



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Happy New Year!

January 7, 2010 was a momentous day for the Agency. Dr. Rajiv Shah was formally sworn in as the 16th Administrator of USAID. The Agency is very excited to have him in place. Dr. Shah spoke to the dignitaries and USAID staff gathered for the event and voiced his commitment to elevating the work of the Agency and addressing the global challenges that lie ahead. Excerpts from and a link to his full speech are below.

In addition, a Request for Applications for the Development Grants Program, a program targeted at organizations that are new to working with USAID, has been published. See below for more details.

Warmest regards,

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**Dr. Rajiv Shah
Sworn In
As
USAID
Administrator!

January 7, 2010**

On Thursday, January 7, Dr. Rajiv Shah was sworn in as the 16th Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development at USAID headquarters. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton presided at the event and administered the oath of office to Dr. Shah.

Shah was nominated by President Obama to be Administrator of USAID on November 10, 2009. As Administrator, he is responsible for managing U.S. foreign assistance, including support to countries recovering from disaster, trying to escape poverty and engaging in democratic reforms. In addition, he oversees a staff of approximately 8,000, of whom more than 75 percent of are working overseas in USAID field offices.

Excerpts from the remarks of Dr. Shah:

We want to work together with all of you to go as far as our vision and talents will take us.

Yesterday, Secretary Clinton articulated a powerful call to action for us. Her charge builds on the President's bold vision to embrace development as indispensable to American foreign policy.

As a result, we find ourselves at a unique moment of opportunity. A powerful consensus has formed across this government, at the highest levels, that development is vital to both our national security and the shared interests of an interconnected world.

And with a billion people living in hunger and with the growing threat of climate change, we know the scale and complexity of the challenges we face have grown. But our capacity to tackle these problems has never been greater.

This agency stands ready to seize this moment...

For the full text of his remarks, click [here](#).

**Secretary of State
Hillary Rodham
Clinton
on
Development in the
21st Century**

On January 6, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered remarks to the Center for Global Development outlining the Obama Administration's plans to elevate and strengthen development as one of the three pillars of the nation's foreign policy: defense, diplomacy, and development.

Excerpts from the remarks of Secretary Clinton:

Now, development was once the province of humanitarians, charities, and governments looking to gain allies in global struggles. Today it is a strategic, economic, and moral imperative – as central to advancing American interests and solving global problems as diplomacy and defense. Because development is indispensable, it does demand a new approach suited for the times in which we find ourselves...

A new mindset means a new commitment to results. Development is a

long-term endeavor. Change seldom happens overnight. To keep moving in the right direction, we must evaluate our progress and have the courage to rethink our strategies if we fall short...

Development work is never easy, but it is essential. It is the work that America is so in tune with. It reflects so clearly our own values, our spirit of cooperation... We have an opportunity now in the 21st century to not only do it, but do it better than it's ever been done before, and to do it for more people in more places, to give to every child the opportunity to live up to his or her God-given potential, and to help create a world that is more equitable, democratic, prosperous, and peaceful.

For the full text of Secretary Clinton's remarks, click [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Development Grants Program Funding Opportunity

Development Grants Program (DGP) Announcement

USAID's Office of Development Partners (ODP), Division of Private and Voluntary Cooperation (PVC), is seeking applications from prospective partners that are either Private and Voluntary Organizations based in the United States (U.S. PVOs) or indigenous, local NGOs (LNGOs) for the Development Grants Program (DGP). The purpose of the DGP is to create new partnership opportunities with USAID for PVOs and NGOs that have had limited or no prior funding from and experience working directly with USAID.

The Development Grants Program will support successful applications for development activities in the following four sectors for FY 2009 funding: climate change adaptation, microenterprise, water and sanitation, and dairy. The recipient of a DGP grant will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives contributing to USAID's development efforts in specified countries. Applications should consider Agency priorities in Food Security, Global Climate Change, and Global Engagement with new partners, including Muslim majority countries and Muslim communities. Please refer to the full Request for Applications (RFA) for a complete statement of goals, expected results, and criteria for selection of successful concept papers and full applications.

Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$40 million in total USAID FY 2009 funding to be obligated in FY 2010 and expended over a three-year period. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. Applications received after the deadline may be able to resubmit them for the FY 2010 DGP.

Key Points:

- **Deadline** - Initial 5-page concept papers must be received by FEBRUARY 12, 2010 at 11 am EST.
- **Eligibility** - US PVOs and local NGOs are eligible to apply if they have not received more than \$5 million in direct funds from USAID over the past five years. Grants will be up to \$2 million and will support activities over a three-year period of performance.
- **PVO Registration** - US PVOs need to register with USAID to be eligible. For more information on PVO registration, click [here](#).

- Questions – Once you have reviewed the full RFA, questions concerning the RFA should be submitted in writing no later than January 12, 2010 to QA-DGP2@usaid.gov. Responses will be posted on www.grants.gov within two weeks as an amendment to the RFA as well as on the PVC website.
- Participating Country/Regional Missions – There are 29 participating country/regional missions, which are listed in Appendix E on pp. 74-75 of the attached PDF version of the RFA. Following this list is supplementary Mission-specific guidance from the participating missions.
- Sector Focus - 4 sectors across these 29 missions make up the total pool of \$40 million:
 - Water (\$18 million)
 - Microenterprise (\$10 million)
 - Climate Change Adaptation (\$7 million)
 - Dairy (food security) (\$5 million)

Important Links:

- [RFA Synopsis](#)
- [Full text of the DGP RFA](#)
- [Application \(www.grants.gov\)](http://www.grants.gov)
- [USAID Development Grants Program Website](#)

Request for Applications (RFA) for Displaced Children and Orphans (DCOF) Programs

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) FOR DISPLACED CHILDREN AND ORPHANS FUND (DCOF) PROGRAMS

January 8, 2010 - World Learning announces a solicitation on behalf of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Special Programs to Aid the Need of Survivors (SPANS) Grants Solicitation and Management (GSM) Program. Using funding provided by the Displaced Children and Orphans Fund (DCOF) under the USAID Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), World Learning anticipates that two (2) to four (4) SPANS/GSM sub-grants will be awarded under this RFA and that each sub-grant will be for up to \$2,500,000 for a three year (approximately August 2010 – July 2013) project. Applications must be received by February 12, 2010 at 1 PM EST.

For more details, click [here](#).

To download the full RFA , click [here](#)

microLINKS Connections

January Newsletter!

Click [here](#) to read.

microLINKS Connections is an up-to-date news source from the USAID Microenterprise Development office and the Accelerated Microenterprise Advancement Project about the dynamic microenterprise work that USAID Missions and partners are doing. This valuable newsletter provides information on microenterprise events, training, research, and funding availabilities. Read the January Newsletter [here](#) and [sign up here](#) to receive it directly in the future. January newsletter highlights include:

- New request for applications: HIFIVE Catalyst Fund

- USAID's Microenterprise Development office seeks Program Analyst
- ILO launches Microinsurance Innovation grants
- Microfinance Opportunities and The MasterCard Foundation launch a three-year program for financial education for branchless banking
- View updated financial crisis resources

Events and Training

- January 13 After Hours Seminar: Microfinance & Islamic Finance: The Nexus
- January 28 Breakfast Seminar: Does the Value Chain Approach Have Relevance for Food Security? The Case of Rice in West Africa
- AFE offers new training for value chain program design
- Registration now open for Economic Recovery Workshop Series
- Sustainable Microenterprise and Development Program (SMDP)- Ghana
- Boulder MFT 2010 in Spanish – San José, Costa Rica

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

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

Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Annual Program Statement (APS)-

- An APS is used to generate competition for activities that are complementary to USAID's strategic objectives. They originate from USAID offices and missions around the world and solicit creative approaches and programs that will accomplish defined objectives.

Request for Applications (RFA)-

- RFAs invite interested parties to submit competitive

NEW! USAID/Islamabad - Assessment and Strengthening Program (ASP) for "Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Government of Pakistan (GOP) - USAID/Pakistan announces its intention to invite comments and suggestions on a draft Program Description (PD) for the implementation of a Cooperative Agreement. The primary objective of ASP is to establish a mechanism that will enable USAID/Pakistan to work with more local implementing partners and host government institutions, many of which are faced with institutional capacity issues. Through the performance of pre-award surveys, the ASP will specifically target those local implementing partners which are considered essential to meeting USAID/Pakistan's goals and objectives, but do not meet minimum standards for managing USG funds. The ASP will allow for the provision of the technical assistance required to build their institutional capacity up to USAID standards. **Please do not submit a proposal in response to this draft. It will not be considered. Deadline for written comments or suggestions in response to this draft is January 19, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).**

USAID/Dar es Salaam - Tanzania Social Marketing Program (TSMP) - The goal of this program is to improve the health status of Tanzanian families. To support this goal, the Tanzania Social Marketing Project (TSMP) has the following two intermediate results (IRs): IR 1 Aggressively expanded impact of targeted social marketing initiatives that are aligned to measurable behavioral outcomes in HIV/AIDS, FP/RH, child survival, and malaria. IR 2 Local capacity (civil, public, and private) to sustain social marketing activities in Tanzania strengthened to achieve public health outcomes. **The closing date of this announcement is January 21, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).**

USAID/Islamabad - Pakistan Children's Television - USAID/Pakistan will support the development of television and multi-media programming under the Pakistan Children's Television (PCTV) program. In line with current USG strategy, USAID/Pakistan encourages the involvement of Pakistani institutions in all phases of the program. The estimated level of funding for this project is \$16 million to \$20 million over four years. **The closing date of this announcement is January 22, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).**

NEW! USAID/DCHA/FFP - USAID Food for Peace Local and Regional Procurement - The purpose of the posting is to request interested parties to review and identify areas of this DRAFT APS that are either unclear or require further clarification. USAID

applications for USAID assistance, explaining what the application should contain, how it should be written, and the evaluation criteria to be used.

will not publish the questions and comments received. Where appropriate, changes will be made in the final APS. Note: It is USAID's intent to hold a pre-solicitation conference to hear comments on this Draft APS, in addition to collecting written comments during the 30-day comment period. The date, time, and location of this event are to be determined. **Questions and comments on this draft and the conference should be submitted by January 29, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID-Lima - Citizens for Transparency and Improved Local Governance - The USAID Peru Mission will support a new program to strengthen civil society's participation in local government decision-making processes and in the constructive oversight of government performance. An award will be made to a Peruvian organization, or a coalition of organizations, with a sophisticated understanding of the issues and interests at stake, as well as a strong presence in the program's eight target departments. **The closing date of this announcement is January 29, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/New Delhi - USAID/India University Linkages - Agriculture – The purpose of this announcement is to provide advance notification to interested parties of USAID/India's intention to issue an RFA for an university linkages – agriculture activity. USAID/India intends to initiate a new program to build the capacity of selected Indian agricultural universities. The proposed program, intended to be led by a university or consortium of universities, will pursue a public-private partnership model to leverage resources from foundations, NGOs and civil-society networks devoted to rural training and education, and knowledge-rich private agricultural companies (both U.S. and Indian) and establish linkages with an Indian agricultural university to focus on capacity building in agricultural education. Banaras Agricultural University (BHU) and its Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh has been selected as the Indian university to initiate this program. **IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE RFA WILL BE ISSUED BY THE END OF JANUARY 2010. USAID/INDIA RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO ISSUE A FULL SOLICITATION FOR THIS REQUIREMENT.** **The closing date of this announcement is January 31, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Dakar - Supporting Democracy, Good Governance, and National Reconciliation – USAID is seeking applications from qualified U.S. and Non-U.S. organizations and institutions, in the form of partnerships or teams (primes and subs) that include Senegalese organizations for a program entitled "Supporting Democracy, Good Governance, and National Reconciliation in Senegal. USAID anticipates awarding a four and a half (4.5) year performance-based Cooperative Agreement (CA), US \$20 million, subject to availability of funds, resulting from this RFA process. **The closing date of this announcement is February 1, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID-Kampala - Strengthening TB and HIV/AIDS Response in the South - Western Region of Uganda (STAR-SW) - USAID/Uganda anticipates awarding a five-year cooperative agreement in 9 districts in the South-western region of Uganda with the goal of increasing access to, coverage of and utilization of quality comprehensive tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment services. **The closing date of this announcement is February 4, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID-Lima - Strengthening Civil Society in Ecuador – USAID Peru is seeking applications from US and local organizations for funding to support a program entitled "Strengthening Civil Society in Ecuador" Please refer to the Program Description for a complete statement of goals and expected results. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$2,581,000 in total USAID funding to be allocated over the thirty-month year period. **The closing date of this announcement is February 5, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID-Accra - Ghana Central Ministry Support (CMS) Program - USAID/Ghana is seeking applications from organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a program entitled “Ghana Central Ministry Support (CMS) Program.” The purpose of the program is to support the establishment and implementation of an operational framework for the transfer of decision-making authority over management, finance and operational issues from the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Ghana Education Service (GES) to regional and district authorities as well as autonomous regulatory bodies. The closing date of this announcement is February 11, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID/Washington - Development Grants Program – USAID Office of Development Partners (ODP), Division of Private and Voluntary Cooperation (PVC), is seeking applications from prospective partners that are either Private and Voluntary Organizations based in the United States (U.S. PVOs) or indigenous, local NGOs (LNGOs) for the Development Grant Program (DGP). The Development Grants Program (DGP) will support successful applications for development activities in the following four sectors for FY 2009 funding: climate change adaptation, microenterprise, water and sanitation, and dairy. Please refer to the Funding Opportunity for a complete statement of goals, expected results, and criteria for selection of successful concept papers and full applications. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$40 million in total USAID FY 2009 funding to be obligated in FY2010 and expended over a three-year period. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. Applications received after the deadline may be able to resubmit them for the FY 2010 DGP. The closing date of this announcement is February 12, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID-Dar es Salaam - Coordinated Orphans and Vulnerable Children Care Program – USAID Tanzania is seeking assistance through multiple Cooperative Agreements (CA) with as many as five organizations or consortiums to implement its Orphans and Vulnerable Children’s Care Program. Subject to funds availability, the awards will be for approximately five years (FY 2010 – FY 2014) with an estimated total budget of \$59 million. The closing date of this announcement is February 15, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID-Kathmandu - COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (CTIP) - The overall goal of the proposed program is to reduce the incidence of trafficking in persons (TIP) and to protect the rights of TIP survivors in Nepal. The program will reflect the changing dimensions of TIP in Nepal and support greater collaboration of civil society organizations (CSO) and the GON in their efforts to establish Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in the anti-trafficking work sector. The closing date of this announcement is February 16, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID-Jakarta - KINERJA - Local Governance Service Improvement Program - USAID/Indonesia intends to award one Cooperative Agreement to achieve the objectives identified in this RFA. The anticipated level of funding for this award is estimated to be up to \$27 million over fiftythree months period. Funding will be made on an incremental basis over the period of the cooperative agreement. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. The closing date of this announcement is February 18, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID-Nairobi - Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) Program in Eastern Provinces of DRC - This is full and open competition, under which any type of organization, large or small, commercial (for profit) firms, faith-based, and non-profit organizations in partnerships or consortia from geographical code 935, are eligible to compete. The recipient and partner organization(s) are expected to establish a presence in the DRC, with the capacity to work with and through local organizations and individuals to achieve the following three overall program Results: 1. Increased

access to timely and quality services for individuals affected by sexual and gender based-violence, 2. Improved *quality* of services and interventions for individuals and communities affected by sexual and gender-based violence 3. Reduced *vulnerability* of individuals to future acts of abuse and violence. The closing date of this announcement is February 19, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID-Accra - Ghana Partnership for Accountable Governance in Education (PAGE) Program - USAID/Ghana is seeking applications from organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a program entitled “Ghana Partnership for Accountable Governance in Education (PAGE) Program.” The PAGE program will work with district and school community level partners in the Ghana education system to improve student achievement through the strengthening of their education governance and supervision functions. The closing date of this announcement is February 22, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Zimbabwe: Restoring Livelihoods - Zimbabwe - The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publish information about the intention of USAID/Zimbabwe to fund cooperative agreements to contribute to its broad objective of restoring livelihoods. This Annual Program Statement (APS) is intended to solicit applications covering a broad range of interventions—in terms of intended beneficiaries, sectors, and locations—with the ultimate goal of restoring livelihoods. The closing date of this announcement is February 27, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID/Accra - Ghana Transition and Persistence (TAP) Program - USAID/Ghana is seeking applications from organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a program entitled “Ghana Transition and Persistence (TAP) Program.” The purpose of the TAP activity is to increase access to and completion of Junior High School (JHS). The closing date of this announcement is March 08, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Cairo - Through this APS, USAID/Egypt intends to support programs of Egyptian non-governmental organizations. Eligible organizations interested in receiving funding for programs and activities under the Civil Society Program are invited to carefully read this APS in its entirety and to follow the grant application guidance in order to apply for funds. There is a two-stage application process consisting of the submission of an initial concept paper and then – upon invitation by USAID – the submission of a full application. The closing date of this APS is April 30, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

NEW! USAID/Pretoria - Community Based Responses to HIV/AIDS - Mozambique - This APS is being initiated in support of the overall PEPFAR Mozambique strategy. The APS’ over-arching objective is to improve the continuum of prevention, care, and treatment at the community level by strengthening Mozambican civil society to play a more meaningful and sustainable role in response to HIV/AIDS. The program will support the continuum of prevention, care, and treatment, or fill gaps in this continuum in specific locations. Applicants must be registered Mozambican organizations. Eligible organizations include Mozambican non-governmental organizations (NGOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), universities, foundations, professional associations, non-profit organizations, and consortia of the above. The closing date of this announcement is June 10, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Manila - Annual Program Statement for Expanding Participation of Persons with Disability (PWDs) in Development Programming - USAID/Philippines is seeking innovative applications from qualified non-governmental organizations capable of providing assistance to promote the inclusion of PWDs in development cooperation, to find solutions to break down existing as well as potential barriers and to ensure

full inclusion of people with disabilities in USAID activities and programs. USAID is providing approximately \$2,000,000 worldwide in FY 2009 ESF Funds for projects that address the program objectives under this APS. Concept papers submitted by USAID/Philippines will compete on a global basis for funding. **The closing date for this announcement is July 30, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Jakarta – The USAID Mission to Indonesia is seeking applications from U.S. institutions of higher education that support USAID/Indonesia's development strategy through partnership activities between institutions of higher education in Indonesia and the United States. **The closing date of this announcement is August 9, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Lilongwe: Public Private Alliances in Education, Care, and Support for OVCs and Agriculture – The USAID/Malawi Mission invites interest from prospective local and international partner organizations to form Global Development Alliances to support USAID/Malawi's development objectives. Alliance partners are expected to bring significant new resources, ideas, technologies, and/or partners to address development problems that USAID/Malawi is currently working to address. Successful applications will bring at least a 1:1 resource leveraging to priority development activities within USAID/Malawi's strategic focus areas. **The closing date of this announcement is September 10, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Washington - FY2010 Annual Program Statement - The USAID Office of Development Partners (ODP) invites interest from prospective partner organizations to form Global Development Alliances to carry out activities in support of USAID's international development objectives. Alliance partners are expected to bring significant new resources, ideas, technologies, and/or partners to address development problems and challenges in countries where USAID is currently working. Successful proposals will bring at least a 1:1 resource leveraging to focus on priority development activities within USAID's manageable interest. Proposals which involve corporate funding partners and corporate partners that demonstrate a longer-term commitment to a GDA activity after USAID support ends will also be seen as more competitive. This solicitation is encouraging and creating the competitive environment for new alliances to be created in FY 2010. **The closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Jakarta - Climate Adaptation and Disaster Resilience (CADRE) - Subject to the availability of funds, USAID/Indonesia intends to award a series of Cooperative Agreements, of approximate value between \$500,000 and \$1,500,000 each for a period up to three years. The Program to be implemented is the "Climate Adaptation and Disaster Resilience (CADRE)" for which the Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives as described in the APS. **The closing date of this announcement is December 6, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID-Bangkok - Burma Humanitarian Cyclone Recovery Program - PRE-SOLICITATION NOTICE ONLY. Future Competitive Assistance Procurement for Burma Humanitarian Cyclone Recovery Program in FY 2010 USAID's Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) intends to issue a request for applications (RFA) from interested U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations to implement a program for continued humanitarian cyclone recovery efforts in the Irrawaddy Delta in Burma. This is a pre-solicitation notice for a future competitive assistance procurement in fiscal year 2010. A solicitation will be forthcoming in the Spring of 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Washington - Support for International Family Planning Organizations (SIFPO) - The USAID Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) within the Global Health Bureau is seeking concept papers from qualified applicants for funding of grants and/or cooperative agreements. The purpose of this Annual Program

Statement (APS) is to publicize United States Government (USG) plans to fund a limited number of awards through USAID/Washington to support increased capacity among international family planning (FP) organizations, in order to increase the availability of quality FP services worldwide. This APS has an open-ended closing date. If this APS becomes irrelevant for any reason or funding is unavailable, USAID reserves the right to close the APS. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/New Delhi - USAID/India University Linkages - Agriculture – The purpose of this announcement is to provide advance notification to interested parties of USAID/India's intention to issue an RFA for a University Linkages-Agricultural Activity. USAID/India intends to initiate a new program to build the capacity of selected Indian agricultural universities. The proposed program, intended to be led by a university or consortium of universities, will pursue a public-private partnership model to leverage resources from foundations, NGOs and civil-society networks devoted to rural training and education, and knowledge-rich private agricultural companies (both U.S. and Indian) and establish linkages with an Indian agricultural university to focus on capacity building in agricultural education. It is anticipated that the RFA will be issued by the end of January 2010. Currently funds are not available for this activity. USAID/INDIA reserves the right not to issue a full solicitation for this requirement. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Jakarta - Strengthening Integrity and Accountability Program II (SIAP II) - USAID/Indonesia is seeking applications from registered indigenous (local) Indonesian Organizations and/or registered indigenous (local) Indonesian Organization in partnership with US and Non-US Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Subject to the availability of funds, USAID/Indonesia intends to award a series of Grant Agreements or Cooperative Agreements, for program duration of a minimum of one year and not to exceed September 30, 2012. USAID/Indonesia will not consider any applications below a minimum amount of Rp 2,700,000,000 or above a maximum amount of Rp 13,500,000,000. For information on the closing dates for the expected rounds of funding, please refer to the Annual Program Statement. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Cairo - Community Livelihoods Project in Yemen - In the near future, USAID Yemen intends to announce a full and open competition to implement the Mission's Community Livelihoods Project (CLP) subject to the availability of funds. This integrated, flexible, multi-sectoral initiative will serve as the flagship project for the Mission's implementation of the 2010-2012 USAID/Yemen Strategy. The project is intended to mitigate the drivers of instability in some of Yemen's most difficult areas through the facilitation and implementation of quality government service delivery, job creation, responsive local governance, and active civic participation. Subject to the availability of funds, the estimated budget for the three year base period is approximately \$65 million. Please note that the Mission staff will be unable to entertain meetings or respond to queries with prospective implementers at this stage. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Cairo - National Governance Project in Yemen - In the near future, USAID Yemen intends to announce a full and open competition to implement the Mission's future National Governance Project (NGP) subject to the availability of funds. This integrated, multi-sectoral program will be technically complementary to USAID/Yemen's future flagship project, the Community Livelihoods Project (CLP). NGP will be a key part of the Mission's implementation program under the 2010-2012 USAID Yemen Strategy. NGP is intended to facilitate more equitable socio-economic development by strengthening public policies and institutions that will contribute to mitigating the drivers of instability in Yemen. Subject to the availability of funds, the estimated budget for the three year base period is approximately \$20 million. Please note that the Mission staff will be unable to entertain meetings or respond to queries with prospective implementers at this stage. For more information, [click here](#).

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program: Host Family and School Placement - This program seeks to promote mutual understanding between the United States and the countries of Eurasia by providing secondary school students from the region the opportunity to live in American society for an academic year. In turn, these students will expose U.S. citizens to the culture, traditions, and lifestyles of people in Eurasia. Organizations are invited to submit proposals to identify host schools; vet, select, and monitor host families; and place and monitor a portion of the students participating in the FLEX program during the 2010-11 academic year. Pending availability of funds, an FY 2010 grant will provide the monies required to recruit and screen host families; secure school placements; conduct student and host family orientations; provide cultural and educational enrichment activities; handle all counseling and programmatic issues; and evaluate program implementation. **The closing date of this announcement is January 19, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).**

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor – Iraq Widows Programs - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) and the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) from organizations interested in submitting proposals to support and address the specific challenges and needs of widows and female heads of households in Iraq, in particular poor, isolated, and/or illiterate widows and female heads of households, including but not limited to rural areas, in multiple governorates. **The closing date of this announcement is January 20, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).**

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Request for Proposals: Internet Freedom and Freedom of Expression - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals (RFP) from organizations that are interested in submitting proposals to support technologies that maximize free expression and the free flow of information and increase access to the Internet. **The closing date of this announcement is January 22, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).**

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - FY 2010 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO programs benefiting Afghan refugees in Pakistan - PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed non-governmental organization (NGO) activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities for Afghan refugees in Pakistan as identified in the funding opportunity. Funding opportunity announcements and PRM's general NGO guidelines are also on PRM's website. **The closing date of this announcement is February 09, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).**

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - FY2010 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO Programs benefiting refugees in Chad, Cameroon, and the Central African Republic - PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities in Chad, Cameroon, and the CAR as identified in the funding opportunity announcement. **The closing date of this announcement is February 10, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).**

NEW! Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Benjamin A. Gilman International

Scholarship Program - The Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition to administer the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals for the purpose of administering a scholarship program for academic study by U.S. undergraduate students outside the United States. **The closing date of this announcement is February 12, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).**

NEW! Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Open Competition for the Professional Fellows Program - The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/PE/C) announces an open competition for grants to conduct a Professional Fellows Program in Africa, East Asia, Europe, the Near East, North Africa, South Central Asia and the Western Hemisphere. **The closing date of this announcement is February 26, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).**

NEW! Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - International Sports Programming Initiative - The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the International Sports Programming Initiative. Public and private non-profit organizations may submit proposals for projects designed to reach out to youth and promote mutual understanding by increasing the professional capacity of those who design and manage youth sports programs in select countries in Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, the Near East and North Africa, South and Central Asia, Europe, and the Western Hemisphere. **The closing date of this announcement is March 12, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).**