



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 30, 2008

Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

In this weeks newsletter we have included President Bush's remarks and the Fact Sheet from the recent White House Summit on International Development held here last week in Washington, D.C.

I'm also pleased to announce that registration for our November 7th "Partnership: A Call to Action Conference" is filling up fast. You do not want to miss this exciting opportunity to learn more about accessing government funding and building the capacity of your organization! The conference is FREE and will bring together NGOs, businesses, and government representatives to discuss innovative partnerships in development.

Space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, please [click here](#).

Warmest regards,

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*A Call to Action***

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE: A CALL TO ACTION

**WHEN: November 7, 2008
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Ronald Reagan
Building
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20053**

**To register for the Partnership
Conference: A Call to Action,
[click here.](#)**



PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE: A CALL TO ACTION

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at The U.S. Agency for International Development Initiatives is pleased to invite you to the Partnership Conference: A Call to Action; to be held on November 7, 2008, in Washington, D.C. Join us for this one-day event that will allow you the unique opportunity to learn more about the basic structure of USAID and how the Agency grant-making processes operate. Learn about innovative approaches to development and ways that your organization can successfully partner with USAID. The conference will afford opportunities to hear from experts at USAID about individual areas of focus and programs including micro-enterprise, food assistance, agriculture, education, disaster response, democracy and governance and global health issues like malaria and HIV/AIDS. Participants will have access to capacity building resources for their organizations.

The conference is free, but registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. This invitation is non-transferable. **Please register no later than October 31, 2008.**

* This announcement is made for informational purposes only and does not constitute an official U.S. Government invitation. The U.S. Government (including USAID) cannot provide travel expenses or assistance with travel arrangements, including visas. Persons and organizations who wish to attend are responsible for their own travel expenses and arrangements, and are encouraged to contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for information related to visas and travel to the United States. We also encourage foreign organizations to contact partner or potential partner organizations based in the United States. Such organizations can be vital resources, but USAID cannot make official introductions or endorsements of any such group.

USAID PRESS

U.S. Announces Community Grant Awards to Fight Malaria

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), announced over \$11 million in grants to eight organizations working in seven countries in Africa to extend the coverage of malaria prevention and control activities in communities most affected by malaria, particularly children under age five and pregnant women. The grants were provided through the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), an interagency initiative led by USAID with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as key partners.

The Malaria Communities Program (MCP) providing the grants is a \$30 million initiative created under PMI to support the efforts of communities and indigenous organizations to combat malaria in Africa. First Lady Laura Bush first announced the MCP at a White House Summit on Malaria in December, 2006. The program specifically aims to identify organizations that are new to partnering with the U.S. government and are uniquely positioned to work at the community level. The program also seeks to increase local and indigenous capacities to undertake community-based malaria prevention and treatment activities and to build local ownership of malaria control for the long term. MCP grant recipients will operate within respective PMI country strategies, which have been developed in collaboration with each country's Ministry of Health and National Malaria Control Program, with in-country partners, and with other donor organizations working in-country.

"I am committed to expanding the work of nongovernmental and faith-based organizations, and other community based entities to reach people with the tools and knowledge to control malaria," said R. Tim Ziemer, U.S. Malaria Coordinator. "The key to saving lives, especially children, is to expand proven approaches and interventions until they reach each and every child who needs them."

Grant information:

Concern Universal Malawi

Concern Universal, in partnership with the Holy Family Hospital and the District Health Office, will implement a 4-year, \$1.3 million malaria program targeting approximately 60,000 under-five children and pregnant mothers in the Phalombe District in southern Malawi. Through community education and training activities, the project will increase community awareness and knowledge on malaria prevention, treatment and case management; promote correct and consistent use of insecticide treated nets (ITNs); increase access to intermittent preventive treatment (IPT) among pregnant women; and build the capacity of indigenous organizations in malaria management.

EQUIP Liberia

With a three-year grant totaling \$1.5 million, EQUIP will deliver malaria prevention and treatment to an estimated 285,000 individuals in two counties in Liberia. Through community mobilization, training of community health workers, and institutional capacity building, Equip will provide assistance to promote the importance of pregnant women and children under five sleeping under an ITN; provide early and correct diagnosis and treatment with artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT); and improve the proportion of pregnant women receiving two or more doses of sulfadoxine-pyrimthamine (SP) during pregnancy.

The Mentor Initiative Liberia

Through a three-year \$1.5 million grant, The MENTOR Initiative and its partners will implement a malaria program in Liberia, covering five

counties with a total population of more than 655,000, including more than 105,000 children under five and 30,000 pregnant women. The program will focus on building the capacity of local partners to design and deliver malaria education campaigns; develop and deliver effective community level Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials; and ensure effective malaria case management through the training of community health workers and midwives.

Caritas Senegal

Caritas Senegal, in partnership with the National Association of Private Catholic Health Posts, will implement a 3-year, \$1.5 million malaria prevention and treatment project targeting four districts in Senegal. The program will directly reach more than 930,000 people, including an estimated 200,000 pregnant women and children under five relying on the well-developed network of community health educators, called *relais*, and other community organizations in communities, health huts and health posts. It will do so by delivering malaria prevention and education programs increasing access to ACTs, and promoting household ownership and proper use of ITNs.

Aidez Small Project International (ASPI) Ghana

Through a 3-year, \$1.1 million grant, ASPI will continue its successful partnership with Keta District Health Directorate to deliver its malaria treatment and prevention program in 23 communities in the Keta District of Ghana. ASPI also plans to expand its program into two additional districts, Ketu South and Ketu North, with the goal of working in 95 communities by 2012. The program will reach an estimated 152,000 people by distributing ITNs and promoting consistent and correct use of them; training community agents to implement malaria services and education; organizing bed retreatment campaigns; conducting house-to-house visits to ensure accurate use of preventative treatment among pregnant women; and promoting early recognition by care givers of malaria symptoms among children under five, to ensure prompt treatment with ACT.

Fayyaa Integrated Development Association (FIDA) Ethiopia

The FIDA will implement a \$1.5 million, 3-year program targeting an estimated 1.7 million people in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. Through its existing large network of churches, mosques and schools, FIDA will work to improve the capacity of community and faith based organizations, health committees and other community groups participating in malaria prevention and treatment activities; provide targeted IEC materials to households; ensure high quality malaria diagnosis and treatment in the private sector; link malaria control to FIDA's existing HIV/AIDS projects; and strengthen malaria prevention and treatment during pregnancy through delivering integrated services in antenatal clinics.

HealthPartners Uganda

HealthPartners and its affiliate, Uganda Health Cooperative, will implement the Uganda Health Cooperative Malaria Communities Program, a 4-year \$1.3 million project to build local capacity and

ownership of a sustainable system for community based malaria prevention and treatment activities in the Bushenyi district in Southwestern Uganda. Reaching an estimated 730,000 people, the program will partner at the community level by training community drug distributors; implement education and behavioral change activities promoting ITN use, the importance of preventive treatment among pregnant women, and recognition of malaria warning signs and the need for early treatment; integrate supportive supervision for antenatal clinic workers; will implement training on the use of severe malaria drugs and the new National Malaria Control Program malaria treatment policy; and improve stock management of malaria drugs.

ADPP Angola

Over a three-year, \$1.5 million grant, ADPP will address malaria prevention and treatment needs of an estimated 100,000 people, including 25,000 pregnant women and children under five in Zaire province of northern Angola. The program will increase the demand for ITNs and ACT by working with teachers in nearly 200 primary schools to reach the families and communities of school children with information, education, and communication on malaria prevention and control, and practical preventive measures. ADPP will work with other NGOs and church organizations to strengthen connections between the community and existing health services to increase health seeking behavior and demand for malaria services in their target communities.

For more information about USAID and PMI, please visit www.usaid.gov.

U.S. Set To Dispatch Fourth Food Shipment To NKorea (AFP)

AFP, October 20, 2008

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The United States is to dispatch a fourth shipment of food aid to North Korea this week ahead of a predicted harsh winter in the reclusive nuclear-armed state, aid agencies said Thursday.

More than 894,000 of North Korea's "most vulnerable people" -- mainly children, pregnant and nursing mothers, and the elderly -- will receive daily rations from the shipment of 25,060 tonnes of bulk corn and soy, the agencies said in a statement.

"This new shipment of food will bring critical sustenance to many hungry people in North Korea," said Nancy Lindborg, president of Mercy Corps, one of five humanitarian agencies that would deliver the urgent aid.

"We are very pleased with our success in getting food to needy people for the past few months, and are confident that efficient food distributions will continue into the winter," she said.

The other agencies are World Vision, Samaritan's Purse, Global Resource Services and Christian Friends of Korea.

On arrival at the western North Korean port of Nampo in the latter half of November, the food will be rationed to recipients through public

distribution centers, orphanages, schools, hospitals and nurseries in Chagang and North Pyongan provinces, the statement said.

The food aid, funded by the US Agency for International Development's office of Food for Peace, is the first US food assistance program for North Korea since 2000.

The five-agency partnership is on track to distribute 100,000 tonnes of the food aid during the year-long program, reaching 895,000 people, according to the statement.

The UN's World Food Programme (WFP) is distributing another 400,000 tonnes in US assistance.

In July, the WFP warned that hunger in North Korea, which is negotiating with the United States and other powers to end its nuclear weapons drive, is at its worst since the famine years of the 1990s.

"With North Korea's people in a precarious situation facing low food stocks and the onset of a harsh winter, our primary concern is the country's most vulnerable groups, children and mothers especially," said George Ward, senior vice president of international programs for World Vision in the United States.

"We are moving urgently to ensure this assistance reaches those in most need at a critical time," he said.

USAID ASSISTING ETHIOPIA'S EFFORT TO MEET MDGS (WIC)

WALTA INFORMATION CENTER

OCTOBER 18, 2008

Addis Ababa, October 18 (WIC) - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) said it is assisting Ethiopia's effort to meet the millennium development goals (MDGs).

USAID Mission Director, Glenn E. Anders, told WIC that the activities which USAID gives priority include health, education, agriculture and agro-industry, HIV/AIDS prevention, tourism and other development sectors.

The program being carried out by USAID in Ethiopia is the largest in Africa, he said, adding it is executing various development activities with over 1 billion USD this year alone to ensure sustainable development across the country.

He said USAID is working in collaboration with the Ministry of Education (MoE) and it is undertaking successful activities particularly in the efforts underway to maintain quality of education as well as raise the primary school enrollment.

The Agency is also supporting the efforts of the government to further scale up the health program and benefit the public, he said, adding that it is executing activities that help improve health services in rural areas in particular.

USAID is providing the necessary support to address the shortage of health professionals in the country and in this regard it has provided training for hundreds of these and it is also working in collaboration with four universities, he said.

He said the Agency is also exerting efforts to enhance the benefit of the country by raising the amount and quality of agricultural and industrial product exports to the duty-free U.S. markets. Besides, it is providing capacity building training to states in the judiciary and other important sectors, he added.

The country has registered remarkable achievements in health and education sectors and consequently child mortality rate as well as malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS has remarkably declined in the country.

Education coverage as well as its quality is improving in the country and girls' enrollment in the basic alternative education program helped the coverage to grow, the director indicated.

The director, pointing out the long standing relations between Ethiopia and the USA, added that the USAID would further strengthen its humanitarian assistance besides supporting Ethiopia's efforts to ensure durable peace in the country.

The United States Agency for International Development is implementing various development endeavors in Somali, Oromia, SNNP, Amhara, Tigray, Gambella and Benshangul-Gumz states, it was learnt.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
Washington, D.C.



THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, all. Madam President. Madam President I could not think of anybody better to give me dancing lessons than you. (Laughter.) We love you. I love your spirit. I love your leadership. I love the example you set for leaders all across the globe. And it's an honor to be here with you. (Applause.)

And it's an honor to be here with you all. I welcome you to the White House Summit on International Development. It's a summit to herald the outstanding work being done to lift up souls in need. I appreciate the fact that folks in this room represent thousands that are replacing disease with health, dependency with self-reliance, and despair with hope.

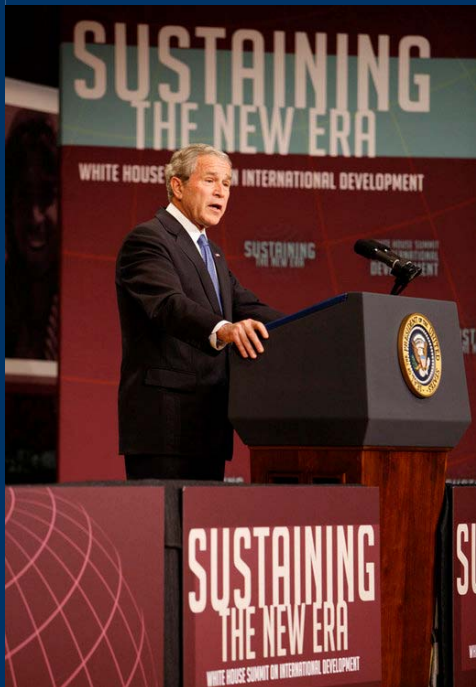


President George W. Bush stands with Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf before delivering his remarks at the White House Summit on International Development Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, in Washington, D.C. President Bush discussed in his remarks core transformational goals of country ownership, good governance, results-based programs and accountability, and the importance of economic growth.

White House photo by Eric Draper

To view the **Fact Sheet: Transforming International Development**, [click here](#).

To read President Bush's speech in its entirety, [click here](#).



President George W. Bush delivers remarks at the White House Summit on International Development Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, in Washington, D.C. President Bush said during his remarks, "History shows what happens when America combines our great compassion with our steadfast determination. We are a compassionate people and we are a determined people."

The people gathered here come from different countries -- I see we represent different professions -- but we're united by our commitment to charting a new era in development. Today I'm going to talk with you about this new philosophy, about the way it's transforming countries and saving lives, and about why it's essential to continue in the years ahead.

Before I do so, I want to recognize not only the President, but her son, Robert. I suspect your mother tells you what to do like my mother tells me what to do. (Laughter.) As a matter of fact, your mother tells me what to do. (Laughter.) Welcome.

Congressman Donald Payne, we're sure proud you're here; thank you, Mr. Chairman, for coming. (Applause.) Much of the success of the programs we've implemented are due to, one, the generosity of the American people, but also the fine group of people that are implementers: Henrietta Fore, the Administrator of USAID; Rob Mosbacher, President and CEO of OPIC; Ambassador John Danilovich, Millennium Challenge Corporation CEO; Ambassador Mark Dybul, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator; Rear Admiral Tim Ziemer, U.S. Malaria Coordinator. Thank you all for being leaders. (Applause.)

The second choice to introduce me was Bob Geldof, musician. Of course, he'd have got up and said, I saw him try to sing while in Africa. (Laughter.) I've come to really appreciate Bob Geldof. He is a genuine person who has used his fame to help others in need, and it is a -- it's been a joy to work with you. You know, you and I might look differently, but I think we share the same compassion and the same hopes. And thank you for joining us today. (Applause.)

I want to thank the panelists who have participated in this conference. I do want to welcome members of the Diplomatic Corps; thank you all for coming by today.

You know, we meet today in the middle of a serious global financial crisis. Over the past few weeks, we have seen how the world's economies are more interconnected than ever before. The crisis is having a major impact on working people all over the world -- including many in developing nations.

During times of economic crisis, some may be tempted to turn inward -- focusing on our problems here at home, while ignoring our interests around the world. This would be a serious mistake. America is committed -- and America must stay committed -- to international development for reasons that remain true regardless of the ebb and flow of the markets. We believe that development is in America's security interests. We face an enemy that can't stand freedom. And the only way they can recruit to their hateful ideology is by exploiting despair -- and the best way to respond is to spread hope...

We're using this aid to foster sustainable economic growth, and promote good governance, and advance a model of true partnership

White House photo by Eric Draper

that gives poor nations a real stake in their own development. We're encouraging volunteer organizations, local charities, and the faith community to take on an even greater role -- because we strongly believe that they offer a compassion that no government can offer. Most of all, we're insisting on accountability in return for our assistance, so we can assure that our generosity leads to measurable results. You know, for too long, foreign aid was designed to make us feel good. Now, we're ensuring that our resources do good.
...(continued)

To read President Bush's speech in its entirety, [click here](#).

HELPFUL LINKS

FrontLines

Welcome to *FrontLines*, the employee news publication of USAID. *FrontLines* features articles about the work that USAID is doing, and the people who are doing it. It is produced monthly and distributed electronically and in print to every employee and retiree, as well as some friends of USAID.

Current Issue: October 2008

- Convoy Delivers USAID Turbine to Kajaki Dam
- At First Reunion, Alumni Plan Independent Association
- USAID Develops New Emergency Food
- 9/11 - The Seventh Anniversary
- Five Former Secretaries of State Debate Next President's Tasks
- Kyrgyz Villages Learn to Auction State Land to Farmers
- Iraqi Government Employees Learn Modern Management Skills
- South Africa Takes Action Against Sexual Violence
- Mock Trial Introduces Students to Jury Trials in Azerbaijan
- Indian Company, Government Launch Health Insurance for People with HIV

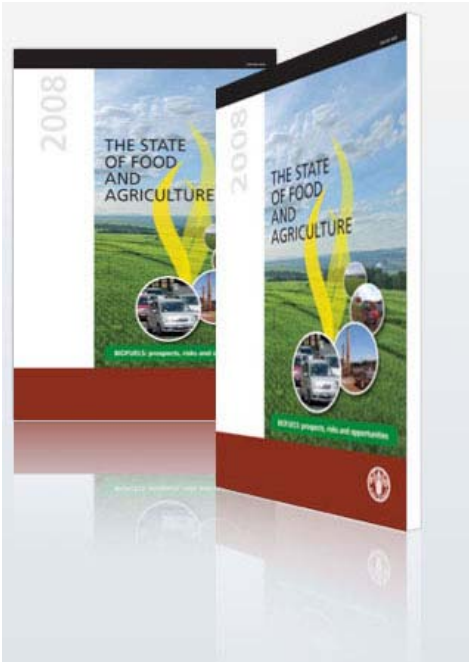
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The State of Food and Agriculture

Biofuels: prospects, risks and opportunities



The State of Food and Agriculture 2008 explores the implications of the recent rapid growth in production of biofuels based on agricultural commodities. The boom in liquid biofuels has been largely driven by policies in developed countries in support of climate-change mitigation, energy security and agricultural development. The growing demand for agricultural commodities for the production of biofuels is having significant repercussions on agricultural markets, and concerns are mounting over their negative impact on the food security of millions of people across the world. At the same time, the environmental impacts of biofuels are also coming under closer scrutiny. But biofuels also offer the opportunity for agricultural and rural development — if appropriate policies and investments are put in place.

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

(check out grants.gov for the most up-to-date information on grant and funding opportunities as information does change)

Thailand USAID-Bangkok is issuing this Request for Applications to implement an Alternative Development Program to increase licit and commercially viable agricultural-based alternatives for rural Afghans with the goal of significantly reducing and ultimately eradicating poppy production throughout Afghanistan. Subject to the availability of funds, this competitively awarded five year Cooperative Agreement shall focus across those provinces within the north, east and west of Afghanistan where poppy eradication has been showing success, security issues are comparatively reduced and opportunities are most abundant. Examples of current priority provinces are Nangarhar, Nuristan, Kunar and Laghman, Badakhshan, and Takhar. The Agreement shall be outcomes based focused on results. Applicants shall compete with proposed solutions that meet the requirements of the RFA and are tailored to an optimal technical / business approach. The goal is to contribute to the creation of full and part-time and year-round and seasonal jobs, increased sales, strengthened associations, increased exports and improved access to services to promote licit economic growth and positive alternatives to the illicit economy for farmers and non-farmers alike. As of August 14, 2008, the closing date for applications is October 27, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Jordan USAID – Amman is currently seeking to implement

education activities that support USAID/Jordan's Assistance Agreement for Investing in People No. 13 (Strategic Objective No. 13) which is an integrated program to improve the health, education and life skills for all Jordanians. USAID's education support shall "Improve and Expand Basic Education" and provide "Greater Opportunities for Youth through Expanded Work and Life Skills." As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 31, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Hungary USAID-Budapest- The purpose of this three-year Parliamentary Strengthening (PS) Project is to make the parliaments in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) more effective and representative. The project builds on achievements realized to date through USAID-funded parliamentary assistance, and will focus on assisting the State and Federation of BiH (FBiH) Parliaments. Further, it addresses selected capacity constraints in parliamentary representation, policy development, legislation formulation and oversight functions. Better policy-making and legislation by parliaments is important for BiH to make further progress towards integration with the European Union (EU). As of October 1, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 10, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for funding a program entitled "Support to Teachers Colleges on Prevention of HIV/AIDS (STOP)" as more specifically described in Section C-Program Description for a three-year period. The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives as described in the program description. Please refer to the Program Description for a complete description of goals and expected results. Pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A-21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for for-profit organizations), may be paid under the agreement. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$1,800,000 to be allocated over the three-year period. As of October 11, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 13, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for funding a program entitled "Strengthening Civic Education in Primary Schools," as more specifically described in Section C-Program Description. The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives as

described in the program description. Please refer to the Program Description for a complete description of goals and expected results. Pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A-21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for for-profit organizations), may be paid under the agreement. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$8,930,000 total USAID funding to be allocated over the five-year period to support these activities in two phases: 1 ½ years (phase I) and 3 ½ years (phase II). The duration and continuation of phase II will depend on the availability of funds and the effectiveness of the program during the first 1 ½ to 2 years. 1 ½ years after signature of the award the recipient must prepare and submit to the Agreement Officer a written non-competitive Continuation Application for review and approval for the second phase. As of October 12, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 13, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Sri Lanka USAID-Colombo - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) /Sri Lanka is soliciting concept papers under the Partnership for Eastern Economic Revitalization (PEER) activity which focuses on public-private partnerships to foster innovation of the development of micro-enterprises, institutional capacity, and the diffusion of knowledge and information to support agricultural and rural development in Eastern Sri Lanka. The closing date for applicants is December 2, 2008. For more information [click here](#).

Thailand USAID-Bangkok is currently seeking concept papers from qualified non-governmental organizations capable of designing and implementing model projects that will provide support to people with disabilities in Danang and surrounding areas. Programs and activities could include, but are not limited to enhancing earlier intervention for those who are disabled, providing support to existing rehabilitation clinics and services, expanding access of people with disabilities to essential health and education services, initiating or strengthening community based rehabilitation services and support, improving income generation and employment opportunities, strengthening the capacity of local organizations to provide services, improved community-based information around reducing risk exposure, and surveillance and prevention of disability. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Dec 04, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Uganda USAID-Kampala Please note that this is not a request for applications nor comments. The purpose of this synopsis is to provide advance information to the general public and generate interest of

potential applicants in this grant opportunity. Issuance of this notice does not obligate USAID to issue an RFA on this subject. Please do not send comments or inquiries to USAID. Any comment or inquiry related to this notice will not be responded to until advised otherwise.

BACKGROUND: One of the key elements to improving health services in Uganda is strengthening the supply chain management system for health commodities. This includes improved forecasting and quantification of overall country program needs; transparent procurement of the right products in a timely manner; quality assurance of commodities; proper storage and timely distribution to the end user health facilities, and; complete and accurate information at all levels of the supply chain. The current supply chain is long and complex, with many players and many potential points of disruption. Outside the country the supply chain players include manufacturers, procurement agents, transport companies, and customs clearance agents. Within the country, six key entities are responsible for working together to ensure the availability of essential medicines and other health products in the public health system:

1. Ministry of Health (MOH) technical programs are responsible for product selection, forecasting, procurement planning and coordination with donors, and monitoring stock levels within the system;
2. The National Medical Stores (NMS), a parastatal, is charged with the efficient and cost effective procurement, storage, processing of orders, and distribution of health commodities to the district level on behalf of the MOH. USAID, and other donors such as UNFPA and the Clinton Foundation, procure and ship products to the country and NMS is paid a fee to store and distribute the commodities to districts.
3. Joint Medical Store (JMS) is private sector organization that procures essential medicines and health supplies; private, NGO and MOH facilities can buy their commodities from JMS (the latter when NMS is stocked out of an item). JMS also serves as a second outlet for some donated products which are provided free to NGO facilities.
4. The National Drug Authority (NDA) is a parastatal that regulates the quality and registration of pharmaceutical and medical commodities imported into Uganda.
5. The fifth 'entity' is comprised of the health facilities that order, manage and dispense health commodities, and District Health Offices (DHO) and Health Sub-districts that are responsible for budgeting, planning, monitoring, and processing facility orders to the NMS.
6. Another important player is the Ministry of Finance which is responsible for releasing funds to NMS and the MOH on a timely basis.

Despite some success in improving supply chain management over the past 8-10 years, there are still many improvements needed. All of the above players somehow contribute to the problems and there is no short-term silver bullet. Some of the problems can be resolved in the short-term such as improved communications between the parties and better storage infrastructure and inventory management at NMS. Other improvements will take longer, such as removing the regulatory and financial obstacles that currently impede the performance of the NMS. Until the central MOH, in particular, has sufficient money and trained personnel to take on key logistics management functions, USAID and other donor partners will need to continue providing substantial assistance to ensure that key logistics

management functions are carried out to avoid total collapse. PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Please find below the results framework that USAID intends to be the basis for this activity for logistics and commodities. USAID intends to avail this grant opportunity for competition, and is in the activity design phase, consulting with ministry and donor stakeholders, and that this information is being shared for informational purposes only. This process may take one to three months. RESULTS FRAMEWORK: Activity Title: Securing Ugandans' Right to Essential Medicines (SURE) Activity Objective: Strengthening Uganda Supply Chain for Essential Health Commodities Result 1: Improved commodity security framework for essential health commodities IR 1.1 GoU demonstrates commitment to improving financing of health commodities IR 1.2 Improved legal and regulatory framework to promote effective and efficient national supply chain Result 2: Improved capacity and performance of Ministry of Health and National Medical Stores in their supply chain management roles and responsibilities IR 2.1 Clarified roles and responsibilities and improved communication within MOH and between MOH and NMS IR 2.2 MOH capacity and performance improved in forecasting, procurement planning, budgeting, management of logistics information, monitoring and evaluation IR 2.3 NMS capacity and performance improved in procurement, warehousing, distribution, customer service, and security IR 2.4 Anti-theft policies, procedures and tools in place and functioning Result 3: Improved capacity and performance of District Health Offices and health facilities in their supply chain management roles and responsibilities IR 3.1 District health office capacity and performance improved in planning, budgeting, procurement, reporting, distribution, monitoring, and securing essential health commodities IR 3.2 Health facility performance improved in quantification, ordering, inventory management, record keeping, reporting, and securing essential health commodities IR 3.3 Stock outs of key health commodities reduced in all target districts Thank you for your interest in USAID programs.

Bangladesh USAID-Dhaka is requesting applications to restore livelihoods and provide increased and sustained livelihood opportunities for the cyclone-affected population in southern Bangladesh. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is January 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID is seeking applications for the Develop Grants Program (DGP) Annual Program Statement (APS). The United States Government, through USAID, seeks applications from prospective U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (US PVOs) to implement development activities in support of USAID programmatic goals in specified countries with USAID Missions. The authority for the DGP is found in Section 674 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy and Governance, the Office of Development Partners in USAID/W is initiating a new program, entitled the Development Grants Program, to provide opportunities for development

organizations that have had limited prior funding from USAID. This program provides for a two-step procurement process. The first step is a request for concept papers (RFCP). The second step is the process in which USAID requests organizations with the best concept papers to submit a full application. USAID seeks applications that are based on the comparative advantage U.S. PVOs have in certain technical or geographic areas that would allow them to make effective contributions to the priority development sectors outlined in this APS. **As of August 29, 2008, Concept papers received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 will be considered for review.** Concept Papers submitted late or after the November 5, 2008 deadline will be reviewed prior to the expiration date of the APS (January 29, 2009). All applications received by the deadline for the APS will be reviewed for responsiveness to the specifications outlined in these guidelines and the application format. Applications that are incomplete run the risk of not being considered in the review process. For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID invites applications from indigenous Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) interested in the newly established Development Grants Program. The United States Government, through USAID, will seek applications from prospective local NGO partners to implement development activities in support of USAID programmatic goals in specified countries. Selected USAID Missions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe and Eurasia regions will participate. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy and Governance, the Office of Development Partners in USAID/W is initiating a new program, entitled the Development Grants Program, to provide opportunities to development organizations that have had limited prior funding from USAID. This program provides for a two-step process. The first step is a request for concept papers. The second step is the process in which USAID requests organizations with the best concept papers to submit a full application. USAID seeks applications that are based on the comparative advantage NGOs have in certain technical or geographic areas that would allow them to make effective contributions to the priority development sectors outlined in this APS. **As of August 29, 2008, Concept papers received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 will be considered for review.** Concept Papers submitted late or after the November 5, 2008 deadline will be reviewed prior to the expiration date of the APS (January 29, 2009). For more information, [click here.](#)

Nigeria USAID-Abuja has posted a cooperative agreement for registered Nigerian indigenous organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGO), faith-based organizations (FBO), community-based organizations (CBO), foundations, private organizations affiliated with public academic institutions, parastatals, professional organizations, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations willing to forego profit. They are looking for proposals to strengthen civil society to combat HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. As of

August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2009. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Sudan USAID seeks observation applications covering the entirety of the electoral process, from establishment of the National Election Commission through resolution of post-polling disputes. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is February 16, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

US Agency for International Development- The global food crisis has affected households around the world, but has had a particularly harsh impact on the most vulnerable families in developing nations. Vulnerable populations in the Horn of Africa region can be described in three types: pastoral, agro-pastoral, and marginal farming households. Historically in the Horn region, all of these groups suffer the same repetitive scenario of humanitarian decline due to asset depletion resulting from the continuous man-made and climatic shocks. In general, this decline scenario includes a shock followed by households adopting negative coping mechanisms, such as selling productive assets to meet basic food needs and loss of assets to the effects of drought/flood/disease. USAID/OFDA's mandate is to save lives, alleviate human suffering, and reduce the social and economic impact of humanitarian emergencies worldwide. In order to achieve this goal, USAID/DCHA/OFDA's strategy for the HFPCR is to improve local livelihoods as a means to increase household's resilience to shocks reducing the need for future relief based activities. A. The broad goals of this APS are to: • Stabilize humanitarian indicators in food insecure households through both the provision of humanitarian assistance and activities designed to protect existing household assets; • Strengthen existing developmental programming designed to rebuild livelihoods and household resiliency to shocks through the diversification and creation of household assets; and, • Improve economic opportunities and livelihoods through improved market linkages in support of the agricultural and livestock sectors. USAID/OFDA anticipates awarding two cooperative agreements as a result of this APS, one targeting interventions in Kenya and one targeting interventions in Uganda. As of October 10, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is April 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

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Kazakhstan USAID-Almaty This USAID/Central Asian Republics (CAR) Annual Program Statement (APS) solicits applications from prospective partners to implement maternal and child health activities in Tajikistan. USAID expects that the total level of funding available under this APS for activities in Tajikistan would be up to \$3.5 million. Based on these figures, funding requests are expected to range from a minimum of \$200,000 up to a maximum of \$3.5 million (if activities are proposed to cover all program objectives), for expenditure over a period of up to five years. Funding will not exceed \$700,000 per year; awards for projects of more than one year will be funded incrementally. All awards are subject to the availability of funding. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is June 24, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID is seeking applications from eligible institution as described in Section A.1.e., that promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Iran. Applications should advance one or more of the following objectives: strengthening civil society organization and advocacy; increasing awareness of and strengthening the rule of law; and expanding freedom of information. USAID intends to make several awards under this APS for a total of up to \$20 million. Applicants can request \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 for expenditure for a maximum of two years. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and all applications must be submitted by June 30, 2009. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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for the fiscal year 2009 Cultural Orientation (CO) Technical Assistance Program overseen by the Bureau. The deadline for submission of proposals is November 5, 2008. This program serves to complement the Reception and Placement Program, the purpose of which is to promote the effective resettlement of all persons who are admitted to the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, including assisting refugees to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment as quickly as possible. The goals of the CO Technical Assistance Program administered by the Bureau are: (1) to strengthen linkages between overseas cultural orientation programs and reception and placement activities; (2) to provide information and materials to overseas cultural orientation programs and to domestic refugee service providers; (3) to provide support and technical assistance to overseas cultural orientation programs on request; (4) with input from the Cultural Orientation Working Group and guidance from the Bureau, to provide feedback to overseas cultural orientation programs as needed; and (5) to provide other technical assistance requested by the Bureau, subject to availability of funds and adequate staffing levels to perform assigned tasks. The Bureau intends to award one Cooperative Agreement to a well-qualified non-profit organization with the required technical expertise in cultural orientation for an initial period beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 subject to the availability of funds. Through the Cooperative Agreement, the Bureau will provide full financial support to the selected organization, based on the proposal submitted in response to this request. This financial support may be renewable for up to two additional calendar years based upon annual budget submissions, as long as there remains a need for the program, and the organization operating the program provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. At the end of three years, the Bureau will reintroduce the program, and the recipient of this award may participate in that process. As of September 3, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 5, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs- The Community Relations Branch of the Office of International Visitors, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/PE/V/C/R) invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of an airport arrival and departure program at New York's John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport and New Jersey's Newark International Airport. It is anticipated that a cooperative agreement for \$195,000 will be awarded on or about January 1, 2009, pending availability of FY 2009 funds. This 18-month award will begin on or about January 1, 2009 and end September 30, 2010, and will be based on a combination of 500 incoming and outgoing flights between the two international points of entry stated above. Proposed funding would support the following specific activities: meet incoming International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) participants at JFK International Airport, New York, and assist them to their connecting flights; meet incoming IVLP participants at Newark International Airport, New Jersey, and assist participants to their connecting flights; provide assistance to outgoing IVLP participants, through U.S. Customs, at JFK International

Airport, New York, and Newark International Airport, New Jersey; and liaise with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Transportation Security Administration(TSA) officials, and Port Authority officials at both points of international entry in order to carry out scope of work under the cooperative agreement. As of October 14, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 6, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Public Affairs - Below is a sample list, though not exhaustive, of the types of series television the Department will consider funding:
Example 1: Reality series, twelve half to one-hour episodes, about America seen through the eyes of young Arabs, designed to reach the 25 and under school-age audience, comprising 60% of the regional population. The aim of the series would be to show the interest of each member of the cast leading to specific interfaces and encounters in America with counterparts of similar interests. The goal of the series will be to present a new vision of the United States -- its vibrancy and diversity, as well as its values to the people of the Arab world. Example 2: Foster Socially Responsible serial television dramas on the major pan Arab free-to-air satellite channels for Saudi Arabia and the 23 Arabic speaking countries and territories of the MENA region. In consultation with the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, seek out indigenous producers, writers and directors of current serial dramas with a proven track record and top audience ratings on pan Arab free-to-air satellite channels, who would like to focus part of the drama story on America and Americans' personal relationships with Saudis in the United States. Example 3: Develop an original serial television drama in partnership with a major pan Arab free-to-air satellite channel for Saudi Arabia and the 23 Arabic speaking countries and territories of the MENA region. Produce a serial drama that attracts audiences for the network and enhances the possibility of a better life for all who find its entertainment irresistible. Create a serial drama that will imbue the values necessary for a more open society, one that respects, for instance, pluralism, equal opportunity and the role and status of women. The drama must have a positive goal; a world in which the use of violence to achieve political, religious, or social objectives is no longer acceptable. It must support constructive alternatives to violent extremism. The series must be constructed in a way that adapts the popular genre of that part of the world into a compelling, must-watch experience. As of October 10, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 10, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Employment and Training Administration- The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$125 million in grant funds for Community-Based Job Training Grants. Community-Based Job Training Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community and technical colleges. Funds will be awarded to individual community and technical colleges, community college districts, state community college

systems, and One-Stop Career Centers to support or engage in a combination of capacity building and training activities for the purpose of building the capacity of community colleges to train individuals for careers in high-growth/high-demand industries in the local and/or regional economies. This Solicitation contains an exception for rural areas and other communities that are educationally underserved due to their lack of access to community or technical colleges. In awarding Community-Based Job Training Grants, every effort will be made to fairly distribute grants across rural and urban areas and across the different geographic regions of the United States. It is anticipated that individual awards will range from \$500,000 to \$2 million. As of October 10, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 24, 2008. The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is November 24, 2008. Applications must be received at the address below no later than 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Application and submission information is explained in detail in Part IV of this SGA. For more information, [click here](#).