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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

The USAID CFBCI has been involved in the CSO Parallel Forum and the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra Ghana over the last few days. Look in "USAID Press" to learn more about the forums and the Paris Declaration. There are also a number of exciting events coming up including the launch of the new Development Grants Program. Information for funding can be found in "Grant Opportunities."

We are also featuring another useful tool from the HHS Sustainability Program on, "Fund Development and Fundraising, Part Two."

Warmest regards,

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AT A GLANCE

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Helpful Tools.....HHS Toolkit for Community and Faith-Based Service Providers: Sustainability Strategies, Part 2

Upcoming Events..... Launch of the Development Grants Program, White House OFBCI Partnership Summit, Conference on Protection of Unaccompanied and Separated Children, 2008 Global Corporate Citizen Conference, Forum on Relief and Development

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

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U.S. Participates in Global Aid Effectiveness Forum

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Henrietta Fore, Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance and Administration of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will lead the U.S. delegation attending the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, scheduled to take place in Accra, Ghana from September 2-4, 2008.

Attended by developing country ministers, heads of bilateral and multilateral development agencies, donor organizations, and civil society organizations from around the world, the common objective of the Forum is to help developing countries and marginalized people in their fight against poverty by making aid more transparent, accountable and results-oriented.

"We have undertaken major reforms to improve our internal processes with the aim of bringing better coordination to the foreign assistance we provide throughout the world," said Fore. "Accra is a vital stepping stone in U.S. efforts to build on and re-energize our mission to ensure that aid is effective."

Though the U.S. is the single largest bilateral provider of foreign assistance, it continues to believe that simply providing increased resources will not, in and of itself, reduce global poverty, eliminate diseases, increase global food security or stimulate economic growth in the developing world.

In addition to increasing the resources for foreign assistance, the U.S. is also firmly committed to improving the quality of its aid in order to maximize development benefits through:

- Strengthening partner country ownership of development policies and programs
- Promoting more effective and inclusive partnerships
- Accountability for resources and results

U.S. Participates in Civil Society Forum on Aid Effectiveness

Market Watch

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The American people, through the U.S. Agency for International Development, have provided economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide for nearly 50 years.

ACCRA, Ghana, September 01, 2008 /PRNewswire-USNewswire via COMTEX/ -- The States Agency for International Development (USAID) participated in the Civil Society Organization (CSO) Parallel Forum on Aid Effectiveness August 31 - September 1. U.S. Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Director Terri Hasdorff highlighted the ever-increasing role of civil society organizations – which include businesses, non-governmental organizations, universities, and faith-based organizations – in development. She discussed innovative approaches to governments' inclusive approach with civil society organizations, in particular, through the U.S. Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

“By leveraging all sectors, USAID has seen tremendous success in expanding partnerships with civil society organizations through innovative approaches like the Faith-Based and Community Initiative and the Global Development Alliance. Through collaboration we can build stronger and more strategic programs throughout the global community,” said Henrietta Fore, Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance and Administrator of USAID.

The Civil Society Parallel Aid Effectiveness Forum brought together more than 400 civil society decision-makers to discuss and finalize their recommendations to the High Level Forum for Aid Effectiveness. The Aid Effectiveness Forum will attract more than 100 donor and partner country ministers, leaders of development agencies, and civil society organizations. Henrietta Fore will lead the U.S. Government delegation at the High Level Forum for Aid Effectiveness, September 2-4, 2008, in Accra, Ghana.

As the single largest bilateral donor, the U.S. Government is firmly committed to leveraging all sectors of civil society to improve the quality of its aid.

USAID Response to Dominican Republic Tropical Storms

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The American people, through USAID, are providing \$50,000 in humanitarian assistance to populations affected by tropical storms in the Dominican Republic.

Between August 15 and 16, Tropical Storm Fay entered the Dominican Republic from the east, moving across the island of Hispaniola and through Haiti, resulting in three continuous days of heavy rainfall and flooding.

On August 25, as Tropical Storm Gustav neared the country's southwestern corner, additional rainfall led to increased flooding in the area and the evacuation of affected populations. As reported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, on August 26, a rise in the level of the Ozama River provoked a mudslide, killing eight people and injuring two in the area of Guadalupe. According to the Dominican Government's Emergency Operations Center, Tropical Storm Gustav displaced 6,000 people, damaged 1,203 houses, and caused 739 people to move to temporary shelters. Both storms damaged infrastructure, including nine of the country's water systems.

By September 2, a third storm, Tropical Storm Hanna, had passed north of the island, bringing additional rainfall and high winds to areas previously affected by Tropical Storms Fay and Gustav.

On September 3, U.S. Ambassador P. Robert Fannin issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the tropical storms. In response, USAID/OFDA is providing \$50,000 through USAID/Dominican Republic for the local procurement and distribution of emergency supplies, including clean water storage containers, personal hygiene kits, and bedding items. The USAID/OFDA regional office in Costa Rica is in close contact with staff from USAID/Dominican Republic and continues to monitor the situation to determine whether additional assistance is needed.

Alternative Development Brings Positive Returns

Poppy-free provinces increase from 13 to 18 as farmers embrace alternative development

Kabul, Afghanistan - U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) efforts to increase the availability of alternative livelihoods for farmers is paying off for Afghanistan in the war against poppy production. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime reports today in its 2008 opium-poppy cultivation report for Afghanistan that the number of poppy-free provinces increased from 13 in 2007 to 18 provinces today and opium cultivation has fallen by 19% nationwide to its lowest level since 2006.

USAID alternative development programs provide the basic economic incentives needed for farmers and laborers to successfully avoid or abandon poppy production, including access to seeds, fertilizers, market roads, and improved irrigation. The north and east provinces, which were formerly poppy-rich areas, have been supported by USAID in their dramatic shift away from poppy in terms of access to short-term employment as well as development focused on the longer-term needs of these agriculturally-rich and strategic provinces.

In the formerly poppy-rich northern and eastern provinces of Badakshan, Takhar, Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, and Nuristan, USAID-funded programs paid approximately \$22 million to 209,000 Afghans to build or repair 700 km of roads and nearly 3,300 km of irrigation and drainage canals. As a result of this work, over 197,000 hectares of farmland are now under improved irrigation and farmers have better access to local and regional markets. These projects provided the key infrastructure and interim income needed

successfully wean farmers and laborers away from poppy production.

Alternative crops including fruit and nut trees, staple foods, and high value horticulture increased through the training of 170,000 Afghans in agricultural and business practices, generating licit jobs, alternative incomes, and sales. High yield seeds and fertilizer have been distributed to 323,000 farmers through subsidized programs in these six northwestern and eastern provinces of Afghanistan, making legal crops a viable and affordable alternative to poppy.

USAID's alternative development efforts comprise one of the five pillars of the U.S. Counter-Narcotics Plan for Afghanistan. In areas where there is adequate security and a sustained political will, alternative development programs are contributing to the success of this plan.

USAID Hosts Tanzanian President Kikwete: August 28, 2008



To view the video of remarks made by President Kikwete and Deputy Administrator Kunder, [click here.](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Acting Deputy Administrator James Kunder today welcomed His Excellency, Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania at USAID headquarters in Washington, D.C. President Kikwete is on a three-day visit to the United States at the invitation of President George Bush.

"President Kikwete, it is a pleasure and an honor to welcome you to the Ronald Reagan Building and the headquarters of the United States Agency for International Development. The leadership that you have provided to your country is no small factor in Tanzania's success," said Kunder.

During His Excellency's visit to USAID a number of important announcements were made involving assistance programs in Tanzania. The agricultural sector of Tanzania is a driving force in the economic development of the country. About 80 percent of Tanzania's population is engaged in agriculture, and the sector contributes more than one-third to the national economy.

In support of gains already made in this sector, USAID is currently negotiating a joint guarantee with the African Development Bank and CRDB Bank in Tanzania, which will enable small holder farmers and agribusinesses to access up to \$20 million of credit to invest in their enterprises.

Also announced was a program to provide over \$2,000,000 in education assistance for the people of Tanzania in response to the need for textbooks, teacher training and English language skills. This initiative is in response to a request by President Kikwete of Tanzania while visiting the United States at the invitation of President George Bush while visiting Tanzania earlier this year.

Also in attendance was Deputy Director for the U.S. Trade and Development Agency Leocadia Zak.

Tanzania, located on the southeast coast of Africa, is a stable country progressing along a path of democratic governance. The nation hosts hundreds of thousands of refugees and leads efforts to resolve regional conflicts peacefully.

U.S. Provides

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On August 18, the Saptakoshi River broke through a retaining wall following heavy monsoon rains, resulting in floods in Sunsari District in southeastern Nepal and Bihar State in northeastern India. Flooding displaced up to 50,000 people in Nepal.

Assistance for Flood Victims in Nepal and India

For more information about USAID's emergency humanitarian assistance programs, [click here](#).

affected 2.1 million people in India. In Nepal, the displaced populations took shelter in public buildings, unable to return to flooded areas until the embankment is repaired. Flood waters have blocked Nepal's East-West Highway and disrupted communications systems. In India, floods have stranded more than 1 million people in Supaul, Madhepura, and Araria districts, leaving residents without clean drinking water and food.

The Government of Nepal began search and rescue efforts, and Sunsari District officials reported difficulties providing shelter and distributing relief materials. The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) responded with food, shelter, and emergency relief commodities, including pre-positioned supplies from a USAID-funded preparedness program implemented by Save the Children/U.S.

As a result, on August 21, U.S. Ambassador Nancy J. Powell issued a disaster declaration due to the impact of flooding in Nepal. In response, USAID is providing \$50,000 through USAID/Nepal to Save the Children/U.S. and the NRCS for the local purchase and transport of emergency relief supplies, including blankets and shelter materials, to populations affected by the flooding.

According to the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, due to the sudden onset of floods, evacuation activities were slow to start and rescue equipment and boats are in short supply. Flooding has also damaged infrastructure and inundated an estimated 90,000 acres of agricultural land, destroying crops.

As a result, on August 28, U.S. Ambassador David C. Mulford issued a disaster declaration due to the impact of flooding in India. In response, USAID is providing \$100,000 through USAID/India to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and Catholic Relief Services to support rescue efforts and the procurement and delivery of emergency relief supplies to populations affected by the flooding, among the worst in fifty years.

USAID will continue to monitor the situation and provide additional support as needed.

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

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

Sustainability Strategies: Fund Development and Fundraising, Part 2

Strategies for Business Ventures

Many nonprofit community organizations get into other businesses as a source of long-term funding. Entrepreneurial and earned-income ventures are two types of business ventures that an organization can choose to advance its mission. These are two of the largest resources of income that create a steady stream of unrestricted funding, thus contributing to sustainability and self-reliance.

Every community- and faith-based organization has opportunities for earned income within its programs and can build worth and value in those that they serve. This enables an organization to tap into the many potential assets and gifts, such as entrepreneurial ventures and earned-income possibilities, of its clients to benefit both itself and the community.

Here are some questions to consider before launching a business venture:

- Will starting a business venture compromise your organization's mission? A business initiative should never take an organization off its mission.
- What kind of business meets the needs of your mission?

- Are the investment, time and money worth making?
- How much funding will the new venture generate, and what is the initial investment?



Upcoming Topics

- ✓ Results- Oriented Evaluations

Some Benefits of Business Ventures

Revenue is the main benefit of entrepreneurial and earned-income ventures. But apart from revenue, these ventures have additional benefits:

- Strengthens the mission of your organization by building on current activities, existing capabilities, and already-established relationships with stakeholders
- Increases visibility for your organization and the business itself
- Increases the self-sufficiency of your organization, thus reducing its reliance on donations and grants

Business Ventures: Franchise Opportunities

Owning a franchise is one way that community- and faith-based organizations can help pave a path toward sustainability. It is also a unique opportunity for the franchiser to expand its market and tap into and benefit from qualified community organizations.

A franchise is a legal, commercial relationship with the owner of a business involving a trademark, service mark, trade name, or advertising symbol. Through a franchise, an organization is authorized to sell goods and/or services of the parent company in either a retail space or a designated geographical area.

When looking for the right franchise, your organization should answer several questions:

- What is your organization willing to give up and gain? Defining, researching, and teasing the potential value of the proposition can help to answer this question.
- Is the franchise well-suited for your organization's mission?
- Is the franchise established and successful, and known in and accepted by the community?
- Does your organization have the dedication and capital to invest to become a business owner?
- How much funding will the venture generate?

Examples of Community- and Faith-Based Franchise Owner/Partnerships

Brentwood Baptist Church in Indiana leased space to an independent McDonald's restaurant, meaning the McDonald's Corporation did not own this particular restaurant. Although some parishioners are employed, the church has little involvement in the management of the business. The arrangement generates some revenue for the church.

The Latin American Youth Center of Washington, DC, bought and operates a Ben & Jerry's to provide job training opportunities for its clients. Opened under Ben & Jerry's PartnerShop program, the franchise is located in one of the district's affluent neighborhoods. The Center hired 15 of its clients (or full-time equivalents, depending on the season) to work at the franchise. It opened a second PartnerShop in Washington, DC, in 2004.

Community- and faith-based organizations have many ways to finance their programs and services with hopes of ensuring sustainability. However, having a range of funding sources is not the only answer. Organizations must know which funding option best complements or advances their mission and which one places the least amount of tension on the organization so that it can continue to deliver needed services to the community.

*The Office of Development Partners invites interested U.S. PVOs
Launch of the
Development Grants Program*

The Development Grants Program (DGP) is a new competitive grant program at engaging potential partners that have had limited experience working with U

This event will include a discussion of the DGP Annual Program Statement by panelists, including eligibility, the application and evaluation process as well as sectors and geographic regions for which awards will be supported. It will include opportunity for audience Q&A.

When:

Monday, September 8th

Registration at 8:30 a.m.

Event from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where:

Atrium Hall, Concourse Level, Ronald Reagan Building

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C.

This invitation is extended to interested U.S. PVOs. Pre-registration is not required for this event.

For further information,
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**A PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT
TO ADVANCE INNOVATION
AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

*HOSTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES*

AND

*THE STATE OF TEXAS' ONESTAR
FOUNDATION*

Friday, October 3rd
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

The Westin Park Central
Highway 635 and Coit Road
12720 Merit Drive
Dallas, Texas 75251
(972) 385-3000

On October 3, 2008, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, the Texas Governor's Faith-Based and Community Initiative, led by OneStar Foundation will host "A Partnership Summit to Advance Innovation and Community Impact" in Texas, to highlight and strengthen the role of faith-based and community organizations meeting the needs of their communities. Providing new resources and partnership opportunities for participants, this event will offer tools and training on a variety of including capacity building, resource development and management, and accessing and Federal resources to address human need.

This will be the 40th and final conference hosted by President Bush's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Each event, held across the country and around the world, has been designed to strengthen the services offered by frontline service organizations and expand government partnerships with them to serve the needy. This Summit will celebrate the success of these partnerships— and highlight ways they will continue to grow and impact in the years ahead. Breakout sessions will feature information on State and Federal grants and practical guidance on the grant-writing process; opportunities for financial collaboration between government and nonprofit programs; and successful practices of effective human service organizations.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register online at www.fbc.gov by Tuesday, September 23rd. While online registration is strongly encouraged, those who are unable to register online may print and complete the attached form and fax it to 703-299-4589. If you are not able to view this file, please call 202-456-6708 to have a form faxed to you. To complete registration, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com or a fax to the number listed

so we may accommodate as many people as possible.

For more information, please visit the conference section of www.fbc.gov or send email to fbc@dtihq.com.

We very much hope you will be able to join us in Dallas!



CONFERENCE ON PROTECTION OF **UNACCOMPANIED AND SEPARATED** CHILDREN

October 22-24, 2008 • George Mason University • Fairfax, Virginia

The purpose of the conference is to help improve the timelines and effectiveness of protection for unaccompanied and separated children. Worldwide, more than 1.6 million children are unaccompanied or separated from their parents among populations of refugees, the internally displaced, stateless people, migrants, and asylum seekers. In addition, some 1.2 million children each year are victims of human trafficking. Without protection by parents or adult family members, these children are vulnerable to exploitation for sex, forced labor, neglect of their needs, and denial of their rights.

Timely, systematic, and effective interventions are hindered by long delays (sometimes years) in identifying individuals, inadequate training of field workers, ad hoc approaches to temporary care, and insufficient collaboration among service providers. The application of Best Interest Determinations is limited in scope, principally to refugee resettlement.

Last year, the Executive Committee of UNHCR, in its Conclusion on Children at Risk, identified being unaccompanied or separated as a risk factor for child exploitation, and called on States, UNHCR, other partners to collaborate and adopt measures to identify children at risk, prevent their separation when possible, facilitate family tracing and reunification, and put into place mechanisms to give them care and priority attention.

The conference program is designed for child welfare practitioners, researchers, mental health service providers, managers and policy makers from governments, non-governmental humanitarian and social service organizations, international organizations and academic institutions. Specifically, the conference will:

- Identify successful policies, practices, and forms of collaboration among States, international organizations, and NGOs;
- Raise awareness of the issue and build relationships among practitioners and researchers;
- Support the UNHCR Executive Committee Conclusion on Children at Risk;
- Strengthen capacities to undertake Best Interest Determinations.

Conference sessions will address:

- Identification and documentation
- International law framework: Respective Jurisdictions and roles: governments, international organizations and NGOs
- Family tracing and reunification

**For more information on
the conference visit
<http://childalone.gmu.edu>**

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- **Protection in mixed migration flows**
 - **Safe repatriation**
 - **Best Interest Determinations**
 - **Temporary and long term care**
 - **The role of interested adults as guardians and representatives**
 - **Legal remedies in immigration and asylum cases**
 - **Psychosocial issues**
- Protection from labor and sexual exploitation**

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:

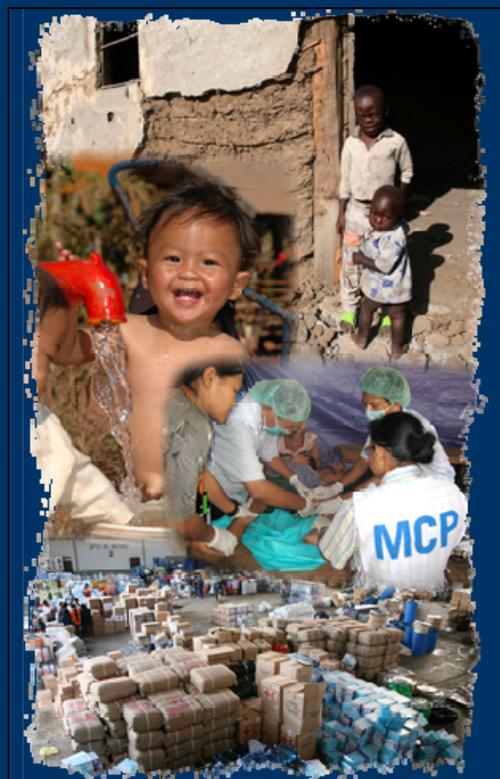
- Develop important contacts in the international aid community including with government agencies, NGOs, multilateral institutions, and other businesses;
- Learn about the trends and new strategies driving global corporate citizenship;
- Share best practices about the positive contributions businesses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

Forum on Relief & Development



The Forum on Relief and Development will be held November 18-20, 2008 at the beautiful Glen Eyrie campus in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hear the latest on vital topics such as the Global Food Crisis and engage in targeted conversation groups that encourage peer learning, amongst other activities.

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GRANT OPPORTU

USAID FUNDING

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

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 for this announcement is September 8, 2008. For more information [click here.](#)

Pakistan USAID-Islamabad USAID Pakistan would like to bring to your attention the opportunity to review and comment on a draft concept paper for a new Empowering Pakistan: Entrepreneurs (EPE) Program. USAID/Pakistan's program EPE will provide earning opportunities for poor people by strengthening the production, credit and marketing support systems required to expand micro and small enterprises. USAID provide support to add value to the products and services of 120,000 predominantly female micro entrepreneurs and small enterprise owners. This does not constitute a Request for Application and solicitation will be issued through the normal process.

download the concept paper and its attachments from “Full Announcement” section of September 3, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is September 12, 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 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 Office of Food for Peace (FFP)- seeks information from potential grantees or participants as to their interest, priorities and capacities to participate in or undertake a Leader/Associates Award, i.e., cooperative agreement, to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Title II food aid programs. The purpose of the cooperative agreement is to improve the FFP program technical and operational procedures and to promote best practices through coordination and delivery of capacity building and technical assistance for new and current Title II food aid cooperating sponsors, prospective cooperating sponsors and programs worldwide. As of August 26, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 4, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID, OFDA- In order to address the impact of food price increases in the Sahel, OFDA is targeting five countries for funding: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal. Key points related to program funding: • Programs can be short or medium term in length (up to three years). • Programs should address the issues related to food insecurity caused by increasing food prices. • Programs can be regional or country specific as appropriate, as long as partner capacity and assessed need are fully incorporated into the decision. • OFDA will prioritize interventions based on representative and methodologically sound assessment data. • OFDA will prioritize interventions that align with the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) and that focus on Pillar III. • OFDA will prioritize interventions that link into Development Assistance funded initiatives where possible and practical. OFDA’s primary objective will be dual-fold: 1) to address high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition while 2) reducing the risk of increased food insecurity and malnutrition and further deterioration of livelihoods. OFDA realizes that the most affected households may not be located in the same geographic areas where potential partners are currently operating. Populations that are most vulnerable to market shocks and subsequent rising food prices will be prioritized for all interventions. Specifically, OFDA will aim to 1) improve the purchasing power of food insecure populations; 2) improve agricultural markets among rural, urban, and pastoral populations; 3) increase productivity of subsistence farmers and pastoralists; 4) reduce current spikes in acute malnutrition and reduce the risk of increased acute malnutrition. As of August 22, 2008, the closing date for application is October 17, 2008. For more information, [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

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, 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 Deadline 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. Projects 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 risk factors, 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](#).

USAID is seeking applications for the Development Grants Program (DGP) Annual Program Statement (APS). The United States Government, through USAID, seeks applications from prospective U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (US PVOs) to implement development activities in support of USAID programmatic goals in specified countries with USAID Missions. The authority for the DGP is found in Section 674 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy Governance, the Office of Development Partners in USAID/W is initiating a new program entitled the Development Grants Program, to provide opportunities for development organizations that have had limited prior funding from USAID. This program provides a two-step procurement process. The first step is a request for concept papers (RFCP) and the second step is the process in which USAID requests organizations with the best concept papers to submit a full application. USAID seeks applications that are based on the comparative advantage U.S. PVOs have in certain technical or geographic areas that allow them to make effective contributions to the priority development sectors outlined in this APS. **As of August 29, 2008, Concept papers received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 will be considered for review.** Concept Papers submitted late or after the November 5, 2008 deadline will be reviewed prior to the expiration date of the APS (January 29, 2009). Applications received by the deadline for the APS will be reviewed for responsiveness to the specifications outlined in these guidelines and the application format. Applications

that are incomplete run the risk of not being considered in the review process. For information, [click here](#).

USAID invites applications from indigenous Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) interested in the newly established Development Grants Program. The United States Government, through USAID, will seek applications from prospective local NGO partners to implement development activities in support of USAID programmatic goals in specific countries. Selected USAID Missions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe and European regions will participate. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy Governance, the Office of Development Partners in USAID/W is initiating a new program entitled the Development Grants Program, to provide opportunities to development organizations that have had limited prior funding from USAID. This program provides a two-step process. The first step is a request for concept papers. The second step is the process in which USAID requests organizations with the best concept papers to submit a full application. USAID seeks applications that are based on the comparative advantage NGOs have in certain technical or geographic areas that would allow them to make effective contributions to the priority development sectors outlined in this APS. As of August 29, 2008, **Concept papers received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, November 5, 2008** will be considered for review. Concept Papers submitted late or after the November 5, 2008 deadline will be reviewed prior to the expiration of the APS (January 29, 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 (NGOs), community-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-election disputes. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is February 15, 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 to a maximum of \$3.5 million (if activities are proposed to cover all program objectives) over a period of up to five years. Funding will not exceed \$700,000 per project. 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 institutions as described in Section A.1.e., to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Iran. Applications should advance one or more of the following objectives: strengthening civil society organizations 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 of up to \$20 million. Applicants can request \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 for expenditure maximum of two years. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and all applications must be submitted by June 30, 2009. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of applications submitted. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

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Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor- The Bureau of Democracy, Human 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, closing date for this announcement is September 15, 2008. For more information on this grant opportunity, as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- The Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau") welcomes the submission of proposals for the fiscal year 2009 Cultural Orientation (CO) Technical Assistance Program overseen by the Bureau. The deadline for submission of proposals is November 5, 2008. This program serves to complement the Reception and Placement Program, the purpose of which is to promote the effective resettlement of all persons admitted to the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, including assisting refugees to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment as quickly as possible. The goals of the CO Technical Assistance Program administered by the Bureau are: (1) to strengthen linkages between overseas cultural orientation programs and reception and placement activities; (2) to provide information and materials to overseas cultural orientation programs and to domestic refugee service providers; (3) to provide support and technical assistance to overseas cultural orientation programs on request with input from the Cultural Orientation Working Group and guidance from the Bureau; (4) to provide feedback to overseas cultural orientation programs as needed; and (5) to provide other technical assistance requested by the Bureau, subject to availability of funds and adequate staffing levels to perform assigned tasks. The Bureau intends to award a Cooperative Agreement to a well-qualified non-profit organization with the required technical expertise in cultural orientation for an initial period beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 subject to the availability of funds. Through the Cooperative Agreement, the Bureau will provide full financial support to the selected organization based on the proposal submitted in response to this request. This financial support is renewable for up to two additional calendar years based upon annual budget submissions as long as there remains a need for the program, and the organization operating the program provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. At the end of three years, the Bureau will re-compete the program, and the recipient of this award will participate in that process. As of September 3, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 5, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).