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### **Partnership Success in Iraq**

The third annual "Rebuild Iraq" conference was held May 8-11 in Amman, Jordan to foster business relationships and promote economic development in Iraq. It was attended by 1,000 companies from 50 countries. One of the most successful events was the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Alliance Conference, where over 70 delegates from companies such as Cisco Systems, Sun Microsystems, Intel, Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft, Motorola, and Oracle engaged Iraqi government officials and businesspeople. As a direct result of the ICT Alliance conference, a pilot project to promote development in the IT sector will be launched with cooperation from the partners.

The U.S. Director of Foreign Assistance and USAID Administrator, Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, also sent a message to the American Business Community encouraging private sector investment in Iraq. See the full message at

[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/global\\_partnerships/gda/pdf/0000032447.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/gda/pdf/0000032447.pdf)

### **Housing Partnership in Zambia**

Two private developers in Zambia and two U.S. firms have partnered together to create a housing development that is being hailed as a model for the future of sub-Saharan Africa. USAID and fellow U.S. Government agency, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), helped provide credit guarantees to leverage over \$100 million in investment in the development, which will eventually house 5,000 families.

### **USAID Announces IT Partnership in Vietnam**

USAID announced that \$1.3 million in public and private resources from USAID, Microsoft, Qualcomm, Electricity of Vietnam, and Centre for Research and Consulting on Management (Hanoi University of Technology) will be used to create ICT-supported Community Technology and Learning Centers in each of Vietnam's 64 provinces over the next 24 months. For more information visit [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/global\\_partnerships/gda/pdf/pr\\_rdma\\_042206.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/gda/pdf/pr_rdma_042206.pdf)

## Did you know?

### Hudson Institute Study on U.S. Philanthropy

A recent study on U.S. philanthropy by the Hudson Institute reveals the significant role of non-governmental donations in support of foreign assistance and development. In 2004, the USG provided official development aid of \$19.7 billion while others in America, through schools, religious institutions, companies, foundations and families, gave at least \$71 billion to the developing world - more than three times what the government gave.

Religious organizations gave \$4.5 billion and corporations nearly \$5 billion. But the largest category from the \$71 billion came in the form of individual remittances, which the report puts at \$47 billion. According to the authors, "The massive amounts of money sent home by immigrants and temporary workers -- involving little or no overhead and filling people's basic needs directly -- is changing the landscape of development and donor agencies."

For the complete study, visit: <http://gpr.hudson.org/> .

## Postponement

The GDA 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, scheduled for June 6, has been postponed.

## News & Notes

- GDA welcomed Sean McClure on May 30. Sean will manage the GDA portfolio for Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC), Economic Growth activities, and Information and Communications Technology. You may contact Sean at [smcclure@usaid.gov](mailto:smcclure@usaid.gov), and (202) 712-1959.
- In an article entitled "How to Make Development Partnerships Work," published in the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) monthly e-journal *OECD Observer*, GDA Director Dan Runde explains the GDA model and the role it plays in U.S. development assistance. In it he tells the stories of the *Plumpy'nut Alliance* in Malawi and several others. The article also outlines steps to establish a strong, effective and well-managed alliance. For the full article, visit: [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/global\\_partnerships/gda/oecd\\_runde.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/gda/oecd_runde.pdf)

## RESOURCES

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