Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week the world will be watching as President and Mrs. Bush travel to Africa to meet with respected African leaders and draw attention to programs and initiatives that have worked to meet the most basic human needs. As President Bush visits Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ghana and Liberia, he will be reviewing PEPFAR and the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), two cutting edge programs that have saved millions of Africans across the continent. This occurs as the FDA decides to give tentative approval of a new generic drug to fight HIV. While waiting approval for purchase in the U.S., Reyataz is eligible for purchase abroad through PEPFAR. Information on this visit is included below, and we promise to keep you informed on any new developments or announcements made during the President's trip.

In other news, this week offers information on an array of seminars and forums available for organizations wishing to play a greater role in international development, including a public forum on the Global Development Commons (GDC), the International Food Aid Conference, a Global Fund Workshop in Kenya, and a United Way Grant-Writing Workshop. In addition to this, the SEED Initiative, a USAID partner, is calling for submissions by organizations in a competitive awards program. SEED Award Winners receive a tailored package of support services to help them to become established and to increase their impact. Participation and inclusion have been long-standing USAID principles, and we are proud to keep you informed of any new opportunities.

Warmest regards,

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President Bush Travels to Africa February 15-21

On February 14th, the day before the he embarked on a six day trip Africa, President Bush made a speech on Africa Policy at the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art in Washington, D.C. To read the First Lady and President's moving words regarding the United State's commitment to continually aid Africa, click here. In the speech, President Bush released statistics of the success his various initiatives are having in Africa and poignantly described the stories of individual beneficiaries of the various programs. He also announced that,

> "Last year, we launched the Africa Financial Sector Initiative. As part of this effort, our Overseas Private Investment Corporation mobilized $750 million in investment capital for African businesses. Today, I'm announce that OPIC will support five new investment funds that will mobilize an additional $875 million, for a total of more than $1.6 billion in new capital."

And that,

> "… we're working to empower Africans to alleviate hunger, expand education, and fight disease. America is proud to be the world's largest provider of food assistance, including emergency food stocks that have saved lives in places like Ethiopia, or Sudan, and other African nations. It's a noble effort on our people's part. I don't know if -- most Americans don't understand that we're the world's largest provider of food to feed the hungry, but we are. (Applause.)
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> Yet our ultimate objective is to do more than respond to the hungry -- it is to help African countries feed their own people. So I have proposed that America purchase crops directly from farmers in Africa, instead of just shipping food assistance from the developed world. (Applause.) This initiative would build up local agriculture markets. It would help break the cycle of famine. And it deserves the full support of the United States Congress."

Today the President and the First Lady depart for Benin, where they will meet with the President and speak to the press on Africa policy issues. From Benin, President Bush will travel to Tanzania to sign the Millennium Challenge Compact for Tanzania, greet families of victims of the 1998 Embassy bombing, and speak on the President's Malaria Initiative Vouchers and Catch Up Program. After Tanzania, the President will continue to Rwanda where he will visit Kigali Memorial Centre, participate in the Dedication of the U.S. Embassy of Kigali, and observe a PEPFAR project. In Ghana, President and Mrs. Bush will have lunch with Peace Corps Volunteers and will visit Trade Hub beneficiaries. In Liberia, President and Mrs. Bush will break at the Barclay Training Center to discuss Teacher Training at a Roundtable event.

For the latest news on the President's trip to Africa, please click here.

USAID and USDA International Food Aid Conference Information

Once again we would like to announce that the USAID/USDA International Food Conference. More than 700 participants, from over 25 countries, will come together from April 14-16, 2008 in Kansas City, Missouri for this the tenth annual conference. We encourage all private voluntary organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, commodity and transportation companies, and university scientists and administrators to attend.

Participants will meet policy and operations staff from the USAID and USDA while learning more about the latest developments, news, and best practice examples in the area of food aid. The forum will present an excellent opportunity to collaborate with other organizations leading the charge in this area. Additionally, for the first time ever, the USAID and USDA Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will co-host a seminar geared specifically toward building organizational capacity. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enhance your organization's ability to compete for and win federal food aid grants. More information of the Center's involvement will be provided closer to the conference.

All interested participants are encouraged to apply before discounted registration ends on March 27, 2008. On-line registration will continue until April 3, 2008 and participants can register at the conference as space remains available.

To view the Conference agenda, topics, and website; please click here.

GDC Forum on Democratic Governance and Economic Growth

The ACVFA's next public meeting is taking place on Thursday, February 28, 2008 (9:00 a.m. to 3:15

p.m.) in the Ballroom of the National Press Club, located at 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is free and open to USAID staff and the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting are encouraged to register online at http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa. Pre-registration will close on Monday, February 25. Walk-ins are welcome, but are encouraged to bring a business card to help facilitate a name tag. A draft agenda will be posted on Tuesday, February 26, on the ACVFA web page.

Here is an overview of what the meeting will cover:

PUBLIC MEETING: A FORUM ON DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Keynote: Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Administrator and Director of Foreign Assistance, will speak on the Global Development Commons, including its role as a driver of development and the link between economic growth and democratic governance. She will also provide an update on USAID's response to the ACVFA working groups' recommendations.

Democratic Governance and Economic Growth: An examination of what has worked successfully in democratic governance and economic growth programs will be discussed in two parts. Particular attention will be paid to those programs that have been or could be successfully replicated in other countries.

Cutting Edge Partnerships: Carol Adelman, ACVFA Vice Chair, will lead a discussion with representatives from the corporate, foundation, and end user communities on innovative partnerships that have stimulated economic growth and promoted good democratic governance. Panelists will include Lauren Moser Counts with Shorebank, Corey Griffin with Microsoft Corporation, Donald F. Terry with the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Hodgson with WINGS Global Fund for Community Foundations and a representative from Global Giving.

USAID and Partners: Successes and challenges in creating high growth democratic countries with a specific focus on USAID's contributions will be examined. Possible countries for discussion may include Costa Rica, India, Botswana, Chile, and Estonia. Moderated by Ted Weihe, ACVFA Member, the panel will include Simeon Djankov with the World Bank, Chad Evans with the Council on Competitiveness, Mary Ott with USAID's Office of Economic Growth, Mary Ryckman with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and Dorothy Taft with USAID's Office of Democracy and Governance.

Global Knowledge Sharing for Development: Knowledge management tools, including the Global Development Commons, will be discussed as to how they could benefit the variety of actors in democratic governance and economic growth. Bill Hammink and Steve Gale from USAID, Helga Leifsdottir with ReliefWeb and a representative from the private sector will take part in a discussion moderated by Judith Hermanson, ACVFA Member.

To access agenda details, view the meeting flyer here.

NetHope Announces ICT Skills Building for Humanitarian Workers

NetHope (www.nethope.org) in conjunction with Microsoft Corporation and Cisco System is pleased to announce it's ICT Skills Building Classroom Schedule for March and April 2008. These classes are open to any Program Worker and IT Professional working for a humanitarian organization. Training focuses on business and IT skills for the program worker and technical training for the IT Professional community.

Trainings will be conducted in Nairobi, Johannesburg, Accra and Panama City beginning in early February and continuing through April. A full slate of online courses is available for the humanitarian community at www.nethopeictskills.com.

Classes are discounted up to 75% for the humanitarian community and sample cases are customized to

the work you do. All classes lead to industry accepted certifications. Space is limited.

Additional information and signups can be found at **www.nethopeictskills.com**

SEED Awards 2008 Call for Submissions

Do you have an **entrepreneurial or innovative idea** that is **locally-driven** and has great potential to **contribute to sustainable development in developing countries**? Are you finding new ways of simultaneously improving incomes and strengthening livelihoods; tackling poverty and marginalization; and managing and conserving natural resources and ecosystems? Are you developing a new concept that brings together people and organizations from different backgrounds - a project that challenges partners to pool their human, financial, and natural resources?

Do you need support to **make your idea a reality, or to help you grow**? If so, then the SEED Initiatwe has an competive grant that may interest you.

The SEED Initiative is seeking submissions for "*The 2008 SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development*".   They are seeking **innovative ideas** from any group in a developing country, which is **working in partnership** with others to generate **environmental and social benefits** in an **entrepreneurial** way.

SEED Award Winners receive a tailored package of support services to help them to **become established and to increase their impact**. This includes access to relevant expertise and technical assistance, meeting new partners and building networks, developing business plans and identifying sources of finance. The Award is not a cash prize - but the services offered have a value of US$25,000. Interested parties need to apply no later than **March 16, 2008**.

For further information please see the attached document. More details are also available at www.seedinit.org where you can also find the application form and learn about previous Award Winners.

To learn more about the SEED Initiative Awards, **click here**.

Global Fund Workshop in Kenya

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, in collaboration with the Christian Health Association of Kenya and the World Council of Churches will be hosting a two-day workshop on Global Fund experiences of faith-based organizations (FBOs) in Nairobi, Kenya on April 16th-18th. The workshop will bring together faith-based organizations across Sub-Saharan Africa from various religions as well as both international and regional networks of religious groups. Over the course of two days, participants will identify strategies for increasing FBO involvement with the Global Fund. Participants will also learn strategies to increase their access to resources as in-country programs scale up.

To visit the Global Fund's website, please **click here**.
To visit Friends of the Global Fight, an advocacy organization that works to expand U.S. support for the Global Fund, please **click here**.

United Way Offers Grant Workshop

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HOBBS — United Way of Lea County, NM will present a free training workshop to nonprofit organizations on how to access federal grants. This training is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. March 13 at

United Way of Lea County in Hobbs, located at 320 N. Shipp, Suite B. The workshop will be conducted by Nancy Pope, director of Governor Richardson's **Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives.** The presentation is open to any nonprofit organizations that are interested and refreshments will be served. While there is no charge to attend, those interested must RSVP in order to reserve a seat. Kristi Martinkewiz can be reached at 397-2203, extension 22 or kristi@unitedwayofleacounty.org .

To view the entire article, please click here .

FDA Grants Tentative Approval For Generic Reyataz

Anti-Infective Drug News
February 13, 2008

On February 4th, the FDA granted tentative approval for Emcure Pharmaceuticals ' generic formulation of Bristol-Myers Squibb 's Reyataz (atazanavir) capsules 100, 150 and 200mg for the treatment of HIV in combination with other antiretroviral medications. Although the generic version of atazanavir, a new-generation once-daily protease inhibitor, is not yet fully approved for sale in the US, it is eligible for purchase outside of this region under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program.

Emcure signed a non-exclusive license and technology transfer collaboration agreement with BMS for the manufacture and distribution of generic versions of Reyataz in February 2006. Under the terms agreed, BMS provided a royalty-free license to operate under the relevant patents and transferred to Emcure its technical know-how related to the manufacturing, testing, packaging, storage and handling of the active pharmaceutical ingredient and the finished dosage form of atazanavir.

To learn more about the FDA's tentative approval of Reyataz, click here .

VA Accepting Applications for Homeless Providers Grant
and Per Diem Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs has asked us to make you aware of the following grant notice that was made available today. This is geared more for domestic purposes, but we wanted you all to know about this anyway.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced availability of funds under the Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD) aimed at helping America's veterans to achieve self-sufficiency by providing transitional housing and other services.

Capital Grants: Approximately $25 million available for capital grants

VA is making approximately $25 million in capital grants available for the following: (1) remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition of buildings, acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; (3) new construction, and (4) acquisition of vans (in connection with a new or existing Grant and Per Diem Grant project) for outreach to and transportation for homeless veterans.

Per Diem Only Awards: Approximately $12 million available
for Per Diem Only awards to create approximately 1,000 beds

VA is also accepting applications for "Per Diem Only" awards that will create approximately 1,000 beds and provide transitional housing and services to: (1) serve women, women with care of dependent children; (2) serve all veterans in the states of: Vermont, Nebraska and Alaska, and (3) Indian Tribal governments. Approximately $12 million is available.

Help end chronic homelessness among our Nation's veterans

Both Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcements were published in the February 15, 2008, edition of the Federal Register and can be viewed at: http://www.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3. The VA GPD program helps faith-based and community-based organizations, Indian Tribal governments, and state and local governments create and provide transitional housing programs and services for homeless veterans. VA has the largest network of homeless assistance programs in the country.

The deadline for both applications is **April 9, 2008** (due by 4 p.m. Eastern Time). To obtain a grant application package, contact the **Grant and Per Diem Program toll-free at 1-877-332-0334** or download the application from **VA's Grant and Per Diem Program Web page** at: http://www.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3 or http://www.grants.gov. Please note: No applications will be accepted by fax.

For additional information contact: Ms. Chelsea Watson, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10770 North 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, Florida 33617, or call **toll-free at 1-877-332-0334**.

Federal Funding Opportunities

USAID

Rwanda USAID- Kigali has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning. They are seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for funding a program for the implementation of "the Food and Nutrition Interventions for People Living with HIV/AIDS" Program in Rwanda. The main objective is to integrate the nutrition activities of the food distributing organizations that are already distributing food to malnourished Rwandans with the goal of assisting those living with HIV/AIDS. It is anticipated that organizations wishing to apply must have significant food resources available for distribution in Rwanda. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 19, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here.

Tanzania USAID-Dar es Salaam has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(C)(3) status, private institutions of higher education, and for profit organizations other than small businesses. This RFA is seeking plans for counseling and testing services in Tanzania, particularly through, but not limited to, the mobilization of the nongovernmental sector, and linking to care, treatment and prevention services. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 19, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement seeking quality community-oriented health projects to significantly improve the health status of children under five and women of reproductive age in developing countries with a focus on innovation in delivery strategies for new, underused and high impact MCH interventions. For more in-depth information on this RFA please contact the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

Guinea USAID-Conakry has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement seeking RFAs. They are seeking full applications from prospective partners to implement activities to enhance democratic governance, foster economic growth and improve natural resource management to the benefit of the people of Sierra Leone. The program is to be designed and implemented with an integrated, comprehensive, multi-sector approach, addressing the U.S. Foreign Assistance Framework Objectives. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 31, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here.

Dominican Republic USAID-Santo Domingo has posted an APS announcing USAID's intention to

awarding multiple grants. Eligible applicants are Dominican NGOs operating legally under Dominican law, foreign organizations operating under the relevant Dominican laws and that have the required clearance to operate in the Dominican Republic from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The RFA is seeking project proposals to administer aid for the Out of School and At Risk Children and Youth program. Applicants must specify the length of time and requested funding level in the submitted concept paper. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here.

The US Agency for International Development Food for Peace grant announcement has been posted on Grants.gov. Eligible applicants include U.S. non-profit organizations and Public International Organization (PIO).   Applications may request a maximum of 75 metric tons (MT) of commodities (currently valued at approximately $173,000) and up to $100,000 of funding. It is not mandatory, however, that these exact levels be requested or in this proportion. (Note: Funding is available for costs directly associated with the movement, management and monitoring of IFRP commodities. Funding will not be considered for the following costs: vehicle purchase, project materials, tools and office equipment.)   To read more about USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) and to obtain a link to fiscal year 2008 IFRP Guidelines and Procedures, click here. To access the announcement on Grants.gov and for contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 2, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solict partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to encourage the abandonment of traditional practices that promote and condone gender-based violence. USAID is specifically interested in those traditional harmful practices that have received limited attention from the development community. The geographic focus under consideration is USAID's geographic definitions of Africa and Asia & the Near East (ANE). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 12, 2008.

Kazakhstan USAID-Almaty has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement designed to support activities that promote the protection of human rights. USAID/CAR encourages submissions that creatively address the human rights development priorities and issues in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 13, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted grant announcement seeking partners to meet the critical basic needs of internally displaced people and returnee populations (both old and new caseload) in Kabul Province. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 21, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted a cooperative agreement for registered U.S. and non-U.S. NGOs, non-profit, and for profit organizations willing to forego profit. The purpose of the Annual Program Statement is to solicit applications for funding. The United States Government, through USAID/Washington and in close collaboration with USAID/Cotonou, USAID/Nairobi, USAID/Pretoria, and USAID/Lusaka, is seeking full applications from prospective partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to the USAID-related components of the Presidential Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative (WJEI). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 23, 2008.

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit applications for funding from prospective new partners to support implementation of the United States Government's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (hereafter referred to as Emergency Plan or also referred to as PEPFAR) in Ethiopia. The United States Government, through USAID/Ethiopia, is seeking, from prospective partners, concept papers to be followed by full applications (if concept papers are selected)

to implement activities in support of the Prevention for at Risk Populations in High Prevalence Urban Areas in Ethiopia. The U.S. Government Mission in Ethiopia anticipates awarding a limited number of grants or cooperative agreements (hereafter called Agreements) for a period of no less than one year and no more than three years. Meanwhile, depending on successful implementation, needs and availability of funds, the period of performance could be extended by one or two additional years. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 31, 2008.

Department of State

Department of State Mission to Turkey has posted a grant for a youth innovation and entrepreneurship program. NGOs must register under Turkey's "Law on Associations." The lead organization must have been registered for a minimum of 1 year and demonstrate institutional capacity by documenting the successful completion of related projects. The NGO will help stimulate innovations and mutual relations by partnering Anatolian High Schools in Turkey with High Schools in the United States. The program may include components such as distribution of educational materials, a series of trainings, web-based education, information fairs, media events, and a student exchange to nurture the innovation and entrepreneurship skills of students. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education) and international organizations. Proposed activities should support refugees in Chad, primarily the 280,000 refugees from Sudan and the CAR. Proposals may include work in the following sectors: protection, health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, camp management, community services, micro-enterprise and livelihoods development, humanitarian air services, humanitarian information services, gender-based violence prevention and support, and psychosocial support. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

The Department of State has posted a grant, with the intentional of awarding several grants to different organizations, for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are requesting anti-trafficking in persons proposals for capacity-building programs with locally-based organizations abroad. Programs must include mentoring and partnerships concerning such topics as: developing models for providing comprehensive and effective services for adult and child victims; training initiatives with a focus on identifying and understanding the complex needs of victims; building working relationships with law enforcement responders and other community stakeholders; and, strengthening advocacy skills and public awareness-raising efforts. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 3, 2008.

The Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs has posted two grants for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and private institutions of higher education. They are seeking proposals to administer this semester-long program for Chilean pre-service teachers. Post-secondary educational institutions may apply independently or in a consortium with other post-secondary institutions. The program will include academic coursework and practicum/student teaching for Chilean EFL student teachers in their penultimate year of undergraduate study. The program will take place during the fall semester of 2008. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 13, 2008.

The Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), for private institutions of higher education, and others. They are seeking applications to administer The Rhythm Road-American Music Abroad program. The program will consist of up to ten tours for a selected number of

professional American artists in jazz, urban music, and American roots music (e.g. country-western, bluegrass, zydeco, Cajun, etc.) The musicians selected for this program must demonstrate high artistic ability and be conversant with the broader aspects of contemporary American society and culture. Tours will include workshops, master classes, and outreach activities, in addition to concerts. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here. As of February 15, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is March 20, 2008.

PRM Thailand has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status and international organizations. They are accepting applications from non-governmental organizations and international organizations for assistance to refugee populations in Thailand. This program will have three deadlines: Dec. 16 for proposals for health care/other assistance in Ban Mae Nai Soi and Ban Mae Surin camps (Mae Hong Son sites 1&2); Feb. 1 for proposals for food assistance; and Apr. 1 for health care services/water/sanitation/other assistance in Umpiem Mai, Nu Po, and Ban Don Yang camps. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here.

The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits with 501 (C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning and for international organizations. They are seeking applications from non-governmental organizations and international organizations for assistance to Afghan refugees in Pakistan and recent returnees in Afghanistan. This program will have two deadlines: February 25 for projects beginning in May and June, and April 18 for projects beginning in July through September. Please consult the full announcement for additional details and priority areas in Afghanistan and Pakistan. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, click here.

Click here, to read more about grants USAID currently has listed on grants.gov.

Click here, to read more about grants the US Department of State currently has listed.