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**Dear Newsletter Recipients,**

This week the WHOFBCI held its Rwanda and Zambia conferences in Africa, and we were happy to join in the discussions on partnering with government to achieve economic growth and improve community health. In Rwanda, I was happy to facilitate a conversation on "Growing Enterprise through Collaboration." This workshop highlighted successful USAID partnerships that have resulted in tremendous growth for Rwandan small businesses. In Zambia, I met with the President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (**PEPFAR**) New Partner Initiative grantees, as well as with other key indigenous non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have been on the forefront of meeting the needs of the people of Zambia. Below you'll find more information on the conferences.

While our office was in Africa, the House of Representatives passed an important reauthorization of global AIDS programs, including PEPFAR. The bill, passed 308-116, would extend and broaden an initiative, launched by President Bush in 2003, which has provided AIDS drug treatment to 1.5 million people and supported care for 6.6 million. The bill (HR 5501) would authorize \$50 billion from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2013 to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria overseas. It is intended to double to 3 million the number of people receiving drug treatment, prevent 12 million infections and care for 12 million patients. An article on the passage of this legislation is provided for you.

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,

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To learn more, please [click here](#).

### **Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference Hosted in Rwanda**

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives today hosted a conference on Public-Private Partnerships and Economic Development in Kigali, Rwanda, to highlight and expand the growing leadership of faith-based and community organizations in international social enterprise.

WHOFBCI Director Jay Hein was joined by His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda; Admiral Timothy Ziemer, the President's Malaria Initiative Coordinator; best-selling author and Pastor Rick Warren; and other government, private-sector and nonprofit leaders. Participants explored innovative solutions to addressing human need and further advance the U.S. Government's battle against poverty, disease, and other ills in Rwanda and across Africa. Following President Bush's visit to Rwanda last month, the conference furthered the President's vision for "compassion in action" across Africa and around the globe.

"Today's conference joins public and private leaders from American and Rwanda to leverage their unique strengths and those of faith-based and community organizations," said Jay Hein, Director of the WHOFBCI. "Empowering locally-built solutions and expanding neighbor-to-neighbor service is central to the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative and is now an integral part of the U.S. Government's efforts to address human need both at home and abroad."

Today's event featured a range of effective partnership models between the U.S. Government, Rwandan Government, non-government organizations, philanthropists and social entrepreneurs to target community needs throughout Rwanda. By engaging multi-sector strategies and building sustainable public-private partnerships, the U.S. Government has redefined its approach to international development and disease prevention in Africa.

For example, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the President Malaria Initiative (PMI) engage unprecedented efforts to combat disease in Rwanda and other developing countries, while helping to build long-term economic stability. These efforts represent large-scale implementation of President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative vision for empowering local solutions to address vexing social challenges.

"I am committed to building strong networks among established community groups and faith-based organizations to protect health and save lives," said Rear Adm. Tim Ziemer, coordinator, U.S. President's Malaria Initiative. "These groups add tremendous value to our efforts because of their ability to reach the grassroots level, their capacity to mobilize significant numbers of volunteers, and draw people who have credibility in their communities."

President Bush launched the Faith-Based and Community Initiative in his first days in office to strengthen and grow the work of faith-based and other non-profit organizations as central partners in what the President calls "a determined attack on need." The Initiative seeks to expand the impact of the nonprofit sector by growing partnerships with government, philanthropists, corporations and other partners to address community problems.

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

## **Remarks By President Paul Kagame At White House FBCI Conference On Public-Private Partnerships**

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

I begin by expressing my appreciation for the role of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in organizing this Conference on public sector, private sector and faith-based partnerships. The distinguished audience gathered here, especially those of you who traveled long distances to join us this morning, deserves a vote of thanks.

I welcome you all to Kigali, and trust that you will use this platform not only to showcase good practices, but also to explore how best to use partnerships to accelerate African and Rwanda's social and economic transformation.

It is increasingly evident that developmental success depends on engendering a collaborative culture that incorporates governments, business communities and faith sectors. Even the old core businesses of the state, including infrastructure development, and provision of education and health, have given way to creative hybrid models that incorporate various forms of partnerships.

The question has become "which of the partners possesses comparative advantages to perform what development task?", so that government, business and faith-based institutions can work together strategically to transform society.

I wish to suggest that of the three sectors in this partnership, the faith sector has tended to receive less attention, although this has begun to change. Consider the case of the World Bank.

Recognizing the grassroots nature of faith-based institutions and their potential to reach more people, the Bank's Multi-Sector AIDS Program sought to utilize these networks as the basis for implementation. I am told that presently, over thirty thousand faith- and community-based programs have been executed in this manner in developing countries, with effective results.

We may also cite increased recognition of this approach by the United States Government, most notably through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief (PEPFAR). I am informed that more than eighty percent of PEPFAR's partners are indigenous faith- or community-based organizations. I am pleased to note that Rwanda has done very well under this program.

Historically, in the African context, community and faith-based networks have played critical roles in provision of services especially in education and health sectors...

To read all of President Kagame's Remarks, please [click here](#).

## House Passes Reauthorization of Global AIDS Program

Sailing past objections about the cost, the House on Wednesday passed a sweeping reauthorization of global AIDS programs.

The bill, passed 308-116, would renew a plan, launched by President Bush in 2003, which has provided AIDS drug treatment to 1.5 million people and supported care for 6.6 million. The original law (PL 108-25) authorized \$15 billion; Congress has provided almost \$19 billion, including \$6 billion in fiscal 2008.

“We have literally gone from, five years ago, standing helplessly by and watching people die of HIV/AIDS to watching people live and take up productive lives in their communities,” said Jim McGovern, D-Mass.

“The program that we are authorizing today is now recognized as perhaps the most successful foreign assistance program for the United States of America since the Marshall Plan,” said Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida, the ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The bill (HR 5501) would authorize \$50 billion from fiscal 2009 to fiscal 2013 to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria overseas. It aims to double to 3 million the number of people getting drug treatment, prevent 12 million infections and care for 12 million patients...

### Shift Toward a Sustainable Plan

In addition to providing a funding boost, the bill would shift the program from its original, “emergency” purpose toward a long-term, sustainable plan. It would train 140,000 new health care workers, target vulnerable populations including women and girls, and add secondary services such as nutrition to the program.

That, in turn, led McGovern and Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo., to raise concerns that the expanded requirements for providing nutrition to AIDS patients might require diverting money from the U.S. Agency for International Development’s food aid programs. Skyrocketing prices for food staples have added \$120 million to USAID’s food budget, Emerson said.

Foreign Affairs Chairman Howard L. Berman, D-Calif., responded that the nutrition plan would be in addition to existing food aid programs.

The bill represents a careful compromise among Democrats, Republicans and the White House that has allowed all sides to sign on and take credit...

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

## **Adapting to Climate Variability and Change: A Guidance Manual for Development Planning.**

USAID’s Global Climate Change (GCC) team released an Adaptation Guidance Manual entitled *Adapting to Climate Variability and Change: A Guidance Manual for Development Planning*. The Adaptation Guidance Manual is designed to assist USAID missions and other development partners to understand, analyze, and respond to the potential impacts of climate change on development challenges, and to develop effective approaches to solving those challenges. The GCC team conducted four pilot projects to test the methods in the manual in the field. The team conducted an additional project looking at climate change impacts on livelihoods and protected areas in Madagascar. The team is developing additional projects and anticipates working with and assisting Missions interested in integrating climate change into their development efforts.

The manual lays out a six step process for assessing the potential for climatic changes to affect development

efforts and engaging stakeholders in identifying alternative approaches for more climate resilient development. The manual also provides resources for further technical information.

USAID is a leader among development agencies in the area of adaptation to climate change. The ongoing development of tools and methodologies such as this Adaptation Guidance Manual will ensure that the Agency stays at the forefront of this important issue.

The manual can be downloaded at:

[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/environment/climate/docs/reports/cc\\_vamannual.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/environment/climate/docs/reports/cc_vamannual.pdf)

## **MCC Board Selects Philippines as Compact Eligible**

Washington, DC – The Millennium Challenge Corporation Board of Directors announced today at the conclusion of its March Board Meeting that the Philippines has been selected as eligible to apply for an MCC compact. The MCC Board determines eligibility for this large-scale grant funding based on independent indicators that measure good governance, the country's investments in its people and policies that encourage economic freedom. The Board's announcement followed its decision at last December's annual selection meeting, when the Board requested additional time for review and deeper analysis of the Philippines' passing performance on the eligibility criteria. The MCC Board today noted the Philippines' consistent performance on eligibility criteria and its effective implementation of the MCC-funded Threshold Program focused on helping curb corruption through improved tax and customs administration and strengthening of their Ombudsman's office.

“Congratulations to the Government of the Philippines for its demonstrated commitment to tackling difficult challenges and improving the lives of its people,” said MCC CEO Ambassador John Danilovich. “While eligibility is an essential first step towards a poverty reduction grant from the MCC, selection does not guarantee funding. The Philippines, like all countries eligible for a compact, must maintain its performance on the MCC selection criteria and must now begin a broad-based consultative process with its people to develop a proposal that addresses the country's barriers to poverty reduction and economic growth. As partners, we agree that ending corruption and finding long-term ways to reduce poverty are urgent priorities that deserve our full attention.”

Countries selected as eligible for a large-scale grant, or compact, have the opportunity to submit a proposal for five-year program to reduce poverty through sustainable economic growth. Once selected as eligible, countries begin a consultation process that includes citizens, nongovernmental organizations, and representatives of the private sector and government to identify the barriers to poverty reduction and economic growth. MCC teams then work in partnership to engage with countries on their compact proposals to ensure that projects meet economic growth and poverty reduction targets. The resulting compact also sets forth how the country plans to manage and implement its MCA program, including how it will ensure financial accountability, transparency, fair and open procurement, and measurable results.

To view the press release, please [click here](#).

## **Federal Funding Opportunities**

### **USAID**

**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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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**

**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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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](#).

For all federal grant notices, visit [grants.gov](http://grants.gov).

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