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## Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

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**Dear Newsletter Recipients,**

Last week, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives hosted a regional conference in New Orleans centered around the role that faith and community-based organizations play in disaster preparedness and response. The conference was well-attended, and most importantly, many walked away inspired and equipped to work more effectively with the U.S. Government to serve those they dedicate their lives to.

Mrs. Laura Bush, former NFL player Danny Wuerffel of Desire Street Ministries, Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu, and others spoke to attendees, all highlighting organizations' vital efforts to rebuild the Gulf Coast better and stronger than it was before the storm.

This week, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Points of Light Foundation, and Hands On Network are hosting a National Conference on Volunteering and Service, the world's largest gathering of volunteer and service leaders. This year's theme, "The Urgency of Now!" was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King and is a call to action for a new generation of civic leaders. The conference is sure to connect volunteer and service professionals, as well as business and government leaders, and participate in vital conversations about the future of service.

Many of you work tirelessly for others, and I continue to be inspired by your commitment and your conviction.

Warmest regards,

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### **White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives' Innovations in Effective Compassion Conference**

Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Washington, DC

Omni Shoreham Hotel  
2500 Calvert Street NW (at Connecticut Ave)  
Washington, DC 20008  
(202) 234-0700

[Omni Shoreham Hotel](#)

On June 26 and 27 the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will host the *Innovations in Effective Compassion Conference*. This national event will be held in Washington, DC June 26-27, 2008.

The Faith-Based and Community Initiative has sought to transform the way government engages human need. It has worked to place front-line community groups, faith-based charities and other social entrepreneurs at the center of responses to critical issues ranging from addiction, homelessness, prisoner reentry and at-risk youth domestically to HIV/AIDS, orphan care and malaria around the world. From the first days of his administration, President Bush has pushed the Federal government to support these locally-rooted solutions both at home and abroad, removing barriers to government's support for them, and expanding promising new strategies.

Over the course of the two-day conference, attendees—including many of the Nation's top researchers, Federal and state officials, social entrepreneurs, and other experts and innovators in the field—will explore together the vibrant intersection of American compassion and American ingenuity. Presentations and discussion will include the latest data, original research, promising innovations, and future opportunities for the “quiet revolution” advanced by the Faith-Based and Community Initiative. Break-out sessions, meals and roundtables will also provide opportunities for you to share and learn with others national and regional leaders.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register online at [www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov) by Monday, June 16. While online registration is strongly encouraged, those who are unable to register online may print and complete the attached form and fax it to 703-299-4589. If you are not able to view this file, please call 202-456-6708 to have a form faxed to you. To cancel a registration, please send an email to [fbc@dtihq.com](mailto:fbc@dtihq.com) or a fax to the number listed above so we may accommodate as many people as possible.

Visit the conference section of [www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov) to learn more about the conference workshops.

For more information, please send an email to [fbc@dtihq.com](mailto:fbc@dtihq.com), visit [www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov), or call 202-456-6708.

We very much hope you will be able to join us in Washington, D.C.!

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## **USAID Announces Additional Emergency Food Assistance for Haiti**

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[www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov)

**MIAMI, FL** - Today, U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Henrietta Fore announced the agency is adding \$25 million in emergency food aid to Haiti, bringing its total contribution to \$45 million. The funds will go to the World Food Program, Catholic Relief Services and World Vision, working in Haiti to provide more than 36,000 tons of staples that include beans, rice, vegetable oil, lentils, bulgur, peas and corn meal.

In addition to providing immediate relief to nearly 2.5 million Haitians, the emergency assistance will offer longer-term support during the next 12 months by targeting the nation's most vulnerable populations—the sick and disabled, orphans, mothers, children and the elderly. The plan also offers a “food for work” arrangement that pays Haitians with food to rebuild irrigation systems, roads and reclaim land. These improvements are aimed at boosting crop production and agricultural commerce.

“The United States remains ready to help the people of Haiti overcome emergency food shortages and to make progress in the long term,” said Fore. “We stand with the Haitians who are working to sustain

democracy, a vibrant civil society and a just and accountable government."

Since 2004, the U.S. has provided more than \$600 million in aid to Haiti and President Bush has called for \$245 million in assistance for 2009, she said.

For more information about USAID's emergency humanitarian assistance programs, please visit: [www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/).

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## **USAID Provides Relief for Conflict-Affected Sudanese in Abyei**

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**WASHINGTON** - In response to the recent violence in Abyei, Sudan, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has redirected some of its existing resources to assist those affected by the conflict. The Abyei area has long been a priority for USAID, and the agency's ongoing presence there allowed USAID and its partners to rapidly assess the situation and to launch the provision of essential emergency assistance to those most in need.

Several USAID partners, including many non-governmental organizations (NGO), that were already working in the area mobilized quickly to initiate the response. Mercy Corps and a local NGO are providing the residential and operational bases from which relief organizations are managing the response. Mercy Corps has also provided vehicles, fuel, and staff to support the logistical effort. Pact, which was in the process of drilling 17 new boreholes in the area, has relocated four of the sites to ensure that the recently displaced have access to water. The UN World Food Program (WFP) is leading the transport and distribution of food aid, which requires managing the complex logistics involved in obtaining and supplying commodities to an area largely isolated due to insecurity and rained-out roads. Save the Children/US is assisting with WFP food distribution, as well as providing non-food items such as blankets, water containers, cooking sets, sleeping mats, and plastic sheeting to those who have no shelter or belongings. Save the Children is also initiating child protection activities in the Agok area. GOAL, which has been operating health facilities in the area for several years, reassigned staff to support emergency medical efforts in the affected area and is providing health care through its existing clinics to displaced people and host community members.

The United States is the single largest donor to Sudan, providing half of all humanitarian assistance. The U.S. Government has contributed more than \$4 billion in humanitarian, development, and peacekeeping assistance to Sudan and eastern Chad since 2005. USAID's humanitarian programs support shelter, food, water and sanitation, health and hygiene, relief, and income-generation activities for those in need countrywide.

USAID is closely monitoring the humanitarian situation and will continue to provide additional assistance as needed.

For more information about USAID's emergency humanitarian assistance programs in Sudan, please visit [www.usaid.gov/sudan](http://www.usaid.gov/sudan).

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## Federal Funding Opportunities

### USAID

**Iraq USAID-Baghdad** is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement the next phase of the Iraq Community Action Program (CAP III). CAP will promote diverse and representative citizen participation throughout Iraq, will engage and assist local government in articulating and acting on needs identified by communities and will assist innocent victims of military operations. As of June 2, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Sep 30, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

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

**USAID** is seeking applications from registered U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations, non-profit organizations and for-profit organizations that have experience as outlined in the APS. It should be noted that USAID will not pay any recipient profit as defined in 22 CFR 226.81. However, this not does prohibit any recipient from commercializing aspects of this program as specified in Section 2.3 of this APS, consistent with the provisions included in any actual agreement resulting from this APS. This APS is issued as a public notice to ensure that all interested and qualified organizations have a fair opportunity to submit applications for funding. Eligible organizations could include, for example, foundations, non-governmental organizations, faith-based organizations (FBOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), host country organizations, private organizations affiliated with public academic institutions and international non-governmental organizations, private companies, professional associations and consortiums of the above. FBOs, CBOs, and private companies, in particular, are strongly encouraged to submit applications. As of June 2, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is May 20, 2009. For more information on this announcement, [click here](#).

**The Office of Environmental Policy of the Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science (OES)** at the Department of State (DOS) announces the Requests for Applications for Management of the Small Grants program in the Dominican Republic-Central American—United States Free Trade Agreement countries (CAFTA-DR). The purpose of the Small Grants Program is to promote public participation in environmental issues by engaging local organizations in the CAFTA-DR countries (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua), such as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academic institutions, professional organizations, and other civil society organizations, in the public participation opportunities and mechanisms that the CAFTA-DR Environment Chapter and Environmental Cooperation Agreement provide. NGOs and International Organizations (IO) with strong regional presence in the region may submit applications to manage the Small Grants Program. The applicants must demonstrate the ability to manage and coordinate all aspects of the program, including open competition process, review and selection of the sub-grantees, monitoring, reporting, and dissemination of the results in coordination with CAFTA-DR government points of contact and the DOS. For the purpose of this document, the CAFTA-DR countries or region include Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. One grant will be awarded in the amount of \$396,000 in Economic Support and Development Assistance FY 2007 funds. As of June 2, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 20, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

As part of the U.S. Government's (USG's) participation in the **Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (APP)**, the **Department of State (DOS)** is issuing this Request for Assistance (RFA) seeking proposals from U.S. and Chinese organizations interested in contributing to the Partnership's goals through innovative public-private partnerships. These goals include reducing greenhouse gas emissions; advancing sustainable economic growth; reducing poverty; creating new investment opportunities; building local capacity; and improving economic and energy security. This RFA seeks proposal submissions, from U.S. and Chinese organizations, based on the Concept Papers provided in Attachment B of this RFA. An interested lead grant applicant organization may submit a total of two proposals in response to this RFA, which address the specific issue as noted in the problem statement of a selected Concept Paper. Funding of the selected proposals is totally dependent on, and subject to, availability of Department of State funding for the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate. To qualify for DOS funding under this RFA, a submitted proposal must demonstrate that the applicant and any partnering organizations will contribute resources to the proposed program that are at least equal to the level of resources sought from DOS in the grant application. Grants or Cooperative Agreements will be awarded in the range of US\$250,000 - US\$2,000,000. All proposals must be received electronically, NO LATER than 17:00 hours U.S. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on July 11, 2008, at the following electronic address: APP\_US@state.gov. Any submissions received after that time will be deemed invalid. Submissions will not be accepted by mail or courier. For more information, [click here](#).

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

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