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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week we are pleased to announce that White House FBCI Director Jay Hein will be leading a delegation to Africa from March 30- April 5. The goal of this delegation is to highlight and advance innovative models that place faith-based and other grassroots organizations at the center of the fight against poverty, disease and other ills in Africa. The trip comes just after President Bush's trip to Africa in February.

In addition, USAID is awarding a new cooperative agreement in Rwanda has just been announced. The five year agreement will provide \$20 million for activities in behavior change and social marketing that work to achieve PEPFAR and PMI targets. We've made sure to include all relevant details below.

Finally, the CFBCI would once again like to remind you that we will be holding a pre-conference workshop on partnering with the United States Government on food aid projects. This workshop will take place in conjunction with the International Food Aid Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Information on registering for this workshop is included below, and we invite all interested parties to join us.

Warmest regards,

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Open Letter of Invitation to FBCI Workshop in Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Friends,

The U.S. Agency for International Development cordially invites you to attend our complimentary workshop for faith-based and community organizations on partnering with the United States Government.

The United States Government's ability to effectively respond to the need for food security is crucial to fostering goodwill around the globe. However, it has become apparent through our office's contact with various organizations, that many potential new partners experience difficulties in collaborating with the United States Government (USG), and particularly with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), in the areas of food security.

This workshop will discuss the United States Government's strategies in achieving food security and helpful tips for working with governments in strained areas. The centerpiece of this workshop is a panel of experts from USAID, NGOs, and recent prime partners. The panel will discuss the opportunities available to small and medium-sized NGOs to partner with the United States Government. As this

workshop is also intended to build collaboration among participants, we ask that all participants please bring a short summary or handout outlining their organization's work with water resources.

The meeting will take place in the Washington Room of the Westin Crown Center Hotel (1 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108) on Monday, April 14 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Please e-mail Malise Tepera (mtepera@usaid.gov) to RSVP before Friday, April 11 or to submit any questions you may have. As space is limited, please be sure to register as soon as possible.

We thank each of you and your organizations' continued representation of America's compassion toward those in need around the world. We hope you will be able to participate and look forward to your involvement.

Sincerely,

Terri Hasdorff
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White House Office Of Faith-Based And Community Initiatives Director To Lead Delegation To Africa

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) today announced that Director Jay Hein will lead a delegation to Rwanda and Zambia from March 30 to April 5, 2008. He will be joined by Admiral Tim Ziemer, United States Malaria Coordinator, who oversees the President's Malaria Initiative. Following President Bush's travels to the region last month, the goal of this delegation is to highlight and advance innovative models that place faith-based and other grassroots organizations at the center of the fight against poverty, disease and other ills in Africa.

"Faith-based and community organizations are vital to engaging Africa's great needs and unleashing even greater promise," said OFBCI Director Jay Hein. "This delegation will help us see firsthand the President's vision in action and build stronger partnerships to drive effective local solutions."

While in Africa, Director Hein will host White House Conferences and engage in roundtable discussions and site visits to highlight, honor and grow models of effective partnerships between government, corporations and nonprofits to battle disease and build economic opportunity. A White House conference and related events in Rwanda will emphasize public-private partnerships to mobilize economic development. Pastor Rick Warren and President Kagame will be among the featured speakers. A second conference and events in Zambia will focus on Presidential programs to address HIV/AIDS, malaria and other vital health issues. Both conferences will explore best practices and train indigenous faith and community organizations to partner with the U.S. to combat disease and spur economic growth.

Last month, President Bush traveled to the region to review the significant progress 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. During his visit, President Bush highlighted the importance of faith-based and community organizations to help the people of Africa deal with the health crises and development issues.

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

For more information on the WHOFCI, please [click here](#).

For more information on the President's recent trip to Africa and U.S. Africa policy, please [click here](#).

USAID Implements Behavior Change and Social Marketing Program in Rwanda

The American people, through USAID and a consortium of four partners, will assist in building the capacity of Rwandan institutions to implement HIV/AIDS prevention, malaria and child survival programs. The Behavior Change and Social Marketing (BCSM) project will involve district stakeholders, the private sector and Government of Rwanda. The five-year cooperative agreement will provide \$20 million in technical support, contributing substantially to Rwanda's national goals and the targets of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and President's Malaria Initiative (PMI). "Social marketing increases access to life-saving products," said Ryan Washburn, Acting Mission Director for USAID in Rwanda. "The Behavior Change and Social Marketing project will reach thousands of Rwandans with essential health products and information."

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

AIDS And The Churches: Getting The Story Right

Responses to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic are often driven not by evidence but by ideology, stereotypes, and false assumptions. Referring to the hyper-epidemics of Africa, an article in *The Lancet* this fall named "ten myths" that impede prevention efforts—including "Poverty and discrimination are the problem," "Condoms are the answer," and "Sexual behavior will not change." Yet such myths are held as self-evident truths by many in the AIDS establishment. And they result in efforts that are at best ineffective and at worst harmful, while the AIDS epidemic continues to spread and exact a devastating toll in human lives.

Consider this fact: In every African country in which HIV infections have declined, this decline has been associated with a decrease in the proportion of men and women reporting more than one sex partner over the course of a year—which is exactly what fidelity programs promote. The same association with HIV decline cannot be said for condom use, coverage of HIV testing, treatment for curable sexually transmitted infections, provision of antiretroviral drugs, or any other intervention or behavior. The other behavior that has often been associated with a decline in HIV prevalence is a decrease in premarital sex among young people.

If AIDS prevention is to be based on evidence rather than ideology or bias, then fidelity and abstinence programs need to be at the center of programs for general populations...

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Global Fund Workshop for FBCOs in Tanzania

SCALING UP THE INVOLVEMENT OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GLOBAL FUND

In collaboration with the Christian Health Association of Kenya and the World Council of Churches, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria will be hosting a two-day workshop April 16-18 in Dar-es-

Salaam, Tanzania on the experiences of faith-based organizations (FBOs) with the Global Fund. The workshop targets faith-based organizations from various religions across Sub-Saharan Africa and will include both international and regional networks of religious groups. Over the course of two days participants will identify strategies for scaling up the involvement of FBOs in the Global Fund model as well as increasing their access to resources.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Review the resource investments made so far by the Global Fund to faith-based implementers
- Provide a platform to examine the contributions and learn from the experiences FBOs have made to Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs)
- Provide a venue for FBOs to share their experiences and lessons learned as Principal Recipients and Sub-recipients of Global Fund resources
- Share experiences of working with vulnerable groups - e.g. women, vulnerable children, people living with HIV/AIDS
- Share experiences on developing ambitious but effective proposals for funding by the Global Fund
- Share experiences in management of Sub-recipients and strengthening monitoring and evaluation at community level
- Update on new developments in Global Fund processes, particularly Round 8 proposals

As one of the largest providers of funding to countries for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria programs, the Global Fund provides an unprecedented opportunity for its partners to scale-up existing programs. Implementing partners in government, civil society and the private sector have increasingly taken the opportunity to leverage these resources to expand services delivered to those who need them the most. The goal of the workshop is to provide participants with the tools needed to access these resources, beginning with the upcoming launch of Round 8.

To learn more about the Global Fund, please [click here](#).

Additional Articles

- [The Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council \(WSSCC\) is launching the Global Sanitation Fund](#). The Global Sanitation Fund is the first global mechanism for financing sanitation and its launch is one of the major initiatives of the International Year of Sanitation 2008.
- [Progress Slows in Detection of New TB Cases](#). From 2005 to 2006, the rate of increase in detecting new cases fell to 3 percent from an average of 6 percent in the preceding five years (2001-5), the health organization said in its 12th annual report on global tuberculosis control. The agency, a unit of the United Nations, released the report in advance of World Tuberculosis Day, next Monday.

Federal Funding Opportunities

USAID

USAID has posted a cooperative agreement for US Nongovernmental or Non-US Nongovernmental Organizations that meet Eligibility Requirements as described in the Request For Applications (RFA). The request for applications should focus program objectives to: (1) improve housing through financial services targeted to the poor and very poor in the developing world and (2) through participation in a learning network, generate replicable processes, tools and methodologies for scaling up the housing microfinance sector. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to award approximately 4 to 8 cooperative agreements, valued between \$400,000- \$1.2 Million, for a total value of \$4 Million over a three-year performance period. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 25, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Jordan USAID-Amman has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement for a community mobilization School Construction and Rehabilitation Program. The primary stakeholders (students, teachers, principals, parents and other community members) are involved in the implementation of school construction by providing their insight, opinions, specific needs, expectations and also available skills. For more details, please refer to Section I of the RFA. As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 26, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Kazakhstan USAID-Almaty has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement for a human rights program in Uzbekistan. USAID is seeking applications from all qualified organizations for a human rights program that benefits Uzbekistan. Under this two year program, USAID/Central Asian Republics (USAID/CAR) seeks to support activities which protect, promote and enforce human rights. As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 26, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

USAID has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement for food and technical assistance activities. To access the RFA, read more about FANTA II activities, or obtain contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 28, 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 March 21, 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](#).

Hungary USAID-Budapest has posted unrestricted cooperative agreement to maintain a low number and possibly even reduce the current number of victims of trafficking. The purpose is to improve the long-term reintegration services and increase participation of community stakeholders in prevention activities. The program will support the Government of Kosovo activities to implement the future action plan to combat trafficking in human beings. As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 14, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Madagascar USAID-Antananarivo has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement for social marketing programs for child, maternal, and reproductive health products and services. The purpose of this program is to expand and build upon the achievements of USAID's previous Social Marketing and Behavior Change program in Madagascar. The overall aim of this program is to contribute to the improvement of the health status of the Malagasy people, especially women and children. This will be accomplished through a social marketing project designed to improve health among key target groups by ensuring widespread access to affordable, high-quality family planning, reproductive health, HIV prevention, malaria prevention and treatment, diarrhea disease prevention and treatment, STI treatment, and safe water treatment products. Special focus will be given to social marketing activities designed to expand the reach of essential health products and services further into rural and underserved areas. The solicitation will also target youth age 15-24 in order to assist them to delay onset of sexual debut, delay

pregnancy, and protect themselves from unwanted pregnancy and STIs including HIV. As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 14, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Senegal USAID-Dakar has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement seeking applications from organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a program entitled "Enabling Quality, Access, and Transparency in Education for Senegal". As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 28, 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 March 21, 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](#).

Uganda USAID-Kampala has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement for a Uganda Indoor Residual Spraying Malaria Activity. As of March 21, 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 March 21, 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 March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 12, 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 March 21, 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 March 21, 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 March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 31, 2008.

USAID has posted a grant notice for conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs (with possible multiple awards). The Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (DCHA/CMM) within USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) invites applications from U.S. and non-U.S. non-profit or for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations (IOs) and other qualified non-U.S. Government (USG) organizations (including faith-based organizations and community based organizations) to carry out activities, under grants or cooperative agreements, that support conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs and activities that bring together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and violence in the countries listed below. A program performance period of up to twenty-four (24) months is anticipated for each award -- between \$100,000 to \$600,000 each. As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is August 12, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Department of State

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](#).

The Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs 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 requesting proposals in an open competition for the Ngwang Choepel Fellows program that focus on the themes of Cultural Preservation and Economic Self-sufficiency. The Office seeks proposals that train and assist Tibetans living in Tibetan communities in China by providing professional experience and

exposure to American society and culture through internships, workshops and other learning activities hosted by U.S. institutions. As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 9, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs 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 announcing an open competition for the English Language Teaching (ELT) Materials Development Project and English Language Educators Summer Institute for July 2009. Proposals should provide the following: 1) the development of English language materials suitable to Office of English Language Programs' goals and 2) the design and administration of a three-week professional development program for assessing English language teaching materials for possible adoption into English language teaching programs overseas. As of March 21, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 13, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

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