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Director's Note

Colleagues, Partners, and Friends,

Last week marked a historic moment for our nation: President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, making Juneteenth a federal holiday. Passed with overwhelming bi-partisan support in Congress, this nationally-recognized day of reflection not only commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, but it also compels us to act on behalf of those around the world who do not yet know freedom and flourishing.

As we grapple in an enduring struggle for justice and equality here at home, as well as a pandemic that continues to ravage communities near and far, we remember our neighbors around the world who are doing the same. We may be celebrating a reopening of sorts in the US, yet we know the pandemic is not fully over until it is over everywhere.

Some good news: we are excited to share [President Biden's plan to distribute half a billion vaccine doses to fight the COVID-19 pandemic internationally](#) in partnership with COVAX and GAVI.

And some challenging news that beckons us to lean in: From outbreaks of violence and famine in Tigray, to the deportation of Uyghurs seeking refuge from religious oppression, to the migrants fleeing corruption and instability in communities across Central America on a perilous journey in pursuit of safety, we recognize that threats to democratic governance and violations of freedom abound. These are all matters of freedom and human flourishing.

I am encouraged by the work we are doing at USAID through the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and hope you will take the time to read our update to learn more about our work. As always, our door is open to all USAID staff, interagency colleagues, and faith-based and community organizations. Please do not hesitate to contact cfbnp@usaid.gov to set up a time to meet.

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Administrator Power: White House, Northern Triangle, Uyghurs & more

- The White House Office for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships recognized International Observance of Transphobia, Biphobia and Homophobia Day by hosting a virtual event with USAID Administrator Samantha Power. During her remarks, [Administrator Power](#) highlighted the continued discrimination against and harassment of LGBTQI+ people internationally, and how USAID will build on President Biden's [Presidential Memorandum on Advancing the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons Around the World](#).
- For her first trip as USAID Administrator, Power traveled to [Honduras](#), [Guatemala](#) and [El Salvador](#) to announce new programs dedicated to advancing economic growth and security in the region. She also visited [the chapel at the José Simeón Cañas Central American University](#) in memory of 8 people assassinated during El Salvador's Civil War, and [met with Cardinal Ramazzini](#), a leading advocate for climate change and indigenous people.
- As shared by [Administrator Power on Twitter](#), there have been international reports of Uyghurs being deported to the People's Republic of China (PRC) from Muslim-majority countries, such as Dubai, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. USAID stands with the Uyghur population, calling on PRC to stop its mistreatment of its citizens and on our partner countries to reject similar future requests.
- Stephen Colbert hosted Administrator Power on the [Late Show](#), where they discussed the 500 million vaccines worldwide plan, the crisis in Tigray, and Northern Triangle, to name a few.

White House Faith & Community Partnerships Calls

The White House Office for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships hosts weekly Faith & Community Partnerships Calls to engage and update the American people on the Administration's priority initiatives. In recent weeks, the White House has hosted meetings focused on COVID-19, irregular migration in the Northern Triangle and the President's economic recovery plan. Director Phillips participated as a keynote speaker on May 13th and June 17th to provide updates on the international supply of vaccinations and how USAID is working with COVAX and GAVI to prioritize vulnerable populations. If you would like to sign up for more information about upcoming events and efforts, sign up for their emails at www.wh.gov/fbnp-signup.



Project Spotlight: REACH in Samoa

Caritas Samoa and their sister agency Catholic Relief Services are partnering with USAID to implement [Ready Environments Addressing COVID-19 and Hygiene](#) (REACH), an emergency preparedness and response project in Samoa. In conjunction with the Ministry of Health and the Independent Water Scheme Association, Caritas Samoa has reached 3,000 households with educational sessions and hygiene promotion, prepositioned 625 hygiene kits, and installed nine 10,000L water tanks in villages with water scarcity over the course of 10 months.

COVID-19 Updates

- **500 million vaccines:** Last week, [President Biden announced](#) that the United States will purchase and donate 500 million vaccine doses to 92 lower- and middle-income countries and economies and the African Union. In the months ahead, USAID will work through COVAX to distribute Pfizer vaccine doses safely and equitably. The vaccines will start shipping in August 2021, with 200 million doses delivered by the end of 2021 and the remaining 300 million delivered in the first half of 2022.
- **COVID-19 Pandemic and the International Response:** Gayle Smith, the Coordinator for Global COVID Response and Health Security at the Department of State, and Jeremy Konyndyk, the Executive Director of the COVID-19 Task Force at USAID, appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee Subcommittee to discuss the importance of U.S. leadership in ending the COVID-19 pandemic. Find the recording and their full testimonies [here](#).

Announcements

- **We're on Twitter!** Please find the Local, Faith and Transformative Partnerships Hub social media handle on Twitter [@USAIDConnects](#). Be sure to follow us to see updates about program launches; USAID media stories; program results and statistics; calls to engage with USAID; stories and videos; holidays and international awareness days; and finally, retweets from Missions and partners.
- **[International Religious Freedom Report 2020](#):** Every year, the Department of State releases an annual report describing the status of religious freedom in nearly every country in the world. Secretary of State Blinken remarks, affirming the U.S. commitment to religious freedom as a universal human right, can be found [here](#).
- **[Business Forecast & Partner Update Webinar](#):** The Business Forecast provides information about potential funding and partnership opportunities at USAID and offers partners the opportunity to engage with us early in the procurement process. In June, Director Phillips participated in the monthly Forecast webinar to current and potential partners. Please find his remarks, along with the rest of the event transcript, [here](#).
- **[Global Water 2020](#):** Director Phillips was a keynote speaker at *Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Healthcare Facilities: Celebrating the Faith Community's Leadership, Action, and Results*. The event was the culminated three years of work conducted by Global Water 2020. Their final report can be found [here](#).

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