



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Please note that there is a new date and time for the conference call with Mr. Joshua DuBois, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Mr. DuBois will now be joining us on **Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at 1 pm ET** to discuss the President's priorities especially as they relate to international work.

The call will include time for Q&A with Mr. DuBois. Please see below for more information. We hope you will plan to join us!

Warmest regards,

Mauricio

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AT A GLANCE...

1) Helpful Tools & Information:

- PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME – CFBCI Conference Call with Mr. Joshua DuBois, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Iftar Dinner Celebrated at USAID
- Microfinance Newsletter, *microLINKS Connections*
- August Issue of *Frontlines*

2) CFBCI Opinion Request

3) Grant Opportunities:

- USAID and U.S. Department of State

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

HELPFUL TOOLS & INFORMATION

NEW DATE and TIME

September 22
1:00 – 2:00 pm ET

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On September 22, 2009, Mr. Joshua DuBois, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will be joining Mr. Mauricio Vera, the Acting Director of USAID's CFBCI, in a

**CFBCI Conference Call
with
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Partnerships**

conference call to discuss the White House Office and the President's priorities especially as they relate to international work.

This is an exceptional opportunity to hear directly from the President's top advisor on faith-based and neighborhood partnerships! The call will include time for Q&A with Mr. DuBois. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Please note that we are limited in the number of call participants we can accommodate. Therefore, this call is primarily intended for NGOs and individuals interested in or currently working in international development.

USAID CFBCI Conference Call with Mr. Joshua DuBois

Date: September 22, 2009

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm ET

International #: (816) 650-7866

Domestic #: (866) 306-0035

Conference ID: 26753541

**Iftar Dinner Celebrated at
USAID; Youth and Global
Development**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 2, 2009**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) held an Iftar dinner in recognition of the holy month of Ramadan. USAID Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham was the host of the event which was well attended by a representative cross section of the Washington diplomatic and development community. On hand were USAID employees, private citizens, students, professors, development professionals, as were people of many faiths gathered together in recognition of this holy time.

"I understand Ramadan to be a time of profound reflection - offering the opportunity to both look inward while also enriching family and community ties, remembering the needs of others, and acknowledging, with profound gratitude, the blessings in one's own life," said Acting Administrator Fulgham. "It is also a time to remember the common values that bind us together."

Fulgham focused on the need to involve youth in the developing world. In his speech, entitled "Small Deeds, Big Changes: Celebrating Youth in Global Development," he took time to explain why young people are needed to make development work. Populations have shifted, and in many areas of the world, young people, below the age of 25, make up as much as 50% of the total population.

"And we recognize their role as important leaders, who can help us further our work in developing countries," said Fulgham.

Others speaking at the dinner included Mr. Haroon Moghul, Director of Public Relations, The Islamic Center at New York University; Ms. Dalia Mogahed, Executive Director, Gallup Center for Muslim Studies and

member of the White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships; and Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Afeefa Syeed, Senior Culture and Development Advisor for USAID.

MicroLINKS CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

MicroLINKS CONNECTIONS is an up-to-date news source from the USAID Microenterprise Development office and the Accelerated Microenterprise Advancement Project. It highlights the dynamic work that USAID Missions and Partners are doing and points out events, speakers, resources, and training sessions that may be of interest to those working in this field. For more information or to sign up for the newsletter, [CLICK HERE](#).

AUGUST ISSUE OF FRONTLINES:

FRONTLINES, the news publication of the U.S. Agency for International Development, features articles about USAID, international development, and humanitarian assistance efforts around the world. *FRONTLINES* is produced monthly and is distributed to over 32,000 electronic and print subscribers.

To read the current issue, [CLICK HERE](#).

CFBCI REQUEST FOR OPINIONS

CFBCI eNewsletter



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

Please send your suggestions to fbc@usaid.gov.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

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

Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Annual Program Statement (APS)-

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

USAID/Russia: Public-Private Alliances Related to Governing Justly & Democratically, Peace & Security, and Investing in People in Russia -

USAID/Russia is making a special call for the submission of concept papers that support partnerships between non-profit organizations and the private sector. Applications addressing the following thematic objectives are sought: (1) Cooperation between civil society, government and business to advance local economic and social development. (2) Improved entrepreneurship in the North Caucasus in the areas of agriculture, and small and medium enterprises (3) Improved private sector involvement in combating tuberculosis and improving the health and well-being of women, children and youth. **The closing date of this announcement is September 15, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Kathmandu: Strengthening Rehabilitation in District Environs

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

approaches and programs that will accomplish defined objectives.

Request for Applications (RFA)-

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

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. **The closing date of this announcement is September 18, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/ Kampala: Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Response through Faith- and Community-Based Facilities and Networks in Uganda -

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 and community based organizations. Access to quality HIV/AIDS remains limited in Uganda, with key constraints being distance to facilities, which increases the opportunity cost of seeking services, lack of knowledge on the existence of services, as well as unreliability and poor quality of services. This competition is limited to local and East Africa Region faith- and community-based organizations. **The closing date of this announcement is September 22, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Ghana: Water and Sanitation Project - The United States Government, represented by USAID/Ghana is seeking applications from organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a program entitled "Ghana Water and Sanitation (WatSan) Project." The WatSan Project is intended to achieve one Intermediate Result of the USAID/Ghana Health Program Strategic Objective 7: IR4: Water supply and sanitation improved and other infectious diseases decreased and to contributed toward two Intermediate Results in the Education Sector Plan Strategic Objective 8: IR 1: Increased educational opportunities for girls in underserved areas; and IR4 Increase community advocacy for and contribution to quality education. **The closing date of this announcement is September 23, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/IFRP/FFP - USAID is seeking applications 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. 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. **The closing date of this announcement is September 25, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Nigeria: Proposed Malaria Project - Invitation for Comments on Draft - USAID/Nigeria is inviting comments and suggestions on the attached draft Program Description (PD) for the implementation of a proposed five year malaria Cooperative Agreement. The goal of this project is to implement a comprehensive malaria control activity that will use an integrated approach in program implementation, aligned with international state-of-the-art malaria control and prevention technical standards appropriate to Nigeria. **The deadline for written comments or suggestions is September 28, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Office of Development Partners - The USAID Office of Development Partners (ODP) invites interest from prospective partner organizations to form Global Development Alliances to carry out activities in support of USAID's international development objectives. Alliance partners are expected to bring significant new resources, ideas, technologies, and/or partners to address development problems in countries where USAID is currently working. There is no dollar value limit or minimum for individual proposals or for

cumulative awards made under this APS. 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. **The closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Peru: Public-Private Alliances Related to Nutrition -

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. **The closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Budapest: U.S. - Bulgaria Partnership for Information

Technology and Innovation – 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. **The closing date of this announcement is October 1, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Manila: Conservation of Biodiversity and Management of

Natural Resources - 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. **The closing date of this announcement is October 1, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

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. **The closing date of this announcement is October 5, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/East Africa: Djibouti Elections and Political Process –

USAID/East Africa is seeking applications from qualified and eligible organizations to implement the "Djibouti Elections and Political Processes (DEPP)" with USAID-provided financial assistance. It intends to award one discretionary cooperative agreement for programs and activities that raise voter awareness as well as set up mechanisms that will support the goals of fair 2011 presidential and regional elections in Djibouti. **The closing date of this announcement is October 8, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Dar es Salaam: APS for Sustainable Horticulture and Endangered Ecosystem -

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 closing date of this announcement is October 10, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Central Asian Republics: Access to Justice and Human Rights in Kyrgyzstan - The USAID Regional Mission to the Central Asian Republics (CAR) is seeking applications from all qualified organizations for the Access to Justice and Human Rights Program in Kyrgyzstan. USAID/CAR is seeking assistance in the following areas: To increase access to more professional, better skilled and independent defense attorneys and to advance local capacity for human rights protection. **The closing date of this announcement is October 19, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Columbia: Enhanced Livelihoods Initiative – USAID intends to issue a Request for Applications (RFA) on/about September 10, 2009 for an anticipated five-year cooperative agreement for the Consolidation and Enhanced Livelihoods Initiative for Montes de Maria. This project is designed to advance the Government of Columbia's National Consolidation Plan in the Montes de Maria region towards a sustainable end state where peace and security are permanent, civilian state entities are providing the services expected of any legitimate and democratically-elected government, licit livelihoods supplant illegal economic activities and citizen participation demands accountable, transparent governance. **The closing date of this announcement is October 27, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Dhaka: Promoting Electoral Democracy Project - USAID Bangladesh is issuing this Request for Applications for a five-year Cooperative Agreement titled Promoting Electoral Democracy to support political and electoral processes in Bangladesh. The purpose of this agreement will be to support political party reform and further improve the electoral process in Bangladesh. **The closing date of this announcement is October 27, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID: Statement for Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities - The 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. **The closing date of this announcement is October 27, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Food for Peace - The USAID Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Food For Peace (DCHA/FFP) is seeking applications from eligible institutions for a program titled "Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS)" through the award of one Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement. With this RFA, USAID's objective is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Title II food aid programs by improving the technical knowledge and operations and promoting food aid commodity program best practices through coordination and delivery of institutional strengthening and capacity building support for current Title II awardees and prospective awardees worldwide. **The closing date for 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 describes the strategy, the APS application process, the criteria for evaluating applications, and information on administration of awards and point of contract. **The closing date of this announcement is October 31, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/OFDA: Emergency Assistance in Iraq – 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. **The closing date of this announcement is December 13, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Zimbabwe: Restoring Livelihoods - Zimbabwe - The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publish information about the intention of USAID/Zimbabwe to fund cooperative agreements to contribute to its broad objective of restoring livelihoods. 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. **The closing date of this announcement is February 27, 2010.** For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Cairo - 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. **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. **The closing date of this announcement is August 9, 2010.** For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! USAID/Lilongwe: Public Private Alliances in Education, Care, and Support for OVCS and Agriculture – USAID seeks to expand its use of strategic alliances with the private and non-governmental sectors. The USAID/Malawi Mission invites interest from prospective local and international partner organizations to form Global Development Alliances to support USAID/Malawi's development objectives. **The closing date of this announcement is September 10, 2010.** For more information, [click here.](#)

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: Community College Initiative Program - 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

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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. **The closing date of this announcement is September 25, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor : North Korea Programs- The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals for projects that promote human rights and the rule of law; civil society; and media freedom and freedom of information in North Korea. **The closing date of this announcement is October 2, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).