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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

We are proud to produce another newsletter full of up-to-date USAID news, useful tools and inspiring stories. This week's newsletter includes registration information for the Ghana Civil Society Aid Effectiveness Forum coming up in Accra. We are also featuring another useful tool from the HHS Sustainability Program on, "Financial Management," be sure not to miss any of this helpful information!

We are constantly updating our Grant Opportunities section but be sure to check out grants.gov for the most up-to-date information, as grants can be edited on a daily basis.

Warmest regards,

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USAID Press.....*USAID Expedites Emergency Food Aid to Horn of Africa,*

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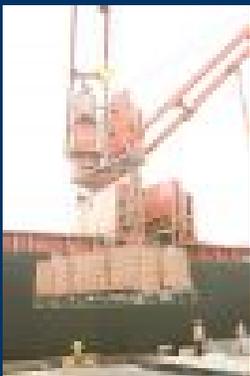
Grant Opportunities..... USAID and U.S. Department of State

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USAID PRESS

USAID EXPEDITES EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO HORN OF AFRICA

Photos of the ship being loaded.



WASHINGTON, DC -- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is expediting the shipment of nearly 24,000 metric tons (MT) of food aid to help the millions of people in need of assistance in the Horn of Africa. The shipment includes 9,390 MT of split yellow peas, 6,150 MT of vegetable oil, 6,320 MT of corn soy blend, and 1,400 MT of wheat flour. This is only one of multiple strategies USAID is implementing to alleviate impacts of the world food crisis in that region and elsewhere around the world. USAID's Office of Food for Peace plans to provide over 1 million MT of food, valued at more than \$857 million, to Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya and Djibouti in fiscal year 2008 in response to the drought emergency affecting the Horn of Africa.

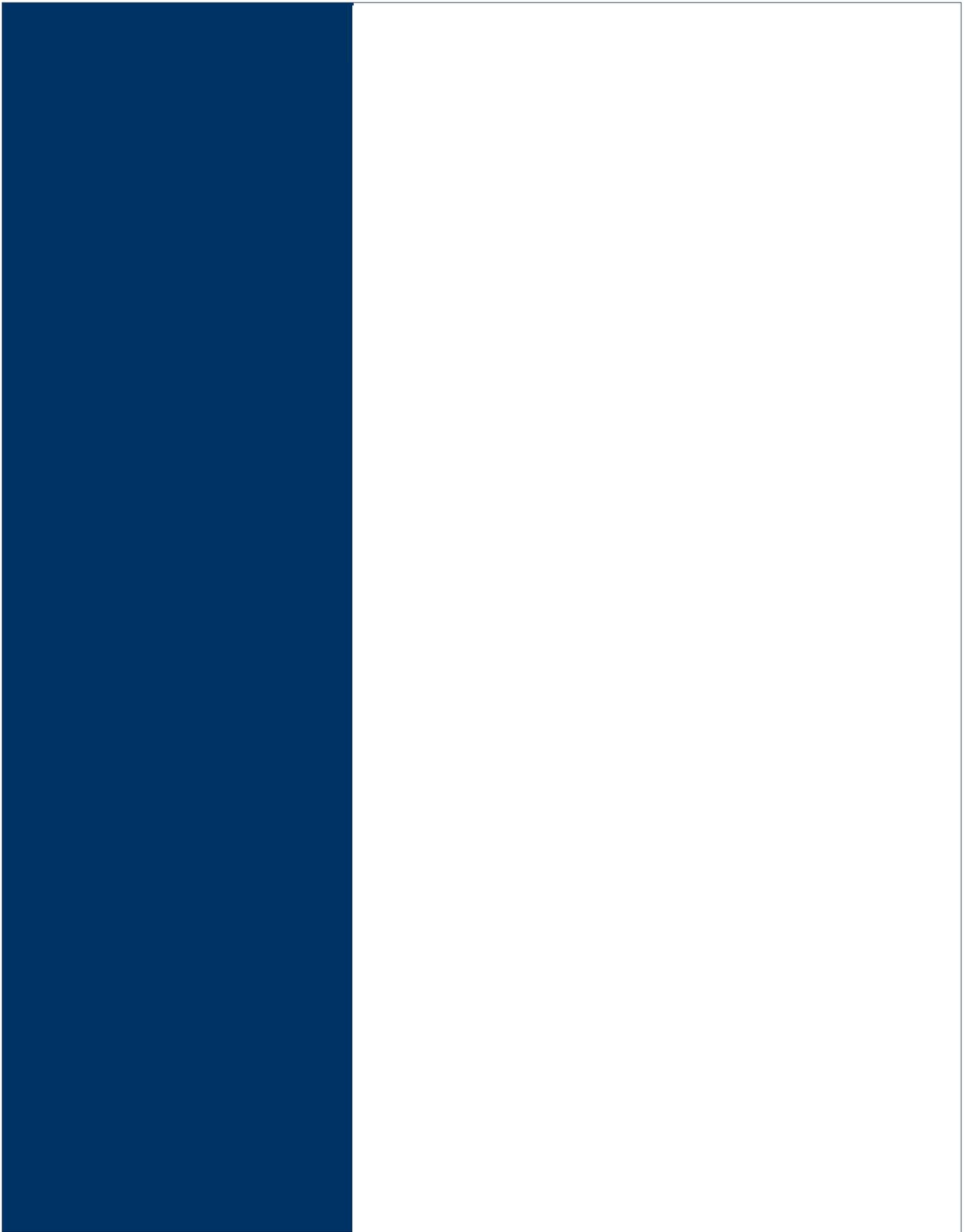
"USAID is committed to helping the people in the Horn of Africa who have been so greatly affected by drought, civil insecurity, and rising local and global food prices," said USAID Administrator Henrietta H. Fore. "Our team in the region is working tirelessly to get aid to those in need as soon as possible."

This expedited shipment is expected to arrive in port in the Horn of Africa approximately 10 weeks after the food aid tender was issued. The food was loaded onto a vessel that is scheduled to depart the Port of Houston this week and is expected to arrive at port in the Horn of Africa in mid-September. Delivery of U.S.-purchased food aid commodities to the Horn of Africa generally takes four to six months because of the time required to transport the food to a U.S. port, load it onto a cargo ship and transport the commodities to an African port.

In another move to speed food to Ethiopia and Somalia, where needs are greatest, USAID reached an agreement this month with the UN World Food Program (WFP) to purchase emergency food aid in Africa for those countries. While the vast bulk of USAID's emergency food aid contributions continue to originate in the United States, procuring food aid commodities in a country or region where the food aid is used can improve humanitarian response time and reduce costs.

USAID will also begin more than 20 new multi-year assistance programs in 10 developing countries, including Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Mali and Niger. Designed to reduce food insecurity over a three- to five-year period, these programs target the most vulnerable population groups in these countries and include activities to improve agriculture and natural resource management, health and household nutrition, education and micro enterprise.

The United States is the largest donor of food aid in the world and has provided more than \$2.2 billion in food aid worldwide, to date, in fiscal year 2008. In 2007, USAID provided 88 percent of U.S. international food aid and 39 percent of all global food aid.



Register for the Ghana Civil Society Aid Effectiveness Forum

For more information on registration, [click here.](#)



The Ghana Civil Society Aid Effectiveness Forum was established in May 2007 to mobilize Ghanaian civil society to engage with and influence the 2008 High Level Forum (HLF) that will be held in Accra to review the Paris Declaration on international development aid. The forum would also provide secretarial support to the International Civil Society Parallel Conference on aid effectiveness. There will be a number of CSO workshops, be sure to sign-up! Click [here](#) to visit site.

USAID Video



USAID's Rebecca Gustafson

[19-Aug-2008] The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has announced plans to expedite an estimated 24,000 metric tons of food to the Horn of Africa. The shipment, USAID's Rebecca Gustafson reports, is part of an emergency assistance plan and will be divvied to those who need it most. Gustafson says the U.S. government has donated more than \$800 million in emergency relief to the Horn of Africa since January 2008. Available video includes sound bites from Gustafson and general views of a USAID food shipment. To view the video, [click here.](#)

Sustaining Grassroots Community-Based Programs: A Toolkit for Community- and Faith-Based Service Providers

Provided by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Upcoming Topics

- ✓ Sustainability Strategies: Funds Development and Fund Raising
- ✓ Results- Oriented Evaluations

Financial Management

Donors and funders of organizations expect money to be managed well and for the organization to hold itself accountable to produce reliable financial information. Basic financial management begins with case management and bookkeeping, and an organization needs to know how to generate and analyze financial statements in order to understand its financial health. "Nonprofit organizations should effectively and efficiently use their financial resources to accomplish their missions and should establish clear policies and practices to monitor regularly how funds are used."

Usually the treasurer or another person on the board with at least a basic knowledge and skill in financial management is best suited for handling and managing finances. The treasurer develops systems and practices to manage the finances of the organization and its programs in coordination with board members to:

- Ensure accurate recoding, reliable reporting, and the capacity to analyze and interpret historical and current financial data
- Prepare financial plans and reports



Best Practices

- Keep good records, including copies of all receipts and expenditures. Make sure that all financial data is kept up to date and use generally accepted accounting principles.
- Meet reporting requirements of funding. Create a monthly report of all financial activities. The report should be made available during each board meeting. Specific reports can also be sent to funders if requested.
- Always use funds as they are budgeted.
- Don't hesitate to ask the funding source for help when preparing your budget.
- Learn to leverage and diversify funds.
- Don't use a signature stamp to endorse checks. Doing so puts an organization at risk of potential criminal activity from board members and staff.
- Speak with the funder about money that can't be spent because of how it was budgeted. The funder may want it back or grant a no-cost extension.
- Involve all key stakeholders in the budgeting process.
- Track the status of the budget against actual performance.
- Monitor direct and indirect costs, including allocation of staff time

- Generate financial statements
- Track spending

A high degree of accuracy, reliability of information, and integrity generate public trust in the organization, and ensures its long-term sustainability. A fiscal officer or program manager is usually responsible for preparing the budget, and he/she may decide to either keep a chart of accounts or buy software to manage the funds. Additionally, an outside consultant or certified public accountant can also be hired for this role. Generally board members lend support to the budget process.

For recordkeeping and financial transaction, community and faith-based organizations typically use either the cash basis or accrual basis. Cash basis: relies mainly on a checkbook to track transactions. The amounts for and purposes of the transactions are recorded on the checks.

Accrual basis: Used more for growing organizations. This system uses receipts and a disbursement journal or ledger to track transactions (i.e. A receipt journal to track cash receipts and disbursement journal or ledger to track checks). These items are helpful when developing a "chart of accounts" that some funders review when making funding decisions.

The chart of accounts is a listing of all accounts, and each financial transaction is posted to a chart of accounts according to a particular category. The chart usually has five categories: assets, liabilities, net assets (or fund balances), revenues, and expenses. Numbers are assigned to each transaction and you will have to determine which category the expenditure fits and then assign an account number to the expenditure.

The budget directs fiscal management and operations. To manage the budget properly, organizations must understand revenue, support, expenses, and net operating income.

- Revenue: Income that the organization has earned or received through investments.
- Support: Income that the organization has received through grants and donations.
- Expenses: Usually separated into personnel and non-personnel. Depending on the structure of the organization, salaries may be included as part of your expenses for specific programs and administrative costs and fees. Expenses for each program stem from direct costs of delivering services to the client (i.e. supplies, travel and consultant fees). Some indirect costs, such as rent, may also be allocated to these programs. Many indirect costs are included in the administrative cost line.
- Net operating income: Amount of income expected to realize after payments of mortgages, taxes, insurance, operating fees, and other such expenditures.

Most funders set reporting requirements for the budget, many

to the program, administration, evaluation, and fund-raising activities.

- Ensure that the budget is driven by the mission and objectives and supports operations and evaluation.
- Ensure that the annual budget is tied to outcomes; aligns with available resources; includes staff input; and supports programs, administration, evaluation, and fund-raising.

requiring independent audits or 2-year financial reports. Audits should be performed every year by a CPA, and the auditor should be changed every 3 years to ensure accuracy and thoroughness.

Budgets can be used as a diagnostic tool, giving you the predictive intelligence to detect problems before they have major financial consequences and helping you move from reactive to proactive, profitable financial management. The creation and execution of a budget that supports your organization's strategic goals and drives decision-making is an important part of your organization's success in delivering on its mission.

Core elements contained in the budget include:

- Personnel (i.e. full-time staff, part-time staff with fringe benefits, volunteers)
- Supplies
- Equipment (if more than \$1,000 per item)
- Equipment leases
- Occupancy cost for space
- Travel (local and out of town)
- Training (i.e. conferences, workshops, trainers)
- Other expenses that relate to the program (i.e. telephone service and postage)
- Samples of other budgets are available online from the Nonprofit Financial Center: <http://www.nfconline.org>.

Lifewater International



Water is found in Balakbak, Philippines



William Ashe and orphans assembling a windmill in Baja Mexico in 1968

For more information on Lifewater International, [click here.](#)

“For almost three decades Lifewater has been working to provide safe water to communities around the world. William A. Ashe founded Lifewater International in the late 1970’s. Beginning in the 1960’s, the Ashe family took outings into Baja, Mexico, to help orphanages, camps, and churches install new water systems and pumps. The family’s water pump business was prospering in Southern California, and Bill and Lorraine wanted to teach their children that such blessing brought with it an opportunity to give.

Surprised by the impact they were having by working for safe water, Bill started gathering other water professionals to join him on these trips. The work eventually grew to the place where friends began encouraging Bill to formalize the ministry. The Lifewater name was established in 1978 and a Board of Directors was elected in 1979. Lifewater became a California non-profit corporation on April 26, 1984, and was granted tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) corporation by the IRS in February 1986.

Lifewater has grown tremendously over the past decade. Over the course of five years the requests for assistance and training forced the organization to expand from two people working in the back office of Bill’s pump repair business to a headquarters on the central coast of California with 15 full-time staff. The number of volunteer Field Trainers serving with Lifewater also grew during this time from about 50 to over 250 qualified people.”

South African International Business Linkages (SAIBL)

For more information on SAIBL and partnerships, [click here](#).

SAIBL is a business linkage programme building the competitiveness of black enterprises, through improvements in management, productivity & quality, and use of modern technology, and linking them to domestic & international markets, in sustainable business relationships.

The program has four components namely:

- SME Competitiveness
- Corporations & Linkages
- Business Member Organisations (BMO's) & Business Service Providers (BSP's)
- Knowledge Management & Sharing.

SAIBL at a glance

- Promotes sustainable business linkages between corporations & black enterprises
- Supports corporations with enterprise development and procurement practices
- Supports black enterprises to export to Africa, the US and other markets
- Supports black enterprises with demand driven capacity building and training
- Supports business service providers offering affordable, quality services
- Supports industry associations to improve their governance & member services
- Promotes knowledge and best practices in linkages and enterprise development

Supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), under a Strategic Partnership Agreement with The DTI, the SAIBL programme has funding of R90million (US\$12 million) over a 3-year period from 1 April 2008, with an option to extend for a further 2 years.

Taproot Foundation: Service Grants Program

For more information on the Taproot Foundation, [click here](#).

“Unlike traditional foundations that make cash grants, the Taproot Foundation makes grants of high-quality, professional consulting services, called Service Grants.

Through our Service Grants, we are working to provide high-potential nonprofit organizations with the tools and services necessary to maximize the impact of their critical work in the community. We believe that the right capacity-building Service Grant, at the right time, can greatly enhance the ability of an organization to serve its constituents.

Each Service Grant is executed by a team of professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to help the community. Unlike a lot of pro bono work, we guarantee these professionals will deliver high-quality services, customized to meet specific objectives.

Why Apply for a Service Grant?

- Get tangible tools that will make a meaningful impact on your nonprofit’s ability to accomplish its mission
- Receive professional services that rival those of consulting firms, where you could expect to pay \$30,000 or more for each project
- Maximize your limited time and resources thinking through the tough issues on the project, while we handle the recruitment, screening and management of the pro bono consulting team.

Get Started

- Review our [grant-making process](#) and [grant criteria](#)
- Visit our [grant catalog](#) to see a complete listing of the services we provide
- Walk through the stages of a [typical project](#), so you know what to expect
- [Apply](#) online for the grant that best meets your needs”

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

2008 Global Corporate Citizenship Conference September 18-19, 2008



For more information on the GCLC and the Global Corporate Citizenship Conference, [click here](#).

Don't miss this opportunity. To register, [click here](#).

Public-Private Partnerships for Emerging-Market Development

The accelerated pace of world trade has expanded the influence of business abroad and has brought significant social and economic challenges that require multi-stakeholder approaches and solutions.

BCLC's Global Corporate Citizenship Conference: Public Private Partnerships for Emerging Market Development will bring over 250 business, government and nonprofit leaders together to address these issues and to showcase the many ways that businesses are having a constructive impact on the communities in which they operate.

Participants will:

- Develop important contacts in the international aid community including within government agencies, NGOs, multilateral institutions, and other businesses;
- Learn about the trends and new strategies driving global corporate citizenship;
- Share best practices about the positive contributions businesses are making to society.

A Pre-Conference welcome reception will be held on September 17 at the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Washington, DC.

On September 18, conference sessions will focus on facilitating public-private partnerships, humanitarian issues, sustainability, micro-finance, global food crisis, post-earthquake recovery in China, farmer development, supply chain management, water shortage and much more.

On September 19 NGO and advocacy organizations representing a variety of viewpoints about globalization will make their arguments in a moderated debate to be held in the Chamber's Hall of Flags. The debate will be followed by a panel of corporate commentators who will respond to the questions raised in the debate.

2008 World Water Week in Stockholm

August 17 – 23, 2008

For more information on World Water Week go to www.worldwaterweek.org.

"Progress and Prospects on Water: For a Clean and Healthy World"

"The World Water Week in Stockholm is the leading annual global meeting place for capacity-building, partnership-building and follow-up on the implementation of international processes and programmes in water and development. The theme of the week is Progress and Prospects on Water: For a Clean and Healthy World with Special Focus on Sanitation." – worldwaterweek.org



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

Hungary USAID-Budapest seeks innovative proposals for the Kosovo Partnership for Sustainable Resettlement of Roma, Ashkali, and Egyptian (PSR-RAE) Communities Program. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is September 3, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

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El Salvador USAID-San Salvador is seeking applications for the implementation of a Program Aimed at strengthening the capacity of the National Response for the prevention and provision of HIV/AIDS program in El Salvador. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is September 5, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

East Africa USAID-Kenya is seeking applications for the implementation of a program focused on sexual and gender-based violence. As of August 15, 2008 the closing date on this announcement is September 8, 2008. For more information [click here](#).

Kosovo USAID would like to make a special call for concept papers that relate to the health sector in Kosovo. Specifically, USAID is seeking to partner with qualified institutions willing to devote resources that will help improve the health of women and children in Kosovo. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Iraq USAID-Baghdad is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement the next phase of the Iraq Community Action Program (CAP III). CAP will promote diverse and

representative citizen participation throughout Iraq, will engage and assist local government in articulating and acting on needs identified by communities and will assist innocent victims of military operations. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Sep 30, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID has posted a grant notice for Public Private Partnerships in Ethiopia. The USAID/Nigeria Economic Growth, Partnership and Private Sector (PPS) Team is strongly committed to building public-private partnerships that mobilize resources, expertise, creative approaches, and technologies that address development issues in Nigeria under the Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS). [Click here](#) to view the entire announcement. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Thailand USAID-Bangkok is issuing this Request for Applications to implement an Alternative Development Program to increase licit and commercially viable agricultural-based alternatives for rural Afghans with the goal of significantly reducing and ultimately eradicating poppy production throughout Afghanistan. Subject to the availability of funds, this competitively awarded five year Cooperative Agreement shall focus across those provinces within the north, east and west of Afghanistan where poppy eradication has been showing success, security issues are comparatively reduced and opportunities are most abundant. Examples of current priority provinces are Nangarhar, Nuristan, Kunar and Laghman, Badakhshan, and Takhar. The Agreement shall be outcomes based focused on results. Applicants shall compete with proposed solutions that meet the requirements of the RFA and are tailored to an optimal technical / business approach. The goal is to contribute to the creation of full and part-time and year-round and seasonal jobs, increased sales, strengthened associations, increased exports and improved access to services to promote licit economic growth and positive alternatives to the illicit economy for farmers and non-farmers alike. As of August 14, 2008 , the Question Submittal Date is August 27, 2008 and the closing date for applications is October 27, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Thailand USAID-Bangkok is currently seeking concept papers from qualified non-governmental organizations capable of designing and implementing model projects that will provide support to people with disabilities in Danang and surrounding areas. Programs and activities could include, but are not limited to enhancing earlier intervention for those who are disabled, providing support to existing rehabilitation clinics and services, expanding access of people with disabilities to essential health and education services, initiating or strengthening community based rehabilitation services and support, improving income generation and employment opportunities, strengthening the capacity of local organizations to provide services, improved community-based information around reducing risk exposure, and surveillance and prevention of disability. As of August

15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Dec 04, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Bangladesh USAID-Dhaka is requesting applications to restore livelihoods and provide increased and sustained livelihood opportunities for the cyclone-affected population in southern Bangladesh. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is January 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Nigeria USAID-Abuja has posted a cooperative agreement for registered Nigerian indigenous organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGO), faith-based organizations (FBO), community-based organizations (CBO), foundations, private organizations affiliated with public academic institutions, parastatals, professional organizations, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations willing to forego profit. They are looking for proposals to strengthen civil society to combat HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2009. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Sudan USAID seeks observation applications covering the entirety of the electoral process, from establishment of the National Election Commission through resolution of post-polling disputes. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is February 16, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Kazakhstan 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 August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is June 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

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. For more information, [click here](#).

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U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

International Religious Freedom Programs- The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote international religious freedom as part of overall good governance in the countries in: Near East, with a particular interest in Bahrain, Egypt, Israel and the Occupied Territories, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen; South/Central Asia, with a particular interest in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan; East Asia and the Pacific, with a particular interest in Burma, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, North Korea, and Vietnam; Africa, with a particular interest in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Sudan; and Europe, with a particular interest in Azerbaijan, Kosovo, the Russian Federation, and Turkey. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is September 2, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor- 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, the rule of law, civil society, media freedom and freedom of information in North Korea. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is September 15, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).