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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week, there is surely no shortage of articles discussing President and Mrs. Bush's trip to Africa, the President's call for an extension of PEPFAR, and the future of health care and education on the African continent. This newsletter is overwhelmed by the attention given to all of the President's activities. We have included a few important articles for this week, and a full collection of articles and information on President Bush's trip can be viewed by visiting the White House's Africa website [here](#).

Something especially noteworthy from the Africa trip is a new Presidential Initiative to fight Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). This Initiative will make a total of \$350 million available over five years to provide integrated treatment of more than 300 million people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and will target seven major NTDs. The White House announcement is included below.

Finally, we highlight the latest trend in foreign aid: the growth of private funds as a percentage of total foreign aid given by the United States. Today, at least 80 percent of assistance comes from nonpublic sources, up from 30 percent 40 years ago. This is partly due to the many small organizations partnering with the United States Government to provide assistance in developing countries. To encourage partnerships and provide opportunities, this newsletter includes a list of current government international grant announcements for nonprofits. This week, an additional domestic grant is included, focusing on food service in Ohio.

Warmest regards,

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Bush Sees Results Of His AIDS Plan In Africa

On February 20, 2008 The Christian Science Monitor printed an article praising President Bush's PEPFAR program. It states:

"PEPFAR is the largest and most comprehensive program for HIV patients in history, and may have saved millions of lives. By setting targets of putting 2 million HIV patients on medical treatment, preventing 7 million others from contracting HIV through education programs on abstinence, and providing funding for an estimated 10 million children whose parents have died of AIDS, PEPFAR has made a huge impact in Africa, the continent most affected by the disease."

The article also highlights PEPFAR's success in Rwanda:

“Two years ago, Anastasia Uklimana – a housewife in Kigali, Rwanda – was too weak and thin to lift the yellow plastic jerrycans women here use to collect water. Her husband had to do it after a long day of work – along with the cooking, the cleaning, the laundry, and the many duties that go with caring for a newborn baby.

That seemed fair enough, she says, because "he is the one who brought the problem" – the HIV – "into the home."



But thanks to free ARV drugs – provided by **PEPFAR** – she now has enough energy to raise her three children, as well as volunteer as a community health worker, counseling her neighbors to seek out treatment as well.

Ms. Uklimana is one of 27,800 Rwandans – more than half of the population infected with HIV – receiving free ARVs through **PEPFAR**. Since Rwanda began receiving the funds in 2005, medical professionals here say the health infrastructure, and the people it can serve, have improved dramatically.”

To read the entire article, please [click here](#).

To learn more about the President’s trip to Africa, please [click here](#).

To view photos from the President’s trip, please [click here](#).

President Bush Announces New Global Initiative To Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases

President Bush has challenged the world to reduce dramatically and eventually control and eliminate the burden of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) as a major threat to health and economic growth in the developing world. This Initiative will make a total of \$350 million available over five years to provide integrated treatment of more than 300 million people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and target seven major NTDs: lymphatic filariasis (elephantiasis); schistosomiasis (snail fever); trachoma (eye infection); onchocerciasis (river blindness); and three soil-transmitted helminthes (STHs – hookworm, roundworm, whipworm).

This investment increases the United States' commitment to NTDs from \$15 million in 2008 to a total of \$350 million over five years (FY 2009 – FY 2013) and will expand the targeted number of countries from 10 in 2008 to approximately 30 by 2013. The new Initiative will target communities with integrated treatment annually for three to five years in order to reduce the prevalence of these diseases within these communities. Treating the millions of people that suffer from NTDs will bolster child development, promote educational achievement, and contribute to poverty reduction. Interventions in fighting these diseases promise large economic payoffs as they improve educational outcomes and worker productivity. President Bush challenges other donors, including our G-8 partners, foundations, and public, private, and voluntary organizations to complement the United States' commitments by providing collectively an additional \$650 million to close the funding gap for treatment of NTDs in the countries that are most affected by these diseases.

To learn more about the President’s new initiative, please [click here](#).

The Internal Revenue Service Offers Information for Charities and Other Non Profits

As tax season is quickly approaching we wanted to remind everyone that the [IRS website](#) has information that could be helpful for your organization. The site also contains links to *IRS Exempt*

Organizations workshops for small and mid-sized 501(c)(3) organizations. Each workshop, presented by experienced *Exempt Organizations* specialists, will explain what 501(c)(3) organizations must do to keep their tax-exempt status and comply with tax obligations. These introductory workshops are designed for administrators or volunteers who are responsible for an organization's tax compliance. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Please [click here](#) for more information, dates, and locations for 2008 workshops.

Private Money Dominates Foreign Aid

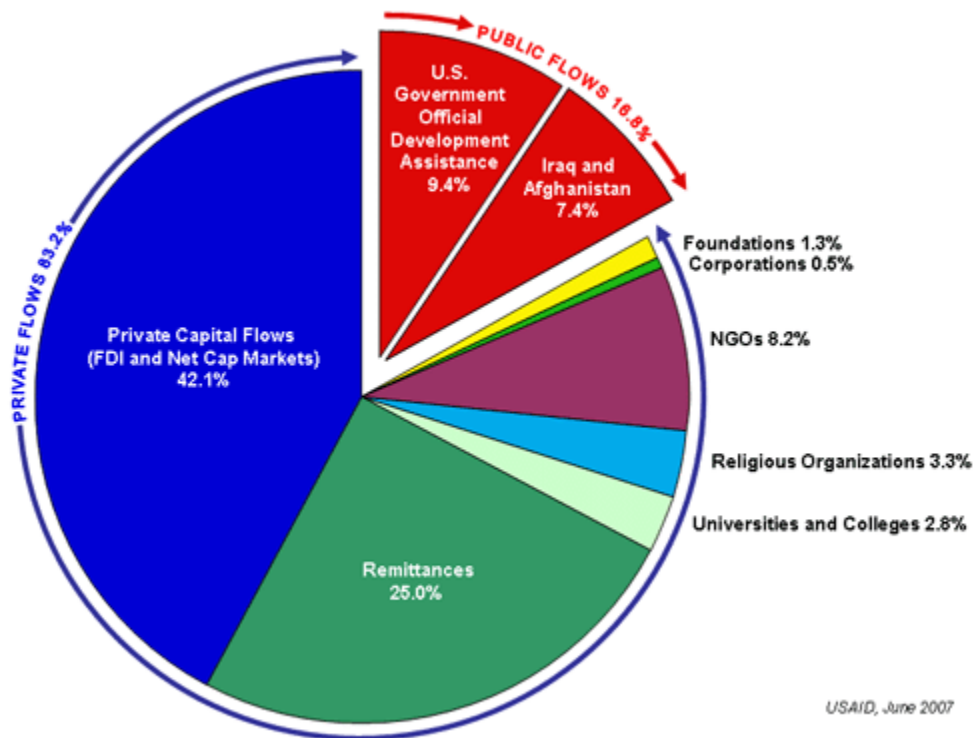
Private providers-foundations, nongovernmental, faith-based and community organizations as well as corporations and educational institutions-are bringing the bulk of humanitarian funds to the world's needy nations. At least 80 percent of today's assistance comes from nonpublic sources, up from 30 percent 40 years ago, said Kent Hill, USAID's assistant administrator for Global Health.

More than 600 USAID partnerships with private providers are not only lifting the standard of living throughout the world but enabling the agency to triple the money it invests in emerging economies, said Hill at a recent meeting of the Asia Society, a New York-based educational institute that promotes Asian culture.

"From an initial investment of \$2.1 billion in public funds, we have been able to leverage an additional \$5.8 billion in private funds and contributions," he said. "That's almost three private-sector dollars to every dollar of public funds."

Services, such as MTV donating airtime worth millions of dollars to fight human trafficking, for example, also account for much of the private investment. But even more, the partnerships bring fresh ideas, "innovative approaches, more effective problem solving" to development challenges, Hill added. A wide variety of communities around the world have benefited from the agency's partnerships with the private sector. USAID-backed loans by local lenders in India have dramatically increased community water supplies and sanitation through government partnerships. In Vietnam, partnerships with Microsoft and other companies have given more than 12,000 students computer training at 64 learning centers. A \$50,000 grant from Coca Cola in Angola established a Junior Achievement chapter, a business education youth organization and a partnership with Michigan State University aims at improving Nicaragua's plantain crops, Hill explained.

"This is a profound and promising change in the way international development is both financed and conducted," said Henrietta Fore, USAID administrator. "In the community of national and international development agencies, USAID is the world leader in engaging the private sector-mobilizing its ideas, resources, skills and technologies."



To learn more about private partners in foreign aid, please [click here](#).

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 Initiative has an competitive 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](#).

Register now for the USAID and USDA International Food Aid Conference

This year USAID and USDA will be adding a new workshop for faith and community based organizations to their jointly hosted annual International Food Aid Conference. More than 700 participants, from over 25 countries, will come together from April 14-16, 2008 in Kansas City, Missouri for the tenth annual conference.

For the first time ever, the USAID and USDA Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will co-host a seminar for faith and community based organizations who are interested in partnering with the government. More information of the Center's involvement will be provided closer to the conference. We encourage all private voluntary organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, commodity and transportation companies, and university scientists and administrators interested in food assistance to attend.

Participants will meet policy and operations staff from 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. 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](#).

Federal Funding Opportunities

USAID

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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 2, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit 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 22, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 12, 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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is February 29, 2008.

The Department of State has posted a grant, with the intention 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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 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](#).

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