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July 16, 2008

**Thanks
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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I thank the Senate for the strong, bipartisan vote today to pass important, life-saving legislation reautho
President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). I appreciate the efforts of Majority Leader Reid,
Biden and Lugar, and all other Senators from both sides of the aisle who came together today to ensur
America's generosity in battling HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases around the globe will continue i

consistent with the program's successful founding principles.

When we launched this program in 2003, about 50,000 people in Sub-Saharan Africa were receiving antiretroviral treatment for HIV/AIDS. Today, PEPFAR supports life-saving anti-retroviral treatment for more than 1.5 million people around the world. PEPFAR has also supported treatment and prevention programs that have helped 10 million HIV-positive women give birth to nearly 200,000 infants who are HIV-free. PEPFAR is the largest international health care initiative in history to fight a single disease.

Traveling in Africa earlier this year, Laura and I had our most recent opportunity to witness the effectiveness of this program. We were honored to see the doctors, nurses and caregivers of all faiths working to save lives and improve the lives of their fellow citizens. And we met the patients, including many children, who understand and appreciate our generosity.

With passage of today's bill we are one step closer to ensuring that this excellent program continues to thrive in need. I encourage the full Congress to move quickly to send me final legislation that I can sign.

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Administrator Fore’s blog post:

“Kosovo: A New Chapter Begins”

http://blogs.state.gov/index.php/entries/Kosovo_new_chapter/

“Indeed, Kosovo has become an engine of hope for a region plagued by a history of conflict.” - Administrator
Henrietta H. Fore

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Launches new FBCI website:

Innovation in Effective Compassion

<http://innovationincompassion.hhs.gov>



“The Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI) signifies a
fundamental shift in the way government works to address
needs.” –Innovation in Effective Compassion

Be sure to check out the *Targeting Human Needs* side bar for
information on HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Hunger, Economic Development
and Public-Private Partnerships.

“...this website serves as a clearinghouse for results of the
Initiative as well as research, evaluation, and replicable
resulting from the implementation of the Initiative across

Federal government and beyond.”

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NATIONAL LANGUAGE
SERVICE CORPS

The [National Language Service Corps \(NLSC\)](#) “offers individuals with language expertise the
opportunity to help their neighbors and fellow citizens by participating in national and state
particularly in times of emergency or crisis when their expertise can truly make a difference.”

The NLSC is comprised of “volunteers with certified expertise in languages important to the
and welfare of the United States willing to serve as on-call Federal employees (when the NLSC
becomes operational), using their diverse language skills across local, state, and federal agencies.
The opportunities for service include emergency relief as well as service in support of domestic
international crises—wherever language skills are needed. The NLSC strives to connect service
minded individuals who embrace the power of communication and ultimately, envision helping
greater human good.

“The NLSC began in 2005 as a result of a Congressional charge to the National Security Education Program (NSEP) to explore a program that provides certified language skills in times of national emergencies. Fully implemented, NLSC is expected to include more than 30,000 members in 150 languages.” The initial pilot program is currently seeking speakers of eight languages: Mandarin, Hausa, Somali, Hindi, Swahili, Vietnamese, Russian, and Indonesian.”

Learn about the
National Security
Language Service
visit
www.nsepsc.org/.

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Transparency International (TI), an NGO dedicated to eradicating corruption, mobilizes a world coalition of leaders from government, civil society, business, and the media to generate dialogue and promote transparency in these critical sectors. Since its founding in 1993, TI has become a world leader in establishing an anti-corruption movement.

Over one billion people worldwide have no guaranteed access to water, and over two billion are living without sanitation, thus creating a global water crisis severely hindering development. According to Transparency International, internal corruption remains the primary source for barriers to water access for much of the world's poorest populations. On June 25, TI released the 2008 Global Corruption Report: Corruption in the Water Sector, which tracks the sources of corruption and the impact it has on various divisions of the water sector.

The report covers a wide range of issues concerning water management and distribution, including “petty bribery, non-delivery to procurement-related looting of irrigation and hydropower funds; from covering up industrial pollution to manipulation of water management and allocation policies.”

Nonetheless, as the Global Corruption Report shows, taking action against corruption in the water sector is both necessary and feasible: precisely the work for which Transparency International dedicates itself. Key recommendations include:

- Establish transparency and participation as guiding principles for all aspects of water governance: From transparent budgeting and participatory policy-making to public mapping of water pollution, public access to water projects and access to contract terms and performance reports, transparency and participation strengthen integrity in water governance, but need to be adopted globally.
- Strengthen regulatory oversight: Government and the public sector continue to play the most prominent roles in water governance and should establish effective regulatory oversight, whether for the environment, sanitation, agriculture or energy. Institutional reform and capacity-building are essential to bring oversight of water up to the standards already achieved in other sectors.
- Ensure fair competition and accountable implementation of water projects: All stakeholders have a role to play. Contracts should incorporate anti-corruption measures. Governments and contractors can enter into agreements for fair public procurement. Lenders and donors must strengthen anti-bribery provisions in their due diligence requirements.

Hydropower constitutes one sixth of the world's electric power, making water a critical sector of interest in the current debate about sustainable energy use. “As well as undermining the long term viability of dam projects, the costs of corruption are considerable for people and the environment. With up to 80 million people displaced by dams

decades, resettlement programs are also a rich seam for corruption, and take a particular toll on poor displaced communities.”

Information about
Political Corruption
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ARTICLES ON

Africa:
Farms,

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Hussein Ibrahim walked solemnly past tidy rows of bright green cabbages, vines bursting with tomatoes and tomatoes weighed down with plump avocados. This modern, thriving farm — a rarity in drought-ravaged Ethiopia — fills him with envy. Like so many other farmers across the Horn of Africa, he has no hope for his own crops this year.

"We are behind all the other people in the world," said Hussein, who tends his land in southern Ethiopia the way his ancestors did hundreds of years ago — with rain, if it comes; and oxen, as long as they're healthy.

To break out of endless cycles of drought, poverty and hunger, experts say, Africa desperately needs to modernize old farming techniques. But the vast sums in foreign aid to Africa go toward feeding the hungry, and very little toward improving farming so that Africans will cease to depend on handouts.

It isn't impossible. A decade ago, a "green revolution" helped millions of farmers in Asia and Latin America escape poverty with basic innovations such as fertilizer, improved irrigation and hybrid seeds.

But Africa's farms, which employ more than half the labor force, remain one-fourth as productive as their counterparts around the world.

Ethiopia drew international attention in 1984 when a famine compounded by communist policies killed 1 million people. The country is now gripped by drought that has left 4.6 million people in need of emergency food shipments.

Drought is especially bad for Ethiopia because farming employs more than 80 percent of Ethiopians and accounts for 90 percent of all domestic production and 85 percent of exports.

Yet it's not that Ethiopia is incapable of growing food, as this experimental farm 100 miles southwest of Addis Ababa demonstrates. It just needs the right tools.

The farm, part of a government-run research center, beats the drought with smart irrigation systems, higher-yield seeds, and fertilizer and pesticides correctly applied.

Hussein and dozens of other farmers were invited to the farm in late June to learn about modern agricultural

The 640-acre center employs nearly 350 workers, nearly 60 of whom hold advanced degrees in agriculture. It was founded in 1969 in the dying days of Ethiopia's monarchy, survived a decade of Marxist dictatorship, famine and wars, and now aims to point the way to food independence.

But all it can do is point. It costs the Ethiopian government about \$1.1 million a year to run the farm. The average Ethiopian works two acres, has little education and earns about \$800 a year.

Also on the visit to the center was Mitike Abebe, who farms wheat, barley, lentils and other crops in southern Ethiopia. She depends entirely on rainfall, sturdy oxen, and her overworked soil.

"We don't want food aid," she said. "We need tractors, we need seeds, we need farm machinery."

There's aid aplenty — Ethiopia alone got \$1.95 billion in 2006 — but Africa-wide, less than 5 percent of it goes toward the sort of things Mitike needs.

The United States, Ethiopia's largest donor, this year gave it more than \$570 million, but just over 1 percent of that is going toward developing agriculture.

In 2004, African nations agreed to set aside 10 percent of their national budgets for agricultural development. Ethiopia exceeded that promise, with 16 percent of its \$3.4 billion budget. But experts say it is simply not enough for a continent so dependent on the land.

According to the U.N., nearly two-thirds of Africa's agricultural land has been degraded by erosion and misuses. In Ethiopia, where bad farming practices have led to massive erosion, 85 percent of land is damaged.

"We've under-invested, and everybody appreciates this now," said Glenn Anders, who heads the American agricultural mission in Ethiopia. "Particularly in Africa, for the last few decades, maybe more."

The continent's other needs often offer a quicker fix for donors, he said.

"You give a kid an immunization and that kid's better. Agriculture's much more indirect than that and also requires much more time. It's not a quick fix at all."

Bangladesh USAID-Dhaka is requesting applications to restore livelihoods and provide increased and sustained opportunities for the cyclone-affected population in southern Bangladesh. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is January 15, 2009.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LQbX6LJL7tqh6cXhVB2ZjvRqLSD11FFM4tPFDMV0J51592173631?oppld=42361&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>

Ethiopia USAID- In recognition of the many changes in today's development assistance environment, and in light of USAID's new Global Development Alliance (GDA), USAID/Ethiopia strongly encourages (but does not require) the formation of public-private alliances in the implementation of its programs. By "public-private alliance" USAID means activities that leverage material and significant non-federal resources offered in their proposals. Approx. \$250,000 total is set aside for public-private-alliances to support USAID/Ethiopia's market-led livelihoods and growth programming to improve agricultural productivity and watershed management through improved water access. USAID/Ethiopia encourages submission of concept papers to support public-private alliances. Particular focus is placed on multi-use water access for production, livestock, and drinking water and sanitation. Please see full announcement and attachments details. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is August 04, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

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 estimates 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 (awards are proposed to cover all program objectives), for expenditure over a period of up to five years. Funding will be \$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 July 18, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is June 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

El Salvador USAID-San Salvador The overall purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the capacity of the national response for the prevention and provision of HIV/AIDS services, by improving the National AIDS Program (NAP) in these areas, especially for Most at Risk Populations (MARPs). As of July 18, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is July 30, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Ukraine USAID-Kiev The primary goal of the USAID Ukraine SCSU program will be to strengthen and assist in the reform of Ukrainian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to sustain and consolidate democratic gains. The program will address systemic sector-wide challenges to civil society as well as support NGO monitoring and advocacy initiatives in various spheres of public life which are essential in advancing Ukraine's reform process. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is August 04, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Georgia USAID-Tbilisi is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement to fund a program that will address the challenge of the extreme shortage of professionally qualified staff needed to effectively manage the new, private sector health services and the dramatic expansion of private health insurance companies by expanding training level opportunities for training in health and insurance management in Georgia. Implementation of the activities will increase supply of professionally qualified health service and health insurance managers needed to manage Georgia's newly privatized health care sector and the public health sector in Georgia. Program implementation will begin on September 15, 2008. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is August 04, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Hungary USAID-Budapest The goal of this program is to improve the enabling environment for civil society and to strengthen civil society's role in advocating for and influencing the development and effective implementation of

policy. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is August 01, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

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Bangladesh USAID-Dhaka is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified organizations for a program entitled "Actions for Combating Trafficking-in-Person (ACT) Program." Through this award, USAID/Dhaka seeks to combat human trafficking in Bangladesh through the prevention of trafficking-in-persons, enhancing protection of the victims and improving victim care, and strengthening the Government of Bangladesh's capacity to prosecute traffickers and trafficking related crimes to help ensure that the rule of law and human security is maintained. This ACT project will build upon current efforts in country, including those sponsored by USAID. The scope of the project will focus mainly on vulnerable populations, in particular but not exclusively on victims and potential victims of trafficking into the sex trade and the prevention of labor migration abuses and human trafficking related to migrant labor. The project will take a comprehensive approach that includes Prevention, Protection and Prosecution, the three pillars of ACT activities defined in the United States Government's (USG) policies related to combating human trafficking, will be added to current activity. This activity is expected to last four years and will have a total estimated U.S. Government contribution of approximately \$3.5 million. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Jul 21, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Liberia USAID-Monrovia is seeking applications from qualified non-governmental organizations to assist the Ministry of Health to Rebuild Basic Health services in Liberia. The integrated activity would partner with the Government of Liberia efforts to expand the coverage of Basic Package of Health Services, including HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Health, Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Improved Environmental Health (e.g. Water Supply, Hygiene and Sanitation), and Control of other infectious Diseases through support to some 105 health facilities, expand community Outreach, and enhanced Behavior Change Communication Program which support and promote healthy behaviors. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Jul 22, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Dominican Republic USAID-Santo Domingo is seeking applications from qualified national non-governmental organizations and not-for-profit and for-profit entities (including NGOs, business associations, and universities and academic institutions) to participate in its Batey Community Development project providing development support to publicly owned bateyes. Considering the multi-sectoral scope of the project, the formation of manageable and effective consortia of qualified organizations is encouraged. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Jul 21, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Kenya USAID-Nairobi seeks qualified U.S. and non U.S. organizations and institutions, in the form of partnerships or consortia that include Somalia organizations, interested in providing the services described in this solicitation for basic Education and Water services while supporting Government institutions and community groups. The integrated activity is expected to improve access to quality education, water and sanitation services. This activity will also include an Education advisor to the Transitional Federal Government. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Jul 21, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Thailand USAID-Bangkok is currently seeking concept papers from qualified non-governmental organizations for 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 people 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 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 July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Dec 0 more information, [click here](#).

Iraq USAID-Baghdad is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement the next phase of the Community Action Program (CAP III). CAP will promote diverse and representative citizen participation through will engage and assist local government in articulating and acting on needs identified by communities and will innocent victims of military operations. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Sep 30, more information, [click here](#).

USAID has posted a cooperative agreement for registered U.S. and non-U.S. NGOs, non-profit, and for profit willing to forego profit. The purpose of the Annual Program Statement is to solicit applications for funding. The 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 support of creative and timely responses to the USAID-related components of the Presidential Women's Justice Empowerment Initiative (WJEI). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of July 18, 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 full prospective new partners to support implementation of the United States Government's President's Emergency 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 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 July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is July 23, 2008.

USAID has posted a grant notice for conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs (with possible multiple awards) under the Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (DCHA/CMM) within USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) invites applications from U.S. and non-U.S. non-profit or for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations (IOs) and other qualified non-U.S. Government (USG) organizations (including faith-based organizations and community based organizations) to carry out activities, under grants or cooperative agreements, that support conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs and activities that bring together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and violence. A performance period of up to twenty-four (24) months is anticipated for each award -- between \$100,000 to \$500,000 each. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is August 12, 2008. For more information and contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

USAID has posted a grant notice for Public Private Partnerships in Ethiopia. The USAID/Nigeria Economic Growth Partnership and Private Sector (PPS) Team is strongly committed to building public-private partnerships that leverage resources, expertise, creative approaches, and technologies that address development issues in Nigeria under the Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS). [Click here](#) to view the entire announcement. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Nigeria USAID-Abuja has posted a cooperative agreement for registered Nigerian indigenous organizations, U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGO), faith-based organizations (FBO), community-based organizations, 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 from civil society to combat HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is January 15, 2009. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#)

USAID Office of Natural Resources Management, located in the Bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Forestry (EGAT/NRM) in Washington, is seeking to engage with interested parties to develop an initiative that can pool talent and resources from both USAID and the private sector to address global threats to forests and biodiversity. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is August 15, 2008. Please see full announcement for details. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

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The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals (RFP) from organizations interested in submitting proposals to support the advancement of democracy and human rights in Iran. Due to current sanctions on Iran, United States Government funds may not be used for activities involving the Government of Iran. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is August 6, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Youth Ambassadors Program-The Department of State's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs (WHA/PDA) is pleased to announce an open competition for a federal assistance award through this Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP) for the 2009 Youth Ambassadors Program. The Youth Ambassadors Program is a two-week educational exchange opportunity in the U.S. for disadvantaged high school students from the public school system with good English skills, outstanding profiles, great leadership skills, and who are engaged in volunteer work in their communities. WHA/PDA invites all accredited U.S. educational institutions, and non-profit governmental organizations with substantial and proven successful experience in working with comparable youth exchange programs and which can effectively develop a program as described below to submit proposals to a U.S.-based two-week cultural and educational immersion program for 8-12 public high school students, and an appropriate number of adult chaperones from each of the following countries: Venezuela, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, and Paraguay. WHA/PDA anticipates providing one federal assistance award to support this program; however, the program must be capable of increasing the number of youths included in the Youth Ambassadors Program accordingly if additional funds become available. Should an increase in funding occur one or more of the following countries should be added to the program: Colombia, Nicaragua, Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay, with 8-12 additional public high school students and an appropriate number of adult chaperones per country. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is August 8, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

International Religious Freedom Programs- The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote intern

religious freedom as part of overall good governance in the countries in: Near East, with a particular interest in Egypt, Israel and the Occupied Territories, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen; South/Central Asia, with a particular interest in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan; East Asia and the Pacific, with a particular interest in Burma, Indonesia, Laos, North Korea, and Vietnam; Africa, with a particular interest in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Sudan; and Europe, with a particular interest in Azerbaijan, Kosovo, the Russian Federation, and Turkey. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is September 2, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for proposals for women's empowerment, political leadership, and social participation in the Middle East. Through the Women's Empowerment Program, NEA/PI seeks to strengthen the ability of women leaders in selected MENA countries to engage effectively with their counterparts regarding issues related to enhancing women's rights, legal status, political participation, and economic empowerment. This is a request for applications (RFA) from organizations with functional and regional expertise in the areas of women's empowerment, civil society strengthening, and leadership development in the Gulf, as well as in Africa, to include the countries of Algeria, Libya, and Tunisia. Applications should specify organizations' key competencies in specific areas of women's empowerment and outline their regional and country-specific expertise. As of July 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is August 15, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).