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Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week, the Advisory Committee On Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA), held its annual public meeting in Atlanta. The meeting, which was highly successful, focused on strategies to raise awareness of U.S. foreign assistance, including the important collaborative role of partner organizations. The ACVFA, comprised of 30 private citizens with extensive knowledge of international development, brings together USAID and PVO officials, representatives from universities, international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), U.S. businesses, and government, multilateral, and private organizations to foster understanding, communication, and cooperation between the public and private sectors in U.S. foreign assistance programs.

Also in Atlanta this week, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Points of Light Foundation, and Hands On Network hosted National Conference on Volunteering and Service, the world's largest gathering of volunteer and service leaders. Former President Jimmy Carter, former First Lady Roselyn Carter, former Senator Sam Nunn, and many others spoke to attendees about "The Urgency of Now!," this year's theme inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King.

Please note the White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives conference June 26-27th in Washington, D.C. The focus of this conference will be different from many others—discussions will center around “the latest data, original research, promising innovations, and future opportunities for the ‘quiet revolution’ advanced by the Faith-Based and Community Initiative.” Read below for more details.

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](http://www.omni-shoreham.com)

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 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 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 to learn more about the conference workshops.

For more information, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com, visit www.fbc.gov, or call 202-456-6708.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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**PRESS BRIEFING
BY DANA PERINO (excerpt)**

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

12:31 P.M. EDT

MS. PERINO: Hello, everyone. I'd like to start off by mentioning the Food and Agriculture Organization Conference is taking place today in Rome. The United States is represented at the conference by a delegation led by Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer and **USAID Administrator Henrietta Fore**. You've heard us talk a little bit about our commitment and how this year we're going to be providing an additional \$1 billion in total U.S. government assistance to address the food price crisis around the world. We are on track to provide a total of nearly \$5 billion for 2008 and 2009 to fight global hunger.

The United States is pursuing a three-pronged strategy to combat the food crisis, through short- and long-term actions that do these things: One, target countries made vulnerable by food prices that are on the rise; provide assistance to countries capable of rapidly increasing staple food production; and support trade liberalization and increasing the use of advanced agricultural technologies.

Remember that the administration has long proposed to stabilize by purchasing local crops near a crisis so that we can help break the cycle of famine; instead of shipping U.S.-grown food there, that they could actually grow their own. That's one of the things we've been trying to do. The request was in the administration's farm bill proposal. It was to allow 25 percent of food aid appropriations to purchase crops from farmers in the developing world. Unfortunately, Congress has failed to act on that proposal. But we are going to be at the conference talking about not only the additional financial assistance we can provide, but also this other technical assistance to help people in these countries grow their own crops and become more self-sufficient.

That's it.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria Launches Additional Round of Funding in 2008

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The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria Launches Additional Round of Funding in 2008
Washington D.C., June 3, 2008 – Today, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria announced an additional round of funding to be launched later this year. The Global Fund will begin accepting proposals for Round 9 on October 1, 2008 and expects to approve these new grants at its April 2009 Board Meeting. The Global Fund launched this unprecedented new funding round to continue the recent dramatic impact of Global Fund financed programs and provide countries with an important opportunity to scale up their efforts to fight the 3 diseases, which kill 6 million people each year. Given the urgent need to allocate additional resources and increase countries' implementation capacities to rapidly scale up prevention and control programs, Round 9 will help maintain the momentum needed in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria around the world.

“The announcement of Round 9 shows that the Global Fund can react in a rapidly changing global environment,” said Natasha Bilimoria, Executive Director of Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. “While there has sometimes been hesitancy about launching additional new rounds, today’s announcement only reinforces the confidence and commitment to the Global Fund.”

“Two funding rounds in one year confirms the Global Fund’s ability to respond quickly and appropriately to countries’ demands,” said Dr Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director of the Global Fund. “These additional resources could pay for a large increase in insecticide-impregnated bed nets against malaria and a continued expansion of programs to treat and prevent AIDS and TB.”

Round 9 will not replace the funding round preliminarily scheduled for March 2009. In addition to new proposals, Round 9 will also provide the opportunity for countries to resubmit revised versions of

proposals rejected for Round 8 launched earlier this year. Since its creation in 2002, the Global Fund has become the main source of financing for AIDS, TB and malaria programs, with \$10.7 billion approved to more than 550 programs in 136 countries worldwide. Global Fund investments have provided AIDS treatment for 1.4 million people, tuberculosis treatment for 3.3 million people and 46 million insecticide-treated bed nets for the prevention of malaria.

“Since its creation in 2002, the U.S. has contributed nearly one-third of all resources to the Global Fund,” continued Bilimoria. “With today’s announcement of an additional funding round, for FY 2009 the U.S must maintain this commitment and provide \$1.65 billion as the U.S. contribution to the Global Fund to renew existing successful grants and to fund new proposals.”

FRIENDS OF THE GLOBAL FIGHT

Friends of the Global Fight works to educate, engage and mobilize American decision-makers in the fight to end the worldwide burden of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. By focusing these efforts on decision-makers in Washington, Friends seeks to build a sustained commitment to supporting the Global Fund and the fight against the three diseases. For more information about Friends of the Global Fight, visit www.theglobalfight.org.

THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA

The Global Fund is a unique global public/private partnership dedicated to attracting and disbursing additional resources to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. This partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and affected communities represents a new approach to international health financing. The Global Fund works in close collaboration with other bilateral and multilateral organizations to supplement existing efforts dealing with the three diseases. For more information about the Global Fund, visit www.theglobalfund.org.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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June 4, 2008

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The United States is committed to bringing relief assistance to the victims of Cyclone Nargis, and to work with ASEAN countries, the United Nations, and non-governmental organizations to do so. To date, the United States has provided more than \$26 million in humanitarian assistance to the people of Burma, and the United States Agency for International Development and the Department of Defense, as part of the ongoing airlift, have completed a total of 106 airlifts of emergency relief commodities that will benefit at least 417,000 people.

As the Pacific Command announced last night, the USS Essex group and U.S. Marine Corps 31 Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) will move from the waters off Burma and continue their previously-scheduled operational commitments on June 5, 2008. These assets were immediately deployed to Burma in the spirit of goodwill to offer extensive and life-saving assistance to the victims of Cyclone Nargis. Tragically, the Burmese authorities refused to accept this assistance.

Furthermore, the generosity and compassion of the United States and the wider international community are impeded by the unwillingness of the Burmese authorities to provide full access to the cyclone-affected

areas, despite their commitments to do so. Over a month after the cyclone hit the shores of the Burmese Delta, tens of thousands have died and over a million victims have yet to receive any assistance. The Burmese regime must permit all international aid workers the access necessary to provide the urgently-needed assistance. There is no more time to waste.

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Federal Funding Opportunities

USAID

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the Dominican Republic is seeking applications from qualified national non-governmental organizations and not-for-profit and for-profit entities (including NGOs, business associations, and universities and academic institutions) to participate in its Batey Community Development project providing development support in publicly owned bateyes. Considering the multi-sectoral scope of the project, the formation of manageable and cost effective consortia of qualified organizations is encouraged. As of June 6, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Jul 21, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Kenya USAID-Nairobi seeks qualified U.S. and non U.S. organizations and institutions, in the form of partnerships or consortia that include Somalia organizations, interested in providing the services described in this solicitation to provide basic Education and Water services while supporting Government institutions and community groups. The integrated activity is expected to improve access to quality education, water and sanitation services. This activity will also furnish an Education advisor to the Transitional Federal Government. As of June 6, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Jul 21, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Vietnam is currently seeking concept papers from qualified non-governmental organizations capable of designing and implementing model projects that will provide support to people with disabilities in Danang and surrounding areas. Programs and activities could include, but are not limited to enhancing earlier intervention for those who are disabled, providing support to existing rehabilitation clinics and services, expanding access of people with disabilities to essential health and education services, initiating or strengthening community based rehabilitation services and support, improving income generation and employment opportunities, strengthening the capacity of local organizations to provide services, improved community-based information around reducing risk exposure, and surveillance and prevention of disability. As of June 6, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Dec 04, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

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 6, 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](#).

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 6, 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 6, 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 6, 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 6, 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 6, 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 6, 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 6, 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 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 6, 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](#).

The Office of English Language Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for proposals to advance the Bureau's objectives through support of academic exchanges that will result in the improvement of English teaching capacity around the world and the enhancement of mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries through exchanges of U.S. English language educators to all regions of the world. The English Language Fellow (EL Fellow) Program sends U.S. educators in the field of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) on ten-month fellowships to overseas academic institutions. The Program also will bring Exchange EFL (English as a Foreign Language) Educators to the U.S. for a three-week workshop/institute including participation in the annual TESLO Convention. Pending the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 funds, the Bureau anticipates the placement of approximately 88 English Language Fellows (EL Fellows) overseas in AY 2009-2010. Public and private non-profit organizations

meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code, Section 26 U.S.C 501 (c) (3) may submit proposals to administer and manage the EL Fellow Program for AY 2009-2010. As of June 6, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Jun 13, 2008 [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration provides assistance to Colombian refugees in the Andean region as well as the first 90 days of emergency assistance to IDPs in Colombia (mid and long-term assistance to IDPs is provided by USAID). Priority countries in the Andean region include Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Venezuela, and Panama. PRM funding available for these projects generally ranges between \$100,000 and \$750,000. Each project will be funded for a period not to exceed 12 months. Project objectives should therefore be achievable within a 12-month time frame. Proposals must list other sources from which you are seeking or have already obtained funding, such as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the host government, other US government agencies, and international donors, including funding and in-kind contributions from your own organization. As of June 6, the closing date for this announcement is Jul 10, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

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

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