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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Finally, in the coming months, our office will be making some changes to the CFBCI website. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions regarding this, please send them to fbc@usaid.gov.

Warmest regards,

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Acknowledging the Past, Shaping the Future: How the Churches and other Religious Communities are Contributing to Timor-Leste's Development

Excerpt from a paper written by Dr. Annette Field of Caritas, Australia in January, 2008 (document attached):

Recovering from political maneuverings and a humanitarian crisis in 2006, Timor-Leste's newly formed Parliamentary Majority Alliance (AMP) government, churches, local and international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations and other agencies (including donors, media, private sector etc.) are paving the way for a fresh start to focus on workable and long lasting development strategies. It is a difficult and complex process to get this right and many ordinary East Timorese express some level of suspicion that real positive change in their daily lives will occur. They are questioning, waiting and hoping for concrete changes to be delivered.

Churches, especially the Catholic Church were critically important during Indonesian occupation in their tireless efforts to offer protection to many and to bring to the attention of the international community the horrendous sufferings of an impoverished people. The churches have made valuable contributions during humanitarian crises in 1999 and 2006. The churches have also contributed considerably in terms of education and health care across the country for many decades. They were also seen to be a strong moral authority in terms of their positions, though some people interviewed consider that due to various factors this role has diminished since independence in 2002.

Another contribution noted by many interviewees is the ability of the churches to access senior level leaders to grass roots communities across all 13 districts. Because of their authority religious leaders are in positions of privilege and responsibility that calls for them to disseminate information that is accurate and well founded. Through their pastoral leadership they can develop people's faith and understanding and encourage all East Timorese to become actively involved in the development of their communities rather than passive recipients waiting for instructions. It was voiced by many that if the churches can truly assist people to develop their consciences and reassert their pastoral roles by deeply listening to their parishioners then communities may be able to assert themselves and find their place in the multilayered development strategies that are being redefined within many sectors...

Document attached.

Federal Funding Opportunities

USAID

Public Private Alliances. USAID is currently requesting applications for PPAs in Kosovo, Nigeria, India, Indonesia, and other Mission locations. For more information, [click here](#).

Bolivia USAID – La Paz has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to support activities in the water supply and sanitation sector through the development and sustainable management of new systems, and by incorporating hygiene improvement interventions into new water supply and sanitation activities. As of May 2, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 14, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Hungary USAID-Budapest has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement for a three-year program to support the USG Trafficking in Persons Strategy (TIP) for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), specifically helping BiH to remain a Tier 2 country and, if possible, to progress to a Tier 1 country. The program will help to strengthen the capacity of BiH's Government to combat TIP and to implement the country's National Action Plan. This objective will be accomplished through the following prevention and protection interventions: 1) Insertion of trafficking prevention education in schools 2) Support for victim assistance 3) Support to the implementation of the National Anti-Trafficking Plan of Action This program will support, wherever possible, interventions that are by their nature self-sustaining. As of May 2, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 27, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Ecuador USAID – Quito has posted a cooperative agreement for qualifying NGOs for improving Ecuador's Coastal parks through Short-Term Employment of Flooding Victims. As of May 2, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 28, 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 May 2, 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 May 2, 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 May 2, 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 May 2, 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 May 2, 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. 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 May 2, 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](#).

USAID has posted a grant notice for Public Private Partnerships in Ethiopia. The USAID/Nigeria Economic Growth, Partnership and Private Sector (PPS) Team is strongly committed to building public-private partnerships that mobilize resources, expertise, creative approaches, and technologies that address development issues in Nigeria under the Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program

Statement (APS). [Click here](#) to view the entire announcement. As of May 2, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Nigeria USAID-Abuja has posted a cooperative agreement for registered Nigerian indigenous organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGO), faith-based organizations (FBO), community-based organizations (CBO), foundations, private organizations affiliated with public academic institutions, parastatals, professional organizations, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations willing to forego profit. They are looking for proposals to strengthen civil society to combat HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. As of May 2, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2009. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Department of State

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor has posted a grant for nonprofits with 501 (C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning. The Bureau announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals to support technologies that will maximize freedom of expression and the free flow of information and ideas through minimizing the success of repressive technologies in censoring and silencing peaceful expressions of political, religious, and ideological views on the Internet. These technologies should be either Internet-based technologies that can directly counter Internet censorship tools, or mobile technologies that circumvent Internet censorship by disseminating information through other media. Proposed activities should promote Internet freedom in restricted environments, including the Middle East and Asia. As of May 2, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 2, 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 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 May 2, 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 May 2, 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](#).

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a grant for public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education, and private institutions of higher education. They announce an open competition for multiple grants to support international exchange projects under the rubric "Faith and Community: A Dialogue." Public and private non-profit organizations or consortia of such organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to develop and implement multi-phased exchanges that bring clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders/activists from countries with significant Muslim populations to the United States to interact with their counterparts and support reciprocal visits by American clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders/activists representing the diversity of the American population. As of May 2, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 21, 2008. For more information as well as contact information

for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

For all federal grant notices, visit [grants.gov](#).

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