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Dear Friends,

This season of Thanksgiving, harvest and abundance offers an opportunity to reflect on the things we are most grateful for. It is also an opportunity to remember that we live in a world where too many basic needs still go unmet and too many are denied the simple dignity they deserve as human beings and children of God.

I'm also especially grateful that this doesn't have to be end of the story, as further highlighted in this month's newsletter. I'm grateful that through *Feed the Future* the United States has reached nearly 9 million children through nutrition programs, and for alliances with groups like Abolition International, Slavery Footprint and Not For Sale that have been lynchpins in USAID's efforts to strengthen the movement to end modern day slavery.

This is just a small snapshot of what's possible when we work together to advance abundance, opportunity and freedom for all.

With gratitude,

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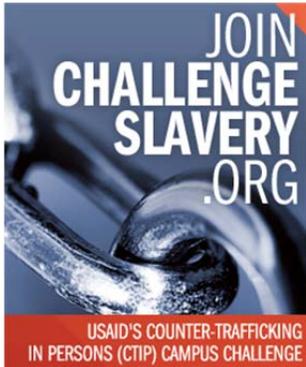
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## News and Events

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### USAID launches contest for students fighting human trafficking



On November 28, 2012 [ChallengeSlavery.org](http://ChallengeSlavery.org), USAID's Counter Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Campus Challenge launched an international contest, offering prizes to college and university students, encouraging them to submit their most innovative ideas on how to combat modern day slavery. Students must submit their entries online at the ChallengeSlavery.org online community by and January 8, 2013. Awards for the contest include a \$5000 first prize and one or more \$2500 prizes. Students are strongly encouraged to collaborate internationally.

The [ChallengeSlavery.org](http://ChallengeSlavery.org) community was first launched last month in partnership with MTV Exit, Slavery Footprint, Free the Slaves, Not For Sale and Abolition International in response to President Obama's call to action at the Clinton Global Initiative. Christian recording artist Natalie Grant, founder of Abolition International, was also instrumental in the launch of the initiative. 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.

- [Learn more about USAID's contest and the ChallengeSlavery.org community](#)
- [READ: USAID's Counter Trafficking in Persons Strategy \(PDF\)](#)

### Administrator Shah announces *Feed the Future* Progress Report and Score Card

*Feed the Future*, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative, has helped 1.8 million food producers to adopt improved technologies or management practices that can lead to more resilient crops, higher yields, and increased incomes. These results were announced in a new progress report and scorecard released by USAID in an address delivered by Administrator Rajiv Shah during an event at the World Food Prize in Des Moines, Iowa. The initiative has also reached nearly 9 million children through nutrition programs, which can prevent and treat undernutrition and improve child survival.

The progress report highlights how *Feed the Future* is already making a difference in people's lives in the developing world, and the scorecard tracks how well the U.S. Government is changing its development and engagement process to more effectively meet its goals. *Feed the Future* is an all-of-government initiative aimed at helping countries develop their agriculture sectors in order to generate opportunities for economic growth and trade, which can lead to increased incomes and reduce hunger and undernutrition.



Administrator Shah delivers remarks at the 2012 World Food Prize. (Photo Credit: The QED Group)

Read the full [press release](#). Visit [FeedtheFuture.gov](http://FeedtheFuture.gov) to see the [Feed the Future Progress Report](#) and [Scorecard](#).

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## Select Grant Opportunities

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### USAID

**New! Ghana— Feed the Future Agriculture Technology Transfer Project-** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for Assistance Agreements from all U.S. and non-U.S. qualified organizations for funding to support a program entitled “Feed the Future Agriculture Technology Transfer Project.” The overall goal of the project is to provide technical assistance and capacity building for increasing the availability of agricultural technologies to increase and sustain productivity in Northern Ghana. Please refer to the attached Request for Application.

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

**New! Georgia— Waste Management Project-** The purpose of this Request for Applications is to solicit applications from organizations or consortia of organizations with the qualifications and experience to partner with USAID, Pakistani counterparts and other donors to address the need to enhance the reading capacity of Pakistani Children to read. The objective of this program is 2.5 million additional primary school student reading at a level commensurate with standards at their grade level. Project activities include:(i) implement activities to improve reading instruction and assessment, and strengthen management in public education systems and low-cost schools; and (ii) build effective synergies with related efforts in Pakistan, including with a USAID-supported companion activity to reestablish Pakistan’s culture of reading.

USAID expects to award a cooperative agreement in 2013 to the bidder submitting the highest quality, best value application. This shall be a five-year project contingent upon the availability of funds.

Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference: Applicants are advised that a pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the USAID/Thailand facilities in Bangkok, Thailand at 09:00 AM (Bangkok, Thailand Time) on December 3, 2012. Recipients of this RFA are encouraged to attend this conference so that they may fully understand the Application process. Recipients of this RFA are requested to acknowledge their attendance by RSVP to [shumayun@usaid.gov](mailto:shumayun@usaid.gov) no later than 12:00 Noon (Pakistan Standard Time) on November 22, 2012. Due to the limited space of the conference facilities, attendees of the conference will be limited to two (2) representatives. Participation in the pre-proposal conference is mandatory for all organizations that would like their applications in response to this RFA considered. Details regarding the pre-proposal conference are provided in the file attached as Logistic Information.

The closing date for this announcement is December 15, 2012. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

**New! Pakistan— Reading 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! USAID/West Africa— Family Planning Services-** USAID/West Africa, through the Regional Health Office, intends to increase access to and use of quality family planning (FP) services in select urban and peri-urban areas of four francophone West African countries—Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger and Togo. This Project, Agir pour la Planification Familiale (AGIR-PF), aims to: 1) strengthen and expand the delivery of quality FP information, products and services; 2) adapt and implement evidence-based service delivery approaches; and 3) coordinate efforts to remove policy barriers and improve contraceptive commodity security.

The closing date for this announcement is January 08, 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! Ukraine—Enterprise Growth Project-** The purpose of the Enterprise Growth in Ukraine Project is to improve the regulatory and business enabling environment in Ukraine by leveraging local organizations which have recognized technical proficiency and knowledge of domestic institutions, and to strengthen the capacity of those organizations to identify policy corrections and motivate concrete institutional reform. Proper implementation of market oriented policies and regulations, strengthening public-private dialogue to promote SME growth, and enhancing education capacity to meet the market demands will allow increasing resilience and competitiveness of private sector. Ukrainian nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are eligible to apply. The closing date for this announcement is January 23, 2013. For more information and a full description, click [here](#).

**New! USAID-Bangkok—Higher Education Partnerships to Support Democracy, Peace and Prosperity-** USAID/Burma is making a special call for the submission of concept papers for Higher Education Partnerships to Support the US-Burma Commitment to Democracy, Peace and Prosperity. USAID/Burma is specifically calling for university-private sector partnerships involving U.S. businesses and U.S. and Burmese higher education institutions (HEIs) to address Burma’s critical short, medium and long-term development needs. This approach will provide a mechanism for U.S. organizations to collaborate with the private sector to accelerate and expand the valuable contributions of Burmese HEIs to Burma’s social and economic development. Given this objective, USAID/Burma welcomes participation through Concept Paper submissions from a wide range of U.S. organizations with a strong interest in partnering with the private sector and Burmese higher education institutions to promote development in Burma. Proposals that do not leverage private sector resources of at least a matching amount to what is requested will not be considered under this announcement.

The closing date for this announcement is January 31, 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! FY 2013 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO Programs Benefiting Burmese Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Thailand and Malaysia-** PRM will accept proposals for activities that focus on the provision of comprehensive and integrated healthcare services for Burmese in Mae La, Umpiem, and Nu Po refugee camps in Tak Province, along the Thailand-Burma border: a. Provide curative healthcare, including reproductive health care services, by a strengthened health workforce and partnership among all health stakeholders; b. Provide HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care and TB services; c. Provide mental health services; and d. Implement an effective system for disease prevention and control in coordination with all health partners and through community participation, with a particular emphasis on preventive healthcare services in Mae La; Current Funding Priorities for Malaysia: PRM will accept proposals that focus on the following priorities: (1) Mental Health and Medical Services: a. Build the capacity of refugees and asylum seekers to work with their own communities to promote mental health and access to mental health and medical

services; b. Strengthen an effective referral and case management system by integrating refugee community-based organizations, UNHCR, NGOs, and medical facilities; c. Conduct mental health promotion and screening among refugee communities across Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley; and d. Provide medical support and rehabilitative services for refugees and asylum seekers who have experienced torture, forced labor, human trafficking or economic exploitation; or who may be unable to work because of mental or physical ill health. (2) Education: e. Provide informal education to out-of-school refugee youth through community-based English language training and/or computer skills development; f. Improve teaching skills and capacity of refugee teachers at community-based refugee education centers; g. Provide extracurricular programming by incorporating physical and psychosocial development components in community-based refugee education centers.

The closing date for this announcement is December 19, 2012. For more information, click [here](#).