



Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives Newsletter

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week I'm pleased to announce that registration for our November 7th "Partnership: A Call to Action Conference" is now open! The conference will bring together NGOs, businesses, and government representatives to discuss innovative partnerships in development. In addition, NGOs new to partnership with USAID are encouraged to come and learn about working with the U.S. Government.

Participant space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, [click here](#).

Warmest regards,

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USAID PRESS

USAID to Host Africa Regional Higher Education Summit

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will host the Africa Regional Higher Education Summit in Kigali, Rwanda, on October 21 through October 24. This event will build on the discussions and work that began during the Higher Education Summit for Global Development held at the

U.S. Department of State in April of this year. The Africa Summit will focus on the role of higher education institutions in Africa's economic growth and global competitiveness.

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and USAID Administrator and U.S. Director of Foreign Assistance Henrietta H. Fore will speak at the Summit. Other participants include American and African University Presidents and other educational institute representatives, foundation leaders, and corporate executives. With collaboration between the public and private sectors, the Africa Summit aims to generate new ideas on capacity building and development in Africa, help meet some of the challenges facing the higher education community in Africa, foster mutually beneficial partnerships among participating organizations, and highlight best practices within the higher education community.

For a complete schedule of events and speakers, please visit www.usaid.gov, keyword Africa Education Summit.

USAID Partners with the World Bank to Promote Diaspora Entrepreneurship in Africa

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator and Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance Henrietta Fore participated in consultative discussions at the World Bank’s annual meetings today and announced the Agency’s commitment to partner with the World Bank to develop ways to better mobilize the African Diaspora in order to strengthen the continent’s own development efforts. An initial agreement will involve a business competition, Development Marketplace for the African Diaspora in the Americas (DMADA), which will offer various investment and business development support tools to African Diaspora entrepreneurs. Participating in the discussions were officials from the World Bank, representatives from several African governments, members of the African Union and other donor partners.

The discussion featured an exchange of views and experiences on Diaspora engagement activities and Administrator Fore highlighted USAID’s flagship Diaspora Networks Alliance (DNA) framework and its ability to facilitate partnerships between USAID and Diaspora communities around the world and other partners through knowledge development, engagement, and operational work with the purpose of promoting economic and social growth in the countries of origin.

“USAID is very proud to partner with the World Bank on the DMADA competition to promote entrepreneurship in Africa. This Marketplace is a natural extension of our current partnership with the African Development Bank on the African Entrepreneurship Facility,” said Fore. “In light of the current global credit crisis, the Marketplace will play a critical role in providing much-needed access to credit, business development support, and other technical assistance to Diaspora entrepreneurs who want to invest in Africa.”

USAID and the World Bank are working jointly to design and structure the Marketplace and the competition is scheduled to be launched in early 2009. Other international donors, as well as private sector foundations and businesses, will be invited to contribute to the Marketplace.

For more information about USAID and its programs in Africa, please visit: www.usaid.gov.

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

USAID Launches Open Source Development 2.0 Challenge

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the 2008 USAID Development 2.0 Challenge, the agency's first open source challenge to spur innovation from new actors, on Monday. The Development 2.0 Challenge signals that USAID is responding to a shifting business and technology culture that goes by many names, including Web 2.0, inventive economics, wikinomics, or crowdsourcing. Just as online communities have changed the way business is done, USAID's open call for technology solutions seeks to improve the way international development is done.

Through the Development 2.0 Challenge, USAID is opening up to inventive ideas. The Challenge seeks to tap non-traditional sources, such as students, budding entrepreneurs, and other innovators to explore the potential of mobile technology applications. USAID challenges innovators everywhere to apply an innovative mobile technology solution for maximum development reach and impact in areas such as health, banking, education, agricultural trade, or other pressing development issues.

"This Challenge is unlike the older generation of competitions," says USAID Administrator Henrietta H. Fore. "It is more of a competition-cum-collaboration -- a continuous, online set of brainstorming to combine, test, and refine innovative approaches to specific problems."

The Challenge is an initiative of the Global Development Commons (GDC), which seeks to make development information available to all people. Global mobile phone penetration has now topped 50 percent, with four billion subscribers, compared to 10 percent for personal computers. The GDC seeks to apply these mobile technologies to exchange key information among people in developing countries.

USAID will reward the winning innovation with a grant of up to \$10,000. Innovators can find out more and apply to the Development 2.0 Challenge at www.netsquared.org/usaid. Submissions will be accepted from October 13 through December 5, 2008 and Administrator Fore will award the winners in January 2009.

An Open Source Challenge

The USAID Development 2.0 Challenge harnesses Web 2.0 social networking to select the best project submitted. This crowdsourcing effort encourages individuals and organizations to submit their ideas or to offer feedback toward the best solutions. Once the submission process closes, an online community vote will select the top 15 projects. Those projects will then go in front of a panel of USAID-selected judges who will pick the winner and two runners-up.

In addition to competing for a grant for up to \$10,000, applicants from around the world compete to gain visibility for their ideas, constructive feedback through online community voting, and the chance to present before senior officials at USAID and potential investors. For more information about USAID and to join the Global Development Commons, visit www.usaid.gov/commons.

2008 USAID Development 2.0 Challenge

Global Development



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Your best ideas can help the US Agency for International Development (USAID) develop innovative technological solutions to issues related to poverty in developing countries.

USAID is proud to announce the upcoming launch of the 2008 USAID Development 2.0 Challenge. The Challenge will reward the best ideas with an invitation to present them before senior officials at USAID and a grant of as much as \$10,000 for the winning solution.

Mobile technology, including everything from inventive applications for smart phones to simple text messaging, is increasingly ubiquitous in the developing world. USAID challenges you to explore its potential through an innovation for maximum development impact in areas such as health, banking, education, agricultural trade, or other pressing development issues.



An Open Source Competition

For the next two months, innovators can submit project ideas or comment on submissions. Once the submission process closes, an online community vote will select the top 15 projects. A panel of USAID-selected judges will pick the winner and two runners-up.

How to Participate

Beginning October 13, submit your idea by visiting www.netsquared.org/usaaid for all guidelines, rules and restrictions. Or join as an online community adviser to review candidate ideas, offer feedback and vote for the best project.

For more information, email www.usaidchallenge@techsoup.org.

One-Day Art & Science Grant Writing

To date, more than 400 "Art & Science of Grant writing" trainings have been held by HUD, reaching more than 40,000 social entrepreneurs! The training is a great resource, not only for housing-related FBCOs, and offers skills of use to any frontline

This one-day workshop will assist faith-based and community organizations in preparing a competitive grant application for Federal funding. Workshop topics include: proposal writing techniques, how to access HUD and other government funds, HUD grants available to nonprofit organizations, and HUD common factors for awards. These workshops are intended for organizations that have their organizational board established, administrative package prepared, service program or development project identified, and feel ready to compete for Federal grant funding. For more information, see below, or visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/>.

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New! Q&A: Guidance and Monitoring of Faith-Based Organizations Receiving Government Funds

Among the most critical questions for faith-based organizations interested in accepting government money to provide social services is this: Exactly what activities can government fund - and what activities must it not fund - to be in compliance with the Constitution? When the government provides funds to religious organizations, it is responsible for ensuring the money is not diverted to religious use. That standard, set down in a 2000 Supreme Court case known as *Mitchell v. Helms*, includes the requirements that: the permissible and impermissible uses of government aid be clearly explained to faith-based grantees; government must ensure that grantees agree to comply with the restrictions; and government must monitor faith-based grantees' conduct.

The Bush Administration says that religious charities must not use tax money to support "inherently religious activities," including religious worship, instruction, or proselytization. Federal regulations recommend that religious groups set up separate nonprofit arms to receive funds for providing social services, and that they separate religious activities from secular ones, "in time or location." But that guidance has not proven to be sufficient to prevent lawsuits, most of which question the permissibility of activities that have been funded with tax dollars.

The Roundtable has asked experts to address the issue of appropriate guidance and monitoring of faith-based organizations that receive government funds. Responding are Jedd Medefind, acting director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and Chip Lupu and Bob Tuttle, who have closely followed the regulations in this area for the last seven years.

The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy: Q&A

[Click here to read the Q&A.](#)

[Click here for a Resource Page on Guidance to Faith-Based Organizations.](#)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

PM's Speech on the Education Fund

By Gordon Brown MP, Prime Minister

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"...education for all is not just a moral right, an economic necessity, a matter of social justice, it is also a security issue and I hope the whole world will take on note..." said the Prime Minister in a recent speech on the Education Fund.



There is no more special reason why we should support Education for All than the testimonies we have had from Oblavi and Devli (phon), and I wish them well as they pursue from school their careers to be a doctor and a teacher, and I would like to make sure that that is possible and that their dreams can come true.

I believe that this is the widest coalition ever assembled to put pressure on the whole world to make sure that in our generation, for the first time ever in the history of the world, we can be able to say to each other that every child in every continent is able to go to school. And I want to thank all those who have come together to make this possible, not just governments and international organisations, but business leaders, charities, faith organisations, civic and sporting organisations like FIFA who are involved in this as well, and I believe that together the funding commitments that are going to be announced this afternoon - commitments that have not been previously made before and show the historic significance of what we are doing - \$4.5 billion is being pledged today, and that will make possible in itself education for 18 million children around the world. So thank you all for what you have achieved.

I have had the privilege of visiting so many countries where in every place I have seen the case for education, not just as a matter of social justice, and not just as an economic necessity, but as the right that every child should have as a human being.

I went to Tanzania and I had 12 year old boys pressing me – why could we not go to school? And unlike our countries where people are saying, why do I have to go to school, they were saying we must go to school. And then I went to Abuja in Nigeria and I saw another reason why we had to have children educated by funds that we can provide to make it possible. In fact Bono, who is here and has done a wonderful job promoting education, I am proud of what he has done, but Bono and I were in a school just outside Abuja in Nigeria and we were asking the school pupils what they wanted to be – they wanted to be engineers, and doctors and nurses and all the things that in every country children who get long years of schooling are allowed to dream is possible. None of them wanted to be a politician, none of them actually wanted to be pop singer, Bono, I know, but in that school with dilapidated roofs, where children 3 to a desk, some classrooms where there were no desks at all, the children were chanting the song – “Give us our Education”. And I also saw the problem because they told us that up the road there was a Madrassa that had been created offering free education to children, in very good quality conditions, but of course the condition was that they were preached at with violent extremist ideology.

So education for all is not just a moral right, an economic necessity, a matter of social justice, it is also a security issue and I hope the whole world will take on note that if we don't do what we should do to provide education for all, then other people will prosper by violent ideologies and extremism prospering in these parts of the world.

Now there are 77 million children still not at school today, and they have little hope of going to school any day unless we take the sort of action that we are taking today. But the blunt truth is that even with the successes we have had – 44 million children to school, and it is a marvellous success over the last few years, even with the announcements today, the fact is we will not meet that Millennium Development Goal that every child be at school in 2015 unless we

FaithsAct

FELLOWS



The Faiths Act Fellowship is an opportunity for young leaders of faith to become ambassadors for inter-religious cooperation achieving the Millennium Development Goals and ending deaths due to malaria. It is a partnership initiative between the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, Malaria No More and the Interfaith Youth Core.

In Spring 2009, thirty outstanding young people will be chosen to serve as inter-religious ambassadors for the [Millennium Development Goals](#).

The Faiths Act Fellowship will empower thirty religiously diverse young leaders from the US, UK and Canada to embark together on a 10 month journey of interfaith service. Training begins with a 2 month intensive initiative that includes training in London and Chicago and fieldwork with primary health care partners in Africa. Fellows will return to their home countries for 8 months to mobilize young people of faith to raise awareness and resources to promote the Millennium Development Goals. They will focus on [fighting deaths due to malaria](#).

Halting and reversing the spread of Malaria is one of today's most urgent moral challenges. 500 million people contract the disease each year and one million die. The vast majority of malaria's victims are African children under the age of five. Yet, malaria is preventable and treatable. Intervention is as simple as providing bed nets that protect sleeping families. Progress in the fight against deaths due to malaria will speed our collective success toward achieving 6 of the 8 Millennium Development Goals.

In their home countries, Fellows will be hosted by a local organization whose mission fits closely with this project. Host organizations in the UK include [Muslim Aid](#), [World Vision UK](#), [Tzedek](#), and the [Christian-Muslim Forum](#). We are now seeking host organizations in the US and Canada. Interested organizations should [submit an application](#).



For more information please visit www.faithactsfellows.org.

How To Improve Access To Markets (BDAFR)

Business Daily Africa, October 14, 2008

By Macharia Waruingi, Jean Njoroge

Kenyans living in the US could help local producers and exporters to connect with the US markets. Gaining access to the US market is a daunting task for Kenyan manufacturers and producers. The traditional approach for helping the producers to gain access to this market focuses on trade workshops where subjects like value addition are handled to increase competitiveness.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the US Trade, and Development Authority (USTDA), and similar governmental agencies are some of the agencies that have sponsored training seminars, workshops, and trade-fairs. In the workshops, they learn about marketing strategies, distribution networks, trade regulations in the US, and how to export.

Government agencies also develop trade shows and food service tours in the US for product exposure to brokers, distributors, retailers, and consumers. The US government agencies also prearrange meetings with distributors and retailers.

But this known formula lacks a process for long-term knowledge. Getting goods from Kenya onto a supermarket shelf in the US is a complex one, which involves hard-nosed negotiation with these supermarkets. Details of such negotiations are not covered in the educational seminars, workshops, and trade tours. Furthermore, the workshops are not followed by any meaningful support structure, such as the one provided by a trade association that can help a manufacturer to negotiate for slots in the supermarkets, or other distribution systems. Consequently, people in Kenya lack fundamental knowledge to help them break into this market.

Kenyans living in the US could help locals to connect with the US markets, retailers, and product distributors. Such connections could be critical for facilitating trade and transfer relevant knowledge and technical skills. But it is difficult to break into these markets as individuals or in small groups. The only way to overcome this challenge is forming an organization that would catalyze the collaboration for engaging the Diaspora, multinational corporations and the producers.

Citizens living abroad can develop such a catalytic agency because they straddle the local and the international marketplace. Such a body could provide continual representation in the US market that would enable local nationals to remain connected with brokers, distributors, and retailers after the trade shows.

Associations would help in dealing with budgets for marketing and placement of products in the supermarkets, and other retail outlets. They would also create avenues for generation and distribution of knowledge resources for producing at acceptable market standards for the international consumer.

A functional trade lobby would be well versed in inland supply chain, warehousing, and order fulfillment. The participation of the Diaspora nationals in such programmes would facilitate transnational linkages that would create sustainable presence in the US target markets. The diaspora organization could leverage its proximity to the US market to generate timely information for Kenyans in Kenya about the market trends in the United States.

Since the catalytic organization would be based in the United States, it could help its members to compete for government grants with US-based peers. Furthermore, the organization could help to organize trade delegations to the US for trade shows. The established networks could notify Diaspora members and

about development workshop schedules in Kenya.

The diaspora could serve as the overseas representation of local company interests for tax identification, marketing and connecting with trade associations. It would lobby the US government for preferential treatments and incentives for Kenyan products geared towards reducing the cost of entry into the market.

Examples of such preferential treatments include the minority certification status, which provides an exemption to paying the high slotting fees charged to companies and manufacturers by supermarkets and retailers in order to have their products on the shelves. Such arrangements could link markets through personal and professional networks.

Dr Waruingi and Ms Njoroge are members of Kenya Development Network, USA.

**October 22-24, 2008
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA**



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 cases.

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 re-unification, 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
- Protection in mixed migration flows
- Safe repatriation
- Best Interest Determinations
- Temporary and long term care

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

- The role of interested adults as guardians and representatives
 - Legal remedies in immigration and asylum cases
 - Psychosocial issues
- Protection from labor and sexual exploitation



PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE: A CALL TO ACTION

**WHEN: November 7, 2008
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Ronald Reagan Building
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20053**

**To register for the Partnership
Conference: A Call to Action,
[click here.](#)**

PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE: A CALL TO ACTION

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at The U.S. Agency for International Development Initiatives is pleased to invite you to the Partnership Conference: A Call to Action to be held on November 7, 2008, in Washington, D.C. Join us for this one-day event that will allow you the unique opportunity to learn more about the basic structure of USAID and how the Agency grant-making processes operate. Learn about innovative approaches to development and ways that your organization can successfully partner with USAID. The conference will afford opportunities to hear from experts at USAID about individual areas of focus and programs including micro-enterprise, food assistance, agriculture, education, disaster response, democracy and governance and global health issues like malaria and HIV/AIDS. Participants will have access to capacity building resources for their organizations.

The conference is free, but registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. This invitation is non-transferable. Please register no later than October 31, 2008.

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The 2008 Corporate Citizenship Awards Dinner

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

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Join BCLC for this exceptional celebration in our nation's capital.

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The celebration will bring more than 550 business leaders together to celebrate the best of American business. Notable guest will include Thomas J. Donohue, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the 150 members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

For more information or to register, [visit our website](#).

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center invites you to join us for the 9th Annual Corporate Citizenship Awards Dinner, as we honor the highest ideals of corporate citizenship.

The U.S. Chamber BCLC's Corporate Citizenship Awards showcase businesses, trade associations, and chambers of commerce and their partners for demonstrating ethical leadership and corporate stewardship, making a positive difference in their communities, and have contributed to the advancement of important economic and social goals.

Join us honoring these finalists!

Large Corporate Stewardship Award:

Bank of America, KPMG LLP, Pilot Travel Centers LLC, Siemens USA, Verizon Communications

Small/Mid-Size Corporate Stewardship Award:

Computer Systems Center Incorporated (CSCI), Harris Corporation, INTEGRITYOne Partners, NutraCea, Quality Float Works, Inc.

U.S. Community Service Award:

Air Conditioning Contractors of America, Allstate, Deloitte & Touche USA LLP, Southwest Airlines, Xcel Energy

International Community Service Award:

AmCham Nicaragua, Coca-Cola China Ltd., FedEx, Pfizer, Procter & Gamble

Partnership Award:

Abbott Laboratories and Direct Relief International, American International Group Inc. (AIG) and CHF International, CVS/Caremark and Simon Youth Foundation, Eli Lilly and Company and International Council of Nurses, MtvU and The Jed Foundation

Forum on Relief & Development

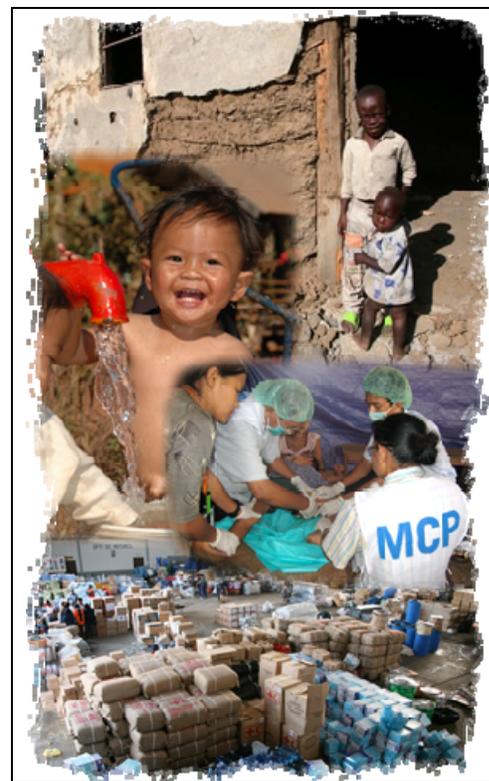
The Forum on Relief and Development will be held November 18-20, 2008 at the beautiful Glen Eyrie campus in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hear the latest on vital topics such as: the Global Food Crisis and engage in targeted conversation groups that encourage peer-to-peer learning, amongst other activities.

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

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

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 closing date for applications is October 27, 2008. For more information, [click here.](#)

Jordan USAID – Amman is currently seeking to implement education activities that support USAID/Jordan’s Assistance Agreement for Investing in People No. 13 (Strategic Objective No. 13) which is an integrated program to improve the health, education and life skills for all Jordanians. USAID’s education support shall “Improve and Expand Basic Education” and provide “Greater Opportunities for Youth through Expanded Work and Life Skills.” As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 31, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Hungary USAID-Budapest- The purpose of this three-year Parliamentary Strengthening (PS) Project is to make the parliaments in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) more effective and representative. The project builds on achievements realized to date through USAID-funded parliamentary assistance, and will focus on assisting the State and Federation of BiH (FBiH) Parliaments. Further, it addresses selected capacity constraints in parliamentary representation, policy development, legislation formulation and oversight functions. Better policy-making and legislation by parliaments is important for BiH to make further progress towards integration with the European Union (EU). As of October 1, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 10, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for funding a program entitled “Support to Teachers Colleges on Prevention of HIV/AIDS (STOP)” as more specifically described in Section C-Program Description for a three-year period. The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives as described in the program description. Please refer to the Program Description for a complete description of goals and expected results. Pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A-21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for for-profit organizations), may be paid under the agreement. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$1,800,000 to be allocated over the three-year period. As of October 11, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 13, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for funding a program entitled “Strengthening Civic Education in Primary Schools,” as more specifically described in Section C-Program Description. The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives as described in the program description. Please refer to the Program Description for a complete description of goals and expected results. Pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A-21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for for-profit

organizations), may be paid under the agreement. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$8,930,000 total USAID funding to be allocated over the five-year period to support these activities in two phases: 1 ½ years (phase I) and 3 ½ years (phase II). The duration and continuation of phase II will depend on the availability of funds and the effectiveness of the program during the first 1 ½ to 2 years. 1 ½ years after signature of the award the recipient must prepare and submit to the Agreement Officer a written non-competitive Continuation Application for review and approval for the second phase. As of October 12, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 13, 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](#).

USAID is seeking applications for the Develop 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 and 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 for a two-step procurement process. The first step is a request for concept papers (RFCP). 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 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 date of the APS (January 29, 2009). All 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 more 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 specified countries. Selected USAID Missions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe and Eurasia regions will participate. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy and 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 for 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 date 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 (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](#).

US Agency for International Development- The global food crisis has affected households around the world, but has had a particularly harsh impact on the most vulnerable families in developing nations. Vulnerable populations in the Horn of Africa region can be described in three types: pastoral, agro-pastoral, and marginal farming households. Historically in the Horn region, all of these groups suffer the same repetitive scenario of humanitarian decline due to asset depletion resulting from the continuous man-made and climatic shocks. In general, this decline scenario includes a shock followed by households adopting negative coping mechanisms, such as selling productive assets to meet basic food needs and loss of assets to the effects of drought/flood/disease. USAID/OFDA's mandate is to save lives, alleviate human suffering, and reduce the social and economic

impact of humanitarian emergencies worldwide. In order to achieve this goal, USAID/DCHA/OFDA's strategy for the HFPCR is to improve local livelihoods as a means to increase household's resilience to shocks reducing the need for future relief based activities. A. The broad goals of this APS are to: • Stabilize humanitarian indicators in food insecure households through both the provision of humanitarian assistance and activities designed to protect existing household assets; • Strengthen existing developmental programming designed to rebuild livelihoods and household resiliency to shocks through the diversification and creation of household assets; and, • Improve economic opportunities and livelihoods through improved market linkages in support of the agricultural and livestock sectors. USAID/OFDA anticipates awarding two cooperative agreements as a result of this APS, one targeting interventions in Kenya and one targeting interventions in Uganda. As of October 10, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is April 8, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

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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. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the 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 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 who are 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; (4) with input from the Cultural Orientation Working Group and guidance from the Bureau, 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 one 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 may be 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 may participate in that process. As of September 3, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 5, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs- The Community Relations Branch of the Office of International Visitors, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/PE/V/C/R) invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of an airport arrival and departure program at New York's John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport and New Jersey's Newark International Airport. It is anticipated that a cooperative agreement for \$195,000 will be awarded on or about January 1, 2009, pending availability of FY 2009 funds. This 18-month award

will begin on or about January 1, 2009 and end September 30, 2010, and will be based on a combination of 500 incoming and outgoing flights between the two international points of entry stated above. Proposed funding would support the following specific activities: meet incoming International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) participants at JFK International Airport, New York, and assist them to their connecting flights; meet incoming IVLP participants at Newark International Airport, New Jersey, and assist participants to their connecting flights; provide assistance to outgoing IVLP participants, through U.S. Customs, at JFK International Airport, New York, and Newark International Airport, New Jersey; and liaise with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials, and Port Authority officials at both points of international entry in order to carry out scope of work under the cooperative agreement. As of October 14, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 6, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Public Affairs - Below is a sample list, though not exhaustive, of the types of series television the Department will consider funding: Example 1: Reality series, twelve half to one-hour episodes, about America seen through the eyes of young Arabs, designed to reach the 25 and under school-age audience, comprising 60% of the regional population. o The aim of the series would be to show the interest of each member of the cast leading to specific interfaces and encounters in America with counterparts of similar interests. o The goal of the series will be to present a new vision of the United States -- its vibrancy and diversity, as well as its values to the people of the Arab world. Example 2: Foster Socially Responsible serial television dramas on the major pan Arab free-to-air satellite channels for Saudi Arabia and the 23 Arabic speaking countries and territories of the MENA region. o In consultation with the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, seek out indigenous producers, writers and directors of current serial dramas with a proven track record and top audience ratings on pan Arab free-to-air satellite channels, who would like to focus part of the drama story on America and Americans' personal relationships with Saudis in the United States. Example 3: Develop an original serial television drama in partnership with a major pan Arab free-to-air satellite channel for Saudi Arabia and the 23 Arabic speaking countries and territories of the MENA region. Produce a serial drama that attracts audiences for the network and enhances the possibility of a better life for all who find its entertainment irresistible. o Create a serial drama that will imbed the values necessary for a more open society, one that respects, for instance, pluralism, equal opportunity and the role and status of women. The drama must have a positive goal; a world in which the use of violence to achieve political, religious, or social objectives is no longer acceptable. It must support constructive alternatives to violent extremism. The series must be constructed in a way that adapts the popular genre of that part of the world into a compelling, must-watch experience. As of October 10, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 10, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Employment and Training Administration- The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$125 million in grant funds for Community-Based Job Training Grants. Community-Based Job Training Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community and technical colleges. Funds will be awarded to individual community and technical colleges, community college districts, state community college systems, and One-Stop Career Centers

to support or engage in a combination of capacity building and training activities for the purpose of building the capacity of community colleges to train individuals for careers in high-growth/high-demand industries in the local and/or regional economies. This Solicitation contains an exception for rural areas and other communities that are educationally underserved due to their lack of access to community or technical colleges. In awarding Community-Based Job Training Grants, every effort will be made to fairly distribute grants across rural and urban areas and across the different geographic regions of the United States. It is anticipated that individual awards will range from \$500,000 to \$2 million. As of October 10, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 24, 2008. The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is November 24, 2008. Applications must be received at the address below no later than 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Application and submission information is explained in detail in Part IV of this SGA. For more information, [click here](#).