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ACRONYMS

As used in this document, the listed acronyms will have the following meanings:

ASHA	American Schools and Hospitals Abroad
DCHA	Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
FY	Fiscal Year
OSI	Overseas Institution
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USO	United States Organization



INTRODUCTION

The American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) program of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) represents the pioneering spirit and the generosity of the United States. The objective of the ASHA program is to strengthen schools and hospitals overseas that best demonstrate American ideals and practices. ASHA grants assist in capital improvements, such as building or renovation of facilities, and procurement of scientific, medical and educational equipment.

Since its inception under the Mutual Security Act of 1957 and the Foreign Assistance Act (Section 214) of 1961, as amended, ASHA has assisted 257 educational and medical institutions abroad. The ASHA program has facilitated the development of superior libraries, schools, and medical centers in over 76 countries. ASHA assistance is made available through United States Organization (USOs) for Overseas Institutions (OSIs). These OSIs must be either founded or sponsored by a USO that holds a 501(c)(3) status. Grants or cooperative agreements made under the ASHA program help support such institutions that demonstrate to people overseas the achievements of the United States in education, medicine, and technology. USAID encourages applications from all eligible, previous, current and new partners.

The program currently manages a worldwide portfolio of over 110 grants. Up to 40 new grants are awarded every year. These grants are awarded to tax-exempt, U.S. organizations (USOs) that have founded or sponsored OSIs that are engaged in the following activities: 1) providing foreign nationals the benefits of American ideas and practices in education and medicine; 2) serving as effective demonstration and study centers which foster interchange, mutual understanding, and favorable relations with the United States; and 3) promoting civil society.

To date, many ASHA assisted projects have been successfully completed and have impacted local institutions and people. These projects provide innovative opportunities that were previously not available without ASHA support. The FY2012 awards are described in the following pages.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASHA DIRECTOR

Dear ASHA Family and Friends,

The past year has been a remarkable time for the Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA). We have continued the broad-based transition both internally and externally that was started in 2011. We have streamlined the grant management process, taken on new staff members, strengthened our partnerships, and increased overall efficiency. These changes have improved ASHA's core mission to strengthen schools and hospitals overseas that best demonstrate American ideals and practices.



Over the past year, ASHA staff has traveled to Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, meeting with local partners and gaining a better understanding of ASHA funded projects overseas. We revitalized the USAID/ASHA Annual Conference and, because of the many procedural changes, we have conducted several overseas workshops reaching out to local partners and others to increase their understanding of the ASHA program.

Looking back on what the ASHA office has accomplished, we see that in just 12 months the office has revised policies and procedures that were 20 years old in an effort to comply with existing U.S. Government regulation and USAID policy. We have streamlined the grant management process and clearly defined the roles of the staff within the office, making it easier for both grantees and staff. We have embraced many of the principles of USAID Forward and are using our outreach initiative to partners domestically and in the region to not only strengthen our capacity to measure impact and deliver results, but also improve local capacity through our local partner organizations.

We have had a record number of opportunities to visit Members of Congress on Capitol Hill. We now have more interaction with other offices within USAID than ever before in our history. In addition, we have survived an Office of Inspector General audit and a Congressional Notification hold; all while going through institutional contractor transition.

These changes have helped us to capture, document, and share the impact of ASHA's work. I am proud of the changes we have implemented and to have had an opportunity to put ASHA on a new course. While reading this Annual Report, you will see the projects that we fund speak for themselves. Their impact is tremendous and inspirational. Looking forward, the ASHA office will continue to strengthen its partnership and support organizations that build a foundation for development by offering state-of-the-art equipment and facilities for present and future leaders.

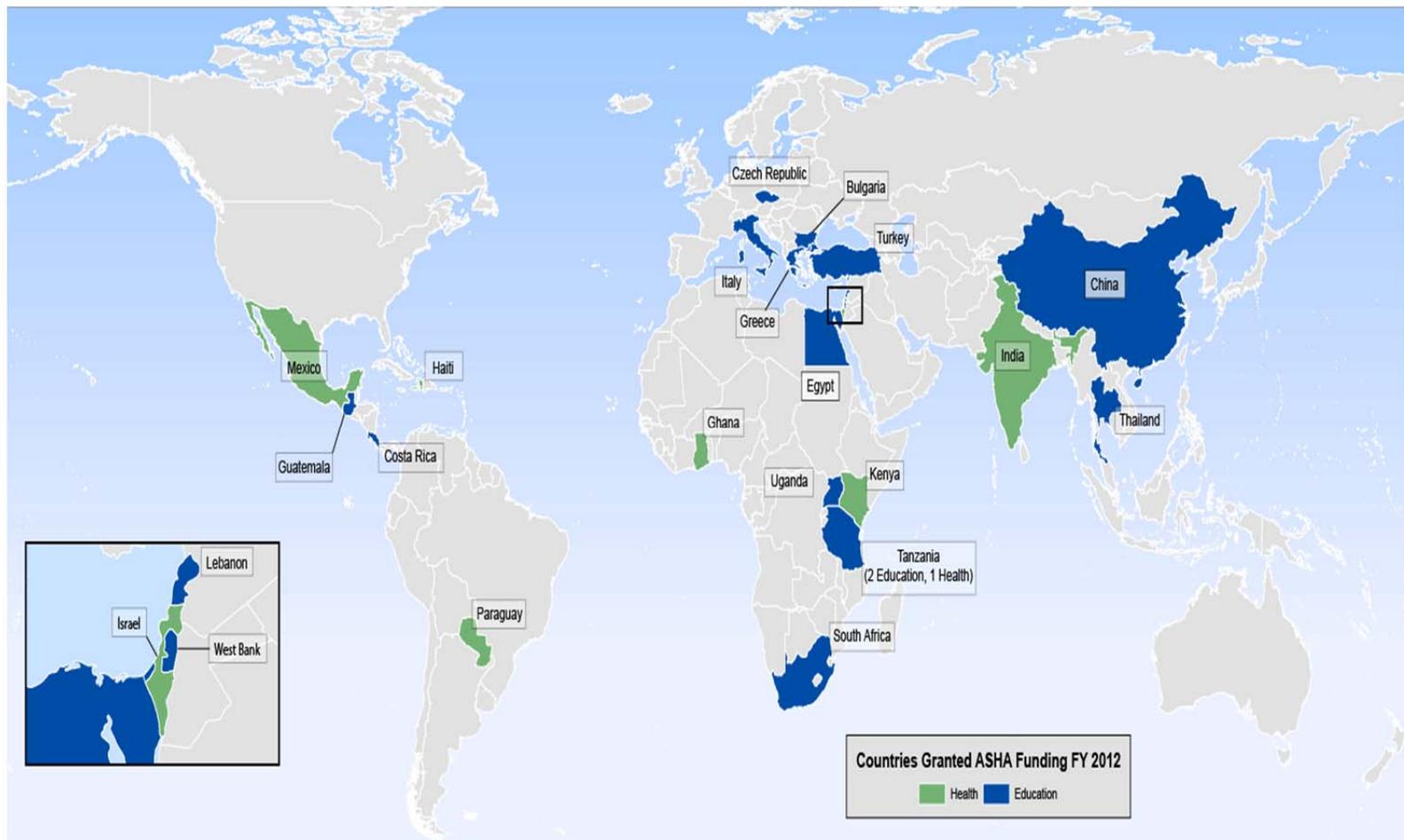
Sincerely,

Tamra Halmrast-Sanchez

YEAR IN REVIEW

Quick Facts FY 2012:

- ✓ **ASHA awarded more than \$20.5 million in grants and cooperative agreements in FY 2012.**
- ✓ **In FY 2012, ASHA assisted 33 institutions globally.**
- ✓ **To date, ASHA has supported projects in more than 76 countries.**





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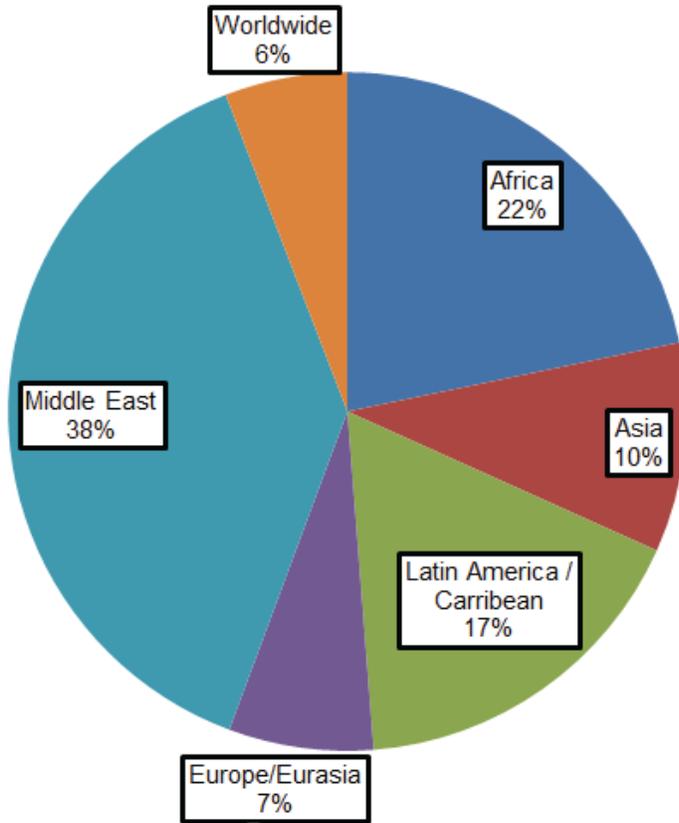
**ASHA AWARDED 11
HEALTH-RELATED GRANTS
IN FY 2012**

(Photo by Tony Karumba)

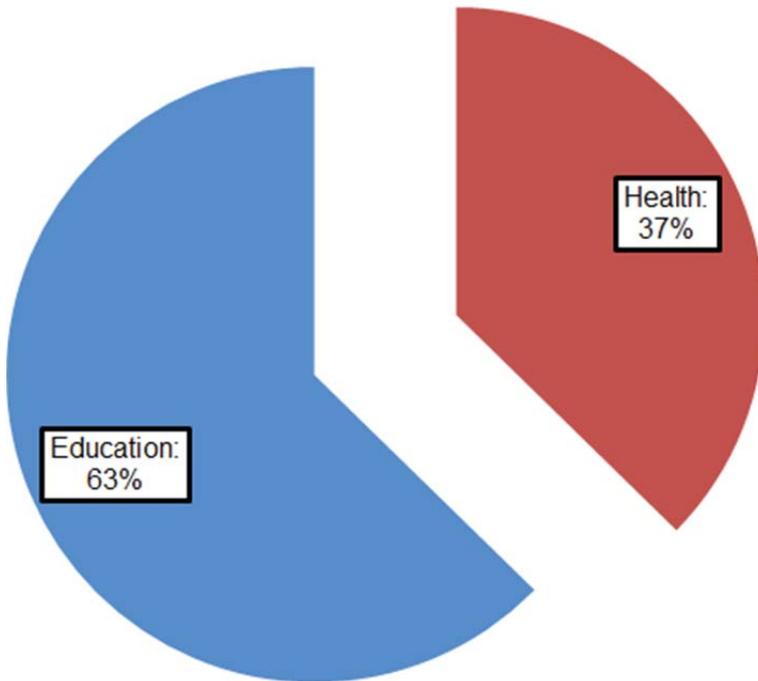


**ASHA AWARDED 22
EDUCATION GRANTS
IN FY 2012**

(Photo by A. Majeed)



Amount Granted By Region	
Region	Amount (USD)
Africa	\$4,460,000.00
Asia	\$2,050,000.00
Europe / Eurasia	\$1,414,000.00
Latin America / Caribbean	\$3,500,000.00
Middle East	\$7,900,000.00
Worldwide	\$1,200,000.00



Grant Types	
Area	Amount (USD)
Health:	\$7,660,000.00
Education:	\$12,864,000.00

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA HIGH SCHOOL (KENYA)

St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School is a high school for AIDS orphans living in the Kibera slums of Nairobi – one of Africa’s largest slums. It is the world’s first high school exclusively for AIDS orphans. The original school building was situated in the midst of the slum with very minimal facilities, constructed of corrugated steel roofs and mud walls, had cramped classrooms with poor lighting and ventilation. St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School was in desperate need of a modern facility to provide an environment that would enhance a quality education. With ASHA support, a new building has been constructed outside of the slums, which is equipped with modern, well lit, and secure classrooms.

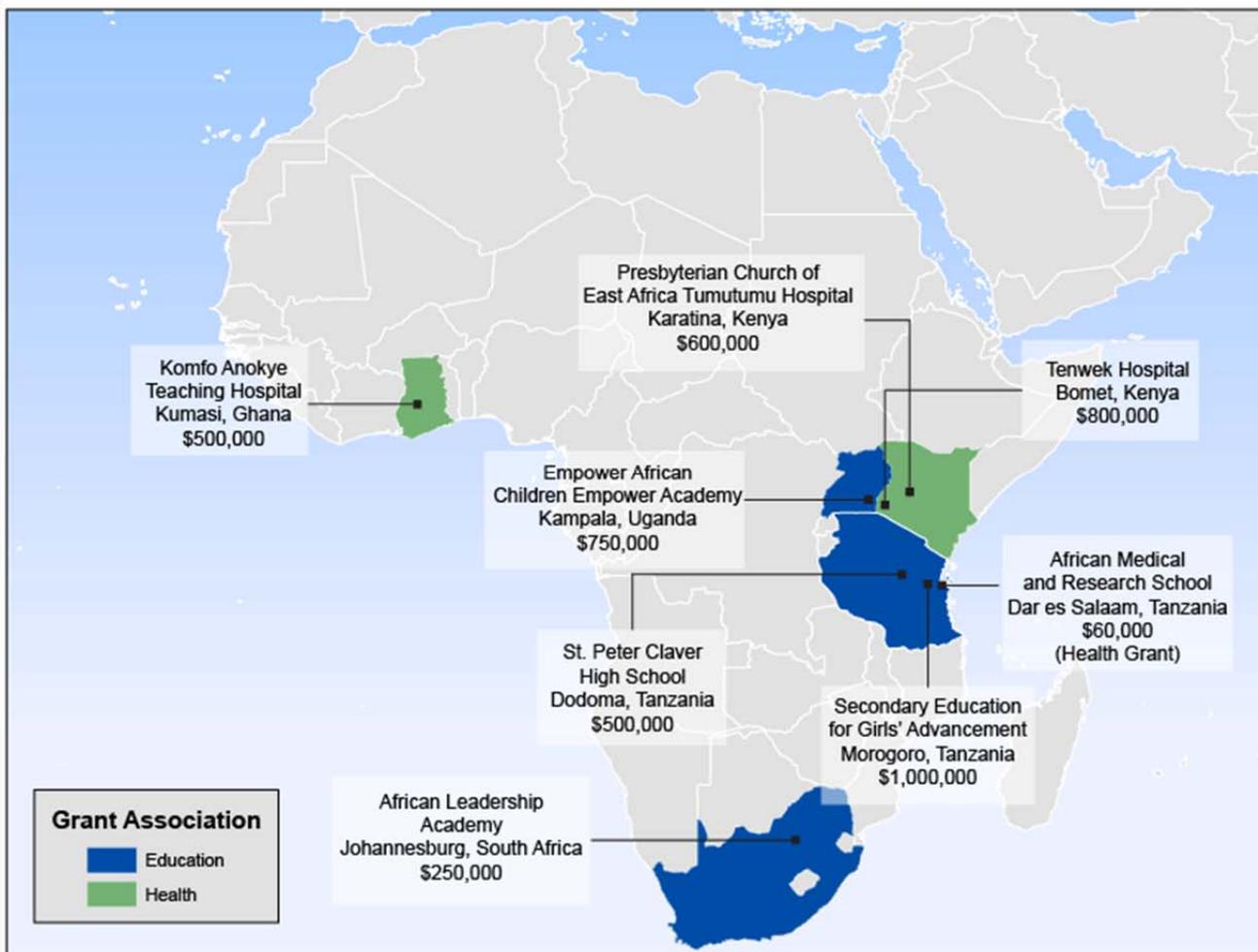


(Photo courtesy of St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School)

In addition to providing furniture and textbooks, these grants have also enabled the school to construct three well-equipped science laboratories for biology, chemistry and physics. Two computer labs have been outfitted with 80 new computers, enabling computer science to be taught to all St. Aloysius students. Today, around 90% of St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School students continue on to college to earn diplomas and degrees that enable them to take up more productive roles in society as well as help their communities.



NEW ASHA GRANTS IN AFRICA FY 2012



FY 2012 AFRICA AWARDS

**Himalayan Cataract Project, Sponsor
KOMFO ANOKYE TEACHING HOSPITAL, Ghana**

Award: \$500,000.00 over two years

Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital will procure specialized ophthalmology surgical equipment, solar and medical waste management systems.

**Medical Benevolence Foundation, Inc., Sponsor
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA (PCEA) TUMUTUMU HOSPITAL, Kenya**

Award: \$600,000 over four years

Presbyterian Church of East Africa Tumutumu Hospital will construct and equip Phase II of a 3-story library, seminar and admin wing on a new nursing school campus.

**World Gospel Mission, Sponsor
TENWEK HOSPITAL, Kenya**

Award: \$800,000 over four years

Tenwek Hospital will construct the Tenwek Hospital Eye and Dental Care Center.

**African Leadership Foundation, Sponsor
AFRICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, South Africa**

Award: \$250,000 over two years

The African Leadership Academy (ALA) in South Africa will upgrade the library's electronic resources, upgrade dining and dormitory facilities, install security fence around the perimeter of ALA's campus.

**Chicago-Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus, Sponsor
ST. PETER CLAVER HIGH SCHOOL, Tanzania**

Award: \$500,000 over four years

St. Peter Claver High School in Tanzania will construct the second and third floor of their high school and purchase equipment and furnishings for the school.

**Nurturing Minds, Inc., Sponsor
SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR GIRLS' ADVANCEMENT (SEGA), Tanzania**

Award: \$1,000,000 over four years

SEGA Girls Secondary School will construct Phase IV. of a 2-story multi-purpose building, a one-level dormitory with detached laundry facility, two watchmen's guard houses, a staff house, and a chain-link fence w/paved walkway around the perimeter of the campus.

**African Medical & Research Foundation, Inc. USA, Sponsor
AFRICAN MEDICAL AND RESEARCH SCHOOL, Tanzania**

Award: \$60,000 over two years

The African Medical and Research School in Tanzania will purchase laboratory equipment for its Laboratory Unit that will be used as a training and testing facility for health care professionals.

**Empower African Children, Sponsor
EMPOWER AFRICAN CHILDREN, EMPOWER ACADEMY, Uganda**

Award: \$750,000 over four years

Empower African Children in Uganda will begin the construction of a secondary boarding school on its Empower Academy campus.



ANANDABAN HOSPITAL (NEPAL)

Instead of taking an hour to individually count one patient's blood cell count microscopically, now it takes less than a minute for lab technicians at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. This small piece of equipment has dramatically improved efficiency in the hospital. ASHA provided a total of \$250,000 to the Anandaban Leprosy Hospital to improve treatment and training technology, expand diagnostics and research lab facilities, and to increase the communication systems of the hospital.

ASHA's funding has permitted updated diagnostic and research facilities for Anandaban Hospital. The funding has enabled the hospital to expand their diagnostic lab services to better meet the onsite needs of the patients, and to refurbish the old wards that were converted to labs 29 years ago. The updated lab includes installation of a digital x-ray machine, sodium-potassium analyzer, blood banking capacity, refurbishing of labs, fluorescent microscope, biosafety good cabinet, and automated cell counter. ASHA's funding has also provided physical therapy equipment for leprosy patients, Wi-Fi internet capability and an improved telephone system within the hospital complex.

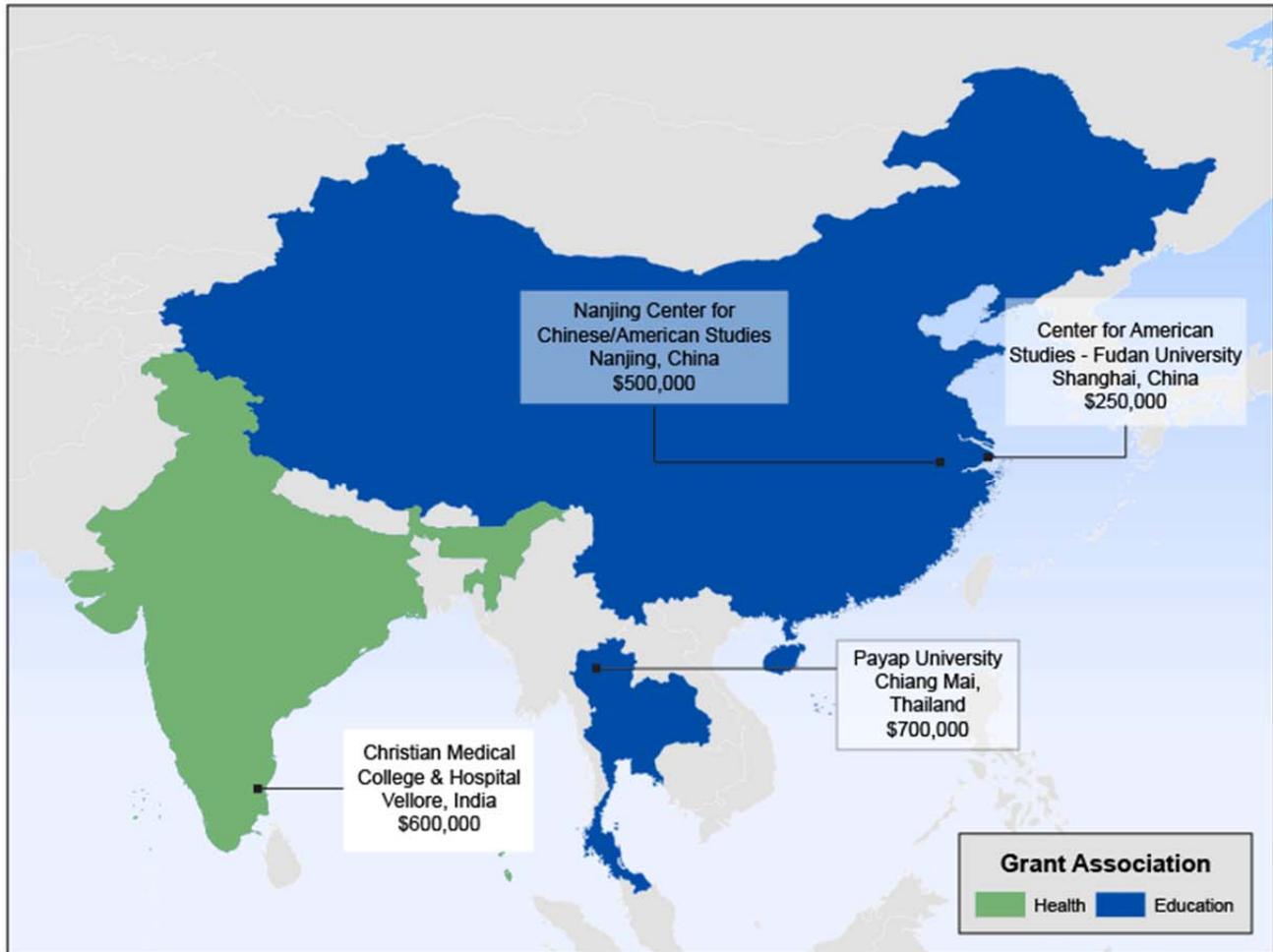
"In Nepali, the word "asha" literally translates into the word "hope". We are grateful to the American people for granting us these capital items. Besides direct services impact, the facilities update has brought hope and encouragement to our staff and the patients they serve. Leprosy patients are often the forgotten poor. This ASHA grant has helped them to know that there are people who care and that there is, indeed, hope." -Dr. Deanna Hagge



(Photo courtesy of Anandaban Hospital)



NEW ASHA GRANTS IN ASIA



FY 2012 ASIA AWARDS

Fudan Foundation, Sponsor

CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES-FUDAN, China

Award: \$250,000 over two years

The Center for American Studies in China will update the electronic library and building renovation for the Center for American Studies, Fudan University.

The Johns Hopkins University, Sponsor

NANJING CENTER FOR CHINESE/AMERICAN STUDIES, China

Award: \$500,000 over two years

The Nanjing Center for Chinese American Studies will procure commodities including computer equipment for the library and materials for the e-library and renovation of classrooms, meeting rooms and auditorium.

The Vellore Christian Medical College Foundation, Inc., Sponsor

VELLORE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, India

Award: \$600,000 over two years

Vellore Christian Medical College in India will install a high-end computed tomography (CT) scanner.

United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, Sponsor

PAYAP UNIVERSITY, Thailand

Award: \$700,000 over four years

The Payap University in Thailand will install solar electricity generating equipment.

ROBERT COLLEGE (TURKEY)

The benefits of the new heating system:

- ✓ Increased boiler efficiency (with zoning and automation)
- ✓ Reduction of natural gas required to operate the system (40% - 50%)
- ✓ Reduction in personnel required to operate the system
- ✓ Ability to provide heat on an as-needed/where-needed basis
- ✓ Reduction of electricity required to operate system (20%)
- ✓ Elimination of long steam pipelines, which required replacement and repair
- ✓ Environmental contribution due to use of natural gas rather than fuel oil

Located in Istanbul, Turkey, Robert College is notable for its success at educating high school students and is the oldest American school still in existence in its original location outside the United States. ASHA has a long history of successfully supporting Robert College. In 1980, ASHA supported an energy conservation project of converting the heating system from steam to water and double glazing the windows; from 1984-1994, ASHA supported the overhaul of insulation of the heating system, refurbishing the science building, and renovating the library; and from 2008-2010, ASHA supported the renovation of dorms and the wastewater recycling system, not only expanding the college, but also making it more environmentally friendly.

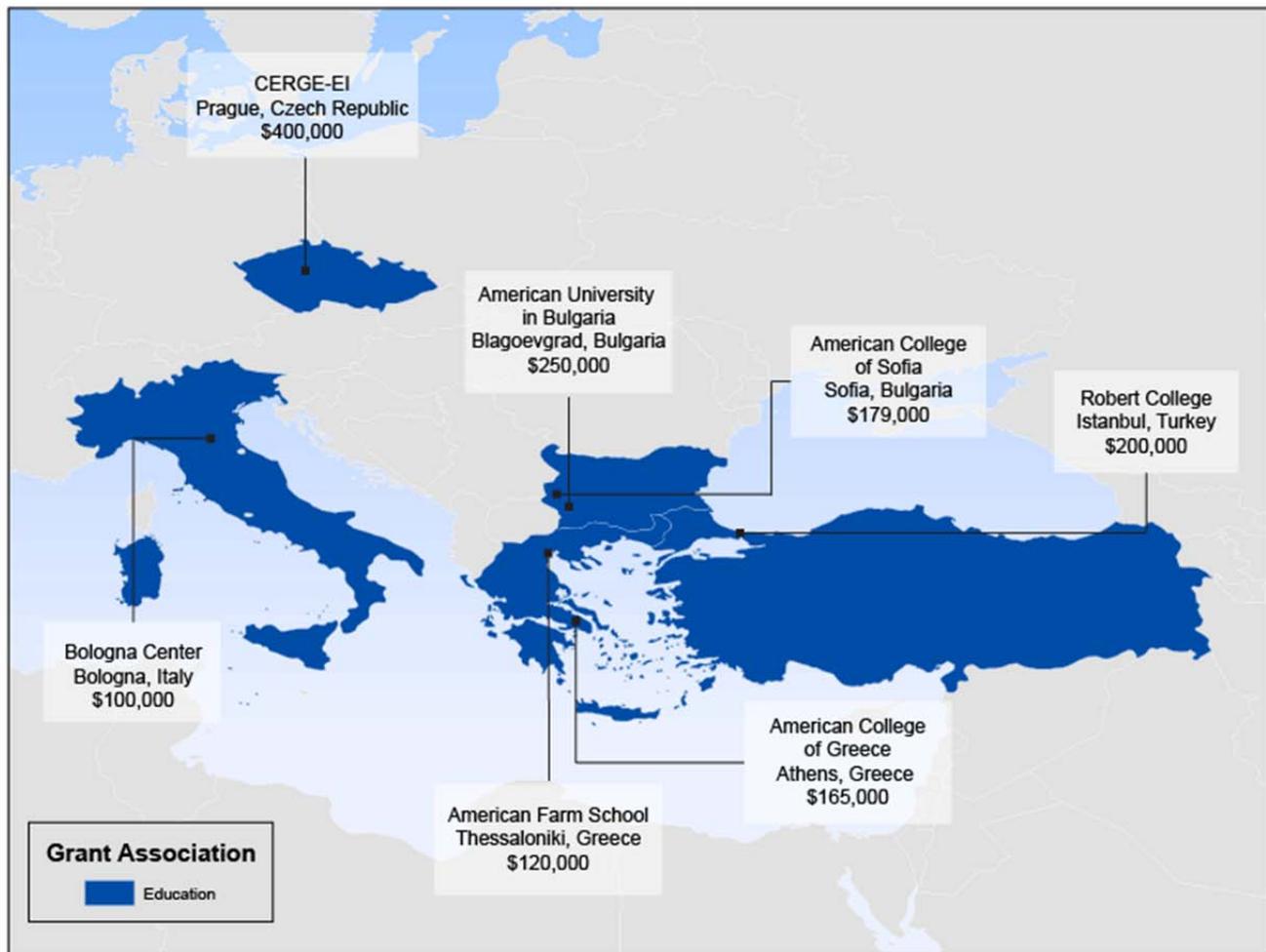
More recently, ASHA has supported a more efficient heating system with a significant savings in the amount of natural gas required. In addition, by zoning each building and installing automated systems for delivery at peak demand times, further savings are achieved. This project was part of an overall effort to achieve higher energy efficiency throughout the entirety of the school's operation. The goal was to implement a comprehensive energy management plan in order to reduce the consumption of natural gas and electricity, both by mechanical means as well as by careful planning and supervision.



(Photo courtesy of Robert College)



NEW ASHA GRANTS IN EUROPE & EURASIA FY 2012





FY 2012 EUROPE & EURASIA AWARDS

American University in Bulgaria, Inc., Sponsor
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BULGARIA, Bulgaria

Award: \$250,000.00 over two years

The American University in Bulgaria will purchase equipment to create 'smart classrooms' including touch screens and video conferencing equipment.

Sofia American Schools, Inc., Sponsor
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SOFIA, Bulgaria

Award: \$179,000 over two years

The American College of Sofia in Bulgaria will procure furniture & equipment for school buildings.

CERGE-EI Foundation, Sponsor
CERGE-EI, Czech Republic

Award: \$400,000 over two years

CERGE-EI will purchase printed and electronic commodities (e.g., books, monographs, journals and databases).

Office of the Trustees - American Farm School, Sponsor
AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL, Greece

Award: \$120,000 over four years

The American Farm School in Greece will renovate the roof and ceiling of multi-purpose building to improve energy saving; and they will procure audiovisual equipment installation.

American College of Greece, Inc., Sponsor
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GREECE, Greece

Award: \$165,000 over two years

Enhancement of PIERCE College language lab and classroom labs for DERE College and creation of smart classrooms for PIERCE College.

The Johns Hopkins University, Sponsor
BOLOGNA CENTER, Italy

Award: \$100,000 over two years

The Bologna Center in Italy will procure classroom and office technology upgrades, including digital whiteboards and upgrade the computers in the student computer laboratory.

Trustees of Robert College of Istanbul, Sponsor
ROBERT COLLEGE, Turkey

Award: \$200,000 over four years

Robert College in Turkey will refurbish and equip classrooms for collaborative learning and one-to-one laptop instructional program.

EARTH UNIVERSITY (COSTA RICA)

Located in the center of Costa Rica, EARTH University (Escuela de Agricultura de la Región Tropical Húmeda) is an example of an ASHA-funded institution building sustainability. Through ASHA's funding, EARTH University has improved the sustainability of their campus based on four key areas: water efficiency, energy savings, wastewater management, and alternative transportation. By replacing and installing low flow fixtures, harvesting rainwater, installing solar water heaters and sky-lights for natural lighting, this ASHA-funded project is a model of modern sustainable practices and stewardship of the natural environment.



(Photo courtesy of EARTH Unive

Students enjoy their meal from a cafeteria that uses biogas-fueled stoves. EARTH University has seen a reduction of 21% in their energy consumption from 2008-2012.

Since its inception, EARTH University has installed more than 500 bio-digesters; with more than 123 installed by students in EARTH's neighboring communities. Several hundred more have been installed in Costa Rica by individuals or institutions trained by EARTH, and by EARTH alumni around the world. In this way, EARTH's students, staff and partners have helped families protect local forests; save money they might otherwise spend on gas and enhance their farms' air quality.

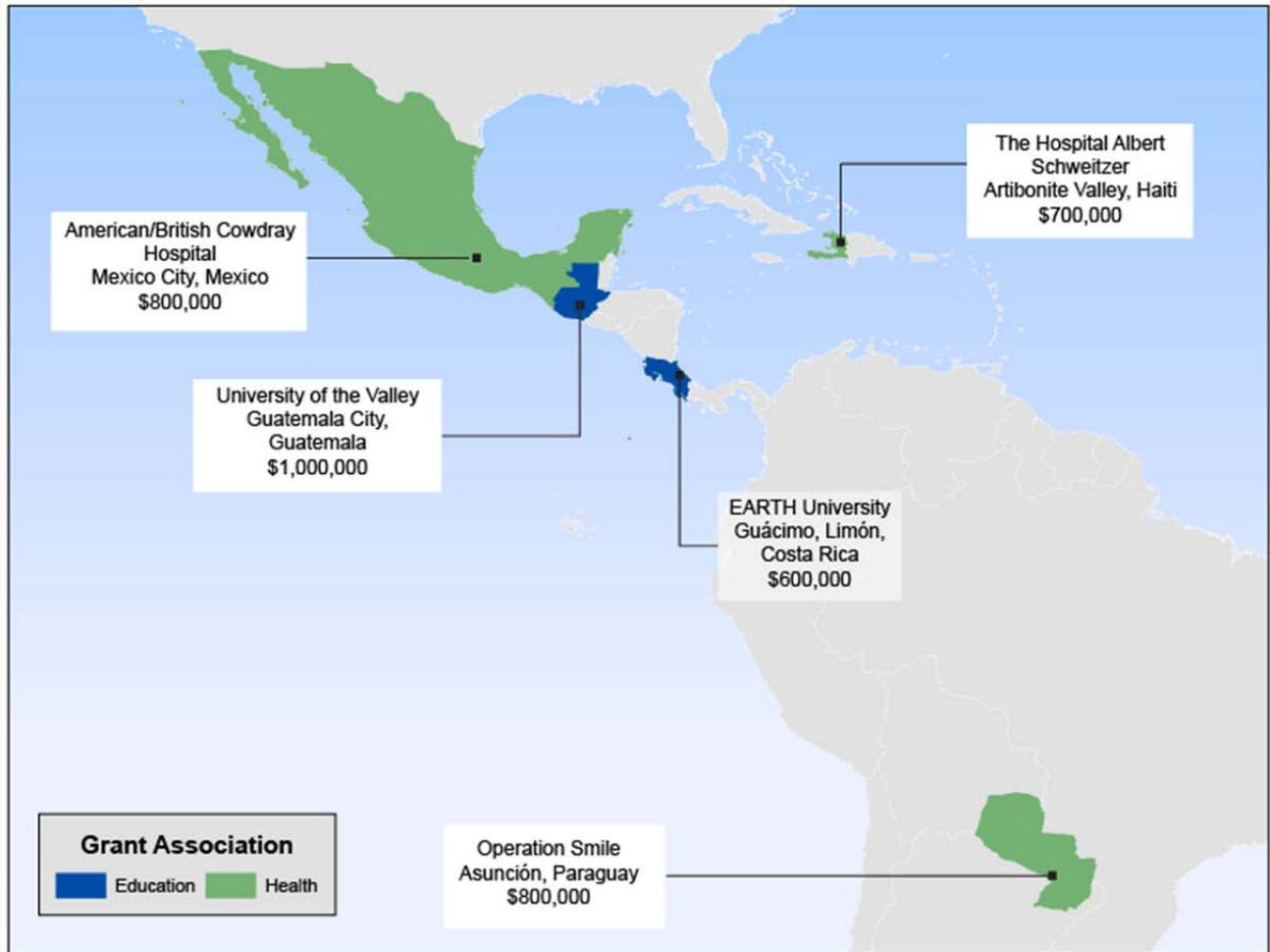
In the rural communities of the tropics, where most of EARTH's students originate, families often face the challenge of finding affordable, eco-friendly energy. Many must either cut an abundance of wood from local forests or pay high prices for gas to fuel their cooking. Sadly, the use of these energy sources is contributing to climate change, which many experts predict will dramatically affect these same communities. While many rural families would be willing to reduce their carbon footprint, they often lack the knowledge and resources to do so. By living and studying on campus, EARTH students learn about innovative energy initiatives such as the University's Carbon Neutrality Program and Renewable Energies Laboratory. They directly experience the benefits of green infrastructure such as solar heaters, skylights, photovoltaic energy panels, and bio-digesters (simple structures that convert manure and other organic waste into methane gas that can be used for cooking).



NEW ASHA GRANTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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SPOTLIGHT ON LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



FY 2012 LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AWARDS

Earth University Foundation, Sponsor

EARTH UNIVERSITY, Costa Rica

Award: \$600,000 over four years

Earth University in Costa Rica will build an operational infrastructure for the Office of Admissions and International Academic Relations.

Foundation of the University of the Valley of Guatemala, Sponsor

UNIVERSITY OF THE VALLEY, Guatemala

Award: \$1,000,000 over four years

The University of the Valley in Guatemala will construct a multimedia room and five classroom building at the South Campus. Additionally, the university will procure chemistry and pharmacology lab equipment.

The Grant Foundation, Sponsor

HOSPITAL ALBERT SCHWEITZER, Haiti

Award: \$700,000 over four years

The Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti will renovate their emergency room and inpatient ward areas.

American British Cowdray Hospital Foundation, Sponsor

AMERICAN/BRITISH COWDRAY HOSPITAL, Mexico

Award: \$400,000 over two years

The American/British Cowdray Hospital will equip two ABC Medical Training Centers with human body simulators to teach healthcare professionals in Mexico medical procedures.

Operation Smile, Inc., Sponsor

OPERACION SONRISA PARAGUAY, Paraguay

Award: \$800,000 over two years

Operacion Sonrisa Paraguay in Paraguay will equip the Operation Smile Paraguay Cleft Lip and Palate Comprehensive Care Medical Center for optimal treatment and care, education, training and research.

HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION (ISRAEL)

Hadassah Medical Organization has been a source of medical expertise in Israel for a century. Celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, Hadassah provides nearly one million people with hospital services each year. With ASHA's assistance of \$1.6 million, ASHA has empowered Hadassah to incorporate the most effective advancements in surgery and technology to continue to be a model of American medical practices in the Middle East at its two locations – Hadassah University Medical Center and Hadassah Hospitals at Mount Scopus (community hospital) and Ein Kerem (advanced research and tertiary treatment facility).



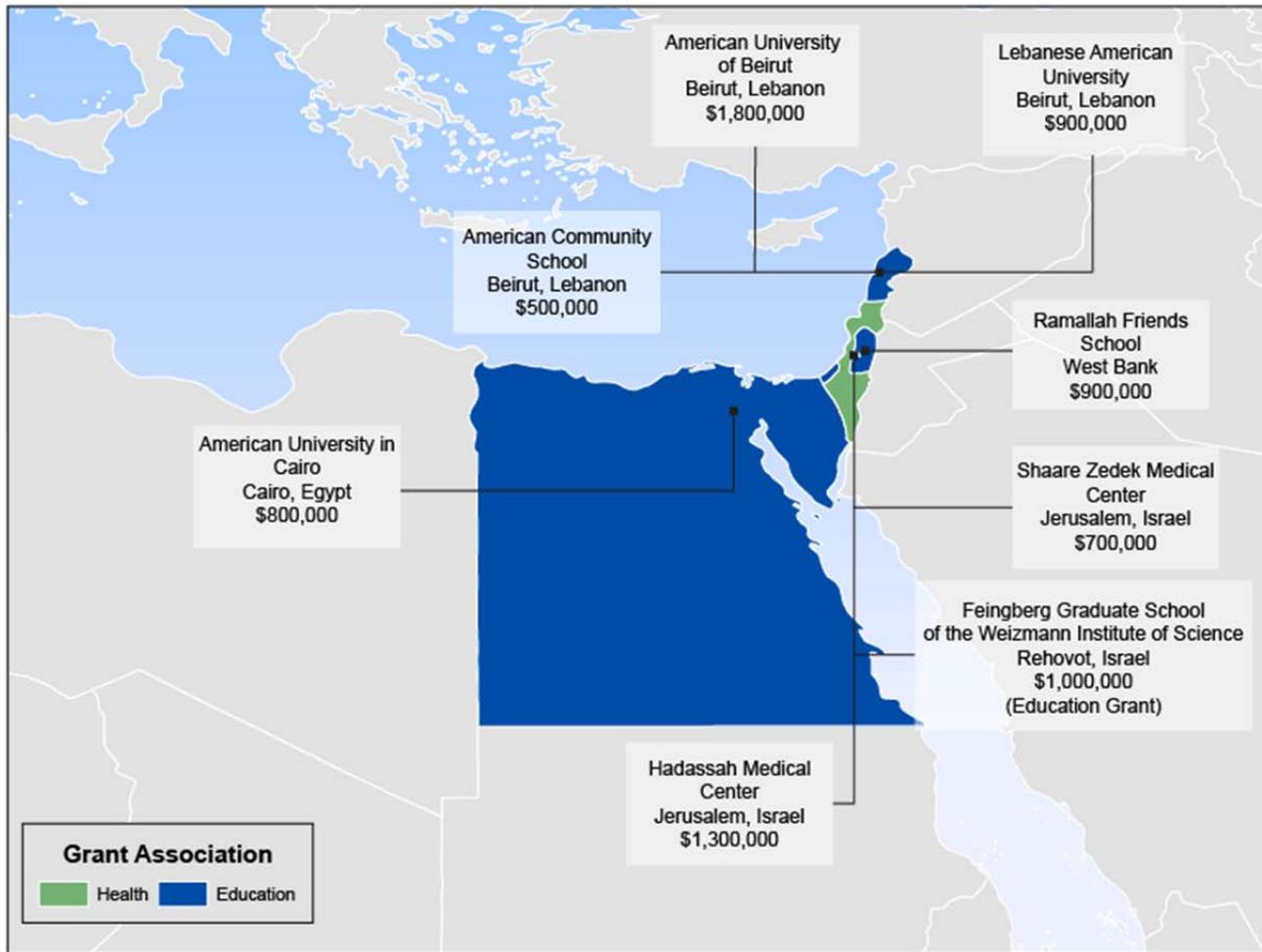
A Hadassah doctor demonstrates the use of a mini mobile ultrasound in the angiography center. This unique piece of equipment enables the physician to see the interior of the blood vessel he is trying to reach with a needle, making the invasive procedure more accurate and less inconvenient. Hadassah performs 10-20 invasive angiography procedures every day to patient populations from Israel, the West Bank/ Gaza, former Soviet Union Republics, Africa and other countries all over the world

(Photo courtesy of Hadassah Medical Organization)

With the assistance of ASHA, patient care has earned an international reputation for representing the best in American style medical practice and expertise in the Middle East. The funding has provided an upgrade in surgical tools and medical equipment. This equipment includes surgical lamps, surgical tables, anesthesia systems and monitors, mobile x-ray systems, and laser surgery equipment. This equipment will allow doctors to better monitor, scan, and operate on patients.



NEW ASHA GRANTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST FY 2012





FY 2012 MIDDLE EAST AWARDS

Trustees of the American University in Cairo, Sponsor

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO, Egypt

Award: \$800,000 for two years

American University in Cairo, Egypt will procure equipment to furnish the biology, chemistry and physics labs to build the next generation of science education.

Hadassah Medical Relief Association, Inc., Sponsor

HADASSAH MEDICAL CENTER, Israel

Award: \$1,300,000 over two years

Hadassah Medical Center in Israel will procure state-of-the-art intensive care equipment for their hospital.

Trustees of the Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute, Sponsor

FEINBERG GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, Israel

Award: \$1,000,000 over two years

Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel will procure scientific instrumentation for educational and research activities.

American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Inc., Sponsor

SHAARE ZEDEK MEDICAL CENTER, Israel

Award: \$700,000 over two years

Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Israel will procure a new, state-of-the-art digital radiography system.

Trustees of the American Community School, Sponsor

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Lebanon

Award: \$500,000 over two years

American Community School in Lebanon will procure improve its security infrastructure by procuring commodities such as a Public Address System and Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Telephone System for its campus.

Trustees of the Lebanese American University, Sponsor

LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Lebanon

Award: \$900,000 over two years

Lebanese American University in Lebanon will procure state-of-the-art equipment for the Schools of Architecture & Design (Photography Lab), the School of Arts & Sciences (Communications Arts Equipment) and the School of Engineering.

Trustees of the American University of Beirut, Sponsor

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, Lebanon

Award: \$1,800,000 over two years

American University of Beirut in Lebanon will procure state-of-the-art medical equipment needed for teaching, research and patient care.

Friends United Meeting, Sponsor

RAMALLAH FRIENDS SCHOOL, West Bank/Gaza

Award: \$900,000 over four years

Ramallah Friends School in West Bank/Gaza will upgrade educational facilities and acquire state-of-the-art equipment as it develops the School Athletic Program for energy conservation, and renovation works on its campus.



FY 2012 WORLDWIDE AWARDS

ORBIS International, Inc., Sponsor

PROJECT ORBIS

Award: \$ 1,200,000 for four years

ORBIS International Inc. will construct an independent, self-contained ophthalmologic hospital suite and classrooms affixed to cargo pallets inside of the MD-10-30 ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital aircraft.



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