



Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives Newsletter

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week the newsletter offers information on a number of events that are worth checking out. There are also a number of new grant opportunities from USAID and the State Department. Information for funding can be found in "Grant Opportunities."

We are also featuring our final installment from the HHS Sustainability Tool-Kit Program; "Results-Oriented Evaluations."

Warmest regards,

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USAID PRESS

USAID Provides Flood Assistance to Costa Rica

For more information about USAID's emergency humanitarian assistance programs, please visit: [click here.](#)

WASHINGTON, DC - In response to the effects of Tropical Storm Hanna, the U.S. government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing an initial \$40,000 to the U.S. Embassy in San Jose, Costa Rica for air support to transport relief commodities and personnel to affected communities.

On September 5, U.S. Ambassador Peter Cianchette issued a disaster declaration in response to the flooding in Costa Rica. From September 2 - 5, the passage of Tropical Storm Hanna caused heavy rains and serious flooding in the western part of the country. The flooding particularly affected Guanacaste Province, including the communities of Carrillo, Santa Cruz, Islona, Corralillo, Bolson, and La Guinea, as well as the cantons of Montes de Oro and Puntarenas. According to the Government of Costa Rica's (COCR) National Emergency Commission (CNE), the flooding affected an estimated 38,000 people and caused 1,000 individuals to evacuate residences. Flood-related landslides resulted in the closure of roads and the destruction of the water system in Puntarenas Canton, according to the GOCR Ministry of Public Works. The CNE requested air support to transport medical supplies and personnel to flood-affected communities until flood waters recede and roads re-open.

USAID will continue to monitor the situation and will provide additional support as needed.

USAID Hurricane Assistance to Haiti Now at \$10 Million

For more information about USAID's emergency humanitarian assistance programs, please visit: [click here.](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As a result of recent flooding in Haiti following Tropical Storms Gustav and Hanna, humanitarian conditions continue to deteriorate. Flooding has affected populations in 9 out of 10 of the country's departments and has displaced 82,600 people to temporary shelters. A six-person disaster team from the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance has noted that humanitarian conditions are dire and has pledged additional funding to assist those affected by the recent storms. In addition to the existing funds that were redirected, USAID's increased contribution brings the total U.S. government contribution to \$10 million.

U.S. government assistance provided to Haiti includes an airlift of relief commodities that arrived in Port-au-Prince on September 4 from USAID's warehouse in Miami, Florida. USAID is working with the U.S. Southern Command and Department of Defense to prioritize the use of air and sea assets in order to deliver critical commodities to areas inaccessible by land. The USS Kearsarge is expected to arrive in Haiti early on September 8, bringing much-needed air and sealift capacity for international relief efforts.

The six-person USAID disaster team in Haiti continues to coordinate with the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, USAID's mission in Haiti, the U.S. Southern Command, the UN Mission to Haiti, and the Government of Haiti to assess conditions, determine priority needs, and provide critical relief commodities to affected populations.

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Sustaining Grassroots Community-Based Programs: A Toolkit for Community- and Faith-Based Service Providers

Provided by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Results-Oriented Evaluations

Financial supporters, funders, and stakeholders want assurance that their funds are invested to generate successful results and benefits for those being served in the community. Often times these supporters and stakeholders require a results-oriented evaluation system to prove the organization is worth the investment of funds. An evaluation system can help the organization hold itself accountable to the funder, as well as the community it serves.

It is not necessary to have an expertise in results-oriented evaluations because evaluations are often implemented without the knowledge of the organization. An evaluation plan simply acts as a mechanism for the organization to assess, either systematically or methodically, how to improve the services or programs it offers.

Unlike goals or process-based evaluations, results-based evaluations examine outcomes such as impacts, benefits, and changes in clients as a result of receiving services and/or participating in programs and systems. Specific client outcomes could include reuniting of families, employment, self-reliance, and many others.

Several basic components of a results-oriented evaluation include:

- Inputs (i.e. equipment, staff, volunteers, facilities, money)
- Outputs (i.e. Number of clients served)
- Activities offered by organization
- Outcomes (i.e. Benefits, changes, impacts on clients)
- Outcome Targets are the number and percentage of participants targeted to achieve an outcome (i.e. 5,000 clients, 25% of all clients)
- Outcome Indicators “are things that are seen and heard that can help determine whether your organization is moving toward meeting the outcome target”

Steps to consider to begin the evaluation process:

- Reflect on mission of organization. Who/what are you affecting? Through what program/service offered? How is the program/service achieving this mission?
- Select one or two outcomes to evaluate that are the organization’s top priorities
- Specify outcome indicators
- Specify outcome targets
- Identify information needed to show indicators and targets
- Evaluate program implementation
- Decide how information can be gathered efficiently and realistically (i.e. Review program documentation, observe program personnel and clients, questionnaires, interviews with clients about perceived benefits of the program, case studies to see failures and successes of the program)



For more information on InterAction and PVO standards, [click here.](#)

For information on InterAction Guidelines on Faith and Service, [click here.](#)

InterAction's Private Voluntary Organization Standards

Since 1994, all existing and prospective InterAction member organizations have had to certify compliance with the InterAction's Private Voluntary Organization (PVO) Standards. Building on this tradition, all members now undertake a rigorous self-certification, every other year, using various documented 'evidence of compliance', to re-certify their compliance with the Standards.

Intended to ensure and strengthen public confidence in the integrity, quality, and effectiveness of member organizations and their programs, the Standards were created when the overseas work of US NGOs was dramatically increasing in scope and significance. Defining the financial, operational, programmatic, and ethical code of conduct for InterAction and its member agencies, these high and objective standards, set InterAction members apart from many other charitable organizations.

The current Self-Certification Plus process of validation member organization compliance with the Standards encourages organizational learning, advances best practices, and helps ensure that InterAction members meet the highest standards of the international non-profit community. The Standards further public trust and confidence in InterAction members. Indeed, in various aspects, the InterAction PVO Standards exceed the prevailing standards of the Better Business Bureau and the National Charities Information Bureau.

Structure

The PVO Standards Committee works with member organizations in promoting standards for PVOs in the areas of governance, finance, communications with the U.S. public, management practice, human resources, program and public policy. Compliance with the PVO Standards is a requirement for admission to InterAction. The Committee works within the InterAction network and disseminates our standards setting experience to other coalitions and audiences around the world. The Nominating Committee recommends to the Executive Committee candidates for membership on the PVO Standards Committee.

U.S. Chamber Announces 2008 Corporate Citizenship Awards Finalists

BCLC is the U.S. Chamber's resource and voice for businesses' social and philanthropic interests. Its mission is to advance the positive role of business in society. The U.S. Chamber is the world's largest business federation representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leaders hip Center today announced its 2008 Corporate Citizenship Awards finalists. The awards recognize companies, chambers of commerce, and business associations for making positive contributions to their communities, advancing important economic and social goals, and demonstrating ethical leadership and sound stewardship.

“The finalists for the 2008 Corporate Citizenship Awards represent diverse industries, interests, and geographies, but they all have one thing in common – a profound devotion to civic duty,” said BCLC Executive Director Stephen Jordan. “They are committed to doing the best they can for the people and communities they serve. Their actions make them exemplary corporate citizens.”

This year's categories and finalists are:

Corporate Stewardship, Large Business Award, honoring overall values, strategies, and practices in companies with annual revenue greater than \$5 billion – Bank of America, KPMG LLP, Pilot Travel Centers LLC, Siemens USA, and Verizon Communications

Corporate Stewardship, Small- /Mid-sized Business Award, honoring overall values, strategies, and practices in companies with annual revenue of \$5 billion or less – Computer Systems Center Incorporated, Harris Corporation, INTEGRITYOne Partners, NutraCea, and Quality Float Works, Inc.

U.S. Community Service Award, honoring a specific community service program within the United States – Air Conditioning Contractors of America, Allstate, Deloitte & Touche USA LLP, Southwest Airlines, and Xcel Energy

International Community Service Award, honoring a specific community service program outside of the United States – American Chamber of Commerce of Nicaragua, Coca-Cola China Ltd., FedEx, Pfizer Inc., and Procter & Gamble Pakistan

Partnership Award, honoring a company and charitable organization for successful work on an important social issue – Abbott Laboratories and Direct Relief International; American International Group, Inc. and CHF International; CVS Caremark and the Simon Youth Foundation; Eli Lilly and Company and the International Council of Nurses; and mtvU and the Jed Foundation

In four categories, the winners are selected by a panel of distinguished leaders in the field of corporate citizenship, including Harvard University business professor Michael Porter, past winners, and BCLC's board of directors. The Partnership Award winner will be determined by online public voting, which begins today and ends on October 8.

Each category winner will be announced at the ninth annual Awards Dinner on Nov. 18 at Washington, D.C.'s historic National Building Museum. Full details about the finalists are online.



PlayPumps
INTERNATIONAL

PlayPumps International's mission is help improve the lives of children and their families by providing easy access to clean drinking water, enhancing public health, and offering play equipment to millions across Africa.

PlayPumps International is a 501(c) 3 organization in the U.S. with a partner organization called Roundabout Water Solutions in South Africa.

Together, we provide schools and communities throughout Africa with an innovative, uniquely sustainable, free supply of clean drinking water.



We strive to bring joy and play into the lives of African children, better health for millions, and to achieve the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals.

We will carry out our mission by installing 4,000 PlayPump® water systems in 10 countries in sub-Saharan Africa by 2010, bringing the benefits of clean water to up to 10 million people.

More than 1000 PlayPump systems have already been donated to communities in South Africa, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, and Zambia.

[Learn how the PlayPump water system works.](#)

[Learn how you can get involved.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Advisory Committee on
Voluntary Foreign Aid**

**PUBLIC MEETING: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH**

You are cordially invited to attend the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid's (ACVFA) public meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

National Press Club Ballroom
529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20045

The closest Metro stop is Metro Center. Parking is available at garages in the area.

Thursday, October 2, 2008, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (end time is approximate)

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (*topics are subject to change and do not necessarily reflect the order of the agenda*)

Keynote: Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Administrator and Director of United States Foreign Assistance, will speak on key issues before USAID and the foreign assistance community including outcomes from the High Level Forum in Accra on Aid Effectiveness and the United Nations General Assembly. She will also address the draft recommendations of the ACVFA Subcommittee on Public Outreach.

American Awareness of U.S. Foreign Assistance: The ACVFA's Subcommittee on Public Outreach will provide its draft recommendations to the full Committee and the general public. A respondent will provide feedback regarding the draft.

The ACVFA is an expert body that advises USAID and other U.S. government agencies on international development and humanitarian assistance issues. ACVFA members are private citizens appointed by the USAID Administrator and serve without compensation. The committee's public meetings, held three times per year, serve as forums for consultation between the public and private sectors on a broad range of foreign assistance matters.

On October 3, 2008, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Texas Governor's Faith-Based and Community Initiative, led by OneStar Foundation, will host "A Partnership Summit to Advance Innovation and Community Impact" in Dallas, Texas, to highlight and strengthen the role of faith-based and community organizations in meeting the needs of their communities. Providing new resources and partnership opportunities for participants, this event will offer tools and training on a variety of topics including capacity building, resource development and management, and accessing State and Federal resources to address human need.

This will be the 40th and final conference hosted by President Bush's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Each event, held across the country and around the world, has been designed to strengthen the services offered by frontline service organizations and expand government partnerships with them to serve the needy. This Summit will celebrate the success of these partnerships—and highlight ways they will continue to grow and impact in the years ahead. Breakout sessions will feature information on State and Federal grants and practical guidance on the grant-writing process; opportunities for non-financial collaboration between government and nonprofit programs; and successful practices of effective human service organizations.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: Pre-register for the meeting and join the ACVFA list serve, [click here](#). Participants will be able to register on site; pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Questions, please contact Jocelyn Rowe, ACVFA Executive Director, at jrowe@usaid.gov or 202-712-4002.

A PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT TO ADVANCE INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

*HOSTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
AND
THE STATE OF TEXAS' ONESTAR
FOUNDATION*

**Friday, October 3rd
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

**The Westin Park Central
Highway 635 and Coit Road
12720 Merit Drive**

Dallas, Texas 75251
(972) 385-3000

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register online at www.fbc.gov by Tuesday, September 23rd. While online registration is strongly encouraged, those who are unable to register online may print and complete the attached form and fax it to 703-299-4589. If you are not able to view this file, please call 202-456-6708 to have a form faxed to you. To cancel a registration, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com or a fax to the number listed above so we may accommodate as many people as possible.

For more information, please visit the conference section of www.fbc.gov or send an email to fbc@dtihq.com.

We very much hope you will be able to join us in Dallas!

**INTRODUCTORY SECURITY
MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
FOR HUMANITARIAN &
FAITH-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS**

The Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) and InterAction invite the designated security representatives of humanitarian and faith-based organizations to attend a one-day introductory workshop on how to plan and implement security management within your organizations.

Form more information, please [click here](#).



CONFERENCE ON PROTECTION OF **UNACCOMPANIED AND SEPARATED** CHILDREN

October 22-24, 2008 • George Mason University • Fairfax, Virginia

The purpose of the conference is to help improve the timelines and effectiveness of protection for unaccompanied and separated children. Worldwide, more than 1.6 million children are unaccompanied or separated from their parents among populations of refugees, the internally displaced, stateless people, migrants, and asylum seekers. In addition, some 1.2 million children each year are victims of human trafficking. Without protection by parents or adult family members, these children are vulnerable to exploitation for sex, forced labor, neglect of their needs, and denial of their rights.

Timely, systematic, and effective interventions are hindered by long delays (sometimes years) in identifying individuals, inadequate training of field workers, ad hoc approaches to temporary care, and insufficient collaboration among service providers. The application of Best Interest Determinations is limited in scope, principally to refugee resettlement cases.

Last year, the Executive Committee of UNHCR, in its Conclusion on Children at Risk, identified being unaccompanied or separated as a risk factor for child exploitation, and called on States, UNHCR, other partners to collaborate and adopt measures to identify children at risk, prevent their separation when possible, facilitate family tracing and re-unification, and put into place mechanisms to give them care and priority attention.

The conference program is designed for child welfare practitioners, researchers, mental health service providers, managers and policy makers from governments, non-governmental humanitarian and social service organizations, international organizations, and academic institutions. Specifically, the conference will:

- Identify successful policies, practices, and forms of collaboration among states, international organizations, and NGOs:
- Raise awareness of the issue and build relationships among practitioners and researchers;
- Support the UNHCR Executive Committee Conclusion on Children at Risk;
- Strengthen capacities to undertake Best Interest Determinations.

Conference sessions will address:

- Identification and documentation
- International law framework: Respective Jurisdictions and roles: governments, international organizations and NGOs
- Family tracing and reunification
- Protection in mixed migration flows
- Safe repatriation
- Best Interest Determinations
- Temporary and long term care

**For more information on
the conference visit**
<http://childalone.gmu.edu>

- The role of interested adults as guardians and representatives
 - Legal remedies in immigration and asylum cases
 - Psychosocial issues
 - Protection from labor and sexual exploitation
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2008 Global Corporate Citizenship Conference September 18-19, 2008



For more information on the GCLC and the Global Corporate Citizenship Conference, [click here](#).

Don't miss this opportunity. To register, [click here](#).

Public-Private Partnerships for Emerging-Market Development

The accelerated pace of world trade has expanded the influence of business abroad and has brought significant social and economic challenges that require multi-stakeholder approaches and solutions.

BCLC's Global Corporate Citizenship Conference: Public Private Partnerships for Emerging Market Development will bring over 250 business, government and nonprofit leaders together to address these issues and to showcase the many ways that businesses are having a constructive impact on the communities in which they operate.

Participants will:

- Develop important contacts in the international aid community including within government agencies, NGOs, multilateral institutions, and other businesses;
- Learn about the trends and new strategies driving global corporate citizenship;
- Share best practices about the positive contributions businesses are making to society.

A Pre-Conference welcome reception will be held on September 17 at the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Washington, DC.

On September 18, conference sessions will focus on facilitating public-private partnerships, humanitarian issues, sustainability, micro-finance, global food crisis, post-earthquake recovery in China, farmer development, supply chain management, water shortage and much more.

On September 19 NGO and advocacy organizations representing a variety of viewpoints about globalization will make their arguments in a moderated debate to be held in the Chamber's Hall of Flags. The debate will be followed by a panel of corporate commentators who will respond to the questions raised in the debate.

Forum on Relief & Development



The Forum on Relief and Development will be held November 18-20, 2008 at the beautiful Glen Eyrie campus in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hear the latest on vital topics such as: the Global Food Crisis and engage in targeted conversation groups that encourage peer-to-peer learning, amongst other activities.

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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)

Kosovo USAID would like to make a special call for concept papers that relate to the health sector in Kosovo. Specifically, USAID is seeking to partner with qualified institutions willing to devote resources that will help improve the health of women and children in Kosovo. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Iraq USAID-Baghdad is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement the next phase of the Iraq Community Action Program (CAP III). CAP will promote diverse and representative citizen participation throughout Iraq will engage and assist local government in articulating and acting on needs identified by communities and will assist innocent victims of military operations. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Sep 30, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP)- seeks information from potential grantees or participants as to their interest, priorities and capacities to participate in or undertake a Leader/Associates Award, i.e., cooperative agreement, to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Title II food aid programs. The purpose of the cooperative agreement is to improve the FFP program technical and operational procedures and to promote best practices through coordination and delivery of capacity building and technical assistance for new and current Title II food aid cooperating sponsors, prospective cooperating sponsors and programs worldwide. As of August 26, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 4, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID, OFDA- In order to address the impact of food price increases in the Sahel, OFDA is targeting five countries for funding: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal. Key points related to program funding:

- Programs can be short or medium term in length (up to three years).
- Programs should address the issues related to food insecurity caused by increasing food prices.
- Programs can be regional or country specific as appropriate, as long as partner capacity and assessed need are fully incorporated into the decision.
- OFDA will prioritize interventions based on representative and methodologically sound assessment data.
- OFDA will prioritize interventions that align with the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) and that focus on Pillar III .
- OFDA will prioritize interventions that link into Development Assistance funded initiatives where possible and practical. OFDA's primary objective will be dual-fold: 1) to address high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition while 2) reducing the risk of increased food insecurity, malnutrition and further deterioration of livelihoods. OFDA realizes that the most affected households may not be located in the same geographic areas where potential partners are currently operating. Populations that are most vulnerable to market shocks and subsequent rising food prices will be prioritized for all interventions. Specifically, OFDA will aim to 1) improve the purchasing power of food insecure populations; 2) improve access to markets among rural, urban, and pastoral populations; 3) increase productivity of subsistence farmers and pastoralists; 4) reduce current spikes in acute malnutrition; and 5) reduce the risk of increased acute malnutrition. As of August 22, 2008, the closing date for application is October 17, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Ghana USAID – Accra- The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to solicit applications for funding from prospective partners to support the scaling up of HIV/AIDS prevention activities for persons engaged in high-risk behaviors

(PEHRB) in Ghana. The United States Government, through USAID/Ghana, is seeking from prospective partners, Concept Papers to be followed by full applications (if concept papers are selected) to implement activities to scale up HIV/AIDS prevention activities for persons engaged in high-risk behavior (PEHRB) in Ghana. The USAID/Ghana anticipates awarding a limited number of grants or cooperative agreements (hereinafter called Agreements) for a period of no less than one year and no more than three years. Meanwhile, depending on the successful implementation, needs and availability of funds, the period of performance could be extended by one or two additional years. As of September 11, 2008, the closing date for APS submissions is October 17, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here.](#)

Ghana USAID – Accra- The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID/Ghana) is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement a program to place 260 community teachers in basic schools in the Millennium Development Authority (MiDA) operational areas of Ghana. The authority for the RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The objectives of the community teacher program is to: 1) recruit, train, and support community teachers for the MiDA and ODC schools; 2) build the capacity of district education offices, head teachers, SMCs/PTAs to support the community teachers as a means to addressing on-going teacher shortages; 3) assist community teachers in improving their teaching qualifications to increase the chances that these teachers are incorporated into the formal Ghana Education Service (GES) professional teaching cadre. As of September 11, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 17, 2008. For more information on this grant opportunity, [click here.](#)

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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor- The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote human rights, the rule of law, civil society, media freedom and freedom of information in North Korea. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is September 15, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor- DRL invites organizations to submit proposals outlining program concepts and capacity to manage projects in Cuba. U.S. assistance to Cuba seeks to accompany and support Cubans on the island as they articulate and pursue their vision for their own future. Priority will be placed on proposals that take a holistic, complete approach to build and professionalize Cuban civil society. Proposed projects should strengthen independent Cuban civil society's ability to: Connect with one another, for example by forming networks or coalitions, sharing information, and building trust; Define problems and issues of common interest, and develop a shared vision of positive change for the future; Conduct outreach, especially to the provinces, using creative and engaging means to articulate that vision/goals to the broader Cuban public; Recruit further support and action among the Cuban public toward those goals; Carry out civil society activities designed to advance those goals/vision; Disseminate information about civil society activities back to the Cuban public; Collect information/opinions from the Cuban public about the direction and activities of independent civil society; and/or Adjust civil society goals and actions based on such information. Proposals that involve ongoing mentoring and coaching of civil society are encouraged. As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 6, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- Limited funding is available to support the repatriation and reintegration of Burundi and DRC refugees and/or necessary care and maintenance for refugees in camps/settlements (Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda). Priority sectors include: protection, shelter, health, water/sanitation, livelihood promotion, primary education, and gender-based violence prevention and response. Repatriation and reintegration proposals should focus on areas of high refugee return where new refugee returnees make up at least 50% of targeted beneficiaries. Proposals for care and maintenance activities should reflect up to date changes in refugee population numbers due to influx or return. Priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: (1) a working relationship with UNHCR and 2008/2009 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and/or overall country

program; (2) appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations; (3) a proven track record in providing proposed assistance to Burundi and DRC refugees and/or returnees and in the specified sector; (4) evidence of coordination with host government and other international and non-governmental organizations; (5) evidence of coordination with development organizations and a well-developed transition strategy; and (6) a concrete implementation plan with well-conceived objectives and indicators. For more details on this specific opportunity, please click the "Full Announcement" Grants.gov link above. For PRM's general NGO guidelines, please click the Grants.gov "How to Apply" link above. After you've read both documents, please contact Program Officer Wendy Henning Henningwl@state.gov with any technical questions. Funding opportunity announcements and PRM's general NGO guidelines are also on PRM's website. As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 15, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- Limited funding is available to support NGOs working with UNHCR in Kenya. 1. Programs will benefit refugees in Kenya. While PRM encourages activities that include the local host population, NGOs should concentrate on care/maintenance activities for refugees in a camp environment. At least 50% of beneficiaries must be refugees. Proposals may focus on protection, health, water, sanitation, shelter, education, community services, psychosocial support, and livelihoods development and training. 2. PRM will give priority to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: • a working relationship with UNHCR in country and UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities ; • a proven track record in providing proposed refugee assistance in Kenya and in the sector; • evidence of coordination with the host government and other international and non-governmental organizations working in the area of activity. [Note: PRM will share budget and project activity information with appropriate ministries, local officials, and other USG entities] As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 15, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- (1) Proposed activities should support Sudanese refugee repatriation and reintegration via programs in return communities in Jonglei State, Eastern Equatoria State, and Upper Nile State of southern Sudan. PRM will consider activities supporting the following: protection, health, primary education, water/sanitation, mine awareness education, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, and livelihoods training and establishment. PRM will not support NGO projects in FY09 that focus on information campaigns, civic education projects, "go and see" visits or other activities to prepare refugees in countries of asylum for returns. (2) Proposals should focus on areas of high refugee return where refugee returnees make up at least 50% of targeted beneficiaries in communities in Jonglei, Eastern Equatoria, and/or Upper Nile States. Proposals should specify current and projected refugee returnee population numbers in proposed locations as documented by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC), and/or local authorities. (3) PRM will accept proposals from any NGO that is able to satisfy these guidelines although, given our budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: (a) a working relationship with UNHCR and 2008/2009 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and/or

overall country program; (b) a proven track record in providing assistance to Sudanese refugee returnees in both the sector(s) and specified location(s) covered in the submission; (c) evidence of coordination with and support from local authorities for proposed project (please note that PRM will share budget and project activity information with appropriate ministries and county commissioners in southern Sudan and with other USG entities involved with reconstruction efforts in southern Sudan); (d) evidence of coordination with development organizations in the proposed region of work and a well-developed transition strategy; and (e) appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations supporting reintegration. For more details on this specific opportunity, please click the "Full Announcement" Grants.gov link above. For PRM's general NGO guidelines, please click the Grants.gov "How to Apply" link above. After you've read both documents, please contact Program Officer Brennan Gilmore at 202-663-1712 (gilmorebm@state.gov) with any questions. Funding opportunity announcements and PRM's general NGO guidelines are also on PRM's website. As of September 8, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is October 15, 2008. For more information on this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- The Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau") welcomes the submission of proposals 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 re-compete 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](#).

