AIDS treatment will reach 2.5 million people, probably prevent 12 million new infections, and help care for about 5 million orphans and at-risk children. So much for the liberal record on social justice.

PEPFAR's success is partly a result of Bush's decision to mostly bypass bloated and corrupt U.N. bureaucracies and deliver assistance directly to community and faith-based organizations (a concept still resisted by many in the U.S. Agency for International Development). About 80 percent of PEPFAR recipients are indigenous, grass-roots groups: the "armies of compassion" that Bush has extolled since the first days of his administration. In countries such as Uganda, faith-based clinics, supported by local ministers and imams, are crucial in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Unlike many AIDS activist groups or U.N.-sponsored programs, they can effectively challenge risky behaviors that help spread the disease--from prostitution to illicit drug use.

By sheer force of will, Bush has orchestrated the most successful partnership of government and international civil society in memory--what is emerging as a medical Marshall Plan for Africa. Presidential hopefuls such as Barack Obama might never admit it, but PEPFAR sure looks like "change we can believe in." Yet, thanks to media indifference and political cynicism, most Americans will never hear the redemptive story of Tatu Msangi, her daughter, or anyone like them, despite their legions. Why disturb the deranged caricature of Bush that shapes the narrative of the liberal establishment?

After all, America's standing in the world, we are told, has sunk to Olympian depths--and it's mostly Bush's fault. Andrew Kohut of the Pew Research Center seems to revel in his predictable findings of the Bush administration's unpopularity in the world, what he calls a "global backlash against the spread of American ideas and customs." Yet Kohut mostly ignores the fact that in nine of the ten African nations surveyed in 2007--countries such as Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda--strongly favorable views of the United States are the rule.

Dr. Alex Coutinho, a Ugandan AIDS expert, could probably explain why. He told the *Times* that Ugandans are "terrified" that when President Bush leaves office, "the Bush fund" for HIV/AIDS will go with him. And he marvels at how little Americans seem to know about the program their government has championed. "Just because it has been done under Bush, it is not something the country should not be proud of."

That might not qualify as an African proverb, but it's an expression of moral clarity that bears repeating during this election season.

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To access the original article, please [click here](#).

Federal Funding Opportunities

USAID

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 8, 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 8, 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](#).

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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 31, 2008.

Department of State

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 8, 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 8, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education) and international organizations. Proposed activities should support refugees in Chad, primarily the 280,000 refugees from Sudan and the CAR. Proposals may include work in the following sectors: protection, health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, camp management, community services, micro-enterprise and livelihoods development, humanitarian air services, humanitarian information services, gender-based violence prevention and support, and psychosocial support. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 8, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

The Department of State has posted a grant, with the intention 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 8, 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 8, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 13, 2008.

The Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), for private institutions of higher education, and others. They are seeking applications to administer The Rhythm Road-American Music Abroad program. The program will consist of up to ten tours for a selected number of professional American artists in jazz, urban music, and American roots music (e.g. country-western, bluegrass, zydeco, Cajun, etc.) The musicians selected for this program must demonstrate high artistic ability and be conversant with the broader aspects of contemporary American society and culture. Tours will include workshops, master classes, and outreach activities, in addition to concerts. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of February 8, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 20, 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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