



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

The CFBCI is pleased to announce that our next conference call will be held on August 13th on the topic of the USAID Global Development Alliance. Read about the GDA and find call information under this week's "Upcoming Events" section.

Also, find the July 2009 Edition of USAID's FrontLines in "Helpful Tools & Information"

Please email us your suggestions and comments about our conference calls and newsletter at fbc@usaid.gov.

Warmest regards,

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The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provides this newsletter service to further engage and enhance cooperation with the international development community. The listing of events, meetings or organizations in this newsletter do not constitute support or endorsement of any specific ideas, concepts or organizations by the United States Agency for International Development or the United States Government.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Conference Call with USAID's Global Development Alliance

The Global Development Alliance (GDA) is USAID's commitment to change the way we implement our assistance mandate. GDA mobilizes the ideas, efforts and resources of governments, businesses and civil society by forging public-private alliances to stimulate economic growth, develop businesses and workforces, address health and environmental issues, and expand access to education and technology.

Thursday, August 13th
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM EDT

Conference ID: 23155961

International / Local Dial-in #: (816)
650-7866

Participant Dial-In Number(s): (866)
306-0035

To read the GDA's summer
newsletter, [click here.](#)

A new analysis from USAID's Global Development Alliance (GDA) shows how private capital increased from about 30 percent in the 1960s to more than 80 percent in 2005. In contrast, public funding of development, once the driving force for international giving, has diminished in proportion, accounting for less than 17 percent in 2005, even as the total value of ODA has increased. Between 2003 and 2005 alone, public-private flows increased by \$52 billion, bringing the total to \$164 billion.

Building alliances with private sector partners is critical to leveraging the effectiveness of public aid to poor countries. Through the GDA, USAID recognizes the vital role of public-private alliances in achieving transformational development goals.



We encourage you to learn more about the GDA in preparation for the conference call by visiting the [GDA WEBSITE](#) for more information.

HELPFUL TOOLS & INFORMATION

July 2009 FrontLines



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

FrontLines features articles about USAID; international development and humanitarian assistance efforts around the world; and the people who are dedicated to these efforts. It is produced monthly and distributed electronically and in print to over 32,000 subscribers.

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- [Rice Farmers Profit from Pickles in Eastern Sri Lanka](#)
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CFBCI REQUEST FOR OPINIONS

CFBCI Sponsored Conference Calls

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

Send all suggestions to 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?
- [International Food Relief Program](#) - Does your organization distribute food aid or do you have the capacity to produce, package and store products?

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

CFBCI eNewsletter



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

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

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

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

Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Annual Program Statement (APS)-

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

Request for Applications (RFA)-

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

USAID - USAID seeks applications from eligible universities or colleges to serve as the Management Entity (ME) for a Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) entitled: Adapting Livestock Systems to Climate Change (ALS-CC) Collaborative Research Support Program (ALS-CC CRSP) The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. This CRSP activity will be a Leader with Associates (LWA) assistance award. The successful applicant will be awarded a five-year Cooperative Agreement Leader Award with responsibility for managing a worldwide program of research and outreach activities intended to provide results in multiple countries and/or regions. A five-year extension may be provided, subject to the following three criteria: (1) a record of good performance during the first five-year period; (2) availability of Agency funding; and (3) continued relevance of the CRSP to the overall Agency portfolio and development priorities. The applicant is required to submit a technical and cost application as detailed in Section A. The Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives of this CRSP. Please refer to the Program Description (Section 1) for a complete statement of goals and expected results. Additional related activities may be awarded by USAID missions or other USAID offices as Associate Awards. These Associate Awards are not competed, but rather are awarded under the Leader agreement and are subject to the provisions of the Leader award. Associate Awards may be either cooperative agreements or grants. As of June 10, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is August 11, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Yerevan - The USAID/Armenia is seeking applications from qualified and eligible organizations to implement the "Small-Scale Infrastructure Program". The objective of this program is to create short-term employment through implementation of small-scale infrastructure projects which will rehabilitate social/economic infrastructure, improve public-communal services in the selected villages working on the projects. The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. USAID intends to make available up to \$2,307,928.00 and award a single Cooperative Agreement. Program implementation is expected to be fully completed within two years. It is anticipated that award will be made in mid-September, 2009. As of July 10, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is August 17, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Bangkok - USAID/RDMA intends to support a new US-China environmental partnership program focusing on clean energy solutions that promote real and sustainable reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Public or private U.S. educational institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are eligible to submit applications to this Request for Applications (RFA). As of June 26, 2009 the **closing date of this announcement is August 17, 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 organizations, or an Institution of Higher Education for a program titled, "Strengthening Health Outcomes through the Private Sector (SHOPS)." 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 build upon its decades of support for and leadership in private health sector programming and its extensive work in expanding contraceptive choices and Family Planning (FP) and Reproductive Health (RH) programs. The purpose of the agreement is to increase the role of the private sector in the sustainable provision and use of quality FP/RH, HIV/AIDS and other health information, products, and services. Specifically, USAID is seeking assistance to:

- Strengthen global support for state-of-the-art private sector FP/RH and other health models, approaches and tools;
- Advance knowledge about and understanding of private sector provision of FP/RH and other health information, products and services; and
- Strengthen key private health sector systems and initiate, implement and scale-up innovative, effective and sustainable private sector FP/RH and other health programs.

As of July 9, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is August 20, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Kampala - This Request for Applications (RFA) describes a two-year, \$4,300,000 Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Threshold Program project designed to assist the Government of Rwanda (GOR) to strengthen civic participation in Rwanda at the national level by facilitating effective and meaningful engagement between government, civil society, and citizens. This project aims to address the MCC indicators described in this RFA by strengthening the effective engagement between government, civil society, and citizens at the national level in the areas of policy-making, decision-making, and development planning. The principal goal of Rwanda's Threshold Program and of this national CSO project is to positively impact the country's MCC Ruling Justly indicators, specifically Political Rights, Civil Liberties, and Voice and Accountability. As of July 22, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is August 21, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Kiev - The Moldova Civil Society Strengthening Program aims to help strengthen representative democracy in Moldova through support for a constituent-driven, financially viable civil society sector. The proposed program shifts from previous donor-driven approaches to civil society assistance to focus on the provision of hands-on, on-site technical assistance towards:

- Enhancing the skills of civil society organizations to effectively represent citizen interests
- Improving the governance and management of civil society organizations
- Strengthening the legal and fiscal framework for civil society
- Promoting the diversification of financial resources available to civil society organizations

It is envisioned that technical assistance will follow a two-track method in which 1) civil society organizations will competitively apply to receive on-site mentoring in targeted areas and 2) the program will coordinate with other donors to provide related institutional and programmatic grant support. Expected results include the passage and implementation of key laws and regulations necessary for the sustainability of civil society, a wider pool of civil society organizations benefiting from multiple funding sources, and an increased number of civil society organizations demonstrating the ability to respond to the needs of citizens and earn the support of individuals, businesses, and the government. As of July 22, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is August 25, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/IFRP/FFP - USAID is seeking applications (proposals for funding) from U.S. non-profit organizations for the production, packaging, and stockpiling of

shelf-stable, prepackaged commodities to be distributed under the International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) program. Please refer to the Program Description for a complete description. Subject to the availability of funds, under this Request for Assistance (RFA), USAID/DCHA/Office of Food for Peace (FFP) plans to enter into awards for a maximum of \$5,500,000 each year for up to three years. Final amount may be less than this level to ensure sufficient funds for a strong distribution program. The anticipated award date is o/a December 2009, with production and availability to be required within six months of the award. USAID intends to award up to two (2) grants under this RFA. Please see this RFA in its entirety, including all SECTIONS, at the following web address: http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/ffp/ifrp.html. As of June 10, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is August 25, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Guatemala City - USAID Guatemala, is seeking application from organizations to implement a Public-private Alliances Program to support development objectives of USAID/Missions under the Central America and Mexico (CAM) Regional Strategy for a 57-month period, subject to the availability of funds as described in the following Request for Applications. This award is authorized in accordance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The purpose of the Public-private Alliances Program is to support development objectives of USAID/Missions under the Central America and Mexico (CAM) Regional Strategy. As of July 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is September 3, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Dhaka - The USAID Mission in Dhaka, Bangladesh seeks applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified organizations to implement a project entitled "Promoting Talent Through Early Education (PROTEEVA)" in Bangladesh ". Through this award, USAID/Bangladesh seeks to prepare children for school, as well as prepare the schools for the children. This school readiness program will provide opportunities for five year olds by providing one year of pre-primary school education and after school educational activities for pre-school and primary school students. The project will also work with the teachers and stakeholders of primary education at the community and national levels to ensure greater accountability and adaptation of best Early Childhood and Development (ECD) practices at the policy planning level. This program is a follow-on activity to USAID's current Early Learning for School Success (SUCCEED) program. The expected duration of the project is five years, depending on performance and availability of funding. The total two year cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$12,000,000 to \$14,200,000. As of July 23, 2009 the closing date is September 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Moscow - The central intent of this program is to help to improve the lives of Russia's vulnerable children by strengthening the child welfare system. In addition, it will focus on consolidating best practices in child welfare and on developing enhanced tools to support regional child welfare reforms. As of July 23, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is September 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Pretoria – The USAID Mission to Mozambique (USAID/Mozambique) requests applications for a results-oriented five year project to improve HIV clinical services in Manica, Niassa, Sofala and Tete provinces within a strengthened, comprehensive primary health care system. USAID/Mozambique plans to award either a single cooperative agreement or multiple agreements for one or more provinces. As of July 31, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is September 14, 2009. For more information, [click](#)

[here.](#)

USAID/ODP - The Office of Development Partners (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.](#)

USAID/Peru - USAID/Peru seeks to develop innovative alliances that decrease malnutrition (chronic and micronutrient malnutrition, particularly anemia) in children in support of the Government of Peru's malnutrition (CRECER) strategy (see attached background information). The alliance will stimulate and encourage action by regional and local governments to increase effectiveness of their nutrition programs. USAID will give priority to innovative, private-sector driven interventions including, but not limited to, the following examples: nutrition education, Micronutrient administration, improved water and sanitation (i.e. – hand washing, access to potable water, etc.), improved household practices (i.e. – improved kitchens, etc.), food access (particularly high biological protein sources), and increased access to quality healthcare (including prenatal care, treatment and prevention of childhood illnesses such as diarrhea and respiratory infections, etc.). As of July 2, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

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/OFDA – The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information to prospective applicants so they may develop and submit applications for USAID funding. The USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance 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](#).

NEW! USAID/Pretoria - This Annual Program Statement (APS) is intended to solicit applications covering a broad range of interventions—in terms of intended beneficiaries, sectors, and locations—with the ultimate goal of restoring livelihoods. The objectives of this APS are Livelihoods Restored and Maintained/Economy Stabilized and Growing, Increased Income and Employment Generated by the Agricultural Sector. As of July 27, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is February 27, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Cairo - This Annual Program Statement (APS) is the method by which USAID/Egypt supports the Civil Society Program conducted under the authority of the 1961 Foreign Assistance Act, as amended. Through this APS, USAID/Egypt intends to support programs of Egyptian non-governmental organizations. Eligible organizations interested in receiving funding for programs and activities under the Civil Society Program are invited to carefully read this APS in its entirety and to follow the grant application guidance in order to apply for funds. There is a two stage application process consisting of the submission of an initial concept paper and then – upon invitation by USAID – the submission of a full application. Initial concept papers may be submitted in English or in Arabic. However, full applications must be submitted in English. USAID plans to hold a general information session on the APS on August 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at USAID. All interested applicants are welcome to attend. As of June 29, 2009 the closing date of this APS is April 30, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

(check out 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

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals to support a culture of compliance in Central America and the Dominican Republic. Approximately \$900,000 is available. Background: In the free trade agreement signed by the United States and the countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic (CAFTA-DR) in August 2004, each party committed itself to effectively enforcing its own labor laws and to developing cooperative activities in priority labor areas. A key priority identified by the CAFTA-DR Vice-Ministers responsible for trade and labor in the April 2005 report (http://www.iadb.org/trade/1_english/pub/labor-CADR.pdf) entitled The Labor Dimension in Central America and the Dominican Republic (known as the "White Paper") was the need to promote a "culture of compliance" to increase respect for labor rights in law and practice. In the Department of State's budget for fiscal year 2008, Congress made funding available to support cooperative activities to build capacity and strengthen respect for labor rights in the CAFTA-DR countries. As of July 2, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is August 3, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - (1) Proposed activities should support Sudanese refugee reintegration via programs in return communities in Jonglei, Upper Nile, and Blue Nile States. PRM will consider reintegration activities in the following areas: health, primary education, and water/sanitation. (2) Proposals should focus on areas of high refugee return where refugee returnees make up at least 50% of targeted beneficiaries in communities in Jonglei, Upper Nile and/or Blue Nile States. While any proposals targeting areas of high refugee return in these three states will be considered for funding, PRM will prioritize programs targeting underserved populations in Pochalla and/or Akobo Counties in Jonglei State, Maiwut, Longuchuk, Nasir and/or Maban Counties in Upper Nile State and Kurmuk County in Blue Nile State. Proposals should specify current and projected refugee returnee population numbers in proposed locations as documented by the UN Office for

Migration (IOM), etc.

the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and/or appropriate Sudanese authorities. (3) PRM will accept proposals from any NGO that is able to satisfy these guidelines although, given our budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: - a working relationship with UNHCR and UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and/or overall country program; - a proven track record in providing assistance to Sudanese refugee returnees in both the sector(s) and specified location(s) covered in the submission; - evidence of coordination with and support from local authorities for proposed project (please note that for any NGO project that PRM funds, PRM will share budget and project activity information with appropriate ministries and local authorities in Sudan and with other USG entities involved with reconstruction efforts); - evidence of coordination with development organizations in the proposed region of work and a well-developed transition strategy; and - appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations supporting reintegration. - appropriate consideration in implementation plan of programmatic limitations due to the rainy season (approximately May – October). As of July 22, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is August 13, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Human Resources - The Department of State announces an open competition for one assistance award to conduct all programmatic, financial and administrative activities for the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program. The Pickering Program is designed to recruit and develop new talent for the Department's Foreign Service. It provides students with funding over a two year period to assist in the completion of their undergraduate and graduate degrees. Upon completion of the graduate degree, students enter the Department's Foreign Service. The award is anticipated to be made in September/October 2009. Applicants should submit proposals for new FY2010 students only. This grant will provide for the selection of 31 students in FY2010. Pending successful implementation of this program and availability of funds in subsequent fiscal years, the Department may renew the grant for a period of not less than two additional fiscal years before openly competing the program again. As each year adds new fellows to the program, applicants must demonstrate the ability to handle multiple years of cohorts. As of July 23, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is August 14, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration - Limited funding is available to support NGOs and/or IOs working with UNHCR in southern Sudan in support of DRC refugees. Current funding priorities are as follows: (1) Activities that support specifically the influx of DRC refugee arrivals in Western and/or Central Equatoria, southern Sudan. Proposals should specify refugee population numbers and/or projections in proposed locations. Priority sectors should include water and sanitation, emergency health and nutrition, and primary education. Target beneficiaries, sectors and proposed programs should be developed in full coordination with UNHCR. (2) Organizations with an existing presence in the location and demonstrated capacity in the proposed sector of intervention. Organizations that are not already operational in the target areas are discouraged from submitting proposals. (3) Interventions that are coordinated with UNHCR and designed to fill gaps in current efforts to provide basic assistance to newly arrived refugees. Interventions must target a minimum of 60% refugees while considering impact on hosting communities. All proposals must demonstrate a working relationship with UNHCR as well as UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities. (4) Interventions that are coordinated with the host government and other international and non-

governmental organizations working in the area. Note: PRM shares project information with counterparts to identify most effective interventions and ensure complementarity of funding. (5) Projects with an immediate impact and concrete plan for completion and/or transition to a longer-term funding source. All proposals must include an exit strategy or handover plan. Please note that in funding a project one year, PRM makes no representations that it will continue to fund the project in successive years should the current refugee situation in Western and Central Equatoria States continue. PRM will accept proposals from any NGO that is able to satisfy these guidelines although priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate:

- a concrete implementation plan with well-conceived objectives and indicators that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and reliable, and time bound and traceable (SMART), have established baselines, and at least one impact indicator per objective (please see FY2009 General PRM NGO guidelines for more on objective and indicators). Each proposed objective should be followed by a list of quantitative indicators of success.
- a budget that is appropriate for meeting the objectives, includes a budget summary, and demonstrates co-funding by non-PRM sources.

As of July 27, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is August 17, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs - Executive Summary: The United States Government, represented by the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Office of Africa, Asia, Europe Programs (State/INL/AAE), is seeking applications from qualified U.S. organizations with the requisite capability and experience to support rule of law programming in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Specifically, organizations will be asked to provide assistance, judicial training and consultation to criminal justice sector professionals and victims, on gender based violence. . The Grant award will be up to \$1,000,000 for a period of two years. I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES DESCRIPTION Summary The Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) announces an open competition for an assistance award. Organizations may submit grant proposals for a program to facilitate the implementation of rule of law assistance related to combating/prosecuting GBV crimes. Democratic Republic of Congo Background In recent years the DRC has experienced an epidemic proportion of GBV crimes, used to further conflict and act as a weapon of war. State/INL hopes to offer assistance through funding a much needed GBV program in the DRC. This program will be a powerful tool to combat the high trend of GBV crimes that occur all too frequently in the DRC as well as help restore dignity to victims while empowering them back into society. As of July 21, 2009 **the closing date for this announcement is August 20, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

Mission to Turkey -The Public Affairs section of the U.S. Embassy in Ankara invites Turkish non-governmental, non-profit organizations to submit funding proposals for a nationwide youth innovation and entrepreneurship program in Turkey. The goal of this program is to nurture creativity among Turkish high school students while allowing them to acquire entrepreneurship skills and to create formal and informal ties between Turkish and American youth engaged in business education. Proposal components may include but are not limited to distribution of educational materials, series of trainings, web-based education, information fairs, media events as well as exchange programs. Requested funding for the program will last for 18 months and may not exceed \$200,000. Applicants are encouraged to seek co-funding from non-U.S. Government sources. Strong preference will be given to partnership projects (coalition of two or preferably more Turkish NGOs). Deadline for submissions of proposals is August 21, 2009. Programs should commence in September, 2009. As of July 22, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is August 22, 2009.** For more

information, [click here](#).

Iraq Assistance Office - The purpose of this announcement is to inform interested parties about funding opportunities through grants or cooperative agreements to provide technical assistance to Iraq to improve anti-corruption measures in Iraq and support the development of a more robust civil society. The Department of State invites proposals from qualified U.S. and non-U.S. organizations with specific functional expertise in the program areas described in this announcement. Organizations that submit applications in response to this announcement acknowledge and accept that travel to and from Iraq may be required for project performance and that personal security will be in accordance with the current Department of State policies and as further discussed in this announcement. This announcement serves as public notice to all interested parties to have equal opportunity to submit project proposals for funding consideration. All submissions in response to this announcement are voluntary and do not obligate the Department of State to fund any proposal or proposal preparation costs. As of July 24, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is August 31, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for one or more assistance awards to administer the Community College Initiative Program, which will support study by international undergraduate students at accredited U.S. community colleges. The Program provides quality educational programs, professional development, employment skills and a first-hand understanding of American society to underserved, non elite international students, particularly women, who already have some work experience. The Bureau anticipates supporting students from developing countries in every world region in this program including (subject to change) such countries as Brazil, Indonesia, Pakistan, and South Africa, as well as other countries. Community college consortia and other associations of community colleges meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 501 (c) may submit proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration and implementation of the 2010 Community College Initiative Program. For planning purposes, the Bureau invites proposals from eligible organizations for a program at a total funding level of approximately \$8.5 million pending availability of FY2010 resources. Applicants may apply to administer the entire program or a portion thereof. Applicant organizations should indicate the number of participants that can be accommodated at the requested funding level based on detailed calculations of program and administrative costs. In order to maximize the number of participants under this program, it is the Bureau's expectation that significant institutional and private sector funding and cost sharing will be made available by cooperating institutions. We anticipate that approximately 250 to 275 students will participate in the FY2010 program. As of July 23, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is September 25, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).