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Fore Praises Public-Private Partnerships at Black Sea Trust Launch



Source: German Marshall Fund

Speaking at the December 3 U.S. launch of the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, USAID Administrator Henrietta H. Fore said the advent of public-private partnerships has changed the face of development.

"I believe we are entering into a new era of development: an era of inter-dependence, when special emphasis will be placed on leveraging information, ideas, technology, and public-private partnerships to spur innovation and results," she said.

Fore spoke at a reception for the Black Sea Trust (BST), a local grant making initiative in the Black Sea region, and one such public-private partnership that includes USAID, the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the government of Romania, and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia.

Fore was joined in remarks by GMF President Craig Kennedy, Mott Foundation Senior Vice President Maureen Smyth, Latvian Ambassador to the United States Andrejs Pildegovics, and Daniela Gitman, charge d'affairs at the Romanian Embassy.

USAID/Russia Teams Up with GlaxoSmithKline to Fight HIV/AIDS



On October 24, the USAID Mission in Russia announced the launch of a new Global Development Alliance with global pharmaceutical leader GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and the USAID-supported American International Health Alliance (AIHA) to train Russian medical professionals in HIV care and treatment practices, including anti-retroviral therapy. Ambassador William J. Burns announced the launch of the "promising" partnership at the annual meeting for the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria held in Moscow, which brings together a group of more than 220 companies working to maximize private sector impact in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

GSK and AIHA will support the "Russian Professional Development in HIV Medicine Program", which seeks to develop clinical experts from targeted Russian regions to serve as champions for other healthcare professionals throughout Russia, sharing expertise on effective clinical practices. The program will also set up an interactive Russian language website for clinicians to share HIV/AIDS-related best practices, including treatment guidelines and protocols, textbooks, training materials, and clinical case studies.

This is the first partnership between an international pharmaceutical company and the United States Government seeking to build capacity to provide comprehensive treatment, care, and support to people living with HIV/AIDS in Russia.

HIV/AIDS in Russia:

- The Russian Federation is experiencing one of the fastest-growing epidemics of HIV/AIDS in the world.
- The country accounts for some 70% of all HIV infections officially registered in the ECA region.
- An estimated 860,000 people were living with HIV in Russia at the end of 2003. These reported cases almost certainly underestimate the number of people living with the infection.
- Young people between 15 and 29 years make up some 80% of infected persons.
- Women account for more than 30% of infected persons. Reported cases of pregnant women with HIV in Russia have increased from just 125 in 1998 to 3531 in 2003. As a result, there is a sharp rise in mother-to-child transmission of the virus.

Source: World Bank

P&G Recipient of Presidential Award for Water Program

Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez presented Proctor & Gamble with the 2006-2007 Ron Brown Award for Corporate Leadership for its work through the Children's Safe Drinking Water program at a White House ceremony on December 5. The Ron Brown Award, which was established by President Clinton in honor of the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce, is the only Presidential Award recognizing companies for outstanding achievement in employee and community relations. Proctor & Gamble, Exelon Corporation, and Northrop Grumman were chosen to receive the award from more than 90 programs through a rigorous selection process.



Source: P&G. A.G. Lafley, President and Chief Executive of Proctor & Gamble, and USAID Administrator Henrietta H. Fore

The Children's Safe Drinking Water program is a project that seeks to supply water purification technology to countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas. Proctor & Gamble is a Global Development Alliance partner on the Safe Drinking Water Alliance, a \$6.8 million program which has distributed 70 million packets of PUR water purification tablets in more than 40 countries to treat 700 million liters of drinking water in Africa, Asia and Haiti.

USAID and Seaboard Sign MOU on Health GDA

Seeking to build on a current public-private alliance, USAID and Seaboard Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work together in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean earlier in December. The current alliance between Seaboard and the USAID Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo focuses on improving healthcare in factories. The latest MOU outlines areas of potential engagement, including improving access to basic quality health care for sub-Saharan Africa's poorest citizens; advancing health care services available to HIV/AIDS patients; and improving agricultural production and animal husbandry



practices. Seaboard is already a supplier to USAID's Title II program and could be a catalyst to agricultural and nutrition initiatives in Africa and Latin America.

Agora Partnerships Wins Dalberg's I-Qube Award



Agora Partnerships Managing Partner Ben Powell was named this year's I-Qube Award winner by Dalberg Global Development Advisors for his groundbreaking work on a Global Development Alliance in Nicaragua.

According to Dalberg's Holly Mackey, the I-Qube Award, which recognizes innovation, impact, and inspiration in the development field, went to Powell, "because we very much believe in the transformative work that he's doing in Nicaragua and hope that his organization can scale to other countries in the region and beyond."

Launching New Ventures in Nicaragua is a \$1.7 million GDA that provides management tools, networks, and access to capital to Nicaraguan entrepreneurs who present financially sustainable, socially responsible business ideas.

GDA's 2008 Annual Program Statement is Now Available

The Office of Development Partners, Private Sector Alliance division (ODP/PSA) has released the 2008 Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS), which is now available at:

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/gda/aps_2008.pdf. This year's APS provides guidelines on working with the GDA business model and outlines the application process.

Upcoming GDA Events

<p>SDC Employment and Income Conference & Workshop GDA Senior Advisor Barbara Addy will lead a discussion of the cultural barriers to mainstreaming public-private alliances at a conference hosted by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).</p>	Nottwil, Switzerland	1/10
<p>University of Michigan Ross School of Business Net Impact Forum 2008 "Leading in Thoughtful Action" GDA Senior Advisor Melanie Oliviero will participate in a panel on public-private alliances with key private sector partners.</p>	Ann Arbor, MI	1/17
<p>GDA Training GDA Senior Advisor Jerry O'Brien will deliver a GDA training with Alliance Specialist Anay Shah at USAID headquarters.</p>	Washington, DC	1/23-25
<p>GDA Training GDA Remittance Specialist Thomas Debass will conduct GDA training at the USAID mission in Ethiopia.</p>	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	1/28-1/31

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