



# The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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## *Letter from the Director*

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

As you may know, President Obama made significant speech in Cairo last week on America's relationship to the Muslim world. Of special interest to USAID, he echoed the desire of the U.S. Government and the American people to partner with Muslims around the globe in seeking peace and fighting poverty and disease. Links to this important speech, including transcripts in 11 other languages, are below.

Please note that on July 16th, the CFBCI will be hosting a meeting for NGOs working on HIV/AIDS programs. The meeting will be held here in Washington D.C. and will include key HIV/AIDS staff from USAID and the Department of State. Mark your calendar and RSVP with any questions and program areas of interest to [fbci@usaid.gov](mailto:fbci@usaid.gov).

Please email us your suggestions and comments about our conference calls and newsletter at [fbci@usaid.gov](mailto:fbci@usaid.gov).

Warmest regards,

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## AT A GLANCE

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## HIV/AIDS Meeting

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As part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, Opportunity International, through USAID funding, is enabling women in Uganda to provide for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Janet Korutaro, a widow from Nsike Village in Uganda, belongs to an Opportunity International Trust Bank.



Janet Korutaro  
Nsike Village Trust Bank, Uganda  
Source: Opportunity International

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

Date: July 16, 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT

Location: USAID Headquarters: Washington, DC

The U.S. government has made the fight against HIV/AIDS a top priority, not only for humanitarian reasons, but because the HIV/AIDS crisis threatens the prosperity, stability, and development of nations around the world. Since the inception of its international HIV/AIDS program in 1986, USAID has contributed more than \$7 billion to fight the pandemic. Today, USAID is a partner in the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the largest and most comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment program in the world.

To learn more about USAID's efforts in HIV/AIDS join us for this meeting and check out their website by [clicking here](#).

To RSVP for this event send an email with subject line "HIV/AIDS Meeting" to [FBCI@USAID.GOV](mailto:FBCI@USAID.GOV). When sending your RSVP, please specify your interest area is within HIV/AIDS programs and any questions you would like addressed.

Topic area examples:

- Prevention
- Care
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- PEPFAR and Nutrition
- PEPFAR and Gender issues
- Treatment
- Other

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## President Obama Speaks in Cairo About United States and its Relationships with Muslim Communities

June 4, 2009

*“In fact, faith should bring us together. And that’s why we’re forging service projects in America to bring together Christians, Muslims, and Jews...Around the world, we can turn dialogue into interfaith service, so bridges between peoples lead to action – whether it is combating malaria in Africa, or providing relief after a natural disaster.”*

- President Barack Obama

This week President Obama traveled to Cairo, Egypt to speak at Cairo University about fostering a new beginning in the relationship between the United States and the Muslim community.

The [transcript](#) of President Obama’s remarks and the [video](#) of his remarks can be found at [WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV](http://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV). The State Department has been working to translate the video and transcript into a number of [languages](#) and will continue to post them on the whitehouse.gov web site.

*“Today I’m announcing a new global effort with the Organization of the Islamic Conference to eradicate polio. And we will also expand partnerships with Muslim communities to promote child and maternal health...All these things must be done in partnership. Americans are ready to join with citizens and governments; community organizations, religious leaders, and businesses in Muslim communities around the world to help our people pursue a better life.”* - President Barack Obama



OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY PETE SOUZA, 6/4/09

## USAID Teams up with Western Union to Launch African Diaspora Marketplace

**New Business Initiative Seeks Entrepreneurial Ideas from U.S.-based African Diaspora to Spur**

DENVER & WASHINGTON – The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Western Union, a leading global payments network, are counting on innovative thinking and entrepreneurial ideas to help alleviate poverty in Africa. Today, the organizations launched the African Diaspora Marketplace (ADM), a business-development program that will support U.S.-based African Diaspora in creating plans for sustainable start-up and established businesses in Sub-Saharan Africa. The program will also provide funding to 10-20 small-and-medium businesses with the strongest proposals for boosting economic opportunity and job creation in Sub-Saharan Africa through Diaspora-driven development.

## Economic Opportunity in Homeland

June 2, 2009

“The African Diaspora has unique insights into its home countries and the motivation to encourage direct investment into Africa,” said Alonzo Fulgham, Acting Administrator of USAID. “This is an exceptional opportunity for African Diaspora in the U.S. to help alleviate the disparities surrounding Africa’s economic situation.” Added Fulgham, “Harnessing the strength of this population, estimated at 1.4 million strong, is critical to solving poverty in Africa.”

“This innovative model for corporate, government and nonprofit collaboration will support entrepreneurial solutions that create jobs and opportunity,” said Christina Gold, CEO, Western Union. “Western Union supports migrants’ investment in their home countries and also helps to power the world economy through our business model. Through this program, we can leverage Western Union’s expertise on migration trends and our vast network and resources to help create lasting social and economic impact.”

The initiative hopes to demonstrate the impact that entrepreneurs from the world’s diaspora or migrant communities can have on development in their home countries. Throughout the program, the level of support provided to participants and the role that support may play in the development of each enterprise will be monitored. This research will help to identify best practices around the support needed to help small businesses thrive in developing markets.

Proposals must be implemented in one of the following Sub-Saharan African countries where USAID has both on-the-ground presence and potential technical assistance programs for entrepreneurs: Angola, Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

To participate, candidates must meet the following criteria, among others:

- Must be a member (or members) of the Sub-Saharan African Diaspora living in the United States as a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- Must have a local partner in the country of implementation; and
- Grant funding requests should not exceed US\$100,000 and should not be less than US\$50,000.

For a full list of eligibility criteria visit [WWW.DIASPORAMARKETPLACE.ORG](http://WWW.DIASPORAMARKETPLACE.ORG).

A selection committee will review initial proposals and identify qualifying applicants who will be requested to submit a comprehensive business plan for evaluation. To promote success and ensure comparability among submissions, finalists will be provided with guidance and technical assistance in developing their business plans. Finalists will be connected with a full range of business tools and resources, including credit and debt markets, to increase the number of enterprises that can be brought to life, regardless of whether they are selected for grant funding.

Finalists also will be invited to a two-day networking conference in Washington, D.C., where they will present their completed business plans

before a review panel consisting of business experts and leaders from the Diaspora community, USAID, other development institutions and private sector companies. The panel will evaluate final business plans and select grant recipients based on criteria that include the business idea and management framework, prospects for sustainability, capacity to leverage Diaspora resources and results orientation.

Following the rigorous two-round review and selection process, 10-20 qualifying entrepreneurs will be awarded grants of US \$50,000 to US\$100,000 each to support the execution of their business plans. These will be awarded from the initial ADM grant pool of nearly US\$1.5 million, financed jointly by USAID, the Western Union Company and the Western Union Foundation, as well as through Western Union Agent Giving Circles. One Agent Giving Circle, featuring Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (ETI) in Africa and Irv Barr Management in the U.S., already has contributed US\$250,000 to support this initiative. The ADM will facilitate access to technical assistance, as available, capacity building and information on a range of financing options for all finalists. Through July 21, 2009, individuals in the United States will also be able to contribute to the Academy for Educational Development (AED), in support of the grant pool for ADM, at any Western Union Agent location in the United States.

Now through July 21, 2009, members of the African Diaspora in the U.S. can submit their business proposals at [WWW.DIASPORAMARKETPLACE.ORG](http://WWW.DIASPORAMARKETPLACE.ORG). Winners will be announced in December 2009. For more information and complete rules, go to [WWW.DIASPORAMARKETPLACE.ORG](http://WWW.DIASPORAMARKETPLACE.ORG).

## 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 [fbc@usaid.gov](mailto:fbc@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](#).

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## CFBCI eNewsletter



## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### USAID FUNDING

(check out [grants.gov](http://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

**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, designing 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**

for USAID assistance, explaining what the application should contain, how it should be written, and the evaluation criteria to be used.

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](#).

**USAID/Nairobi** - 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/Lusaka** - Announcement: THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS. The United States Government, represented by the USAID Mission in Zambia invites comments and suggestions on its Concept Paper (attached) for a program to implement a Community Based Prevention Initiative for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), Youth, and other Vulnerable Populations. The Concept Paper is guided by the “Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008” and follows guidance issued by the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) in specific technical areas. .The final version of the Request for Applications

(RFA) is planned for issue in July or August 2009. USAID/Zambia invites comments and suggestions on the attached Concept Paper from firms, organizations and other interested parties. Eligible organizations are strongly encouraged to review the document, provide comment and consider submitting proposals in response to the resulting final RFA. Comments are particularly invited on planned approaches and anticipated higher level results and outcomes. The purpose of posting this Concept Paper is to enhance the quality of the final RFA. Comments and suggestions received by the due date may be considered as the RFA is finalized; however USAID is under no obligation to incorporate all comments or suggestions. One or more awards are anticipated and total planned funding for these activities over a three year period is \$40 - \$60 million. As of June 7, 2009 the closing date of this comment request is June 19, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Bangkok** - 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 announcement is June 19, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Brasilia** - USAID/Brazil is seeking applications from Brazilian organizations to implement a three-year program for Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Brazil. As of May 20, 2009 the closing date of this 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 October 9, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is June 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Nairobi** – Democratic Republic of Congo’s (DRC) program to respond to and prevent sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is a critical element of the U.S. Government’s foreign policy goal in the DRC to support the emergence of a stable, democratic Congo that is at peace with its neighbors and provides for the basic needs of its citizens. Under that rubric, USAID supports programs to protect vulnerable populations from physical violence and abuse and assist the DRC in its stabilization and gradual transition from a post-conflict country to a developing one. As of May 26, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more

information, [click here](#).

**USAID**- USAID 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 September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID** - 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** - Working with local and institutional actors, the Project will promote the participation of the private sector, local governments, Congress, civilian police, government institutions, community and youth leaders and other actors in the implementation and oversight of key prevention policy reforms and youth-oriented prevention programs. USAID recognizes the importance of these committed actors in previous crime prevention and violence reduction initiatives. USAID also recognizes the need to promote actions at all levels of society that support the deepening of democracy in Guatemala. The emphasis of this project is to strengthen community and public sector institutions by ensuring the replication of successful initiatives and the development and implementation of new ones. With this effort, USAID seeks to promote coordinated action and broad participation in crime prevention, while developing effective and comprehensive community-based strategies involving the private sector. As of June 2, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 2, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! USAID/Almaty** - This USAID/Central Asian Republics (CAR) Request for Applications (RFA) solicits applications from all qualified organizations to promote quality education for children with disabilities and orphans and

vulnerable children (OVC) to ensure learners obtain the knowledge and life skills necessary to effectively function in society in Uzbekistan. As of June 4, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 3, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID** - USAID/OFDA has allocated US \$1 million to support pilot projects or basic research programs that can lead to the design and development of seed storage models in Africa. These seed storage systems should a) be sustainable after the supporting NGO leaves the region, b) be replicable across many different areas in similar agro-ecological zones, and c) significantly reduce post-harvest losses to insects and diseases. This effort will be implemented over an eighteen (18) month period. As of May 27, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 6, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! USAID/Almaty** - USAID in Central Asian Republics is seeking applications from all qualified organizations for the Health Outreach Program in four Central Asian Republics (CAR): Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The goal of this project is to provide technical assistance, training and direct outreach services to increase access to quality HIV prevention and Tuberculosis (TB) prevention and treatment interventions among most-at-risk populations (MARPs). The Health Outreach Program (HOP) will strengthen governmental and non-governmental organizations to improve prevention services, increase awareness, and build capacity to reach MARPs in order to prevent the spread of HIV and TB (including co-infection) in four Central Asian Republics (CAR): Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The project will combine best practices and effective approaches using community mobilization and direct outreach to improve TB and HIV prevention, health seeking, and adherence behavior of MARPs. As of June 5, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 7, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Bangkok** - USAID is seeking applications (proposals for funding) to support U.S. or non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in a basic education program. This award will permit the recipient to implement a program to provide support to increase the relevance, quality, and access in Basic Education. As of May 29, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 10, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**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/New Delhi** - USAID Mission in India is seeking applications (for assistance funding) from interested parties in support of its Health of the Urban Poor (HUP) Program. USAID highly encourages participation of indigenous Indian organizations in this process as both prime recipient and sub-recipients. The purpose of this four year program is to support the achievement of improved delivery of a comprehensive package of maternal and child health and nutrition interventions, including the promotion of

water supply, sanitation and hygiene services, to urban poor communities. This program aims to: Improve the health of and basic water, sanitation and hygiene services for the urban poor in India. The recipient will continue USAID's ongoing efforts to provide support to the national (National Urban Health Mission in particular), state, local governments and the private sector and will forge linkages with other USAID-supported partners, donors and development partners supporting urban health activities in India. Objectives under this program are to: 1. Provide quality technical assistance to the Government of India (GOI), states and cities for effective implementation of the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) 2. Expand partnerships in Urban Health including engaging the commercial sector in Public Private Partnership (PPP) activities 3. Promote the convergence of different Government of India urban health and development efforts 4. Strengthen the evidence-based rigor of city-level demonstration and learning efforts in order to improve program learning. As of June 1, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID-ODP Annual Program Statement**-There is no dollar value limit or 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](#).

**NEW! USAID/Budapest** – In accordance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (as amended) the USAID Office of the Development Counselor in the Republic of Bulgaria through the Regional Contracting Office in Budapest, invites applications from prospective partner organizations to carry out activities which seek to strengthen Bulgarian economic competitiveness through expanding opportunities in Information Technology (IT) and innovation. USAID anticipates awarding one or several assistance awards for implementation period exceeding two years, resulting from this annual program statement (APS). As of June 3, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is October 1, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Manila**- The USAID Mission 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](#).

## U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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

### 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.

**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](http://www.grants.gov) in order to obtain a username and password. It may take up to a week to register with [grants.gov](http://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](#).

**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 archeologists 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](#).

**NEW! Ocean and International Environmental Scientific** - The Office of Ecology and Natural Resource Conservation (ENRC) of the Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science (OES) at the Department of State announces an open competition to support regional and local initiatives that demonstrate a strong commitment to Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in Latin America through capacity building to reduce illegal logging, address corruption, improve legal and policy frameworks, and strengthen stakeholder participation in forest-related decision making. This will complement USG efforts under bilateral and regional FTAs as well as build on lessons learned from regional Forest Law Enforcement and Governance process in Africa and Asia. This announcement invites organizations to submit proposals addressing the objectives referenced above. Total funding available is \$99,000. The Office of Ecology and Natural Resource Conservation anticipates funding one project from this competition. Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), research institutions, International Organizations (IO), and U.S. and non-US colleges and universities are eligible to submit proposals to support raising awareness, assessment of country policies, and capacity building with respect to Forest Law Enforcement and Governance. As of June 4, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is June 26, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Ocean and International Environmental Scientific** - The purpose of this announcement is to support regional and local initiatives that demonstrate a strong commitment to conservation and sustainable use of tropical forests and forest products. The project will support awareness raising, assessment of forest-related country policies, and country capacity building with respect to commitments under the NLBI, including those related to improving forest-related legislation, forest law enforcement and forest governance. As of June 4, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is June 26, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs** - The Teacher Exchange Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, announces an open competition for a program that will enable U.S. language teachers to study Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin) and Russian in an Arabic-speaking country, the People's Republic of China, and Russia respectively during the summer of 2010. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) may submit

proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration of the program. Applicant organizations should design and implement three summer institutes for a minimum total of 25 teachers — fifteen to study Chinese (Mandarin), and five each to study Arabic and Russian. These summer institutes should offer intensive, structured classroom instruction as well as less formal interactive learning opportunities through a comprehensive exchange experience that primarily emphasizes language learning. As of May 27, 2009, [the closing date of this announcement July 7, 2009](#). For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs** - The Office of Academic Exchange Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for two or more assistance awards for the 2010 Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes, which provide foreign language instruction overseas for American undergraduate and graduate students. Public and private non-profit organizations, or consortia of such organizations, meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3), may submit proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration and implementation of one or both of the two components available under this competition. Each component requires a separate proposal submission. It is anticipated that the total amount of funding available for all FY 2010 administrative and program costs to support both program components A and B, including all language groupings, outlined below will be \$10,000,000. Applicant organizations bidding on two or more language groups must submit a separate proposal not exceeding \$350,000 for the recruitment and selection of all participants (Component A). Applicant organizations may submit proposals requesting funds not exceeding \$9,650,000 to implement the CLS institutes between June and August 2010 (Component B). Average participant costs per language group under Component B should not exceed \$16,000. Component A: Participant Recruitment and Selection: The first component of this competition is for recruitment and selection of all U.S. participants for these summer institutes. While the CLS Institutes are active in multiple countries, it is important that a single worldwide program identity be maintained. Therefore, applicant organizations applying to administer programs for two or more language groups are required to submit a separate proposal for 2 this component, demonstrating the capacity to conduct a nationwide participant recruitment and selection process for all language institutes. Only applicant organizations applying for two or more of the language groups listed below will be eligible to bid on this component. Only one organization will be selected to administer the participant recruitment and selection process. Component B: Administration and Implementation of Institutes: The second component is for the administration and implementation of six- to ten-week summer institutes overseas for participants in countries where Arabic, Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and the Indic, Persian, and Turkic language families are widely spoken. Eligible organizations or consortia may submit proposals for the administration and implementation of one or more of the following language groupings: · Arabic language institutes in the Near East and North Africa region for not less than a total of 185 advanced beginning, intermediate and advanced students. · Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, and

Korean language institutes in the East Asia and Pacific region for not less than a total of 155 beginning (Korean and Indonesian only), intermediate and advanced students. · Azerbaijani, Russian and Turkish language institutes in the Europe and Eurasia region for not less than a total of 143 beginning (Turkish only), intermediate and advanced students. · Persian and Indic (Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, and Urdu) language institutes in the South Central Asia region for not less than a total of 92 beginning (Indic languages only), intermediate and advanced students. See section on “Country and Language Information” under “Administration and Implementation of Institutes” for additional information and a description of language levels. These summer institutes should offer U.S. undergraduate and graduate students structured classroom instruction and less formal interactive learning opportunities through a comprehensive exchange experience that primarily emphasizes language learning. Proposals from applicant organizations should demonstrate the development of new institutional language-teaching capacity overseas for these summer institutes and not propose enrolling participants in programs already in existence. This program is designed to develop additional overseas language study opportunities for U.S. students. As of June 2, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is July 10, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

**Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration** - Description: The Reception and Placement (R&P) Program for the initial reception and placement of refugees in the United States is managed by the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the Department of State (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau"). The Bureau welcomes the submission of proposals for the FY 2010 R&P Program. The purpose of the R&P Program is to promote the successful reception and placement of all persons who are admitted to the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. For the purpose of this announcement, “refugee” is defined as a person admitted to the United States under section 207(c) of the INA, as amended, or a person to whom eligibility for the resettlement assistance available to individuals admitted under section 207 (c) has been extended by statute. To accomplish this goal, the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) recognizes the desirability for public or private non-profit organizations to provide R&P services and to assist refugees to achieve economic self-sufficiency as quickly as possible. The program goals and objectives set forth in this announcement have been established in accordance with these statutory provisions. The Bureau partners with and provides partial financial support to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to carry out the R&P Program. Participating organizations are expected to combine the Bureau’s financial assistance with existing and projected private resources for the provision of R&P services for refugees admitted to the United States during the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. Eligible Applicants: The Bureau intends to award a limited number of Cooperative Agreements (CA) for FY 2010 to well-qualified non-profit organizations able to offer a range of services in multiple locations across the United States. This will include applicants that have demonstrated satisfactory performance under previous agreements with the Bureau and/or applicants that meet the selection criteria described below and have demonstrated the capacity to provide required services.

Applicants should understand that participation in the FY 2009 R&P Program is neither a pre-condition for nor a guarantee of continued participation in FY 2010. In order to be considered for participation in the program, applicants must:

- A. Be well-established social service providers with demonstrated case management expertise and experience managing a network of offices that provide reception and placement or similar services to refugees or other migrant populations in the United States;
- B. Have been in operation for at least three full years in 501(c)(3) non-profit status; and
- C. Document the availability of private financial resources to contribute to the program.

As of May 21, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is July 21, 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](#).