



# The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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## *Letter from the Director*

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This past week, USAID Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham spoke at the Second Annual Haitian Diaspora Unity Congress. Please read on to learn more about USAID's work in Haiti. Links to his remarks and to more information on the announced Haitian Diaspora Marketplace are below.

Back in June, the CFBCI hosted a conference call with the USAID Office of Food for Peace: International Food Relief Program (IFRP) staff. Many IFRP grantees are first-time USAID partners. To read the minutes from that meeting, look under the "Helpful Tools" section.

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

Warmest regards,

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HELPFUL TOOLS & INFORMATION

## International Food Relief Program Conference Call Minutes

To read the minutes from this call, [click here.](#)

On June 25<sup>th</sup> the CFBCI hosted a conference call with USAID's Food for Peace - International Food Relief Program staff. For more than 50 years, USAID's Food for Peace (FFP) program has brought hope and nourishment to the hungry corners of the world. Approximately 3 billion people in 150 countries have benefited directly from our food.

The secret of Food for Peace's success lies in the unique combination of American compassion together with the unmatched efficiency of our nation's farmers. The call focused on the FFP [International Food Relief Partnership \(IFRP\)](#) and how your organization can get involved. To read more, [click here.](#)

## USAID Acting Administrator Addresses Haitian Diaspora Unity Congress

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To read Acting Administrator Fulgham's remarks from this event, [click here.](#)



Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham talks to the media during his visit to Haiti Aug. 11.

WASHINGTON, DC. - The U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Acting Administrator, Alonzo Fulgham, addressed attendees of the Haitian Diaspora Unity Congress Sunday in Miami Beach, Fla. Fulgham's remarks before the members of the International Congress of the Haitian Diaspora focused on USAID's initiatives to assist Haiti in partnership with members of the Diaspora. Other VIPs who addressed the Congress were Haiti's Prime Minister Michelle Pierre-Louis and former President Bill Clinton.

In his remarks, Fulgham discussed the launch of the Diaspora Market Place, a partnership with USAID and Haiti's Sogebank Foundation that will provide \$2 million in resources to support investments by members of the Diaspora with small and medium enterprises in Haiti. Fulgham also praised the Haitian Diaspora for its role in assisting with the response to natural disasters and other crises that have affected Haiti in the last year; and encouraged continued assistance, USAID's programs support the Haitian government in its efforts to promote stability; implement democratic reforms, build public institutions, and provide access to services for its citizens, particularly in health, education, HIV/AIDS services, food security and response to natural disasters in addition to working to increase economic growth and job opportunities.

Fulgham served from 1984 to 1986 as a Peace Corps volunteer in Port-au-Prince, where he worked with the Government of Haiti and local groups to enhance Haiti's competitiveness through export promotion. Following his attendance at the Congress, Fulgham departed for a 2-day official visit to Haiti to meet with government officials and conduct oversight of USAID programs.

**TO READ ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FULGHAM'S REMARKS FROM THIS EVENT, [CLICK HERE.](#)**

## HDM - Haitian Diaspora Marketplace

Fact Sheet

Background:

USAID partnered with Fondation Sogebank to establish the Haitian Diaspora Marketplace (HDM), a two-year pilot program designed to encourage Haitians living abroad to contribute to Haiti's economic development by investing in Haiti. Diaspora entrepreneurs have unique human and financial

To access the HDM Fact Sheet online, [click here.](#)

expertise that is instrumental to the Government of Haiti's interest in advancing more productive public-private investments. This program allows for the creation and reinforcement of small businesses in key sectors, such as agriculture, tourism, assembly, and information and communication technology.

**Objective:**

The project's overall objective is to stimulate the Diaspora's direct investment in Haiti through a cost-sharing mechanism called the Haitian Diaspora Challenge Fund, which is aimed at promoting business opportunities, job creation and wealth generation via foreign and local business partnerships. This initiative will allow the Diaspora to more fully realize its potential for investing in productive business activities that will broaden and deepen recovery and creation of livelihood opportunities.

**Activities:**

The HDM will provide access to grant funding opportunities to Diaspora entrepreneurs and will also offer technical assistance to the businesses. The implementation phase of the grants component will include USAID contributions ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 U.S. dollars with a 2:1 minimum cost-sharing requirement. Grant applications must include business plans for sustainable activities that will be implemented with the participation of Haitian businesses. Competitors will also be required to provide detailed plans for sustainable business activities in Haiti. Business development and other technical support will be available to the grantees. As part of this initiative, credit guaranty programs with local Haitian banks will provide improved access to credit entrepreneurs from the Diaspora.

**Funding:**

USAID support: \$ 2,000,000

FSGB support: \$ 500,000

Other international donors, as well as private sector foundations or businesses, have been invited to contribute to the fund.

**Life of Program:**

Project will be implemented over a two year-period from July 2009 to July 2011

**Implementing Mechanism and Partner:**

The HDM will be implemented by Fondation Sogebank while partnering closely with Haitian public authorities such as the Ministry of Commerce, Agriculture and Tourism.

**Anticipated Results Over Life of Program:**

At the conclusion of this program, HDM will have supported the creation and/or reinforcement of approximately 20 local businesses, particularly in regions outside of Port-au-prince, in key productive sectors through the transfer of knowledge and capital by Haitians living abroad, This pilot project will be a stepping stone for not only Fondation Sogebank but also for other financial institutions to facilitate business investment by the Haitian Diaspora.

## African Diaspora Marketplace Program Receives 733 Business Plan Proposals for Economic Growth in African Communities

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### FULL ARTICLE

WASHINGTON, D.C. and DENVER - August 13, 2009 - The inaugural African Diaspora Marketplace (ADM) closed its call for proposals and has exceeded expectations by collecting 733 business proposals. The ADM is a business entrepreneurship program fostering economic development ideas from U.S.-based African diaspora to create plans for sustainable start-up and established businesses in 19 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. A collaboration between Western Union and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the ADM aims to leverage the know-how and commitment of diaspora communities to help address poverty and unemployment issues in the region.

"We are thrilled to have received so many proposals for the launch of this pilot program," said Alonzo Fulgham, Acting USAID Administrator. "The African Diaspora Marketplace provides a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs with great ideas and dedication to support economic development in Africa. This incredible response underscores the enormous demand for this type of partnership."

"Through remittances, diaspora are among the strongest and most consistent financial supporters of their countries of origin. By removing some of the barriers to job-creating investment, the ADM provides a new way for diaspora entrepreneurs to generate more sustainable economic opportunity," said Anne McCarthy, Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Western Union.

The ADM will award matching grants of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to approximately 10-20 small-and-medium businesses with the strongest proposals for boosting economic opportunity and job creation in Sub-Saharan Africa. The initial business proposals will undergo review by a panel of independent reviewers, and finalists will be announced in late October 2009. ..

TO READ THIS ARTICLE IN ITS ENTIRETY, [CLICK HERE.](#)

## USAID Partners with Chevron Corporation and the CLUSA to Promote Agricultural Development in Angola

### Fact Sheet

August 9, 2009

USAID has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Chevron Corporation and the Cooperative League of the United States of America (CLUSA) to assist Angola in diversifying its economy by revitalizing small and medium scale commercial farming, and promoting agricultural development that is environmentally friendly, socially just and economically sustainable.

#### Benefits of Implementation

The partnership between USAID, Chevron and the CLUSA will enable farmers to develop and improve the commercial viability of their products and services. The mechanisms the partnership will use to assist Angola in reaching its agricultural sector development include:

- Providing finance, business and training support to small and medium scale farmers and related agricultural enterprises;
- Strengthening the capacity of agrarian schools;
- Providing assistance to non-governmental organizations that deliver

savings and credit products to small and medium scale farmers and related agricultural enterprises;

- Technical assistance to commercial banks providing wholesale lending to rural finance institutions; and

- Financing and support to private sector-based agricultural initiatives that promote sustainable, integrated value chains that link producers, input suppliers, financiers, buyers and other agribusinesses.

#### USAID's Partnership with Chevron and CLUSA

Since the beginning of their partnership in 2002, 2,371 producers and other agribusinesses, of which 19 percent are women, have received training and access to loans, and more than \$1.4 million in loans have been given to Angolan farmers for production and distribution of coffee, potatoes, and bananas.

To build on the successes of this partnership, USAID, Chevron and CLUSA will coordinate technical assistance and research to promote environmentally friendly resource management agricultural and agribusiness practices and will serve as the facilitators of "best practices" to country-level partners. They will work together to monitor the impact, effectiveness, and sustainability of their support to agricultural activities.

### 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?
- [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?

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

**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

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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/La Paz** - The USAID/Bolivia Mission intends to support communities throughout Bolivia in meeting their basic needs. The purpose of this CA will be to assist underdeveloped communities to resolve specific, self-identified problems through small grants. The objectives are to a) finance small development activities, to respond to immediate needs of poor Bolivians in ways that build local problem-solving capacities, and b) contribute to promoting better understanding of the USG and its development assistance through people-level impact activities. As of August 3, 2009, [the closing date of this announcement is August 31, 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/Kampala** - USAID/Uganda anticipates making a \$30 million five-year competitive award to improve access to comprehensive and quality HIV/AIDS services through networks of faith based organizations. The activity will be implemented through the health and social service structures of Uganda's five traditional as well as Pentecostal religious institutions. As of August 6, 2009, [the closing date of this announcement is September 8, 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 August 14, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is September 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Tanzania** - The purpose of this solicitation and the resulting award, is to assist the Ministry of Education and Vocation Training (MoEVT) to upgrade lower secondary teachers, and especially those teaching pre-primary, through in-service training delivered by radio. The agreement seeks to build upon previous innovations and expand the radio-based capacity of MoEVT to develop and deliver in-service teacher training. As of August 10, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is September 9, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**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](#).

**NEW! USAID/Kathmandu** - USAID/Nepal is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified organizations to implement a program entitled "Strengthening Rehabilitation in District Environs (STRIDE)." USAID/Nepal's primary objective with the STRIDE project is to improve the quality of services for victims of war and others who have suffered mobility-related injuries and community-based follow up for beneficiaries of the services. A complementary objective is to improve access to rehabilitation, including selective provision of treatment to people living with disability who are in extreme financial need. Coordination between government and other disability sector actors is an important tertiary objective. USAID seeks an appropriate balance between the number of persons benefited and the reach of the program into remote areas, with a balanced gender approach and incorporating social inclusion values. USAID plans to award one cooperative agreement with a total estimated amount of \$1.2 million, subject to the availability of funds, but reserves the right to make multiple awards if it deems that preferable. The award is intended to cover a period of three years after award. USAID encourages applications from potential new partners. As of August 17, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is September 18, 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](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/ffp/ifrp.html). As of July 27, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is September 25, 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](#)

**NEW! USAID/Dhaka** – USAID/Bangladesh is issuing this Request for Applications (RFA) for a five-year, Cooperative Agreement titled Promoting Democratic Institutions and Practices (PRODIP), to support democratic governance in Bangladesh. The purpose of this agreement will be to support and sustain Bangladesh's progress in democratic reform and popular participation. Key objectives for this activity will be to strengthen the Bangladesh Parliament and to enhance the role of civil society in political governance. The overall objective of this activity is to ensure that the Parliament is strengthened as an effective, open and

accountable body of democratic governance. As of August 17, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is **October 5, 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/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](#).

**USAID/Jakarta** – The USAID Mission to Indonesia is seeking applications from U.S. institutions of higher education that support USAID/Indonesia's development strategy through partnership activities between institutions of higher education in Indonesia and the United States. As of August 10, 2009, **the closing date of this announcement is August 9, 2010**. For more information, [click here](#).

## U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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**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/AEA), 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 Democracy, Human Rights and Labor** - SUMMARY The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that support elections, promote political participation and consensus building for countries in Africa (Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, and Uganda), the Near East (Lebanon and Tunisia), and South Asia (Afghanistan). TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS Proposals should conform to DRL's posted Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI), available at <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/p/c26119.htm>. As of August 13, 2009, **the closing date of this announcement is September 14, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor** - 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 human rights and the rule of law; civil society; and media freedom and freedom of information in North Korea. REQUESTED PROPOSAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: DRL invites organizations to submit proposals outlining program concepts and capacity to manage projects targeting North Korea: 1. Human Rights and Rule of Law (approximately \$750,000 available): DRL seeks proposals for projects to improve the internal North Korean human rights situation, including those that address rule of law and women's rights. Applicants should demonstrate a clear linkage between proposed activities and their intended impact inside the country. 2. Civil Society (approximately \$750,000 available): DRL seeks proposals for projects to build the capacity of both South Korean- and defector- led organizations to collaborate and to more effectively advocate for change in North Korea. 3. Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (approximately \$1,000,000 available): DRL seeks proposals for projects that increase the flow of information in, within, and out of North Korea, including through exchanges and training programs in the East Asia Pacific region. As of August 13, 2009, **the closing date of this announcement is September 15, 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](#).