



# The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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## *Letter from the Director*

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Secretary Clinton recently traveled to the Middle East, Morocco and Egypt. During her travels, she highlighted concrete steps the United States is taking to form more global partnerships. Read more about her travels and announcements below.

The notes and PowerPoint presentation from the PVO Registration Call have now been posted to the CFBCI website. See the link below.

Warmest regards,

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## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered a major speech on November 3 in Marrakesh, Morocco at the Forum for the Future, an initiative of the countries of the Broader Middle East and North Africa region (BMENA),

## PROMOTE:

### Civil Society

### Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

### Educational Opportunity

### Scientific and Technological Collaboration

### Women's Empowerment

### Interfaith Cooperation

the G8 countries, and civil society and private sector groups. She reaffirmed the commitment of the United States to broad engagement with Muslim communities around the world and outlined concrete steps the United States is taking to follow up on the "New Beginning" that President Obama launched in Cairo. Secretary Clinton focused on partnerships to promote civil society, entrepreneurship and economic development, educational opportunity, scientific and technological collaboration, women's empowerment, and interfaith cooperation.

#### Key Documents and Websites:

- Secretary Clinton's [Remarks](#) at the Forum for the Future in Marrakech, Morocco – November 3, 2009 (available in Arabic, French, Indonesian, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu)
- Secretary Clinton Announces [Global Partnerships](#) to Advance Cairo's "New Beginning"
- U.S. Department of State Official Blog - [DIPNOTE](#)
- <http://www.entrepreneurship.gov/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

### Anti-Trafficking Program Funding Opportunity

#### New Anti-Trafficking Program Funding Opportunity

The State Department Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (G/TIP) is pleased to announce the publication of its open competition for assistance awards to improve the response to human trafficking abroad. G/TIP's Fiscal Year 2010 Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) was posted Nov. 2, 2009, on [www.grantsolutions.gov](http://www.grantsolutions.gov) and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). U.S. and foreign NGOs, higher education institutions, and public international organizations are encouraged to submit SOIs for anti-trafficking programs to be conducted in a single country abroad, within a region, or in more than one region.

For more information, see these websites:

[U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS](#)

[FY 2010 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

[CONFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL BIDDERS - INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY 2010 GRANT SOLICITATIONS](#)

[ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS AWARDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2009](#)

### USAID Awards NetWorks Malaria Prevention Grant to Johns Hopkins, the Malaria Consortium and Catholic Relief Services

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a five year \$100 million grant to The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Communication Programs (CCP), with the Malaria Consortium and Catholic Relief Services to ensure the distribution and proper use of long-lasting insecticide treated bed nets (LLINs) in malaria endemic countries. USAID missions across Africa and in parts of Asia are expected to buy into the project.

USAID implements U.S. Global Malaria Programs through the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) focused in 15 focus countries in Africa and through four non-focus countries; the Amazon Malaria Initiative, which covers eight countries in the Amazon Basin of South America; and the Mekong Malaria Program, which covers five countries (plus Yunnan Province, China) in the Greater Mekong Sub-region in Southeast Asia.

"The U.S. is dramatically expanding the availability and use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Africa," said Rear. Adm. Tim Ziemer, Coordinator, U.S. Global Malaria Programs. "During this massive effort to scale up to universal coverage, including in some of the most hard-to-reach places on the planet, we must also build local capacity to manage delivery systems and create a culture of net use, getting everyone to sleep under nets."

Long-lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs) are an essential tool for achieving and sustaining malaria control. The ability to efficiently and effectively distribute nets and increase their use is critical to reducing the burden of malaria and maintaining control of the disease in endemic countries. The new project, called NetWorks, will rely on a flexible approach that will rapidly analyze the current situation, coordinate between local, regional and national players in malaria control, strengthen internal distribution networks and, at the same time, increase demand using state-of-the-art behavior change techniques to close the gap between net ownership and use. The project intends to promote a mixed distribution model to flexibly respond to the situation in each country, blending distribution via the private sector, public health facilities, NGOs and mass campaigns. The hope is that ultimately the project will leave countries with sustainable LLIN systems that ensure a continuous and coordinated supply of nets for those who need them.

Matthew Lynch, PhD, NetWorks' Project Director and leader of CCP's Global Program on Malaria, says the ability to get LLIN's to those most vulnerable to deadly malaria-young children and pregnant women-is critical to controlling the disease. "In the global fight against malaria, we desperately need new ways to better protect children," Lynch says. "We need to make sure every vulnerable child sleeps under a net every night."

JHU will partner with the Malaria Consortium and Catholic Relief Services as well as hundreds of local partners in the implementation of NetWorks. With representatives in more than 30 countries, CCP designs and implements strategic communication programs that influence political dialogue, collective action, and individual behavior change; enhances access to information and the exchange of knowledge to improve health and health care; and conducts research to guide program design, evaluate impact, and advance knowledge and practice in health communication.

For more information about USAID and PMI, please visit [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov).

have been posted to the CFBCI website. In many cases, U.S.-based NGOs wishing to compete for USAID funding are required to register with the Agency as Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs). On this CFBCI conference call, we were privileged to have both the current PVO registrar and his predecessor as our invited guests. Please review the PVO registration website which you can find [here](#). For the call notes and PowerPoint presentation, please [click here](#).

To see notes from other CFBCI conference calls, click [here](#)

## Upcoming Events

The Association of Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations (AERDO) and Canadian Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA) invite you to the Forum on Relief and Development. The event will be held December 9-11 in Chevy Chase, MD.

### Speakers Include:

- Joshua DuBois - Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Joel Edwards - International Director, Micah Challenge; Member, International Religious Advisory Council to Tony Blair's Faith Foundation
- Beth Birmingham - Associate Professor for Leadership & Change, Eastern University
- Peter Walker - Professor of Nutrition and Human Security, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University
- Dave Evans - Vice-President of Government Resources and Programs, Food for the Hungry

Day one of the Forum will feature day-long trainings. Choose from: [Donor Development](#), [Field Security](#), and [Social Networking/Marketing](#)

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

## 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

**USAID/Columbia: Enhanced Livelihoods Initiative** – USAID intends to issue a Request for Applications (RFA) on/or about September 10, 2009 for an anticipated five-year cooperative agreement for the Consolidation and Enhanced Livelihoods Initiative for Montes de Maria. This project is designed to advance the Government of Columbia's National Consolidation Plan in the Montes de Maria region towards a sustainable end state where peace and security are permanent, civilian state entities are providing the services expected of any legitimate and democratically-elected government, licit livelihoods supplant illegal economic activities and citizen participation demands accountable, transparent governance. **The closing date of this announcement is November 13, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Pretoria - Strengthening Clinical Services in Lesotho** – The USAID Mission to Southern Africa is seeking applications from organizations to implement a five-year program to assist USAID to implement and manage a strengthening of clinical services program in Lesotho. The purpose of this program is to conduct activities involving effective and tested approaches to providing comprehensive and

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

integrated HIV/AIDS care and treatment to include activities being provided under current PMTCT programs. This phase of activity will require demonstration of an effective level of collaboration, coordination, and integration of policy, technical approaches, programs, stakeholders, and partnerships in accordance with the Government of Lesotho's HIV/AIDS strategy, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare policy, procedures and guidelines, the Partnership Framework and USG PEPFAR guidance in Lesotho. **The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Food for Peace** - The USAID Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Food For Peace (DCHA/FFP) is seeking applications from eligible institutions for a program titled "Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS)" through the award of one Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement. With this RFA, USAID's objective is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Title II food aid programs by improving the technical knowledge and operations and promoting food aid commodity program best practices through coordination and delivery of institutional strengthening and capacity building support for current Title II awardees and prospective awardees worldwide. **The closing date of this announcement is November 24, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Monrovia – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program in Liberia** – The purpose of this solicitation is invite application to provide technical services for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene program activity in Liberia. The activity is part of USAID/Health Program. The activity duration is expected five years. The purpose of the WASH activities to be supported with USAID funding provided for rebuilding Liberia under its current mandate and in context of the USAID Health program is to make measurable improvements in water supply, sanitation, hygiene and the enabling environment (for WASH) in target areas within six counties (of 15 total) in Liberia and selected communities of greater Monrovia. **The closing date of this announcement is November 24, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Kampala – Increase Participation of People with Disabilities –** USAID/Uganda invites applications to carry out activities, under grants, that increase participation of people with disabilities (PWDs) in USAID activities and strengthen the capacities of disabled people's organizations (DPOs). The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information about this activity to prospective applicants so that they may develop and submit concept papers for USAID funding. Applicants must use the "Disability Concept Paper Application Form" attached to this APS when submitting their concept papers. This APS describes: (1) the type of activities or programs for which applications will considered; (2) the funding available and the process and requirements of submitting applications; and (3) explains the criteria for USAID evaluation of applications. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Lima: Strengthening Ecuadorian Justice Project** – The U.S. Government is committed to support Ecuador's long-term efforts to strengthen the Rule of Law because a functioning and respected rule of law, with an effective justice system, contributes to increased public satisfaction with government, reduces corruption, and enhances democratic stability. Through this project, USAID will focus its support in key areas that will contribute to the strengthening of Ecuadorian Justice: (a) application of the criminal justice system – including the enforcement of recently passed reforms-, (b) access to legal services by vulnerable groups of the population, (c) civil society's oversight of the restructuring and functioning of justices institutions, and (d) transparency in the judiciary. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! USAID/Asuncion - Improvement of Local Governance and Increasing Economic Security Program** – The focus of USAID/Paraguay’s contribution to this Program is to help establish a new level of stability in five specific provinces in eastern Paraguay (Alto Paraná, Canindeyú, Amambay, Concepción and San Pedro respectively), in order to reduce the level of violence and criminal activity during the country’s transition from de facto one-party rule to multi-party democracy. The closing date of this announcement is December 2, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/OFDA: Emergency Assistance in Iraq** – The USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance anticipates awarding multiple cooperative agreements and/or grants as a result of this APS, targeting humanitarian interventions that facilitate and anchor returnees and also maintaining emergency support for displaced and vulnerable communities with special concern for, but not limited to war widows, women and children, and disabled civilians. The closing date of this announcement is December 13, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! USAID/Dakar - Improving Education Quality in Senegal** - USAID intends to make an award of one Cooperative Agreement under this RFA. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$20,000,000 to be allocated over the five-year period. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. A \$10 million option is contemplated over the last 3 years of the base program as further explained under section c.7.5. The closing date of this announcement is December 14, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**USAID/Tbilisi: Civic Education in Georgia** - The objective of the “Civic Education in Georgia” project is to improve the quality and scope of school-based civic education in Georgia as a means to increase the skills and commitment of youth to participatory democracy. This three-year, \$2.69 million activity will be implemented through a competitively awarded cooperative agreement. The program will activate students’ knowledge about democratic institutions, principles and practices, instill an ethic of participatory democracy in teachers, students and administrators, and create a foundation for constructive and effective citizen participation in Georgia’s political processes. The main focus of this project will be on school-based civic education for older students (grades 9 – 12). The principal counterpart in the Government of Georgia (GOG) will be the Ministry of Education and Science (MES). The project will also collaborate with individual schools, school boards, teachers, students, local NGOs, publishers and others to address a variety of improvements in this sector. The closing date of this announcement is December 19, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! USAID/Cairo - New Scholarship Program** - The purpose of this program is to provide undergraduate scholarships for promising Egyptian students with high financial need, building on the lessons learned and best practices of previous scholarship programs. The closing date of this announcement is January 14, 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 objectives of this APS are Livelihoods Restored and Maintained/Economy Stabilized and Growing, Increased Income and Employment Generated by the Agricultural Sector. The closing date of this announcement is February 27, 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](#).

**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** – USAID seeks to expand its use of strategic alliances with the private and non-governmental sectors. 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. Through our Global Development Alliances, USAID/Malawi can facilitate access to broader financing options, assist in skill and knowledge development, and apply its extensive knowledge in Malawi to help strengthen and complement private development resources. **The closing date of this announcement is September 10, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! 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 provides prospective applicants with a fair opportunity to develop and submit applications to USAID for potential funding. If an award is made under this APS, implementing partners will be supported to enhance their capacity to manage and scale up family planning interventions worldwide and in specific targeted country settings. **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](#).

## U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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**Middle East Partnership Initiative - Saudi Arabia: Women's Civic Participation, Judicial Engagement, and Governance and Public Management Fellowships** - The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for proposals to strengthen women's participation, governance, and judicial capacity in Saudi Arabia. This call is consistent with the President's message of supporting women's rights and improving good governance and rule of law at all levels. **The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

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**Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs - Lincoln Learning Centers in Afghanistan** - The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul announces an open competition for a cooperative agreement to coordinate logistics associated with establishing and administering Lincoln Learning Centers during the period of January 5, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Lincoln Learning Centers are information and program venues located in non-U.S. government sites throughout Afghanistan. Locations of the new Lincoln Learning Centers will be determined by the U.S. Embassy. Lincoln Learning Centers help maintain open dialogue and build bridges of understanding, representing the nation's long-standing commitment to spread the ideas and values of American democracy and civil society. Materials, hardware, furnishings, and renovation costs will be supplied by U.S. Embassy Kabul. **The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Request for Proposals: Democracy, Human Rights and Rule of Law for countries in Africa, Europe, South and Central Asia, the Near East, and the Western Hemisphere** - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law for countries in Africa (Cameroon, Zimbabwe and Regional), East Asia Pacific (Fiji, Laos, Timor Leste and Regional), Europe (Armenia, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, OSCE and Regional), the Near East (Jordan, Morocco, West Bank / Occupied Territories, Yemen and Regional), South and Central Asia (Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Regional), and the Western Hemisphere (Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico and Nicaragua). **The closing date of this announcement is November 17, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) - PRM NGO Projects in Rwanda/Tanzania** - Limited funding is available to support NGOs working with UNHCR in Rwanda and Tanzania to assist and protect refugees. Priority sectors include health, water, sanitation, shelter, camp infrastructure, protection, education, and gender-based violence prevention and response. Priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: (1) a working relationship with UNHCR and 2010 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities; (2) a proven track record in providing the proposed assistance (both in the sector and specified location); (3) evidence of coordination with international organizations and other NGOs working in the same area or sector; and (4) appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations. **The closing date of this announcement is November 20, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - FY 2010 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO Programs Benefiting 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 percent of beneficiaries must be refugees. Proposals may focus on protection, health (including support for disabled persons), water, sanitation, shelter, community services, psychosocial support, prevention of and response to gender-based violence, and livelihoods development (including education) and training. **The closing date of this announcement is November 23, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Global Human Rights Defenders Fund** - Background: Defenders of human rights often risk their own

and their families' lives, safety, and jobs to advocate for universally recognized human rights. The Department of State places a high priority on defending these individuals. An emergency fund within the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) supports human rights defenders who promote human rights, democracy and good governance, women's rights, fair labor practices, independent media and journalism, and other issues that may raise the risk of safety and/or life for their defenders. Summary: DRL seeks proposals for effective and immediate approaches to disburse small, short-term emergency financial support to human rights defenders and advocates of human rights globally or regionally when the repression or restriction of basic human rights may occur. DRL encourages applicants to submit proposals that include strategies to target all kinds of human rights activists, including those who promote the rights of marginalized populations, including the LGBT community, labor rights activists, and religious rights activists. **The closing date of this announcement is November 24, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! U.S. Department of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Afghanistan Programs - Good Performers Initiative Special Recognition Visit** - The United States Government, represented by the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Afghanistan Programs (INL/AP), is seeking applications from qualified U.S. organizations with the requisite capability and experience to sponsor twenty Afghan participants in a two-week visit to the Washington, DC. The Good Performers Initiative (GPI) funds timely, high-impact assistance projects to provinces leading the fight against Afghanistan's opium economy. The program will introduce twenty Afghan-participants, selected by their provincial governments, to leaders and organizations in the United States focusing on counternarcotics and development strategies in Afghanistan. **The closing date of this announcement is November 26, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Middle East Partnership Initiative Youth Entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa Program Announcement** - The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for projects that support youth entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa. The Administration has underscored the need to engage youth, support their economic opportunities, and develop new partnerships. Consistent with this vision, NEA/PI seeks applications for a new funding initiative that will inspire youth to become the next generation of entrepreneurs in the Middle East and North Africa. We are asking applicants to develop projects to foster a culture of entrepreneurship in youth. Those pre-applicants invited to submit full applications are encouraged to partner with organizations in the region to support their capacity and sustainability. Applicants may propose methods of cost-sharing to support the project's continuation once all U.S. Government funds have been expended. Applications that involve cost-sharing from sources within the MENA region are strongly encouraged. The following MENA countries may be considered: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, and Yemen. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - FY 2010 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO programs benefiting returning refugees in Afghanistan** - Limited funding is available to support NGOs working in Afghanistan to support refugee repatriation and reintegration. PRM will consider proposals from NGOs with proven track records in implementing refugee and returnee assistance programs. Higher consideration will be given to organizations that have well-established operations in Afghanistan. PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed non-governmental organization (NGO) activities that

best meet the Bureau's priorities in Afghanistan as identified in the funding opportunity announcement. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs - Track II Dialogue on Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula** - Additional Information on Eligibility: Organizations capable of organizing and successfully facilitating high-level inter-governmental discussion forums, in informal settings, on sensitive multilateral nuclear non-proliferation issues, especially in Northeast Asia; and with demonstrated and substantial track records of success. The aim of this grant opportunity is to support a single 1-time grant to support an expert non-profit organization in facilitating an inclusive and collaborative unofficial dialogue on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. This grant opportunity would allow for the participation of civilian, military, and other government agency representatives from nations of the Six Party Talks – the USA, Russia, China, the Republic of Korea, Japan, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) – to meet and discuss regional security and non-proliferation issues that affect them all. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - NGO Programs in Sudan Benefiting Southern Sudanese Refugee Returnees and Receiving Communities** – Limited funding is available to support NGOs working in Sudan in support of southern Sudanese refugee repatriation and reintegration. Current funding priorities are discussed in the funding opportunity announcement. For PRM's general NGO guidelines, please go to the Funding Opportunities page of PRM's website: <http://www.state.gov/g/prm/c27111.htm>. **The closing date of this announcement is December 1, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Office to Monitor/Combat Trafficking in Persons - G/TIP FY2010 International Programs to Combat Trafficking in Persons** - The Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (G/TIP) is pleased to announce a two-stage competitive process for 2010 funding of projects that will improve the response to trafficking in persons outside the United States. The first stage is submission and competitive panel review of two-page Statements of Interest (SOI) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that combat human trafficking. In the second stage, G/TIP will invite applicants whose Statements of Interest are reviewed favorably to submit proposals that expand on their SOI. These proposals will also be reviewed by a panel for consideration of funding. This announcement initiates the first stage, and G/TIP is now requesting applicants to submit a Statement of Interest, as described in this solicitation. U.S.-based non-profit and non-governmental organizations (NGO), public international organizations (PIO), foreign NGOs, and institutions of higher education are encouraged to apply by submitting a Statement of Interest. Pending appropriations, G/TIP anticipates awarding grants of up to \$750,000 per project. **The closing date of this announcement is December 3, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Middle East Partnership Initiative - Strengthening Women's Organizations and Political Representation in the Middle East and North Africa** – The Office of the Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for proposals to strengthen women's participation in all aspects of society and promote women's equality in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). This funding opportunity seeks to address the Administration's commitment to supporting the women of the Middle East and North Africa in their efforts to reach their full potential. The following MENA countries may be proposed: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, and Yemen. In line with the Administration's vision,

NEA/PI seeks applications to address the following two priority areas: A) Organizational Capacity Building for Women's Organizations: This priority area aims to strengthen women-run or -focused civil society organizations in the MENA region. B) Development of Women's Caucuses and Unions: This priority area seeks to build platforms for and connect female political activists through the development of women's caucuses and unions – nationally and regionally. **The closing date of this announcement is December 3, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - FY-2010 Study of the United States Institutes for Scholars** - The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of three Study of the United States Institutes to take place over the course of six weeks beginning in June 2010. These Institutes should provide a multinational group of experienced educators with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. Two of these Institutes will be for groups of 18 foreign university level faculty, focusing on U.S. Culture and Society, and Journalism and Media. The third Institute will be a general survey course on the study of the United States for a group of 30 foreign secondary educators. Applicants may propose to host only one Institute listed under this competition. **The closing date of this announcement is December 3, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Middle East Partnership Initiative - Tomorrow's Leaders II Scholarship Program and Recruitment** – The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for proposals to enhance and expand educational opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa. With this program announcement we seek to promote mutual understanding and respect through innovative projects that provide university-level scholarship and internship opportunities at select institutions of learning in the Middle East and North Africa. **The closing date of this announcement is January 5, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institute (Europe and Eurasia) and the Benjamin Franklin Summer Institute with Asia (Central and South Asia)** – The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for two grants for summer institutes for youth. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3), including accredited, post-secondary U.S. educational institutions, may submit proposals to provide a three- to four-week U.S.-based institute for one of the two institute options in the summer of 2010 for up to 45 teenagers aged 16-18. One institute is for participants from Europe, the European countries of Eurasia, and the United States. The other institute is for participants from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and the United States. U.S. Embassies in all the participating countries will select the foreign participants, and the U.S. grant recipients will select the American participants. Support for individual or small group follow-on projects in the home communities of the exchange alumni will complete the program. **The closing date of this announcement is January 6, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

**NEW! Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program** – The Office of Academic Exchange Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition to administer the FY2010 Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the

provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) in the United States may submit proposals to organize and carry out academic exchange activities for students from underrepresented sectors in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia. The recipient organization will be responsible for the following aspects of the program: placement of no less than 115 foreign students at accredited U.S. institutions (90 for one academic year, 25 for one semester), student travel to the U.S., orientation, enrichment programming, advising, monitoring and support, pre-return activities, evaluation, and follow-up with program alumni. It is anticipated that the total amount of funding for FY2010 administrative and program costs will be \$3,500,000 pending availability of funds. **The closing date of this announcement is January 15, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).