



# The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

MARCH 17, 2009

## *Letter from the Director*

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

In honor of International Women's Day, USAID hosted a panel of distinguished speakers. Please find more information in the press release under "Articles of Interest."

The date and time have been set for the upcoming CFBCI conference call on Denton and Ocean Freight Reimbursement Programs. Don't miss this call!

Warmest regards,

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## AT A GLANCE

**Upcoming Events and other Resources.....Going Green in the Developing World: Climate Change, Clean Tech & Development, USAID'S Limited Excess Property, Denton and Ocean Freight Reimbursement Programs Conference Call**

**Articles of Interest..... Distinguished Speakers Recognize International Women's Day at USAID, USAID and IOM Announce HIV Prevention and Care for Farm Workers**

**Grant Opportunities..... USAID and U.S. Department of State (NEW! Opportunities this week)**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Going Green in the Developing World: Climate Change, Clean Tech & Development**

**Come join the discussion as leading**

**Development (+) Seminar Series  
Georgetown University's Mortara Center for International Studies and USAID Present: Technology & the Future of Development**

Innovations in clean technology have implications that extend far beyond our borders and stretch to the most remote corners of the developing world. By harnessing the power of renewable materials and natural energy sources, clean technologies have the potential to

innovators, policymakers, and climate change experts define the greening challenge and explore how policy, investment, and innovations will support efforts to go Green in the Developing World.

**Date:** March 17, 2009

**Time:** 3:30-5:00 pm

**Location:** Copley Hall, Georgetown University

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mitigate climate change and provide new opportunities for social and economic growth. With President Obama's emphasis on combating climate change and supporting innovation and investment in alternative energy sources, the barriers to the success of clean technology seem to melt away. Questions remain, however, on how policies at home will translate to countries that are already feeling the effects of global warming.

**Speakers include:**

Andrew Aulisi, Director of World Resource Institute's Markets & Enterprise Program

Christopher Flavin, President of World Watch Institute

Robert Freling, President of Solar Energy Light Fund

Dirk Hoffman, Senior Vice President of Bosch Siemens

Griffin Thompson, Program Manager of the Asia-Pacific Partnership at the State Department

## **USAID'S Limited Excess Property, Denton and Ocean Freight Reimbursement Programs Conference Call**

**Date:** March 25, 2009

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. EST- 11:30 a.m. EST

**International Participant Dial-in #:**  
(816) 650-7866

**Domestic Participant Dial-In #:**  
(866) 306-0035

**Conference ID:** 90378960

The call will be limited to 200 participants so be sure to call in prior to the 10:00 a.m. EST start time.

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives cordially invites you to join us for a conference call with representatives of USAID's Limited Excess Property Program, the Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program and the Denton Program. USAID staff will provide background on these programs, as well as discuss opportunities to partner with USAID through these programs.

The Ocean Freight and Denton programs provide assistance to NGOs shipping humanitarian goods overseas. LEPP allows NGOs to acquire U.S. Government excess property for use in their programs and projects overseas.

There will be an opportunity for Q&A with the USAID staff on the call.



**ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

## Distinguished Speakers Recognize International Women's Day at USAID

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Alonzo Fulgham, USAID Acting Administrator, addresses the group during the International Women's Day event.

For more information about USAID and its development programs for women, visit [www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/cross-cutting\\_programs/wid/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/wid/).

## USAID and IOM Announce HIV Prevention and Care for Farm Workers

March 10, 2009

For more information about USAID and its programs in South Africa, visit [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov).



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Tuesday, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) hosted Congresswoman Betty McCollum from Minnesota and a distinguished panel of speakers in recognition of International Women's Day. The event, entitled "Women: A Driving Force for Economic Recovery" was an opportunity to recognize the important role that women around the world play as drivers of economic growth and recovery.

"I am honored to join USAID to celebrate International Women's Day and reaffirm America's goal to ensure women and girls achieve their full potential and contribute their full power. A commitment to the survival, safety, success of women and girls is necessary to reshape our bilateral relationships and redefine our nation's foreign assistance investments," said Congresswoman McCollum (MN-4), Co-founder and Co-chair of the Global Health Caucus and Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations. "Until our sisters around the world are a priority, U.S. efforts to fight poverty, disease, and hunger, and promote Democracy, economic opportunity and human rights cannot fully be achieved."



Following Congresswoman McCollum's address was a discussion by a distinguished panel of speakers about the vital role women around the world play in driving the economy. The speakers on the panel included Mark Blackden, a consultant for the International Finance

Corporation, Mary Ellen Iskenderian, the president of Women's World Banking, Ellie Larson, the executive director of the Solidarity Center and Linda Wertheimer from National Public Radio.

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA - MARCH 10, 2009 - The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Southern Africa launched a new program to reduce HIV vulnerability of farm workers in South Africa's Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces.

The three-year, \$5.1 million project is funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), and administered by USAID. A recent release study by the IOM, identified high levels of unsafe sexual behavior among farm workers - including extremely low condom use in casual sex and high levels of multiple, concurrent sexual partners. This report guided the development of an HIV prevention outreach effort to reach the high risk farm worker population.

The project will be known as "Ripfumelo," which means "believe" in xiTsonga. It will target 20,000 seasonal, temporary, and permanent farm workers in South Africa, including documented and undocumented migrant workers through increasing the technical

capacity of its implementing partners: Agri-IQ, CHOICE and the Hoedspruit Training Trust. This increased capacity will lead to the provision of sustainable HIV prevention and care services to farm workers.

"One prevention program doesn't fit all people's needs. Farm workers face higher risks of getting and spreading HIV than many other groups. Our prevention efforts tackle their vulnerabilities, including alcohol abuse, that arise from many factors related to poverty and the transitional lifestyle of migrant workers," said USAID Southern Africa Director Dr. Carleene Dei.

The project will develop a network of stakeholders working specifically on HIV-related issues to reduce the high incidence and impact of AIDS on farm workers, their families and their communities. Partnerships are encouraged among local, provincial, and national government agencies, as well as between public/private entities.

Julia Hill-Mlati, IOM regional project manager, reports, "HIV prevention efforts often focus purely on medical issues and fail to consider interrelated factors that affect people's vulnerability to the AIDS virus. This reason prompts our USAID Ripfumelo project to address the contextual issues such as workplace policies, improving life skills, financial literacy and promoting healthy recreational activities."

Ripfumelo intervention activities include:

- Tackling discriminatory gender dynamics and prejudices through the training of male role models as gender advocates.
- Promoting peer-led education and referrals to relevant services and support.
- Facilitating access to health services, including prevention, counseling and testing, home-based care and treatment.
- Integrating locally tailored Social and Behavioral Change Communication programs that are developed and disseminated by local Change Agents.
- Developing and implementing interventions that address some of the contextual factors that impact on HIV vulnerability, such as improving life skills, financial literacy and promoting recreational activities.
- Creating a conducive environment by strengthening workplace policies and programs.

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### USAID FUNDING

(check out [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for the most up-to-date information on grant and funding opportunities as information does change)

**USAID-Securing Uganda's Right to Essential Medicine.** Strengthen the national supply chain system for health commodities to ensure access of the population of Uganda to essential medicines and health supplies. The recipient will be responsible for working collaboratively with the Government of Uganda and other key partners to strengthen the Government of Uganda's capacity and performance in managing the key components of the supply chain including financing of health commodities, forecasting and quantification of program needs,

procurement, quality assurance, storage and distribution to end user health facilities, and logistics information management systems at all levels of the supply chain. As of January 30, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 20, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Dakar-** The United States for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for Assistance Agreement to implement a Water and Sanitation Program for a five year period in Senegal. As of January 30, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 20, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Accra-** The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Mission to Ghana (USAID/Ghana) is seeking applications from organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a program entitled "Grants & Reporting Accountability Improve Literacy (GRAIL)." The GRAIL program seeks to improve educational quality, particularly early grade literacy, in Ghana by improving the capacity of lower-level units (district, circuits, and schools) to manage for results and by assisting community groups in holding them accountable. The GRAIL program will provide districts technical and financial resources to plan and implement education quality improvement interventions, particularly those aimed at early grade literacy improvement, and provide educational stakeholders a report card with which they can better understand and account for progress. As of February 10, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Moscow-** Mainstreaming of Human, Social, and Civil Rights Project The goal of this project is to "mainstream" the concept of human rights, and correspondingly, the feasibility of the protection of human rights by ordinary citizens in Russia. This will be accomplished by working in areas of broad public interest and engaging a wide spectrum of the population in this work. In addition to focusing on issue areas of broad public interest and support, mainstreaming in this project in Russia means bringing in local governments and other official entities in constructive roles. Qualified applicants may be U.S. private voluntary organizations (U.S. PVOs) and/or U.S., Russian or other non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or private, non-profit organizations (or for-profit companies willing to forego profits), including universities, research organizations, professional associations, and relevant special interest associations. Public International Organizations (PIOs) and faith-based and community organizations are also eligible for award. In support of the Agency's interest in fostering a larger assistance base and expanding the number and sustainability of development partners, USAID encourages applications from potential new partners, particularly if they are joined with a more experienced organization. As of February 9, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 6, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID-**The global food crisis has affected households around the

world, but has had a particularly harsh impact on the most vulnerable families in developing nations. Vulnerable populations in the Horn of Africa region can be described in three types: pastoral, agro-pastoral, and marginal farming households. Historically in the Horn region, all of these groups suffer the same repetitive scenario of humanitarian decline due to asset depletion resulting from the continuous man-made and climatic shocks. In general, this decline scenario includes a shock followed by households adopting negative coping mechanisms, such as selling productive assets to meet basic food needs and loss of assets to the effects of drought/flood/disease. USAID/OFDA's mandate is to save lives, alleviate human suffering, and reduce the social and economic impact of humanitarian emergencies worldwide. In order to achieve this goal, USAID/DCHA/OFDA's strategy for the HFPCR is to improve local livelihoods as a means to increase household's resilience to shocks reducing the need for future relief based activities. A. The broad goals of this APS are to: • Stabilize humanitarian indicators in food insecure households through both the provision of humanitarian assistance and activities designed to protect existing household assets; • Strengthen existing developmental programming designed to rebuild livelihoods and household resiliency to shocks through the diversification and creation of household assets; and, • Improve economic opportunities and livelihoods through improved market linkages in support of the agricultural and livestock sectors. USAID/OFDA anticipates awarding two cooperative agreements as a result of this APS, one targeting interventions in Kenya and one targeting interventions in Uganda. As of February 2, 2009, the closing date for this announcement is April 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Dhaka-** The United States Agency for International Development in Dhaka, Bangladesh (USAID/Bangladesh) is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified organizations to implement a program entitled "Bangladesh AIDS Program Phase 2." Through this award, USAID/Bangladesh seeks to Support an effective HIV/AIDS prevention strategy through improved prevention, care and treatment services for most-at-risk populations and a strengthened national response. This Bangladesh AIDS Program Phase 2 will increase and sustain the use of high impact HIV/AIDS services by MARPs and contribute to strategic and evidence-based leadership for implementation of an effective national response for HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment. This Activity derives from and supports the USAID-Government of Bangladesh Health and Population Program, which aims to enhance the quality of life in Bangladesh through expansion of basic health services, strengthening national health systems, and addressing HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. This activity is expected to last 51 months and will have a total estimated US. Government contribution of approximately \$13 million. As of February 27, 2009, the closing date for this announcement is April 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID-** USAID/Vietnam is making a special call for the submission of concept papers related to the USG development Assistance Objective (AO) Investing in People, with a focus on higher education and work

force skills development. Under USAID's proven approach to strategic public-private partnerships for achieving mutually shared interests, and leveraging individual partner's strengths and resources, USAID/Vietnam intends to launch in early FY2010, a medium-to long-term initiative in higher and skills-based education. As envisioned, the specific objective of this initiative is to improve the quality and relevance of Vietnam's education, to the extent practicable, for disadvantaged youth. As of February 24, 2009, the closing date for this announcement is April 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Abuja-** USAID/Nigeria plans to implement a 5-year family planning, reproductive health, and maternal and child health (MCH/FP/RH) program through a Cooperative Agreement whose overall primary objective is to increase the use of selected high impact interventions in the two selected target Nigerian states, potentially Bauchi and Zamfara, through public sector health services. A strongly associated sub-objective is to draw on the program investments in these two states to develop evidence and experience that will inform and improve policies, programs, and resource allocation in other states and in Nigeria as a whole. As of March 5, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is April 20, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID-**USAID/OFDA anticipates awarding multiple cooperative agreements as a result of this APS, targeting interventions in specific zones within Oromiya, Somali, and Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples regions in Ethiopia. The global food crisis has affected households around the world, but has had a particularly harsh impact on the most vulnerable families in developing nations. Vulnerable populations in the Horn of Africa region can be described in three types: pastoral, agro-pastoral, and marginal farming households. OFDA is seeking to adopt new approaches to providing assistance that, where possible, will address the root causes of food insecurity, rather than continually providing inputs to poor households each year at higher and higher costs. The broad goals of this APS for Ethiopia are to: • Stabilize humanitarian indicators in food insecure households through humanitarian assistance activities designed to protect existing household assets; • Rebuild livelihoods and household resiliency to shocks through the diversification and creation of household assets; and, • Improve economic opportunities through improved market linkages in support of the predominate agricultural and livestock sectors. As of February 2, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is April 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Lilongwe-** The purpose of the APS is to publicize the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) plans to fund a limited number of programs through the USAID/Malawi's Economic Growth Functional Objective of improving conditions in biologically significant areas through community based natural resource management. The overall objective is to support Malawi's rural poor in transforming management and protection of their natural resources and biologically significant areas from practices that degrade, to approaches that revitalize and protect these important areas for the

good of the society and future generations. Pending the availability of funding, USAID/Malawi anticipates awarding one or two grants or cooperative agreements to fund applications submitted in response to this APS. Each agreement will run from approximately May, 2009 until September, 2012. The total amount available for funding is \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars). If two agreements are awarded; one agreement will receive a maximum individual amount of \$7,000,000 (seven million dollars) and a second with a minimum of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) and a maximum of \$3,000,000 (three million dollars). USAID reserves the right to fund one or more or none of the applications which may be submitted. Out of an estimated \$10 million total award, USAID is planning an initial funding of approximately \$955,000 for the programs for fiscal year 2009. The projects will be funded primarily through Biodiversity funding though will be supplemented with Agriculture funding pending future budget levels. Upon satisfactory evaluation of the projects at the end of the funding period, USAID/Malawi may make a determination to extend the project agreement(s) by a further 2 (two) years. As of February 2, 2009 the closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Almaty** - This USAID/Central Asian Republics (CAR) Annual Program Statement (APS) solicits applications from prospective partners to implement maternal and child health activities in Tajikistan. USAID expects that the total level of funding available under this APS for activities in Tajikistan would be up to \$3.5 million. Based on these figures, funding requests are expected to range from a minimum of \$200,000 up to a maximum of \$3.5 million (if activities are proposed to cover all program objectives), for expenditure over a period of up to five years. Funding will not exceed \$700,000 per year; awards for projects of more than one year will be funded incrementally. All awards are subject to the availability of funding. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is June 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID**-is seeking applications from eligible institution as described in Section A.1.e., that promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Iran. Applications should advance one or more of the following objectives: strengthening civil society organization and advocacy; increasing awareness of and strengthening the rule of law; and expanding freedom of information. USAID intends to make several awards under this APS for a total of up to \$20 million. Applicants can request \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 for expenditure for a maximum of two years. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and all applications must be submitted by June 30, 2009. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID-ODP Annual Program Statement**-There is no dollar value limit or minimum for individual proposals or for cumulative awards made under this APS. However, as a reference, past USAID funding awards have ranged between \$50,000 and \$10,000,000. The actual number of

awards under this APS is subject to the availability of funds and the interests and requirements of missions/WOUs as well as viability of proposals received. Do not post applications in Grants.gov. All applications and specific questions should be submitted directly to the mission. Contact information for the missions is located in the attached Annual Program Statement. As of December 2, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Manila-** The Mission of the United States Agency for International Development in the Philippines (USAID/Philippines) invites applications from U.S. or non-U.S. organizations (including Philippines) non-profit or for profit entities to implement "Conservation of Biodiversity and Management of Natural Resources" activities as described in this Annual Program Statement (APS) under grants or cooperative agreements. As of February 3, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is October 1, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID-** Global Food Security Response: Africa Action Plan, The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publish information about the intention of USAID's Bureau for Africa to fund proposals to contribute to the objectives of the Global Food Security Response through forming public-private and/or private-private alliances to support the development of effective staple food value-chains in West Africa. This APS provides prospective recipients with an opportunity to develop and submit applications for U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID) funding in the area of Economic Growth focused on increasing food security. This APS describes the strategy, the APS application process, the criteria for evaluating applications, and information on administration of awards and point of contract. As of February 26, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is October 31, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! USAID-** The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to disseminate information about the United States Agency for International Development(USAID) African Urban Poor Improved Water Supply and Sanitation Program (AUP-IWS) APS. USAID anticipates awarding a maximum of three assistance instruments from applications submitted in response to this APS during the first initial round. It is anticipated that grants will be funded for amounts between \$1,500,000 and \$4,500,000 for the life of proposed projects. As of March 13, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is February 8, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

## U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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**Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs**  
Program to Support Legal Socialization of Juveniles in Georgia  
Executive Summary: Through this Request for Applications (RFA), the United States Government, represented by the Department of State's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Office of Asian, African and European Programs (INL/AAE), is pleased to announce an open competition for an assistance award with the Republic of Georgia as a target country for intervention of grant

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activities. INL/AAE invites U.S. non-profit/non-governmental qualified organizations actively operating in Georgia to submit proposals with a strong focus on advocacy for, and implementation of, legal socialization activities for Georgian juveniles. The total Grant award for one to four years will be up to \$800,000 - with up to \$200,000 per year funded annually. I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES DESCRIPTION Background According to the State Department's 2007 Human Rights Report, the Georgian government expressed a longstanding commitment to protecting children's rights and welfare, but it was neither able to allocate sufficient resources to create protective infrastructure nor able to introduce the necessary institutional reforms to fulfill this commitment. As of February 17, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 19, 2009. For more information [click here.](#)

**International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs-** Executive Summary: Through this Request for Applications (RFA), the United States Government, represented by the Department of State's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Office of Asian, African and European Programs (INL/AAE), is pleased to announce an open competition for an assistance award with the Republic of Georgia as a target country for intervention of grant activities. INL/AAE invites U.S. non-profit/non-governmental qualified organizations actively operating in Georgia to submit proposals with a strong focus on advocacy for, and implementation of, legal socialization activities for Georgian juveniles. The total Grant award for one to four years will be up to \$800,000 - with up to \$200,000 per year funded annually. As of February 17, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 19, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

**Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs-** The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the International Sports Programming Initiative. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c) (3) may submit proposals for projects designed to reach out to youth and promote mutual understanding by increasing the professional capacity of those who design and manage youth sports programs in select countries in Africa, East Asia, the Near East and North Africa, South Central Asia, Europe, and the Western Hemisphere. The focus of all programs must be on reaching out to both male and female youth ages 8-18 and/or their coaches. Programs designed to train elite athletes or coaches will not be considered. For the purposes of this competition, eligible regions are Africa, Europe, East Asia, the Near East and North Africa, South and Central Asia and the Western Hemisphere. Eligible countries in each region are: Africa: Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana, Namibia, Senegal, and Mali; East Asia: China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam; Near East and North Africa: Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Oman; South and Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Bangladesh; Europe: Turkey and Armenia; and the Western Hemisphere: El Salvador, Panama, Honduras,

Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and Brazil. As of February 11, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 23, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs-** The Office of Citizen Exchanges' Youth Programs Division announces an open competition for the American Serbia & Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (A-SMYLE) Program, for high school students from Montenegro and Serbia. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to recruit and select high school students aged 15-17 from Montenegro and Serbia, place them with host families and schools for an academic year of study in the United States, provide activities that will enable the students to learn about leadership, civic responsibility, community activism, democracy, and American society, as well as to educate Americans about their countries and cultures, and to support alumni in projects at home. As of February 3, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**Office of Acquisitions Management-** Bicomunal Support Program Cyprus. The Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (EUR) at the Department of State announces a Request for Applications for management of the Bicomunal Support Program (BSP) in Cyprus. This program aims to promote peace and cooperation between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots. The grantee will work collaboratively with U.S. Embassy Cyprus to award sub-grants for programs that create networks and affiliations between the two groups that increase tolerance and reconciliation, and mitigate conflict. Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) with expertise in international affairs with particular knowledge about the current political, economic, and social environment in Cyprus are eligible to apply. As of February 26, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration-** In FY2009, PRM anticipates providing \$1.7 million to fund NGO programs in the Balkans. PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities in Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia, and Montenegro as identified below: To receive priority consideration, proposals should seek to facilitate sustainable minority returns to Kosovo from Serbia, Montenegro, and Macedonia; and/or assist local integration to displaced persons in Montenegro and Serbia. Additionally, all proposals must include a component addressing the provision of rapid-response, gap-filling, emergency assistance in the event of any humanitarian crisis in the region. (This component would not require dedicated funds; rather, awardees would be expected to redirect personnel and available resources to an emergency effort.) This assistance would be provided on an as-needed basis to displaced individuals in full coordination with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and relevant host government authorities. As of February 27, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is March 27,

2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

**Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration-** PRM is interested in innovative NGO proposals addressing the long-term needs of Afghan refugees as well as their host communities in Pakistan. PRM will consider proposals from NGOs with proven track records in implementing refugee assistance programs. Higher consideration will be given to organizations that have well-established operations in Pakistan. As in past years, PRM generally supports activities in the areas of: vocational training and preparation for sustainable livelihoods; basic and maternal/child healthcare; primary education, teacher training, and provision of materials and equipment; prevention of and response to gender-based violence (GBV); water and sanitation systems rehabilitation and repair; and supplemental feeding and nutritional programs. As of February 27, 2009, the closing date on this announcement is March 27, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

**Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration-** NGO Programs in the Andes Region Benefiting Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): FY 2009 FUNDING FOR THE ANDES REGION: PRM currently has approximately \$5 million available for projects in the Andes Region in FY 2009. Given continuing funding constraints and the uncertainty of future funding, PRM's FY2009 priorities are only for activities in the Andes Region that fill critical emergency humanitarian gaps for refugee and/or IDP populations in Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Panama and Venezuela. FUNDING PRIORITIES: PRM provides assistance to Colombian refugees in the Andean region as well as to IDPs in Colombia during the emergency phase of assistance (approximately the first 90 days) (mid and long-term assistance to IDPs is provided by USAID). Priority countries in the Andean region include Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela. Each project will be funded for a period not to exceed 12 months. Project objectives should therefore be achievable within a 12-month time frame. Priority sectors for PRM's assistance projects include the provision of the following emergency services and items: 1. shelter; 2. direct health care (including psycho-social support); 3. Water and sanitation; 4. Food and non-food items related to the emergency phase of displacement; and 5. Emergency employment income generation and training for persons displaced by armed conflict in Colombia. PRM encourages assistance be directed to areas with high expulsor and receptor rates that are underserved by other humanitarian assistance organizations and to populations disproportionately affected by displacement, including Afro-Colombians and indigenous. In Colombia, the border areas near Ecuador (Nariño and Putumayo) and Venezuela (Arauca), Montes de María and the geographic span stretching from Buenaventura east to La Macarena are a priority for PRM. Outside of Colombia, priority areas are the high refugee receptor communities along the borders with Colombia in Ecuador, Panama, and Venezuela. In addition, we will pay particular attention to proposals addressing health care needs. Projects that work with local governments to strengthen capacity to receive and meet the immediate emergency needs of IDPs,

as well as projects that are part of a broader integrated approach will be considered favorably. PRM will accept proposals from any qualified international organization (IO) or non-governmental organization (NGO); however, given budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: (a) proven track record in providing the assistance proposed; (b) history of successful partnership with PRM; (c) evidence of coordination with relevant governmental agencies, UNHCR, other relief organizations, and development organizations; (d) appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations; and (e) a significant percentage of cost-sharing or matching funds. As of February 18, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 31, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs-** The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition to design and implement a Youth Leadership Program with Iraq. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals for a grant that will support English-speaking high school students and adult participants from Iraq in a four-week U.S.-based exchange that explores civic education, leadership development, respect for diversity, and community involvement. The program will conclude with follow-on activities in the participants' home communities in which they apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the exchange experience. As of February 11, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 2, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs-** The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) seeks an organization to assist the Office of Citizen Exchanges in the implementation of several short-term, high-visibility cultural, sports, and youth exchanges taking place during calendar year 2009 and 2010. Approximately 170 visitors (96 for sports, 32-48 for culture, and 30 for youth) from countries around the world will participate in approximately 13 separate exchange initiatives/projects (eight for sports, three for culture with multiple visitors for each initiative, and two for youth) in the United States designed to promote interaction between the foreign participants and their American peers. As of February 17, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 2, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Intelligence and Research-** The Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Office of Outreach, invites organizations with substantial and wide-reaching experience in administering research and training programs to serve as intermediaries conducting nationwide competitive programs for U.S. scholars, students and institutions pertaining to advanced research and language training on the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. U.S.-based public and private nonprofit organizations and educational institutions may submit proposals to carry out Title VIII-funded

programs that 1) support and sustain American expertise on the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia 2) bring American expertise to the service of the U.S. Government, and 3) further U.S. foreign assistance and policy goals. An explicit connection must be made to U.S. policy, the maintenance of U.S. knowledge and expertise, and national capability. This program also works to support outreach and build relationships with the academic community. Intelligence Community analysts and DOS policy staff can benefit from engagement with outside elements to explore new ideas and perspectives and create new knowledge and research. The grants will be awarded through an open, merit-based competition. Grantee organizations will then conduct competitions for students, scholars, and specialists. The purpose of this request for proposals is to inform potential applicant organizations of programmatic, procedural and funding information for the fiscal year 2009 Title VIII grants competition. As of February 12, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 14, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration**- Limited funding is available to support NGOs working in three Burmese refugee camps in Thailand: Umpiem Mai, Nu Po, and Ban Don Yang. Proposed activities should focus on all of the following: 1) Improving or maintaining access to quality health care services, with a particular emphasis on the health and nutritional needs of children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women; 2) Maintaining or improving camp water and sanitation and other infrastructure; 3) Improving the quality of life of refugee populations by addressing their psychosocial needs and developing income-generating activities, with an emphasis on the development of skills and vocational training to achieve a measure of self-sufficiency and a reasonable livelihood; and 4) Strengthening the community's capacity to respond to the health, psychosocial, safety and justice needs of survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). PRM will accept proposals from any NGO working within the above mentioned sectors although, given our budgetary constraints. As of March 12, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs** - The Educational Information and Resources Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for up to five assistance awards to administer components of the Office's EducationUSA Advising Coordination and Support Program in Fiscal Year 2010. Public and private non-profit organizations or consortia of eligible organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration of the EducationUSA Advising Coordination and Support Program as noted below. To facilitate effective communication between ECA's Educational Information and Resources Branch (ECA/A/S/A) and the organizations cooperating on this program, award recipients must have a Washington, D.C. presence. Applicants who do not currently have a Washington, D.C. presence must include in their proposals a detailed plan for establishing such a

presence by October 1, 2009. The costs related to establishing such a presence must be borne by the award recipient. No such costs may be included in the budget submission in this proposal. The award recipient must have e-mail capability, access to Internet resources, and the ability to exchange data electronically with all partners involved in the EducationUSA Advising Coordination and Support Program. As of February 23, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration-** PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Yemen as identified below: (1) While PRM encourages activities that include the local host population, NGOs should concentrate on care/maintenance activities for refugees. At least 50% of beneficiaries must be refugees. Proposals may focus on protection, health, water, sanitation, shelter, education, community services, psychosocial support, gender based violence, and livelihoods development and training. (2) PRM will accept proposals from any NGO working within the above mentioned sectors although, given our budgetary constraints. As of March 9, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 5, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration-** The purpose of OPE Bangkok is to provide refugee processing services in support of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in East Asia using the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) and in accordance with procedures established by the Bureau, as needs arise, in the following countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The Bureau intends to award a single Cooperative Agreement to a single qualified organization to provide the required services in the countries listed above, from a base located in Bangkok. The organization with which the Bureau enters into a Cooperative Agreement for this OPE will be funded for all approved costs associated with providing the required processing services according to a budget submitted as part of this proposal. This financial support may be renewable for up to two additional fiscal years based upon budget submissions on an annual basis, as long as there remains a need for the OPE and the organization operating the OPE provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. As of March 13, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 14, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).