



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Food security is a critical global issue demanding our attention and action. This week's newsletter features information on the Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative. As the U.S. Government seeks to improve strategic coordination in this priority area, the State Department consultation document noted below correctly states that "non-governmental and civil society organizations must also be included in the planning and implementation of food security programs at the local, regional, and global levels." To find out ways you can provide your input, please read on.

We had a great call on PVO registration this past week. Notes from the call will be posted to the CFBCI website in the days to come.

Warmest regards,

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AT A GLANCE...

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GLOBAL HUNGER AND FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE

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More than one billion people — one sixth of the world's population — suffer from chronic hunger. Without enough food, adults struggle to work

FOOD SECURITY

"The question is not whether we can end hunger, it's whether we will."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

and children struggle to learn. Global food supplies must increase by an estimated 50 percent to meet expected demand in the next 20 years. Advancing sustainable agricultural-led growth increases the availability of food, keeps food affordable, and raises the incomes of the poor.

The U.S. is committed to working as part of a collaborative global effort centered around country-led processes to improve food security. We are working with stakeholders to advance action that addresses the needs of small scale farmers and agri-businesses, and harnesses the power of women to drive economic growth. We will increase our investment in agriculture development while maintaining our support for humanitarian food assistance.

Principles for Advancing Global Food Security

1. Comprehensively address the underlying causes of hunger and under-nutrition
2. Invest in country-led plans
3. Strengthen strategic coordination
4. Leverage the benefits of multilateral institutions
5. Make sustained and accountable commitments

Key Documents and Websites:

- [State Department Global Hunger and Food Security Website](#)
- [USAID Fact Sheet on Food Security](#)
- [U.S. Government Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative Consultation Document](#) - Input requested!

From the NGO Community:

- [Roadmap to End Global Hunger](#)
- [Bread for the World on Global Hunger](#)

Famine Early Warning Systems Network:

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What is FEWS NET?

The Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) is a USAID-funded activity that collaborates with international, regional and national partners to provide timely and rigorous early warning and vulnerability information on emerging and evolving food security issues. FEWS NET professionals in the Africa, Central America, Haiti, Afghanistan and the United States monitor and analyze relevant data and information in terms of its impacts on livelihoods and markets to identify potential threats to food security.

Once these issues are identified, FEWS NET uses a suite of communications and decision support products to help decision makers act to mitigate food insecurity. These products include monthly food

security updates for 25 countries, regular food security outlooks, and alerts, as well as briefings and support to contingency and response planning efforts. More in-depth studies in areas such as livelihoods and markets provide additional information to support analysis as well as program and policy development.

FEWS NET also focuses its efforts on strengthening early warning and food security networks. Activities in this area include developing capacity, building and strengthening networks, developing policy-useful information, and building consensus around food security problems and solutions.

To utilize the information on FEWS NET, [click here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

FrontLines

[USAID's monthly newspaper](#) provides additional insights on USAID programs and the development world.

Upcoming Events

The Association of Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations (AERDO) and Canadian Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA) invite you to the Forum on Relief and Development. The event will be held December 9-11 in Chevy Chase, MD.

Speakers Include:

- Joshua DuBois - Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Joel Edwards - International Director, Micah Challenge; Member, International Religious Advisory Council to Tony Blair's Faith Foundation
- Beth Birmingham - Associate Professor for Leadership & Change, Eastern University
- Peter Walker - Professor of Nutrition and Human Security, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University
- Dave Evans - Vice-President of Government Resources and Programs, Food for the Hungry

Day one of the Forum will feature day-long trainings. Choose from: [Donor Development](#), [Field Security](#), and [Social Networking/Marketing](#)

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

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 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.

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: 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/Moscow - HIV Prevention for At-Risk Populations Project – USAID/Russia is seeking applications from U.S. non-governmental and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations for implementation of the HIV Prevention for At-Risk Populations Project in the Russian Federation. This project aims to contribute to the Government of Russia's fight against HIV/AIDS. Prospective applicants are advised that the applicant funded under this RFA will be required to comply with Russian laws and regulations. This includes changes to the registration and reporting obligations for foreign and Russian NGOs working in Russia. **The closing date of this announcement is November 5, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

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 November 13, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Lima: Strengthening Ecuadorian Justice Project – The U.S. Government is committed to support Ecuador's long-term efforts to strengthen the Rule of Law because a functioning and respected rule of law, with an effective

justice system, contributes to increased public satisfaction with government, reduces corruption, and enhances democratic stability. Through this project, USAID will focus its support in key areas that will contribute to the strengthening of Ecuadorian Justice: (a) application of the criminal justice system – including the enforcement of recently passed reforms-, (b) access to legal services by vulnerable groups of the population, (c) civil society’s oversight of the restructuring and functioning of justices institutions, and (d) transparency in the judiciary. The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Pretoria - Strengthening Clinical Services in Lesotho – The USAID Mission to Southern Africa is seeking applications from organizations to implement a five-year program to assist USAID to implement and manage a strengthening of clinical services program in Lesotho. The purpose of this program is to conduct activities involving effective and tested approaches to providing comprehensive and integrated HIV/AIDS care and treatment to include activities being provided under current PMTCT programs. This phase of activity will require demonstration of an effective level of collaboration, coordination, and integration of policy, technical approaches, programs, stakeholders, and partnerships in accordance with the Government of Lesotho's HIV/AIDS strategy, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare policy, procedures and guidelines, the Partnership Framework and USG PEPFAR guidance in Lesotho. The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 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 November 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Monrovia – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program in Liberia – The purpose of this solicitation is invite application to provide technical services for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene program activity in Liberia. The activity is part of USAID/Health Program. The activity duration is expected five years. The purpose of the WASH activities to be supported with USAID funding provided for rebuilding Liberia under its current mandate and in context of the USAID Health program is to make measurable improvements in water supply, sanitation, hygiene and the enabling environment (for WASH) in target areas within six counties (of 15 total) in Liberia and selected communities of greater Monrovia. The closing date of this announcement is November 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Kampala – Increase Participation of People with Disabilities – USAID/Uganda invites applications to carry out activities, under grants, that increase participation of people with disabilities (PWDs) in USAID activities and strengthen the capacities of disabled people’s organizations (DPOs). The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information about this activity to prospective applicants so that they may develop and submit concept papers for USAID funding. Applicants must use the "Disability Concept Paper Application Form" attached to this APS when submitting their concept papers. This APS describes: (1) the type of activities or programs for which applications will considered; (2)

the funding available and the process and requirements of submitting applications; and (3) explains the criteria for USAID evaluation of applications. The closing date for this announcement is November 30, 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](#).

NEW! USAID/Tbilisi: Civic Education in Georgia - The objective of the “Civic Education in Georgia” project is to improve the quality and scope of school-based civic education in Georgia as a means to increase the skills and commitment of youth to participatory democracy. This three-year, \$2.69 million activity will be implemented through a competitively awarded cooperative agreement. The program will activate students’ knowledge about democratic institutions, principles and practices, instill an ethic of participatory democracy in teachers, students and administrators, and create a foundation for constructive and effective citizen participation in Georgia’s political processes. The main focus of this project will be on school-based civic education for older students (grades 9 – 12). The principal counterpart in the Government of Georgia (GOG) will be the Ministry of Education and Science (MES). The project will also collaborate with individual schools, school boards, teachers, students, local NGOs, publishers and others to address a variety of improvements in this sector. The closing date of this announcement is December 19, 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](#).

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. Alliance partners are expected to bring significant new resources, ideas, technologies, and/or partners to address development problems that USAID/Malawi is currently working to address. Successful applications will bring at least a 1:1 resource leveraging to priority development activities within USAID/Malawi's strategic focus areas. Through our Global Development Alliances, USAID/Malawi can facilitate access to broader financing options, assist in skill and knowledge development, and apply its extensive knowledge in Malawi to help strengthen and complement private development resources. **The closing date of this announcement is September 10, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

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Middle East Partnership Initiative - Saudi Arabia: Women's Civic Participation, Judicial Engagement, and Governance and Public Management Fellowships - The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for proposals to strengthen women's participation, governance, and judicial capacity in Saudi Arabia. This call is consistent with the President's message of supporting women's rights and improving good governance and rule of law at all levels. **The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs - Lincoln Learning Centers in Afghanistan - The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul announces an open competition for a cooperative agreement to coordinate logistics associated with establishing and administering Lincoln Learning Centers during the period of January 5, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Lincoln Learning Centers are information and program venues located in non-U.S. government sites throughout Afghanistan. Locations of the new Lincoln Learning Centers will be determined by the U.S. Embassy. Lincoln Learning Centers help maintain open dialogue and build bridges of understanding, representing the nation's long-standing commitment to spread the ideas and values of American democracy and civil society. Materials, hardware, furnishings, and renovation costs will be supplied by U.S. Embassy Kabul. **The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Request for Proposals: Democracy, Human Rights and Rule of Law for countries in Africa, Europe, South and Central Asia, the Near East, and the Western Hemisphere – The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law for countries in Africa (Cameroon, Zimbabwe and Regional), East Asia Pacific (Fiji, Laos, Timor Leste and Regional), Europe (Armenia, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, OSCE and Regional), the Near East (Jordan, Morocco, West Bank / Occupied Territories, Yemen and Regional), South and Central Asia (Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Regional), and the Western Hemisphere (Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico and Nicaragua). **The closing date of this announcement is November 17, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) - PRM NGO Projects in Rwanda/Tanzania - Limited funding is available to support NGOs working with UNHCR in Rwanda and Tanzania to assist and protect

refugees. Priority sectors include health, water, sanitation, shelter, camp infrastructure, protection, education, and gender-based violence prevention and response. Priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: (1) a working relationship with UNHCR and 2010 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities; (2) a proven track record in providing the proposed assistance (both in the sector and specified location); (3) evidence of coordination with international organizations and other NGOs working in the same area or sector; and (4) appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations. **The closing date of this announcement is November 20, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - FY 2010 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO Programs Benefiting Refugees in Kenya - While PRM encourages activities that include the local host population, NGOs should concentrate on care/maintenance activities for refugees in a camp environment. At least 50 percent of beneficiaries must be refugees. Proposals may focus on protection, health (including support for disabled persons), water, sanitation, shelter, community services, psychosocial support, prevention of and response to gender-based violence, and livelihoods development (including education) and training. **The closing date of this announcement is November 23, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Global Human Rights Defenders Fund – Background: Defenders of human rights often risk their own and their families' lives, safety, and jobs to advocate for universally recognized human rights. The Department of State places a high priority on defending these individuals. An emergency fund within the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) supports human rights defenders who promote human rights, democracy and good governance, women's rights, fair labor practices, independent media and journalism, and other issues that may raise the risk of safety and/or life for their defenders. Summary: DRL seeks proposals for effective and immediate approaches to disburse small, short-term emergency financial support to human rights defenders and advocates of human rights globally or regionally when the repression or restriction of basic human rights may occur. DRL encourages applicants to submit proposals that include strategies to target all kinds of human rights activists, including those who promote the rights of marginalized populations, including the LGBT community, labor rights activists, and religious rights activists. **The closing date of this announcement is November 24, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs - Track II Dialogue on Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula - Additional Information on Eligibility: Organizations capable of organizing and successfully facilitating high-level inter-governmental discussion forums, in informal settings, on sensitive multilateral nuclear non-proliferation issues, especially in Northeast Asia; and with demonstrated and substantial track records of success. The aim of this grant opportunity is to support a single 1-time grant to support an expert non-profit organization in facilitating an inclusive and collaborative unofficial dialogue on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. This grant opportunity would allow for the participation of civilian, military, and other government agency representatives from nations of the Six Party Talks – the USA, Russia, China, the Republic of Korea, Japan, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) – to meet and discuss regional security and non-proliferation issues that affect them all. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - FY-2010 Study of the United States Institutes for Scholars - The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of three Study of the United States Institutes to take place over the course of six weeks beginning in June 2010. These Institutes should provide a multinational group of experienced educators with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. Two of these Institutes will be for groups of 18 foreign university level faculty, focusing on U.S. Culture and Society, and Journalism and Media. The third Institute will be a general survey course on the study of the United States for a group of 30 foreign secondary educators. Applicants may propose to host only one Institute listed under this competition. **The closing date of this announcement is December 3, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).