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Dear Friends,

This month's newsletter marks the release of USAID's *2013 Annual Letter* and the first ever *USAID Forward Progress Report*.

Both reports not only highlight new models and important advancements on the frontlines of ending extreme poverty—in areas of resilience, child survival, food security, and education—they underscore the critical role played by faith based and community organizations in achieving these results.

Thank you for your role in advancing this mission.

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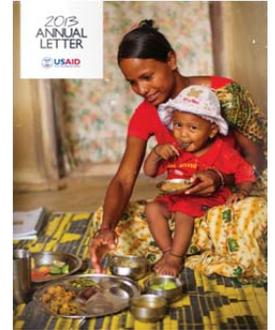
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News and Events

Annual Letter Issued; Spotlights Role of Faith-based and Community Groups

On March 20, USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah released the Agency's third annual letter discussing ending extreme poverty and USAID's "New Model" for development. "We're moving from a traditional model of top-down development to a new model that engages talent and innovation everywhere to achieve extraordinary goals. We're trying to change the way development works, with new partnerships, a greater emphasis on innovation, and a relentless focus on measuring and delivering results," Shah says in the letter. To this end, the letter highlights the role of faith based and civil society organizations in advancing USAID's Call to Action on Child Survival, which included commitments from and 200 civil society organizations and 220 faith-based organizations to leverage their influence towards life-saving behavior changes in their communities. // READ: [2013 USAID Annual Letter](#)



USAID 2013 Annual Letter:
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Administrator Shah releases USAID Forward Progress Report



Administrator Rajiv Shah at event co-hosted by AEI and CAP, releasing USAID Forward Progress report.

On March 20, at an event co-hosted by the American Enterprise Institute and the Center for American Progress, Administrator Shah released the USAID Forward Progress Report. It highlights the successes and challenges of the past year in reforming the Agency and delivering better, more sustainable results. Dr. Shah underscored the role played by faith based and community groups in advancing this model, "partnering with engines of American innovation—corporations, foundations, NGOs, and faith-based communities—to help nations build innovation economies and democratic societies connected to our own." As an example he pointed to Ethiopian NGO, Project Mercy, saying, "All you have to do is meet people like [founders] Marta and Deme, and the hundreds and thousands of people whose lives they have helped transform to know that the future of development lies in their hands, not in ours." Shah reported that USAID has awarded \$728 million to local institutions in 73 countries in the past year alone.

- WATCH: [Dr. Shah's remarks at AEI/CAP event "Forward progress: Global development in the 21st century"](#)
- READ: [Full transcript of Dr. Shah's prepared remarks](#) // READ: [USAID Forward Progress Report](#)

ChallengeSlavery.org Campus Challenge Winners Announced

On March 22, USAID announced the winners of the ChallengeSlavery.org campus challenge, a global contest tapping college students to develop creative technology solutions to help prevent human trafficking. The top prize went to AboliShop, a prototype web browser extension aimed at informing consumers of the impact of their purchases while shopping online. Drawing on a database powered by Not For Sale, the extension grades products based on the likelihood and extent to which it contributes to or utilizes slave labor. Other winning ideas include: 1) Leveraging Mxit, Africa's largest social network, to launch an anonymous SMS anti-trafficking hotline; 2) Creating a secure online network where counter-trafficking organizations can share standardized data with each other; and 3) Another web-browser plug-in prototype called Shop4Society. Partners on the campus challenge included Abolition International, Not For Sale, Made in a Free World, Free the Slaves and MTV Exit.



AboliShop, winner of USAID's ChallengeSlavery.org campus challenge. Credit: @AboliShop

- WATCH: [AboliShop's video presentation of their browser plug-in prototype to fight human trafficking.](#)
- READ: [ChallengeSlavery.org blog post summarizing the results of the campus challenge.](#)

Select Grant Opportunities

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FY 2013 American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) Program Worldwide- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA), is accepting funding applications from U.S. Organizations that assist schools, libraries and medical centers outside the United States to serve as study and demonstration centers for American ideas and practices.

The closing date for this announcement is April 15, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Rwanda— Media and Elections Program- The United States Government, as represented by the United States Agency for International Development in Rwanda (USAID/Rwanda) is seeking applications from qualified organizations for an eighteen-month Media and Elections Program. The goal of the Media and Elections Program in Rwanda is to build the confidence and capacity of media professionals and to provide higher quality, transparent and balanced reporting in the period around the September 2013 Parliamentary Elections and leading up to the much anticipated 2017 Presidential Elections.

The closing date for this announcement is April 25, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID—Knowledge for Health II- USAID proposes a global cooperative agreement focused on strengthening knowledge and information use and exchange among health program managers and service providers, particularly in the areas of family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH). The proposed project, Knowledge for Health Phase II (K4Health-II), is expected to build on USAID's efforts to facilitate knowledge and information use and exchange among key audiences—health program managers and service providers—by developing, improving, and promoting the use of robust knowledge management (KM) practices and services.

The closing date for this announcement is April 26, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Mexico— Workforce Development Program - The United States Agency for International Development in Mexico (USAID) intends to award a Cooperative Agreement for a 36-month activity focusing on Mexico's northern border region entitled Workforce Development (WFD) for Youth in Mexico: Strengthening Education-to-Employment Systems. The overall goal of this activity is to support Mexican initiatives at a systemic level to increase labor market skills acquisition among youth, adapt upper- and post-secondary education and training programs to labor market needs, and increase portability of skills across the education, training and labor market systems.

The closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Cambodia— NGO Health Service Delivery Program - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking applications (proposals for funding) from local organizations as primary recipients to improve the health status of vulnerable populations in target provinces within Cambodia to increase utilization of high-quality reproductive health/family planning (RH/FP), maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS services.

The closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! India— In-STEP Program - USAID/India seeks a U.S. School of Education (SOE) to implement a three to five month customized teacher training program for approximately 100-110 teacher educators from India. The first group of 50 plus teacher educators would arrive in the U.S. on or around September 15, 2013 and the second group on or around September 15, 2014. The purpose of the proposed project, the India – Support for Teacher Education Program (In-STEP), is to build the capacity of Indian teacher educators (and administrators) by exposing them to the talent, methodologies, and expertise offered by U.S. Schools of Education (SOEs). It is expected that these teacher educators will take the practices and methodologies learned in the U.S. and apply them to the Indian context.

The closing date for this announcement is May 10, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

Cambodia— Annual Program Statement (APS) for MATERNAL&CHILD HEALTH, TUBERCULOSIS, HIV/AIDS, AND Malaria- Annual Program Statement enables support to local civil society organizations to implement small and concrete activities in the areas of MCH, TB, HIV/AIDS and Malaria.

The closing date for this announcement is May 17, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

U.S. Department of State

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)—FY 2013 Funding Opportunity

Announcement for NGO programs benefiting Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Niger-

PRM will prioritize funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities for Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Niger. Proposed activities should primarily support Malian refugees residing in refugee camps in Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Niger, and/or Malian refugees residing with host communities in Burkina Faso and Niger. Proposals that include host community support must ensure that at least fifty percent of the project beneficiaries are Malian refugees. Proposals may focus on support for protection efforts (prevention/response to gender-based violence or assistance for unaccompanied minors, prevention of military recruitment, and/or other child protection) or on gaps in any of the assistance sectors (e.g., WASH, health, nutrition/food security, shelter, education, livelihoods). NGOs applying for funding must demonstrate a working relationship with UNHCR and/or current UNHCR funding. A letter of support from UNHCR for the proposed activities is strongly recommended. This letter should highlight the gap in services the proposed program is designed to address. Priority will be given to NGOs that can demonstrate they have coordinated the proposed activities with UNHCR.

The closing date for this announcement is April 26, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)—Protecting Transgender Persons from Violence and Combating Impunity-

DRL seeks to support programs that increase protection of transgender persons who face acute forms of violence and harassment. DRL's overall goal is to ensure that incidents of violence are documented and investigated and that victims receive appropriate legal redress through domestic, regional, or international human rights mechanisms. DRL seeks proposals that will: (1) strengthen civil society organizations' efforts to both document incidents of violence and the investigation process (or lack thereof); (2) ensure transgender persons have adequate legal representation; (3) support local civil society organizations to seek redress through regional and international human rights mechanisms; and (4) where feasible/appropriate, sensitivity training for law enforcement agencies. Competitive proposals will link documentation, training and legal representation efforts as a means of promoting accountability and combating impunity. Proposals are encouraged to include components that focus activity at the local and/or community level, and should include sub-grants to local transgender organizations. Organizations may also want to consider different forms of inclusive sub-granting, such as advisory committees for grant selections. Proposals may consider, but are not limited to, activities such as documentation of incidents of violence and investigation processes, legal assistance for victims, improving capacity of lawyers and civil society organizations to assist transgender persons, sensitivity training for law enforcement agencies, and support for advocates to utilize domestic, regional, and international human rights mechanisms to promote accountability for human rights violations. Other activities which support the goals noted above may also be considered.

The closing date for this announcement is May 2, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)—FY 2014 Funding Opportunity

Announcement for Proposals for the Regional Resettlement Support Center (RSC) in Africa-

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) welcomes the submission of proposals for the Resettlement Support Center (RSC) for Africa for FY 2014. The deadline for submission of proposals is Monday, May 13, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. noon (EDT). The purpose of the RSC is to assist the Bureau in preparing the necessary casework for persons eligible for interview by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and, for those approved, to provide assistance in completing the additional requirements for refugee admission under Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. In addition, the RSC forwards the necessary data on all DHS-approved cases to the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) for distribution to Reception and Placement agencies according to procedures established by the Bureau. The Bureau will enter into one award for an RSC for Africa for an initial period beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 subject to the availability of funds. Through the award, 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 fiscal years based upon budget submissions on an annual basis, as long as there remains a need for the RSC and the organization operating the RSC provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. At the end of three years, if the need to operate the RSC continues, the Bureau will re-compete the project, and the recipient of this award may participate in that process. The organization selected to operate the RSC is expected to provide refugee processing services for all U.S. Refugee Admissions Program applicants in the designated locations, regardless of nationality or ethnicity, beginning on October 1, 2013.

The closing date for this announcement is May 13, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)—FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement for Proposals for the Regional Resettlement Support Center (RSC) in Turkey and the Middle East- The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) welcomes the submission of proposals for the Resettlement Support Center (RSC) for Turkey and the Middle East for FY 2014. The deadline for submission of proposals is Monday, May 13, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. noon (EDT). The purpose of the RSC is to assist the Bureau in preparing the necessary casework for persons eligible for interview by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and, for those approved, to provide assistance in completing the additional requirements for refugee admission under Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. In addition, the RSC forwards the necessary data on all DHS-approved cases to the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) for distribution to Reception and Placement agencies according to procedures established by the Bureau. The Bureau will enter into one award for an RSC for Turkey and the Middle East for an initial period beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 subject to the availability of funds. Through the award, 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 fiscal years based upon budget submissions on an annual basis, as long as there remains a need for the RSC and the organization operating the RSC provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. At the end of three years, if the need to operate the RSC continues, the Bureau will re-compete the project, and the recipient of this award may participate in that process. The organization selected to operate the RSC is expected to provide refugee processing services for all U.S. Refugee Admissions Program applicants in the designated locations, regardless of nationality or ethnicity, beginning on October 1, 2013.

The closing date for this announcement is May 13, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)—FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement for Proposals for the Regional Resettlement Support Center (RSC) in South Asia- The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) welcomes the submission of proposals for the Resettlement Support Center (RSC) for South Asia for FY 2014. The deadline for submission of proposals is Monday, May 13, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. noon (EDT). The purpose of the RSC is to assist the Bureau in preparing the necessary casework for persons eligible for interview by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and, for those approved, to provide assistance in completing the additional requirements for refugee admission under Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. In addition, the RSC forwards the necessary data on all DHS-approved cases to the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) for distribution to Reception and Placement agencies according to procedures established by the Bureau. The Bureau will enter into one award for an RSC for South Asia for an initial period beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 subject to the availability of funds. Through the award, 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 fiscal years based upon budget submissions on an annual basis, as long as there remains a need for the RSC and the organization operating the RSC provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. At the end of three years, if the need to operate the RSC continues, the Bureau will re-compete the project, and the recipient of this award may participate in that process. The organization selected to operate the RSC is expected to provide refugee processing services for all U.S. Refugee Admissions Program applicants in the designated locations, regardless of nationality or ethnicity, beginning on October 1, 2013.

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NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)—Women, Peace and Security in Iraq- The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) in partnership with the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) announce a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote women's political, economic and social advancement in Iraq pursuant to the goals and objectives of the U.S. National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security and U.S. Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally. I. Women, Peace and Security: Advancing Women as Elected Government Representatives. DRL and S/GWI's objective is to advance women's political participation in anticipation of the 2014 national elections and through post-election support for elected women representatives. The program should enhance the competitiveness of women candidates registered with the Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq. This program will connect 400 women to mid to high-level employment opportunities in the banking, hospitality and/or other industries. Formal Memoranda of Understanding must be signed with prospective employers as well as the Government of Iraq as required under Iraqi law.

The closing date for this announcement is May 27, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).