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Dear Friends,

Human trafficking is a significant moral issue in the world today. Across faith traditions, it violates the dignity of men, women and children here in the United States and around the world.

In his recent speech at the Clinton Global Initiative President Obama specifically highlighted the critical role the faith community plays in addressing this issue, comparing those who fight human trafficking today to those who launched the abolitionist movement to end slavery in our nation.

It is with this backdrop that I'm proud to use this month's newsletter to highlight the efforts of some of our strongest allies in the faith-based community— alongside the ongoing efforts of the Obama Administration and USAID—to bring an end to what has rightly been called modern slavery.

With gratitude,

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News and Events

President highlights role of faith community in ending modern slavery

On September 25, President Obama reenforced the ongoing commitment of the United States of America to combat human trafficking in an address at the Clinton Global Initiative, going so far as to call it modern slavery.

In his remarks, the President specifically highlighted the leadership of those in the faith community who have been active in this fight, comparing them to 19th Century abolitionists, saying, “Groups like these are answering the Bible’s call—to “seek justice” and “rescue the oppressed.”” He specifically touted the work of International Justice Mission, World Relief, and Passion City Church, alongside the efforts of evangelical and Catholic churches.

Building on the Administration’s existing efforts to end human trafficking, the President also announced an Executive Order aimed at strengthening protections against trafficking in persons in federal contracting. As the largest single purchaser of goods and services in the world, the U.S. Government has a responsibility to combat human trafficking at home and abroad, and to ensure American tax dollars do not contribute to this affront to human dignity.



President Obama announces new Executive Order to combat Human Trafficking at the Clinton Global Initiative (photo credit: White House)

- [WATCH: The President’s remarks at the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting](#)
- [FACT SHEET: Executive Order Strengthening Protections Against Trafficking in Persons in Federal Contracts](#)

USAID Launches ChallengeSlavery.org at Pepperdine University



Dr. Rajiv Shah launches ChallengeSlavery.org at Pepperdine University.
Photo credit: Pepperdine University

Responding to the President's call to action at the Clinton Global Initiative, USAID launched [ChallengeSlavery.org](#), its *Counter Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Campus Challenge* on October 11. The goal of the challenge is to increase global awareness about trafficking and inspire activism among students and scholars at colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad. During the launch event at Pepperdine University, USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah spoke with students about USAID’s efforts to combat modern slavery, followed by a moderated discussion with representatives from USAID, Pepperdine University, Google Ideas, International Justice Mission and Not for Sale.

- [WATCH: Remarks from Dr. Shah and panelists at ChallengeSlavery.org Launch](#)
- [JOIN: Engage with experts and fellow activists at ChallengeSlavery.org](#)
- [READ: USAID’s Counter Trafficking in Persons Strategy \(PDF\)](#)

Faith-based and civil-society groups pledge one billion dollars towards food security



Secretary Clinton joined by Malawi President, Joyce Banda and New York Times columnist Nick Kristof at UNGA Food Security Event (photo: State Dept)

On the margins of the United Nations General Assembly, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced that faith-based and civil-society groups have pledged over a billion dollars over three years to support food security and nutrition worldwide. The announcement was made at an event highlighting progress under [Feed the Future](#), the U.S. government's global hunger and food security initiative.

Secretary Clinton remarked on the importance of civil society organizations to the success of Feed the Future. "They have long standing relationships in communities and valuable technical expertise, and they work every single day on their commitment to try to make this world a better place for all of us,"

World Vision, Heifer International, Catholic Relief Services, Save the Children and ChildFund International have already pledged \$900 million in private, non-government funds. This billion-dollar effort has been spearheaded by InterAction, an alliance of 198 civil-society organizations based in the United States.

- [WATCH: Secretary Clinton's speech, including remarks on this historic billion-dollar commitment](#)

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Armenia—Partnerships for Rural Prosperity Program - The Partnerships for Rural Prosperity Program will build upon and expand specific current and previous Government of Armenia (GOAM), USG and USAID, other donors, non-governmental and community programs, projects, initiatives and activities that are addressing the economic challenges in rural Armenia. Applications will only be accepted from Armenian non-profit or for-profit organizations.

The closing date for this announcement is October 26, 2012. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

Kenya - Health Media Project (HMP)- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission in Kenya is seeking applications from qualified U.S. and non U.S. organizations and institutions for an Assistance Agreement for funding to support a program entitled “Health Media Project (HMP)”, Kenya, as specifically described in Section I, entitled Program Description.

The closing date for this announcement is October 22, 2012. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

Thailand—Timor-Leste NGO Security Sector Monitoring Program - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Timor-Leste Mission is seeking applications from local Timorese NGOs to implement a program to improve the Timor-Leste National Police’s (PNTL) responsiveness to its citizens, and to enhance overall public safety and security as described in Section I (Funding Opportunity Description) of this Request for Application (RFA). This program will contribute to the development of the rule of law and the security sectors... Only local Timorese NGOs are eligible to submit applications. For the purposes of this solicitation, NGOs include any incorporated entity, either non-profit or for-profit, other than a governmental organization...

The closing date for this announcement is October 29, 2012. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

New! Guinea— President's Malaria Initiative- The United States Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as USAID” or the “Government” is seeking applications for Cooperative Agreement (CA) to implement the President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI) program component of the USAID/ Guinea Health Program. USAID anticipates awarding an approximately four-year performance-based Cooperative Agreement (i.e. will include performance targets and indicators). Total award funding will be up to US\$ 18,428,129 million, subject to availability of funds, resulting from this RFA process, USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. USAID/Guinea is seeking applications from qualified U.S. and non-U.S. organizations and institutions, in the form of partnerships or teams (primes and subs) that include Guineans organizations and are interested in providing the services described in this solicitation. The chosen recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives. Please refer to the Program Description for the objectives and expected results.

The closing date for this announcement is November 23, 2012. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

New! El Salvador— Regional Climate Change Program- The United States Agency for International Development (USIAD) El Salvador through it Regional Strategy (E-CAM: El Salvador, Central America and Mexico Regional Strategy) is seeking applications from organizations to implement a Regional Climate Change Program to support development objectives of USAID Missions under E-CAM Regional Strategy for a 60 month period.

The closing date for this announcement is November 23, 2012. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

New! Georgia— Waste Management Project- The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to provide professional waste management technical service to support waste management system development in two regions of Georgia, Kakheti and Adjara. The activities assigned under this cooperative agreement will promote the development of the waste management sector, including waste collection, recycling, and public awareness. Specifically, this project will enable the recycling business environment, support targeted regions, and municipalities in the improvement of waste collection, minimize pollution of natural resources from landfills, improve air quality, support recycling activities, enhance public awareness of waste management issues, and ensure public participation in the decision-making and design process for the waste management system in the targeted regions.

The closing date for this announcement is December 14, 2012. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

New! Request for Applications for Title II Development Food Assistance Programs- This Request for Applications (RFA) for Zimbabwe, specifically, provides information on funding opportunities for multi-year development food assistance programs. Food security is the cornerstone of the Title II program because "...enhancing food security in the developing world through the use of agricultural commodities..." is a policy of the United States as stated in the Food for Peace Act, which authorizes Title II food aid. Thus, FFP's goal for multi-year development programming is to reduce risks and vulnerabilities to food insecurity and increase food availability, access, and utilization/consumption. Title II programs must target the vulnerability of food insecure individuals, households, and communities directly. Note that assistance made available pursuant to this RFA may be used to meet emergency/exceptional circumstances as provided in accordance with the terms of those awards and 22 C.F. R. 211.5(o).

To be considered for an award, the applicant must be a private voluntary organization or cooperative that is, to the extent practicable, registered with the USAID Administrator, or an intergovernmental organization, such as the World Food Program. This includes U.S. and non-U.S. nonprofit organizations as defined in Section 402 of the Food for Peace Act and as described in the Private Voluntary Organization Conditions of Registration on the USAID website: <http://idea.usaid.gov/ls/pvo>.

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

New! 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](#).

U.S. Department of State

New! DRL China FY 2012 Request for Statements of Interest - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Statements of Interest (SOIs) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that support the bureau's policy priorities of fostering democracy and human rights in China. This solicitation does not constitute a formal Request for Proposals: DRL will invite select organizations that submit SOIs to expand their ideas in full proposals at a later date.

The closing date for this announcement is October 26, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).