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PRIVATE VOLUNTARY COOPERATION- AMERICAN SCHOOLS & HOSPITALS ABROAD

ASHA: Improving Schools & Hospitals

Awards grants to competitively selected private, non-profit universities and secondary schools, libraries, and medical centers abroad to effectively:

- ✿ Provide foreign nationals the benefits of American ideas & practices in education & medicine
- ✿ Serve as demonstration & study centers which foster interchange, mutual understanding, & favorable relations with the US
- ✿ Promote civil societies

Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program (OFR)

- ❧ OFR provides small competitive grants to approximately 50 U.S. PVOs each year
- ❧ Grants reimburse PVOs for ocean freight costs to transport humanitarian aid; PVOs are responsible for all ancillary costs
- ❧ Usually, between 10-20% of grantees are new to program
- ❧ OFR is oldest on-going PVO support program & leverages resources many times value of USAID funding
- ❧ In FY 2003, budget of \$2.7 million mobilized more than \$400 million in private resources
- ❧ OFR applicants must be registered with USAID & meet all other requirements as outlined in the Request for Application (RFA)

Denton Program

- ✿ Jointly administered by USAID, the Department of State (DOS), & the Department of Defense (DOD)
- ✿ Allows private U.S. citizens and organizations to use space available on U.S. military cargo planes to transport humanitarian goods, such as clothing, food, medical & educational supplies; agricultural equipment & vehicles, to countries in need
- ✿ In FY 2003, 330,000 pounds of humanitarian goods were sent to 7 different countries

Small Projects Assistance

USAID & Peace Corps building the capacity of local communities & organizations:

- ✿ Uses human & technical resources of Peace Corps, with financial resources of USAID, to encourage sustainable, effective development projects in sectors ranging from health, to agriculture, to small enterprise development
- ✿ Grassroots program supports Peace Corps small grants & technical assistance
- ✿ Focuses on developing local NGOs
- ✿ Peace Corps volunteers submit proposals for funds allocated by USAID
- ✿ PVC-ASHA encourages USAID Missions & Offices to participate
- ✿ Any country in which Peace Corps operates is eligible for SPA

PVC-ASHA Publications

- ✿ *2004 Voluntary Foreign Aid Programs: Report of Voluntary Agencies Engaged in Overseas Relief and Development (The VolAg Report)* -lists all PVOs registered with USAID including activities, financial data, and key contact information
- ✿ *DCHA/PVC-ASHA Portfolio* -provides a brief description of each cooperative agreement's activities, annual funding levels, and the countries in which the grantee is working
- ✿ *DCHA/PVC-ASHA Country Report* -summary of all PVC-ASHA grants and cooperative agreements, organized by region and by country
- ✿ *PVO and NGO Futures: A Framework for Reflection and Dialogue* by Alan Fowler. August 2004
- ✿ *NGO Networks: Building Capacity in a Changing World* by Claudia Liebler. 2004

PVC-ASHA Online Resources

- ✿ *PVC-ASHA Web Site:* www.usaid.gov Keyword PVC or ASHA
- ✿ *NGO Connect Web Site:* www.ngoconnect.net
- ✿ *PVC-ASHA E-News Bulletin:* Subscribe at www.usaid.gov Keyword PVC or ASHA
- ✿ *PVO Registry:* www.usaid.gov Keyword PVO Registry
- ✿ *An Internet Guide to Organizational Development:* www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/private_voluntary_cooperation/confott_internetguide.pdf
- ✿ *A USAID Resource Guide for Private Voluntary Organizations:* www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/private_voluntary_cooperation/confresourceguide.pdf