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Dear Friends,

Fifty years ago, April 1963, Pope John XXIII laid out an element of state relations that represents the thinking of that time yet resonates today as well:

“One country may surpass another in scientific progress, culture and economic development, but this superiority, far from permitting it to rule others unjustly, imposes the obligation to make a greater contribution to the general development of the people.” - Encyclical Letter *Pacem in Terris*.

Whether it's through our goal to feed 2-4 more million people through reforms to U.S. food aid or advances on the frontlines of fighting malaria and keeping the promise of children reaching their

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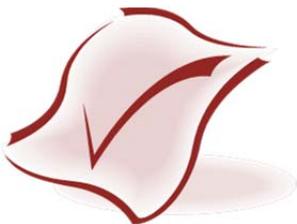
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News and Events

Proposed Food Aid Reforms will feed 2-4 million more people

On March 10, USAID Administrator Shah announced major reforms to food aid as a part of the President's FY2014 budget. These reforms will allow the United States to reach an estimated two to four million more people annually with the same amount of resources. These reforms will also ensure that the US is able to flexibly respond to hunger needs around the world, reaching more people with more efficient programming and enabling robust emergency and development programming within current budget constraints. You can see the proposed reforms laid out in this USAID fact sheet. The proposed reforms have drawn support from a diverse cross-section of faith-based and community groups, including [Catholic Relief Services](#), [American Jewish World Service](#), [Bread for the World](#), [Church World Service](#) and [Maryknoll](#).



Administrator Shah announces food aid reforms at March 10 event hosted by the Center for Strategic and International

- READ: [USAID Food Aid Reform factsheets](#)
- WATCH: [Dr. Shah's remarks on the future of food assistance at CSIS](#)

USAID Deputy Administrator Steinberg on *Pacem In Terris*



On March 10, USAID Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg spoke at a conference hosted by the Catholic Peacebuilding Network celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem In Terris* (Peace on Earth). Remarking on the relevance of the encyclical to modern development efforts, Steinberg observed, "It is a strong endorsement of foreign assistance as a means of building peaceful, stable societies." [Read the full transcript of Deputy Administrator Steinberg's prepared remarks here.](#)

President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) report highlights faith and community partners

Working together with national governments and other donors, the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) has reached millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa through a variety of approaches in hospitals, health facilities, and communities. On World Malaria Day (April 25), USAID released PMI's seventh annual report. The report highlights the efforts of several faith-based and community partners including PIRCOM, an interfaith coalition of religious leaders in Mozambique that has reached nearly 2 million congregants with basic malaria education. To date, PMI has supported malaria activities through more than 200 nonprofit organizations, approximately one-third of which are faith based. Over the last decade, reported malaria cases have been cut in half in more than 40 countries. Malaria control is central to our collective efforts to improve child survival and maternal health through the Child Survival Call to Action, expand access to education, and end extreme poverty.



Bishop Dinis Sengulane of PIRCOM addresses the crowd at Coca Missava village about the importance of net retreatment and malaria prevention. Photo credit: Bitá Rodrigues/USAID

- READ: [President's Malaria Initiative \(PMI\) seventh annual report](#)
- READ: [Religious Leaders "Noisy About Malaria" in Mozambique \(USAID IMPACT Blog\)](#)

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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](#).

NEW! USAID—IFRP RFA- The International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) is a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) program to support the production, stockpiling, transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf-stable, prepackaged foods by U.S. non-profit and Public International Organizations (PIO). This request for applications (RFA) applies to applications for grants for the transportation, delivery and distribution of IFRP products. The closing date for this announcement is May 20, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Thailand— Land Use Change and Disease Emergence Program- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking applications (proposals for funding) from U.S. or non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) including universities, academic institutions, and/or a consortia, and Public International Organizations (PIOs) to develop evidence-based tools for reducing deforestation, associated carbon emissions, and risk of disease emergence, as described in Section C of this Request for Application (RFA).

The closing date for this announcement is May 29, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Haiti— Community Development Program for Caracol-EKAM Housing Project- More than just infrastructure, the goal of the new settlements program is to create new communities, which have the necessary social, economic and governance components in place to ensure that the new residents are able to thrive in their new neighborhood. Given the limited duration of this program (24 months), the Grantee must focus on building and strengthening institutions and processes at the national, local and community levels that will ensure long-term sustainability. In particular, the program shall be planned and implemented in close collaboration with EPPLS, the GOH's Unite de Construction de Logements et des Batiments Publics (UCLBP), as well as local government representatives and institutions, and the existing communities in the area.

The closing date for this announcement is May 31, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID— African Institutions Innovation Mechanism (AIIM)- The objective of this APS is to seek applications from regional organizations in East Africa for programs that support the U.S. Government's Feed the Future (FTF) strategy for East Africa (<http://www.feedthefuture.gov/sites/default/files/country/strategies/files/EastAfricaFTFMulti-YearStrategy.pdf>). Successful applicants must be operational in at least two of the following countries and legally registered in one: Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and/or Uganda. Given that this APS is designed to support the regional FTF strategy, applicants and/or their partners must have the experience, presence and organizational mandate to operate in a regional context and contribute to the strategy's regional goals and objectives.

The closing date for this announcement is July 1, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

U.S. Department of State

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](#).

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](#).

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.

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 2013 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO programs benefiting Colombian Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)- PRM's priority for Colombian refugees and IDPs is focused on saving lives, alleviate suffering, and providing life sustaining goods and services at internationally accepted standards. For refugees, we are looking to fund proposals that fill critical gaps in humanitarian assistance and local integration support for particularly vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees, including women, Afro-Colombians, and indigenous populations in Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela. For IDPs, we are looking to fund proposals that present comprehensive programs addressing immediate and emergency humanitarian assistance; capacity building and institution strengthening at the local and national level; and the provision of protection mechanisms, such as improving protection for IDPs through access to IDP registration and assistance, focusing in Antioquia, Arauca, Caqueta, Cauca, Choco, Cordoba, Narino, Norte de Santander, Putumayo, and Valle del Cauca.

The closing date for this announcement is May 16, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) — FY 2013 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO Programs Benefiting Burmese Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Thailand and Malaysia- PRM will prioritize funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities for: (a) Burmese Refugees in Thailand in camps along the Thailand-Burma border: Mae La, Umpiem, Nu Po, and Ban Don Yang camps: Health, Water and Sanitation, and Gender-Based Violence. (b)Burmese Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Internally Displaced Persons on the Thailand-Burma Border: Services for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and mine-risk education. (c)Burmese Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Malaysia: Health and Gender-Based Violence. (d) Burmese Rohingya in the Region: Strengthened dialogue, engagement of affected governments and Rohingya leadership, and education.

The closing date for this announcement is May 21, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

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](#).

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) — Internet Freedom Annual Program Statement for Internet Freedom Technology- The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces the availability of funding for programs that support Internet freedom under the Governing Justly and Democratically Foreign Assistance program objective. DRL invites organizations interested in potential funding to submit statements of interest (SOI) outlining program concepts and capacity to manage projects that will foster freedom of expression and the free flow of information on the Internet and other connection technologies around the world. This announcement does not constitute a formal Request for Proposals: DRL will invite select organizations that submit SOIs to expand on their ideas via full proposal separately. This solicitation is focused only on aspects of Internet freedom programming related to technology development. Statements of Interest related to the digital safety, advocacy or research will be accepted through a separate solicitation. As this is an Annual Program Statement, SOI submissions will be reviewed on at least a quarterly basis according to the following deadlines: May 31, 2013 August 30, 2013 November 29, 2013 February 28, 2014.

For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) — FY 2013 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO programs benefiting refugees, internally displaced, and stateless persons in the South Caucasus- PRM seeks proposals that aim to empower and increase the self-reliance of PRM populations of

concern and strengthen local NGO capacity. While programs must include a target beneficiary base of at least 51% asylum seekers and refugees, other host community populations may comprise up to 49% of target beneficiaries. Proposals should address one or more of the priority sectors listed below. •Capacity Building: i. Local NGO capacity building •Protection Mechanisms i. Train community resource people ii. Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response iii. Combat xenophobia and discrimination (b)Azerbaijan: PRM seeks proposals that aim to empower and increase the self-reliance of PRM populations of concern and strengthen local NGO capacity. While programs must include a target beneficiary base of at least 51% asylum seekers and refugees, IDPs or other host community populations may comprise up to 49% of target beneficiaries. Proposals should aim to improve beneficiaries' self-reliance and increase the capacity of government institutions to provide basic services to address beneficiaries' needs. Proposals should address one or more of the priority sectors listed below. •Capacity Building: i. Local NGOs •Protection Mechanisms: i. Train community resource people ii. Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response iii. Combating xenophobia and discrimination •Livelihoods (c)Georgia: PRM seeks proposals that promote efforts to improve integration prospects for persons living in war-affected communities near the Georgian-Abkhaz and/or Georgian-South Ossetian Administrative Boundary Lines (ABLs) and proposals that increase the self-reliance of PRM populations of concern and local NGOs. Proposals should address one or more of the priority sectors listed below. •Confidence Building Measures •Livelihoods •Protection Mechanisms: i. Train community resource people ii. Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response iii. Combating xenophobia and discrimination

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