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Feature: No Development Stone Unturned

In September 2010, President Obama signed a [Presidential Policy Directive \(PPD\) on Global Development](#) which was the first of its kind for an Administration. The PPD called for the elevation of development as a core pillar of American power and charts a course for development, diplomacy and defense to mutually reinforce and complement one another in an integrated comprehensive approach to national security.

USAID is the lead for development and the premier development agency in the creation and implementation of solutions to the most pressing global challenges in support of U.S. foreign policy. Although development is led by USAID, there are several other U.S. Government (USG) agencies that use their expertise to also provide foreign assistance in developing countries.

If you've worked in a developing country, you may be familiar with the cadre of actors working in or contributing to in-country projects and initiatives. These actors range and can include the host government, U.S. and foreign government agencies, public and private investors, local and foreign NGOs, and, of course, colleges and universities. The USG alone may have the resources or presence of 20+ agencies in one country to effectively bring all subject matter expertise and resources.

If your college or university is interested in working in developing countries, opening up your grant and contract search network to all relevant USG agencies may present new opportunities in the [technical area](#) or [region](#) that you'd like to work. For example, the [Millennium Challenge Corporation](#), [Department of State](#), [Center for Disease Control](#), [Department of Agriculture](#), [African Development Foundation](#), and the [Inter-American Foundation](#) are some of the USG agencies that also work in developing countries.

In addition, foreign development agencies and organizations may provide opportunities to work in international development. Consider adding organizations such as the [UK Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#), [Australian Agency for International Development \(AusAID\)](#), [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#), and the [Canada International Development Agency \(CIDA\)](#) to your radar of opportunities.

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News and Events

USAID provides this newsletter to further engagement with the international development community. The listing of events, meetings, or organizations does not necessarily constitute support or endorsement of an idea, concept, or organization by USAID or the United States Government.

USAID Mourns the Loss of Ragaei Abdelfattah

On Wednesday, August 8, 2012, USAID Foreign Service Officer Ragaei Abdelfattah died in Afghanistan along with several members of the International Security Assistance Force and Afghan civilians during a terrorist attack in Kunar Province. This tragedy is a testament to the deep commitment and sacrifice of USAID's dedicated staff who serve in conflict countries like Afghanistan around the world. An architect and urban planner by training, Ragaei was an invaluable member of a provincial reconstruction team in Afghanistan, and worked tirelessly with his colleagues to help local communities improve governance and advance development.

Ragaei served in Afghanistan since June 2011, and recently began his second year of service after returning from home leave. He is survived by a wife and two children.

Presidential Executive Order on Educational Excellence for African Americans

On July 26, 2012, President Obama signed a new Executive Order that establishes a [White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans](#). This Initiative reinforces and complements other Executive Orders, including the [Historically Black Colleges and Universities Initiative - Executive Order 13532](#), to improve educational outcomes for African Americans.

New USAID Burma Mission

In July 2012, in light of the transition underway in Burma, USAID acted on an opportunity to engage directly with Burmese organizations and institutions to support political reforms, foster ethnic reconciliation and strengthen the capacity of reform-minded individuals and institutions. As part of this renewed engagement, USAID re-established an in-country Burma Mission, allowing us to partner more robustly with the Burmese people to address critical needs.

T. Christopher Milligan was sworn in as the Burma Mission Director on August 29, 2012. He will be the first mission director to serve in Burma since USAID re-established its Mission after a 23-year hiatus.

Humanitarian Assistance for Syria

The U.S. is providing an additional \$5.5 million in humanitarian assistance for those affected by the ongoing Syrian conflict, bringing the total U.S. contribution for this crisis to nearly \$82 million. After nearly 17 months of conflict, the U.N. estimates that approximately 2 million people in Syria are in need of humanitarian assistance, approximately 1 million people are internally displaced, and more than 140,000 people have fled to the neighboring countries of Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon, and Iraq.

Advancing the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition

Kick-off workshops for implementation of the [New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition Cooperation Frameworks](#) in Ethiopia, Ghana, and Tanzania began in August. In May 2012, President Obama announced the Alliance prior to the G8 Summit at Camp David. The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition represents a commitment by G8 nations, African partner countries and private sector partners to lift 50 million people out of poverty over the next 10 years through inclusive and sustained agricultural growth.

U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security

In December 2011, President Obama issued the first ever [Executive Order](#) and [National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security](#) to recognize and promote women's participation in conflict prevention, management, and resolution, as well as in post conflict relief and recovery, advancing peace, national security, economic and social development, and international cooperation.

USAID launched its [Implementation Plan](#) in August to better engage, empower, and ensure the protection of women and girls in countries affected by or emerging from conflict or crisis, those experiencing high levels of insecurity at national or sub-national levels, those recovering from a natural disaster, or those experiencing a significant political transition.

U.S. Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence Globally

On August 10th, President Obama issued an [Executive Order on Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Girls Globally](#) that recognizes that gender-based violence undermines not only the safety, dignity, and human rights of the millions of individuals who experience it but also the public health, economic stability, and security of nations. USAID and the U.S. Department of State issued an accompanying [Strategy](#) to outline steps for the U.S. government to more effectively prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

U.S. Women's Olympic Soccer Star to Serve as Development Champion

U.S. Olympic soccer star Abby Wambach will serve as the USAID's first-ever Development Champion. In this role, Wambach will raise awareness of the work USAID is undertaking to improve the lives of young women and girls through sport around the world.

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***New* USAID- Social Innovation Lab Kampuchea (SILK)**

Announcement: [USAID-CAMBODIA-RFA-442-12-000005](#)

[USAID/Cambodia](#) has released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the [Social Innovation Lab – Kampuchea \(SILK\)](#) program. The purpose of this program is to build on local efforts by technology-oriented civil society organizations using new technology and social media for development in Cambodia by formalizing a technology and social innovation lab. Applications for this opportunity are due by **September 11, 2012** at 4:00 (ICT). You may view the full announcement [here](#).

***New* USAID- National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Program (NTLP)**

Announcement: [RFA-623-12-000008](#)

[USAID/Uganda](#), via the [USAID/East Africa Regional Mission](#), has released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the [National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Program \(NTLP\)](#). The goal of this program includes increased tuberculosis detection and treatment success rates in focus areas to meet national targets for reducing the burden of tuberculosis, multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, and tuberculosis/HIV infection. Applications for this opportunity are due by **September 13, 2012** at 4:00pm (EAT). The full announcement may be viewed [here](#).

***New* USAID- South Sudan Higher Education Initiative for Equity and Leadership Development (SSHIELD) Program**

The [USAID Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and the Environment \(E3\)](#) and [USAID/South Sudan](#), via [Higher Education for Development \(HED\)](#), have issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for the [South Sudan Higher Education Initiative for Equity and Leadership Development \(SSHIELD\)](#) Program. The purpose of SSHIELD is to support national and local development goals in South Sudan that promote gender equality and female empowerment in education management and leadership. Applications for this opportunity are due no later than **October 15, 2012** and the full request may be viewed [here](#).

***New* USAID- Implementation Science Research to Support Programs Under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Annual Program Statement (APS)**

Announcement: [APS-OAA-11-000002](#)

[USAID/Washington](#), in collaboration with the [Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator \(OGAC\)](#), seeks concept papers for the second round of the [Implementation Science Research to Support Programs Under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief \(PEPFAR\)](#) Annual Program Statement (APS). The overarching aim of this program is to foster implementation science research to identify new and effective HIV/AIDS interventions and implementation models and to identify approaches for adopting and integrating programs, technologies, and guidelines. Concept papers for the second round of this APS are due no later than **September 30, 2012** at 11:00am ET. The full announcement may be viewed [here](#).

USAID- Leadership Initiative for Good Governance in Africa (LIGGA) Annual Program Statement (APS)

Announcement: [APS-OAA-12-000023](#)

[USAID/Africa Bureau](#) seeks concept papers responding to its [Annual Program Statement \(APS\)](#) for the Leadership Initiative for Good Governance in Africa (LIGGA). Concept papers for this opportunity will be reviewed on a rolling basis until this opportunity closes on **April 24, 2013**. It is highly recommended to submit a concept paper as soon as possible, if interested. The full announcement may be found [here](#).

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***New* USAID- Human and Institutional Capacity Development for Critical Priority Countries**

Solicitation Number: [SOL-OAA-12-000106](#)

The [USAID/E3](#) (Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and the Environment) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the [Human and Institutional Capacity Development for Critical Priority Countries \(HICD Pro for CPCs\)](#) project. The goal of this project is to provide services and technical support to sponsoring units in USAID [Bureaus](#) and [Missions](#) worldwide. Critical Priority Countries include Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, and South Sudan. Proposals for this project are due no later than **October 4, 2012**. The full solicitation may be viewed [here](#).