



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

In this week's newsletter we are featuring the most requested presentation of the CFBCI's November partnership conference. As many of you will recall, the then-Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Public Affairs provided a dynamic presentation on how to get your NGO's message out through the media – a vital task for every organization. Please take a look to see why it was in such high demand.

We still want your feedback! Thank you so much to those of you who have sent us your comments. If you have not already, please take a moment to let us know what you think about our conference calls, newsletter, and website as well what you would like to see in future. Please email us your suggestions at fbci@usaid.gov.

Warmest regards,

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CFBCI REQUEST FOR OPINIONS

CFBCI Sponsored Conference Calls

We welcome any input that your organization may have on our conference calls as well as suggestions for future topics. The CFBCI is here to help provide as much information as we can to help your organization succeed.

Send all suggestions to fbci@usaid.gov

Over the past few months the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has hosted a number of conference calls between NGOs and the USAID experts working in key programs within USAID.

These calls create an opportunity for you to learn more about USAID and speak directly with the USAID staff who oversees the programs in which you are interested. Each call begins with at least one USAID expert giving an overview of the priorities and work of their program offices and opportunities for faith-based and community organizations to connect and work with them. Then it is time for your questions and USAID's answers.

Did you miss a call? After each call the CFBCI posts the minutes from the call on to the [CFBCI website](#).

Below are the topics that have already been covered and links to the minutes from those calls.

- [Office of Acquisition and Assistance](#) – OAA is the office that actually awards USAID's grants and contracts. Hear what they look for in grant applications.
[Denton Program and the Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program](#) – Need to ship goods to your work overseas, but the expense is overwhelming? These programs may be able to assist.
- [American Schools and Hospitals Abroad](#) – Do you want to build or strengthen a secondary school, university, library, or health center? ASHA is a very competitive program to do just that.
- [Microenterprise](#) – Read these minutes to find out what USAID experts are prioritizing in the field of microenterprise and where to find grant opportunities through our partners.
- [Limited Excess Property Program](#) – Every year the U.S. Government has excess property it can't use. Can your NGO use it?

Please let us know what you would like to hear more about. To respond, [click here](#).

CFBCI eNewsletter



Help us keep the CFBCI eNewsletter fresh and informative. We welcome all suggestions! What information would you like to see in this newsletter?

We appreciate feedback, so please send your suggestions to fbci@usaid.gov!

HELPFUL TOOLS AND INFORMATION

USAID Development Communications & Getting Your Messages

Right up there with fundraising, communications and public relations are vital tasks for every NGO. How do you get the attention of the media - print, radio, or TV? What is the best way to tell your story? What about

Out to External Audiences thru Media

To view the presentation in its entirety, [click here](#).

difficult questions?

At the November 2008 CFBCI Partnership Conference, Jeff Grieco, former USAID Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Public Affairs, gave a presentation on how FBCOs can better work with the media to share their message. At the time, we were overwhelmed by requests for copies of the presentation. We are taking this opportunity to share it with you again.

Over the next few weeks we will be including other helpful tools in our newsletter. Just a reminder, all of the information that was presented at the Partnership Conference is also posted on the [CFBCI website](#).

The purpose of this [Communications presentation](#) is to:

1. Learn how USAID "global communications" have changed
2. Learn how to coordinate with USAID through communications
3. Do's and Don'ts for preparing for and conducting more effective media interviews
4. Messaging, Bridging, Building Confidence

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Sister Cities International Launches Major Program to Help Alleviate Urban Poverty in Africa

April 20, 2009

www.sister-cities.org

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awards \$7.5 million to Sister Cities International to help address urban development issues in African cities

WASHINGTON, DC – Sister Cities International announced the launch of a major program to support urban communities in Africa. With funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, totaling \$7.5 million, cities across the United States will work with their sister city counterparts throughout Africa to address development issues over the next three years. The foundation grant represents the largest grant ever received by Sister Cities International.

"For 53 years, Sister Cities International built a reputation with its cross-cultural understanding work while quietly delivering results on humanitarian and international development projects," said Patrick Madden, President and CEO of Sister Cities International. "This Gates Foundation grant allows us to scale up the impact of the Sister Cities model on critical development issues in Africa."

Sister Cities International's new Africa program will leverage U.S. technical and professional expertise to address sanitation, health and water issues in urban areas of Africa. The program supports shared learning and implementation of best practices to help local African governments and community organizations acquire the tools and capabilities for successful urban planning and management. This includes involvement and support from the private sector, NGOs and community-based organizations to provide sustained technical assistance and community development strategies.

To accomplish this, delegations from U.S. cities, consisting of city experts, business professionals, educators, and community leaders, will visit and work closely with their African sister city to develop long-term plans and strategies to implement sustainable solutions. African delegations will also attend follow up planning meetings in the U.S. with city experts and receive training for post-implementation activities.

Sister Cities International will work closely with the Africa Global Sister Cities Foundation, a peer institution based in Accra, Ghana, to implement the program and build the African sister city network across the continent and globally.

The program will have both short-term and long-term results by building local capacity and urban management skills. It will also help to improve delivery of sanitation, health and water services to urban residents.

“Through inter-city collaboration, lessons learned in one city can be used elsewhere to improve the quality, success and cost-effectiveness of everyone’s efforts,” said Melanie Walker, senior program officer for Special Initiatives for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. “Knowledge sharing provides long-term support for developing world cities, creates sustainable solutions that empower urban poor to improve their lives, and has the potential to expand between cities and nations around the world.”

Sister Cities International is the only U.S. – based organization dedicated to creating long-term city-to-city relationships between U.S. and communities abroad. Created by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 at a White House summit, the organization is a leader in people-to-people exchanges with a network that boasts over 650 U.S. cities with more than 1,900 sister city relationships in 135 countries in six continents. Currently, the organization has 124 partnerships in 32 countries in Africa.

Sister Cities International promotes peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation by focusing exchanges and public programs on sustainable and economic development, youth and education, arts and culture, and humanitarian assistance. More information about Sister Cities International can be found at WWW.SISTER-CITIES.ORG.

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FrontLines May 2009



Welcome to *FrontLines*, the news publication of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

FrontLines features articles about USAID; international development and humanitarian assistance efforts around the world; and the people who are dedicated to these efforts. It is produced monthly and distributed electronically and in print to over 32,000 subscribers. To read the May 2009 edition of *FrontLines*, [click here](#).

Highlights from this month's issue:

- [Nepal Radio Program Lets People Tell of Core Beliefs and Motivation](#)
- [Decentralization in Indonesia Shifts Power to Local Leaders](#)
- [Peruvian Women Work to End Violence in Coca-Growing Regions](#)
- [Moldovans Double Cabbage Yield with New Technology](#)

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

(check out grants.gov for the most up-to-date information on grant and funding opportunities as information does change)

Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Annual Program Statement (APS)-

- An APS is used to generate competition for activities that are complementary to USAID's strategic objectives. They originate from USAID offices and missions around the world and solicit creative approaches and programs that will accomplish defined objectives.

Request for Applications (RFA)-

- RFAs invite interested parties to submit competitive applications for USAID assistance, explaining what the application should contain, how it should be written,

USAID - The United States Government, represented by the Agency for International Development (USAID), Global Health (GH), Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition (HIDN), proposes to enter into two Leader with Associate Cooperative Agreements for the implementation of the Health Research Challenge for Impact (HRCI) activity and the Health Research Challenge for Delivery (HRCD) activity specifically described in Section I of this RFA. These two research activities fall under the GH/HIDN Health Research Program (HaRP) Framework described in this RFA. As of April 22, 2009 the [closing date of this announcement is May 22, 2009](#). For more information, [click here](#).

USAID - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Global Health, Office of Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition (GH/HIDN) is seeking applications from U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Non-U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (see Section III.B, Eligible Countries) engaged in international health and development, to implement activities under the Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Net (LLIN) RFA. The activity outlined in this RFA is aligned with USAID's Foreign Assistance Framework and will contribute to the Health Program Area of the Investing in People Objective. As such, the project in its entirety will support the Malaria Program Element, Sub-Element: 3.1.3.2, "Insecticide-Treated Nets to Prevent Malaria". It is anticipated that PMI-designated priority countries will be a significant source of mission buy-in and funding for this agreement. However, any USAID operating unit (field missions, bureaus, etc) with malaria control programs will be encouraged to participate in this activity. The new award will build on previous and ongoing USG investments, including those made under the PMI, the NetMark Project, as well as investments by other partners. The agreement will be a five-year competitively awarded Cooperative Agreement to begin in FY 2009. The project will be funded with a combination of core and field support funding. This agreement will be authorized to accept all types of

and the evaluation criteria to be used.

USAID funding as long as the use is consistent with the scope of this award and USAID's malaria control objectives. As of April 8, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 28, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Global Health, Office of Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition (GH/HIDN) is seeking applications from eligible U.S. organizations, as described in Section III of this RFA, to implement activities under PREPARE – Pandemic Preparedness Activity. This coordinated and comprehensive program is designed to minimize the impact of specific newly emergent diseases of animal origin, which pose a significant threat to human health and development. This program must be managed by the USAID Avian and Pandemic Influenza Unit. USAID will work closely with international, host governments, USG, and private sector entities to coordinate activities and ensure that USAID's involvement is consistent with that of the global health community. As of May 5, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 4, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Almaty - The purpose of this notice to solicit an application for a three year program that will provide region-wide legal and regulatory support for civil society organizations (CSOs) in Central Asia. Specifically, USAID is seeking assistance to support the following goals: • Support the development/implementation of enabling CSO legislation and avoid passage of restrictive legislation • Increase the capacity of indigenous lawyers to assist CSOs • Promote public discussion of legal and policy issues related to civil society and CSOs. As of April 24, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 5, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Monrovia - The purpose of this program description (PD) is to define the parameters of a five year, election support program for USAID/Liberia. The objective is to provide timely support through technical assistance and some material support to assist Liberia's National Elections Commission (NEC) to conduct specific electoral exercises that are vital to the continued democratic transition underway in Liberia. These exercises include constituency boundary delimitation, design a revised voter registration system, holding a national referendum to amend the Constitution, and support holding local elections. In addition to these exercises, the program description also calls for capacity building training for the entire NEC, including for temporary staff hired to assist with the conduct of electoral events, such as by-elections, as needed. Finally, the PD requires a program of support to the NEC for nationwide civic and voter education to inform and sensitize Liberians about some important new changes in the election landscape as a result of these exercises. As of April 16, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 9, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Addis Ababa - USAID/Ethiopia Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program will operate within the Investing in People objective. The Program will contribute to improving health by increasing access to safe drinking water and improving sanitation and hygiene practices, in accordance with USAID guidance on the use of Global Health/Child Survival Funds. This new WASH Program will be a three year program, depending on performance and availability of funding. The total three year cost of the

program is estimated at \$4,000,000. As of May 1, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 9, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Accra - The Focus Region Health Project is intended to increase access, quality, and use of family planning and maternal, newborn and child health services and improve regional, district and community management and systems in three focus regions. These regions are Greater Accra, Central, and Western. The Recipient will be expected to collaborate with other implementing partners to support the integration of activities from other USAID/Ghana program components when relevant to the focus regions, including malaria prevention and case management, HIV/AIDS prevention, and water and sanitation activities. The Recipient is expected to enable regional and district health teams to engage a range of NGOs, the private sector, and community and elected leaders in a joint effort to support improved health programs and outcomes. As of April 29, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 12, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Accra - The Ghana Behavior Change Support Project is intended to foster positive health practices in households and communities and support changes in cultural norms that will reinforce and maintain these practices. The Recipient will provide a range of communications support for the behavior changes needed to improve health in the priority technical areas of reproductive health/maternal and child health, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and water/sanitation and other infectious diseases, maximizing the use of relevant approaches, materials and media products already developed and used successfully in Ghana. To implement the key components of this project, the Recipient will need to work in close partnership with the Government of Ghana, other USAID implementing partners, non-governmental organizations, community and elected leaders, faith-based organizations, and various other local partners. As of April 29, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 12, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Nairobi - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for funding a program for the implementation of "the Support Services for Vulnerable Populations" Program in Rwanda. The main objective is to reduce the risk and impact of HIV/AIDS and other health conditions on most vulnerable populations in Rwanda, especially people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA), orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and their families. As of May 15, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 16, 2009. For more information, click here.

NEW! USAID/Bangkok - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking applications (proposals for funding) to support U.S. or non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and/or a consortia to support regional and country-based infectious disease programs. This award will permit the recipient to carry out activities on a region-wide basis and/or in all of the following countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS): Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and possibly Burma in the future. As of May 11, 2009 the closing date of this

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[announcement is June 19, 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-The USAID/Washington/Middle East Bureau 2008 Annual Program Statement (APS) 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](#).

NEW! USAID - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for a Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement from eligible U.S. for-profit, non-profit, or private voluntary organization for a program titled, "Human Resources for Health and Quality Services (HRHQs)." The authority for the RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. USAID strongly encourages applicants to develop consortiums with other responsible organizations (U.S. or Non-U.S. Organizations). With this RFA, USAID's objective is to strengthen the human resources needed to implement quality health programs. It will address both the number of healthcare workers needed and the quality and performance of those workers. It will also build capacity in service delivery thereby increasing access to high quality FP/RH, HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB, MCH and other health services while at the same time strengthening the human resource systems necessary to develop, maintain and support the workforce. As of May 14, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more information, click here.

NEW! USAID/Accra – The United States Agency for International Development West Africa Mission is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement a program to promote primary education in Burkina Faso. As of May 13, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 13, 2009. For more information, click here.

USAID-ODP Annual Program Statement-There is no dollar value limit or

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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/Dar es Salaam - The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to disseminate information about USAID/Tanzania's Foreign Assistance Framework, Objective: Economic Growth (EG), and to provide prospective grantees with an opportunity to develop and submit applications for a maximum of 4-year funding. This APS describes the program and the application process, including criteria for evaluating applications. The APS also provides information on administration of awards and point of contact. As of April 10, 2009 the [closing date of this announcement is October 10, 2009](#). For more information, [click here](#).

USAID - The United States Government (USG), as represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMM), invites applications for funding from qualified U.S. and non-U.S., non-profit or for-profit non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and International Organizations (PIO or IO) to carry out activities that mitigate conflict and promote reconciliation by bringing together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and war in the countries listed in the APS. USAID anticipates that approximately US \$25,000,000 will be available to support the program(s) or activity (ies) described herein, although final funding levels will depend on content, quality, number of applications received, needs, availability of funding, and competing priorities. USAID will not consider any applications below a minimum amount of US\$100,000 or above a maximum amount of US\$600,000 except for applications for West Bank/Gaza and Israel, for which a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 may be requested. As of April 27, 2009 the [closing date of this announcement is October 27, 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](#).

USAID – The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information to prospective applicants so they may develop and submit applications for USAID funding. USAID/OFDA anticipates awarding multiple cooperative agreements and/or grants as a result of this APS, targeting humanitarian interventions that facilitate and anchor returnees and also maintaining emergency support for displaced and vulnerable communities with special concern for, but not limited to war widows, women and children, and disabled civilians. This APS: (1) provides background on ongoing emergency needs in Iraq as well as the types of interventions that could encourage returns and maintain support for the displaced; (2) identifies the types of activities for which applications will be considered; (3) explains the criteria for evaluating applications; (4) describes the level of funding available and the process and requirements for submitting applications; and (5) refers prospective applicants to relevant documentation which is available on the Internet. As of April 13, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is December 13, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

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](#).

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State seeks an organization to assist the Cultural Programs Division of the Office of Citizen Exchanges in all logistical and administrative aspects related to its support of U.S. Embassy sponsored visual arts programs. The visual arts programs to be supported are intended to foster good will, engage foreign audiences, and provide insight into American culture and values. The Visual Arts Initiative (VAI) program will provide funding on a competitive basis for posts to showcase American talent overseas. Over a period of two years, grantee will be responsible for one-way exchanges in the visual arts, providing support to ECA to include cyclical solicitation and review of proposals received from U.S. Missions abroad using ECA-established criteria; packaging and submitting proposals to ECA for final decision; extending financial support to selected U.S. partners, and; to reporting on program results. The Bureau anticipates that approximately \$500,000 will be available to support this program. The Bureau is interested in receiving proposals from organizations with a strong

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Overseas Processing Entity (OPE)-

An entity funded by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration's (PRM's) Admissions

Office to prepare the paperwork on individual refugee cases prior to interview by the Department of Homeland Security's United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (DHS/USCIS). Once approved by DHS, an OPE helps the refugee complete processing by requesting a sponsorship assurance from a resettlement agency in the U.S.; scheduling the refugee for a medical examination; ensuring a security name check has been done; arranging travel through the International Organization for Migration (IOM), etc.

background/thematic expertise in the visual arts, institutional commitment to cultural diplomacy and the role of the United States in the arts, and a successful track-record in conducting international programs in the arts. Organizations that have the expertise, interest, and institutional commitment but lack the required experience of conducting exchanges may wish to consider developing proposals based on consortia type relationships with more experienced, eligible organizations. Please note that for these proposals, the role of each organization must be clearly defined and any sub-granting agreements must be included in the proposal submission. As of April 20, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is May 19th, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- The purpose of OPE Vienna is to provide refugee processing services in support of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in Vienna, Austria, using the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) and in accordance with procedures established by the Bureau. The Bureau intends to award a single Cooperative Agreement to a qualified organization to provide the required OPE services for applicants who are processed in Vienna, Austria. 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 20, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is May 20, 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 for two Youth Leadership Program grants for countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, one for 40 participants from four Anglophone countries (Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya and South Africa), and one for 60 participants from six Francophone countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote D'Ivoire, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger). [Note: Target countries may be subject to change.] Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct a minimum of two U.S.-based three-week exchange projects for combinations of two Anglophone countries, or a minimum of three U.S.-based three-week exchange projects for combinations of two Francophone countries. The project activities will focus on civic education, leadership, diversity, and community activism, which will prepare participants to conduct follow up activities at home that serve a community need. As of April 8, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is May 21, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration The Bureau intends to award up to ten cooperative agreements in FY 2009 to public or private non-profit agencies (hereinafter referred to as "Recipients") participating in the U.S Reception and Placement Program under a current cooperative agreement to provide refugee emergency housing assistance (REHA). NOTE:

Applicants should understand that receipt of prior funding from the Bureau does not guarantee participation for this funding opportunity. The purpose of REHA is to provide emergency housing assistance to refugees (defined as persons admitted to the United States under section 207(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, or persons to whom eligibility for the resettlement assistance available to individuals admitted under section 207(c) has been extended by statute (hereinafter collectively referred to as "refugees")), which were admitted to the U.S. in FY 2009 and which have not yet found employment and have extreme unmet housing needs in paying rent and other associated housing costs during their first 90 days in the U.S. Recipients must demonstrate that refugees receiving REHA are actively participating in R&P activities or required activities in any other benefit program in which they are enrolled or have documented extenuating circumstances that prevent them from actively participating. This funding should be administered in a manner that will not adversely affect refugee eligibility for other programs and benefits. Funding should focus on unmet needs and not duplicate or supplant programs available under any other Federal source of funding. In addition to distributing these funds, affiliates of successful Recipients should also be working to develop long-term housing solutions by creating linkages with both national and local housing assistance programs and other sources of funding. The Bureau is particularly interested in proposals that demonstrate such collaboration and pursuit of long-term solutions. As of April 20, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is May 21, 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 (ECA) announces an open competition for the Youth Ambassadors Program with Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the United States. 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 youth and adult participants and to provide the participants with three week exchanges focused on civic education, community service, and leadership along with follow-on projects in their home communities. For planning purposes, it is anticipated that exchange delegations will travel from all 13 countries to the United States, and U.S. exchange delegations will travel to six South American countries. As of April 20, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is May 28, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities for Tibetan refugees as identified below: (a) Proposed activities should primarily support Tibetan refugees in India, Nepal, and, to a lesser extent, Bhutan. (b) Proposals may include work in one or more the following sectors: protection; reception facilities; health care and technical assistance; nutrition; water and sanitation; shelter; education; vocational training; and livelihoods development. (c) PRM will accept proposals from any NGO working within the above mentioned sectors that meets the PRM and Grants.gov requirements, although, given budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that respond to the points below. • PRM is particularly interested in proposals that address

priority public health issues such as tuberculosis and create new livelihood opportunities in the Tibetan community. • To be considered, NGOs must have proven track records in implementing refugee assistance or other humanitarian assistance programs. Higher consideration will be given to organizations that already have well-established operations serving Tibetan populations in South Asia. • Programs must be implemented in coordination with UNHCR and appropriate agencies of host governments as well as the CTA. NGOs are encouraged to submit proposals that complement existing protection and assistance activities for Tibetans in South Asia. • The proposal must reflect appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations. As of April 21, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is May 28, 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 (ECA) announces an open competition for the Youth Leadership Program with Central America. 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 youth and adult participants in the seven countries of Central America and to provide the participants with three-week, U.S.-based exchanges focused on entrepreneurship and business skills, community engagement, and leadership. 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. ECA plans to award a single grant for the management of the program and encourages organizations to work together as partners for effective administration in all seven countries and in the United States. As of April 8, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is May 28, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Ocean and International Environmental Scientific - The Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs of the Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science (OES) at the Department of State announces an open competition to support regional and local initiatives in the Wider Caribbean Region that will reduce the amount of marine litter and debris released into waters of the Caribbean region, and/or mitigate the environmental impact of marine debris/litter. This announcement invites organizations to submit proposals addressing the objectives referenced above. Total funding available is \$123,750. The Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs anticipates funding a single grant award from competition. However, the grantee may elect to distribute the grant funds among various sub-projects. International and U.S. Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) with experience in the region are eligible to submit proposals for these grant funds. As of April 30, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is May 29, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Youth Programs Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Global Connections and Exchange (GCE) program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC

501(c)(3) may submit proposals to administer the following GCE programs: Program One: GCE Kyrgyzstan; and/or Program Two: GCE in countries in the Middle East/North Africa (see <http://www.state.gov/p/nea/>), South and Central Asia (see <http://www.state.gov/p/sca/>), and Sub-Saharan Africa (see <http://www.state.gov/p/af/>). Countries of interest include: Kazakhstan, Maldives, South Africa, Tanzania, Algeria and Yemen. GCE programs are currently being funded in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Turkmenistan, and the West Bank; therefore, they are disqualified from this competition. While all other countries in the regions mentioned above qualify, proposals focusing on countries of interest will be deemed more competitive under the Quality of Program Idea review element (see V.1. REVIEW PROCESS). The Bureau will award one grant for the Kyrgyzstan program and one grant for the multi-country program. The grantee organizations and/or their partners will select overseas schools and develop collaborative school partnerships with U.S. schools. Thematic online projects will enhance learning, research and cross-border communication among participating schools. If feasible, a small number of U.S. and/or foreign participants may travel to partner schools for a minimum of three weeks in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen online relationships. All Global Connections and Exchange activities will be undertaken in regular and consistent consultation with the Youth Programs Division and the Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy in each participating country. As of April 8, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 1, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities in eastern and southern Chad: (1) Proposed activities should primarily support Sudanese and Central African refugees in Chad. Proposals may include work in the following sectors: protection, health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, camp management, community services, micro-enterprise and livelihoods development, and psychosocial support. (2) PRM will accept proposals from any NGO working within the above mentioned sectors although, given our budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: - a working relationship with UNHCR and 2008/2009 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and/or overall country program; - a proven track record in providing proposed assistance (both in the sector and specified location) to refugees in Chad; - evidence of coordination with international organizations and other NGOs working in the same area or sector as well as – if applicable – local authorities; - appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations. Funding Limits: As stated in the FY 2009 General PRM NGO Guidelines, PRM looks favorably on cost-sharing efforts and seeks to support projects with a diverse donor base and/or resources from the submitting organization. Proposal Submission Requirements: See "[How to Apply](#)" section for complete details on requirements, and note the following highlights below. Proposal Content, Formatting and Template: Please refer to the "Proposal Submission and Review Process" section in the FY 2009 General NGO Guidelines. PRM strongly encourages organizations applying for PRM funding to use the PRM recommended proposal and budget templates. Templates can be requested by sending an email to PRM's NGO Coordinator. Please include "PRM NGO Templates" in the subject line. As of April 29, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 2, 2009**. For

more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration - Limited funding is available through the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) to support overseas assistance programs to address gender-based violence (GBV), including sexual abuse and exploitation, amongst refugees and refugee returnees, in a manner that respects the dignity of the individual and culture in which s/he lives. Applicants should bear in mind that PRM's central mandate is to provide assistance to refugees and returnees. Priority activities, countries, and populations are included in the full announcement. Please read the guidelines carefully. Proposals that do not meet the requirements outlined in these guidelines will not be considered. Priority will be given to proposals from organizations that:

- provide a needs assessment defining the problem(s) that the application seeks to address, with an explanation of the gap(s) in the current response.
- clearly state whether PRM is supporting other activities in-country and if so, why additional targeted programming is needed;
- demonstrate a working relationship with UNHCR and UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and overall country program;
- have a proven track record in providing assistance in dealing with GBV prevention and response and an established presence in the specified location;
- provide evidence of coordination with international organizations (IOs) and other NGOs working in the same area or sector as well as – if applicable – local authorities and development organizations;
- have a well-developed transition strategy;
- have a concrete implementation plan with well-conceived objectives and indicators that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and reliable, time-bound and traceable (SMART), have established baselines, and at least one impact indicator per objective;
- include a strong evaluation plan designed to measure results and impact of the program;
- provide a budget that is appropriate for meeting the objectives and demonstrates co-funding by non-US government sources. Projects that receive other PRM funding must clearly account for shared costs between programs;
- demonstrate appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations.

For those countries in which refugee populations are the target population, PRM will only consider funding projects that include a target beneficiary base of 50% refugees. As of May 5, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 4, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/A/S/X) announces an open competition for the U.S.-French Teachers-in-Training Program. Accredited, U.S. post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to administer a three month teacher exchange program for U.S. and French beginning teachers. The program will provide approximately 25 French pre-service teachers with a three week orientation to American history, culture and society, provided through seminars in an academic setting, and a nine-week practical component, provided through practice teaching experience under the guidance of experienced mentor teachers at a U.S. secondary school. The program will also integrate a professional development seminar with other program activities throughout the practical teaching period. Proposals

should document strong contacts with local school districts in the United States to demonstrate the ability to provide the practical student-teaching component for French pre-service teachers. Proposals should also demonstrate the ability to conduct a substantive professional development seminar in an academic setting. As of April 20, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 4, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of International Visitors, Division of Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/PE/V), United States Department of State (DoS) announces an open competition for two assistance awards to develop and implement International Visitor Leadership Programs (IVLP). The IVLP seeks to increase mutual understanding between the U.S. and foreign publics through carefully designed professional programs for approximately 4,500 foreign visitors per year from all regions of the world. The two awards will fund programming for a minimum of 251 and a maximum of 712 International Visitors (IVs). Subject to availability of funds, Award A will fund: 1) up to approximately 593 visitors (\$1,939,113), of which approximately 75 visitors will be funded, if required, through seasonal administrative funding for one 7-month and one 4-month program team included in this total or 2) up to approximately 712 visitors (\$2,326,936), of which 75 visitors will be funded, if required, through seasonal administrative funding for one 7-month and one 4-month program team included in this total. Award B will fund: 1) up to approximately 251 visitors (\$684,657) or 2) up to approximately 301 visitors (\$821,588). Applicant organizations must include two separate proposed budgets at the two different projected funding levels described above for each award for which they apply. For Award A, each of the proposed budgets should also include a separate budget spreadsheet for the one 7-month and one 4-month supplemental program team described above. Applicant organizations may bid on one or both awards. Pending availability of funds,

one assistance award will be made for each category described above. If an organization is interested in bidding on more than one award, a separate proposal and budget is required for each award. See Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation (POGI) for definitions of program-related terminology. As of April 20, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 5, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a new exchange program for Turkish and American young people while in Ankara on March 7, 2009. This two part program, called "Young Turkey/Young America: A New Relationship for a New Age," will bring 20 to 30 emerging leaders (ages 20-35) from the two countries together to develop grassroots initiatives that will positively impact people's lives and will result in stronger ties between the two nations. ECA is seeking proposals from qualified applicants for two separate programs. The Bureau expects total funding in the amount of \$500,000 to be available. ECA expects to award a total of two grants in this competition of up to \$250,000, one for each topic. The first project "Political Challenges for Future Leaders" will enable 10-15 young professionals from Turkey and the United States to participate in a structured bi-national dialogue on foreign policy issues of importance to both countries, both face-to-face and via the full range of communication media. The second project "Social and Economic Challenges for Future Leaders" will work to expand the capacity of grassroots organizations to empower women, to improve job skills for young people in economically disadvantaged communities and to raise environmental awareness and activism. As of April 8, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 5, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Teacher Exchange Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, announces an open competition for a Cooperative Agreement in the amount of approximately \$300,000 to support the FY 2009 U.S. - Russia Language, Technology, Math, and Science Program. This program will provide a four-week professional development program in the U.S. for secondary school teachers from Russia, followed by a two-week program in Russia for U.S. teachers and the Russian educators, and a workshop in Russia led by the Russian teachers for Russian colleagues. U.S. organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 501 (c) (3) are eligible to apply. As of April 28, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 8, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of English Language Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/A/L) announces an open competition for the E-Teacher Scholarship Program and Professional Development Workshop. Accredited U.S. post-secondary educational institutions or consortia of such institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to implement the following two components: (1) seven different ten- to twelve-week online, university level English as a Foreign Language (EFL) professional development courses for a total of approximately five hundred EFL teachers from throughout the world, and

(2) a three-week professional development workshop for approximately twenty-six EFL professionals from diverse geographic regions of the world. For the online courses, participants will receive university level instruction in the most recent English language teaching methods and techniques as well as an introduction to U.S. educational values and will interact with U.S. experts via innovative distance learning. The professional development workshop will provide the participants a basis for their continuing contact with U.S. counterparts in order to promote mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries. Post-secondary educational institutions are encouraged to apply in a consortium with other post-secondary institutions, although they may apply independently. The E-Teacher Scholarship Program and Professional Development Workshop advance the U.S. Department of State's goals by improving the quality of English language teaching throughout the world. ECA will award one Cooperative Agreement for the administration of these two program components to be implemented during the academic year 2009-2010. The total funding available for program and administrative purposes is anticipated to be approximately \$750,000. As of April 28, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 8, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Department of State Public Notice Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Request for Proposals: Egypt Programs SUMMARY The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote democracy and human rights in Egypt. PLEASE NOTE: DRL strongly urges applicants to access immediately www.grants.gov in order to obtain a username and password. It may take up to a week to register with grants.gov. Please see the section entitled, "DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS" below for specific instructions. REQUESTED PROPOSAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES DRL invites organizations to submit proposals outlining program concepts and capacity to manage projects targeting the following issues: Egypt (approximately \$1,300,000 available): DRL seeks to fund proposals that will: bolster the capacity of Egyptian civil society and local organizations and to foster leadership development (particularly among youth); promote and develop political competition and multi-party political systems; increase political participation by women and youth; and support free and fair elections. DRL also seeks programs that will support and strengthen civil society through support and defense of human rights advocates and organizations; and that will promote freedom of speech and broader access to information. As of May 13, 2009, the **closing date of this RFP is June 12, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of English Language Programs announces an open competition for the administration of the English Access Microscholarship Program (Access Program), which provides a foundation of English language skills to bright 14- to 18-year-olds from disadvantaged sectors overseas through in-country after school classes and intensive summer learning activities. The microscholarships fund in country study for classes close to the students' homes. The Cooperative Agreement recipient's role is to disburse funds to in-country educational service providers selected by U.S. Embassies. These funds will support in-

country educational service providers' activities such as English language programming for Access students and in-service teacher training for Access directors and teachers. In addition, the recipient will provide at least two U.S. summer workshops, one for selected Access Program directors and teachers and the other for selected Access students. In addition to providing quality instruction in the English language to Access students and the latest methodology to Access directors and teachers, workshops must include content that gives the participants insights into, and an appreciation for, U.S. culture and democratic values. As of May 1, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is June 15, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - SUMMARY The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor announces an open competition for assistance awards. DRL requests proposals from non-profit and international organizations interested in a grant award for projects in Africa, East Asia, and South Central Asia. Africa: Democratic Republic of the Congo Background: More than a decade of conflict and lawlessness in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has resulted in an estimated death toll of more than 5 million persons and thousands of rapes. While some of these deaths were indirect results of the conflict (due to the destruction of hospitals and infrastructure and the spread of disease), many deaths and rapes were direct results of attacks by various parties to the ongoing conflict. Investigators continue to find mass graves and razed villages where scores of dead bodies are strewn about, such as in the North Kivu village of Kiwanja in November 2008. Fighting in eastern Congo continues, along with the rape and killing of significant numbers of civilians by various parties to the conflict, all of whom enjoy impunity. Skeletal and other remains of the victims of killings and disappearances have not been identified, due in part to the high cost of DNA extraction and analysis, the extremely limited resources and capacity of local authorities, and a weak judiciary. Major technological improvements since 2001 have increased the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of processing large amounts of genetic material. The use of forensic-genetic techniques to help police and Congolese NGOs immediately gather and preserve evidence of rape and identify the physical remains of murder victims could begin the process of bringing about closure for victims' families and provide physical evidence for developing legal actions against alleged perpetrators, thereby supporting respect for the rule of law, reconciliation for past crimes, and justice for society as a whole. Proposals will outline program concepts and capacity to manage projects that will: 1) support the collection and preservation of rape evidence and/or 2) facilitate the identification of remains. Proposals must specifically address at least one of the following topics: • Lab establishment or renovation and technical training, including limited potential training abroad, to increase scientific capacity, experience, and processing capability in forensic anthropology to identify victims' remains • Increased sample collection through exhumation of additional remains and dissemination of information to populations about program availability to encourage DNA donation • Creation of databases of family reference samples and of human skeletal remains to facilitate matching • Campaigns to preserve evidence from victims of rape, including the distribution of rape kits, and the collection and preservation of evidence for use in possible prosecutions against perpetrators of rape (even if rape victims initially decide not to report the rape to authorities, the evidence

will remain preserved for possible later use) • Provision of legal and psychological support to victims and/or their families • Public outreach/advocacy • Creation of an information-sharing network among Congolese NGOs – as well as between Congolese NGOs, on the one hand, and other key stakeholders, such as international NGOs and judicial and law enforcement authorities, on the other hand – in order to strengthen program productivity, efficacy, resources, and sustainability

East Asia and the Pacific: Vietnam

Background: For the past decade, Vietnam has systematically attempted to locate and identify their dead and missing in action from past conflicts. While the focus has been on bringing home those lost in Cambodia and Laos, efforts have also occurred in Vietnam, on an ad hoc basis. Vietnam has a nascent capacity to locate, excavate, and identify remains, developed through exposure to U.S. excavation and identification techniques during multiple, annual combined U.S./Vietnam MIA recovery operations involving the U.S. Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Command (JPAC). But Vietnam's capacity to account for its own missing, including from their conflict with the United States, remains weak. While the exact number of successful excavations by Vietnam is unknown, tens of thousands of sets of remains have been interned in cemeteries. Most remain unidentified unless they were recovered with identification documents. Existing Vietnamese excavation teams are comprised mainly of military personnel, with limited or no anthropologists or archeologists accompanying them. The primary forensics office, The People's Army of Vietnam Pathology Institute, recently developed a limited DNA identification capability in an attempt to broaden and advance its identification procedures. Identifying the dead and missing in action from past conflicts facilitates closure for the families, contributes to Vietnam's ability to put its painful past to rest and, through the goodwill it creates, may help advance effort to fully account for America's remaining missing military personnel. Proposals will outline program concepts and capacity to manage projects that will support the identification of remains and increase the capacity of Vietnam to conduct robust excavation and identification operations, including training or the provision of anthropological and archeological expertise. Proposals must address at least one of the following topics:

- Training, including limited potential training abroad, to increase scientific capacity and expertise of anthropologists and archaeologists accompanying military excavation teams
- Laboratory renovation and technical training, including limited potential training abroad, to increase scientific capacity, experience, and processing capability in forensic anthropology
- Increased sample collection through exhumation of additional remains and dissemination of information to populations about program availability to encourage DNA donation
- Creation of databases of family reference samples and of human skeletal remains to facilitate matching

South and Central Asia: Afghanistan, Nepal, and Uzbekistan

Afghanistan:

- Provision of legal and psychological support to victims' families;
- Creation of an information-sharing network among the NGOs to strengthen program productivity, efficacy, resources, and sustainability.

Nepal:

- Proposals will outline program concepts and capacity to manage projects that will support the identification of remains and increase the capacity of local NGOs to conduct timely and reliable DNA testing. Proposals must address at least one of the following topics:
- o Lab renovation and technical training, including limited potential training abroad, to increase scientific capacity, experience, and processing capability in forensic

anthropology o Increased sample collection through exhumation of additional remains and dissemination of information to populations about program availability to encourage DNA donation o Creation of databases of family reference samples and of human skeletal remains to facilitate matching o Projects may also include support to families of victims and missing persons. Activities may include legal and psychological support to families. Uzbekistan: • Lab renovation and technical training, including limited potential training abroad, to increase scientific capacity, experience, and processing capability in forensic anthropology. As of May 13, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is June 16, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- Limited funding is available to support NGOs assisting refugees in Tanzania and working with refugee returnees in Burundi and the DRC For Tanzania proposals should focus exclusively on life-saving basic assistance in the remaining refugee camps in western Tanzania. At least 80% of beneficiaries must be refugees. Proposals should focus on health, water and sanitation, and gender based violence (GBV). For Burundi and the DRC proposed activities should support the repatriation and reintegration of Burundi and DRC refugees. Priority sectors include: shelter, health/mental health, water/sanitation, livelihood promotion, primary education, and gender-based violence prevention and response. Proposals should target priority sectors as identified in collaboration with UNHCR, local authorities, and returnees themselves. As of March 26, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is July 31, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).