



# The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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*Letter from the Director*

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Warmest regards,

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## NEWS AND EVENTS

### ***Conference Call Announcement!***

### ***Highlights of USAID Forward:***

Procurement reform, a top priority for USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah, is intended to make it easier to do business with USAID by increasing competition, strengthening the capacity of local organizations, and expanding partnerships with a larger number of NGOs. Likewise, as a part of President Obama's and Dr. Shah's commitments to increase investments in game-changing innovations, USAID has announced the launch of Development Innovation Ventures (DIV). Through DIV, USAID seeks to work with a variety of partners to create innovative scalable solutions to core development challenges.

## **Procurement Reform & Development Innovation Ventures**

Join Ari Alexander, Deputy Director of the Center for Faith Based and Community Initiatives; Maura O'Neill, Senior Counselor to the Administrator; and other USAID officials for a conference call highlighting these efforts in the context of our USAID Forward set of reforms on November 12, 2010 at 12:00 pm Eastern. There will be an opportunity for Q&A with the USAID staff on the call.

If you plan to participate in this call, please RSVP to [fbci@usaid.gov](mailto:fbci@usaid.gov) with your name, organization, and email address so that we can send you any materials mentioned on the call. Due to expected call volume, please call in early to allow time to be connected to the call.

Date: Friday, November 12, 2010  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Eastern

International #: (678) 809 - 1604  
Domestic #: (877) 342 - 9752  
Conference ID: 23615413

This call will be captioned to provide access to all participants, including participants who are deaf or hard of hearing. At the start time of the event, please login to the event by clicking on this link: <http://www.fedrcc.us//Enter.aspx?EventID=1659695&CustomerID=321> or go to: <http://www.fedrcc.us//Enter.aspx?EventID=XXX> and enter the event confirmation number 1659695.

## **Celebrate, Innovate & Sustain:**

### **Toward 2015 and Beyond**

## **The United States' Strategy for Meeting the Millennium Development Goals**

Last month, USAID released the United States' Strategy for Meeting the Millennium Development Goals. As the Strategy's overview noted, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are a symbol of our common humanity. They are a declaration of the world's commitment to eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving gender equality and environmental sustainability, and extending hope and opportunity to millions across the developing world. The eight goals, organized around internationally agreed targets, have provided a framework to translate our highest ideals into concrete action. They also have helped mobilize unprecedented political support and resources for development.

USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah has noted, "Enormous progress has been made toward meeting the MDGs, and we should recognize, celebrate, and support these achievements. But much more remains to be done, and the road ahead will likely be more difficult than the road already traveled. We will be even more determined, strategic, and analytically grounded as we strive to meet the MDGs in five years."

To read the full Strategy, click [here](#).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION**

**USAID Pakistan**

Find out more about USAID's efforts in Pakistan!

## Open Houses

USAID's Office of Pakistan and Afghanistan Affairs is inviting Pakistani

## USAID Center Promotes Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation in Nigeria

*Ari Alexander is the Deputy Director at the Center for Faith-based & Community Initiatives and the Coordinator of Global Engagement at the United States Agency for International Development. He recently hosted a meeting with an interfaith delegation from Nigeria. His report on the meeting was highlighted on the [www.whitehouse.gov/partnerships](http://www.whitehouse.gov/partnerships) blog. You can read his September 24, 2010 [post](#) below.*

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### USAID FUNDING

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

#### Annual Program Statement (APS)

- An APS is used to generate competition for activities that are complementary to USAID's strategic objectives. They

**USAID/Kathmandu** – Integrated Nutrition Program (INP) - USAID is seeking applications to implement the Integrated Nutrition Program (INP) program for USAID/Nepal. The primary purpose of the INP is to improve the nutritional status of women and children under-two years of age in a manner that supports the Government of Nepal (GON). **The closing date for this announcement is October 12, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Bangkok** – Asia Regional Sustainable Landscapes Program - USAID/RDMA is seeking applications to strengthen capacities of developing countries in the Asia region to produce meaningful and sustainable reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the forestry-land use sector and to participate in and benefit from the emerging international Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD)-plus framework. **The closing date for this announcement is October 14, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Monrovia** – Excellence in Higher Education for Liberian Development - The five-year Excellence in Higher Education for Liberian Development (EHELD) Program aims to expand access to, improve quality of, and enhance the relevance of higher education programs in engineering and agriculture so that Liberia is better equipped to meet its key development challenges. **The closing date for this announcement is**

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.

**October 15, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Addis Ababa – Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Program** – USAID is seeking applications for Assistance Agreements from all U.S. and non-U.S. qualified organizations for funding to support a program entitled “Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Program.” The overall goal of the program is to strengthen systems and structures of the Government of Ethiopia and civil society to improve the well-being of OVC and their families affected and infected by HIV/AIDS through a sustainable, comprehensive and coordinated manner. **The closing date for this announcement is October 15, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Dar es Salaam - Diagnosis and Management of Severe Febrile Illness** – USAID is seeking applications for an Assistance Agreement for funding a program for Diagnosis and Management of Severe Febrile Illness. This RFA was previously issued as a draft in August 2010. Clarifying comments which were solicited by the draft have been used to develop this final version. Copies of the Questions and Answers submitted electronically before the RFA conference, Questions and Answers submitted during the RFA conference and a list of conference participants are attached. **The closing date for this announcement is October 22, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Bangkok – Combating Illegal Wildlife Trafficking in Asia** – The USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA), is seeking applications (proposals for funding) from U.S. or non-U.S. non-profit or for-profit NGOs, public international organizations, and other non-USG organizations to implement a Combating Illegal Wildlife Trafficking in Asia program. **The closing date of this announcement is October 27, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID – Vocational Training and Education for Clean Energy (VOC TEC)** - USAID intends to award a worldwide Leader with Associate (LWA) Cooperative Agreement for the VOCational Training and Education for Clean energy, or VOC TEC. The purpose of this program is to bolster the capacity of local stakeholders to sustain renewable energy investments, primarily in decentralized clean energy technologies and hybrid renewable energy-hydrocarbon systems. **The closing date for this announcement is October 27, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Kabul - Addressing Short-Term Stabilization and Long-Term Development Objectives through Revitalization of Afghan Agriculture** - The goal of this activity is to support the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) and the United States Government (USG) priorities to increase employment and income in the agricultural and livestock sectors. **The closing date of this announcement is November 6, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Moscow - North Caucasus Microfinance Support Project** - The Microfinance Support Project’s objective is to build capacity to deliver microfinance services in targeted geographical regions of the North Caucasus (NC) and thus increase employment and incomes in the micro/small/medium enterprise sector (MSME) and reduce the threat of violent conflict by providing economic opportunities to those groups most likely drawn into conflict. Qualified applicants must be Russian non-governmental organizations (NGOs). In support of the Agency’s interest in fostering a larger assistance base and expanding the number and sustainability of development partners, USAID encourages applications from potential new partners, particularly if they are joined with a more experienced organization. **The closing date for this announcement is November 19, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Nairobi - Youth Empowerment Program in Kenya** - The goal of the activities for the Yes Youth Can! APS is to empower Kenyan youth by developing leadership and organizations, promoting inter-ethnic understanding, facilitating innovation,

providing technical assistance, and channeling resources to at-risk youth in key provinces to improve competitiveness; Create jobs and new market opportunities; Enhance youth voices in policy dialogue and interethnic coalitions, and; Generate new possibilities for community well-being. Teaming arrangements, especially those that include Kenyan partners, are also encouraged in order to adequately provide multi-sectoral expertise required for design and implementation of an integrated program. Kenyan organizations are encouraged to apply as Prime applicants or as sub-awardees. **First Closing Date for Submission of Concept Papers was June 28, 2010** **Final Closing Date for Submission of Concept Papers is November 26, 2010.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Brasilia - BRAZIL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** - The USAID Mission in Brazil is seeking concept papers to create new partnerships to support USAID Brazil Mission priorities in Economic Growth and Investing in People through initiatives in the following areas: 1) Corporate Social Responsibility; 2) Disaster Assistance; 3) Energy – Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency; 4) Environment – Biodiversity; 5) Health – HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis. **The closing date of this announcement is April 13, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID - APS for Biomedical Research for Reproductive Health** - The purpose of the APS is to publicize this United States Government's (USG) plan to fund a limited number of awards through USAID/Washington's Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH), and Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA), to address a focused set of family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) issues. **The closing date of this announcement is May 24, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Pretoria - APS: Basic Education with Links to Employment and Vulnerable Children in Angola** – The USAID Mission to Angola is seeking applications from local organizations registered to operate in Angola to expand its programming in basic education. This APS invites applications that are innovative and propose to scale up tested activities taking place in Angola that relate to primary education, learning for out-of-school youth, and adult literacy. Potential applicants must be local organizations registered in Angola. Applications received in response to this APS will be reviewed twice during the period the APS will remain open. **The closing date for Round 1 Application submission was August 20, 2010 and applications for Round 2 should be received no later than June 20, 2011 (1600 hrs Pretoria time).** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID – Initiative for Conservation of the Andean Amazon Phase II** - This Annual Program Statement (APS) disseminates information about USAID/LAC Bureau's Phase II Initiative for Conservation in the Andean Amazon (ICAA II) program and provides prospective grantees with an opportunity to develop and submit applications for funding to help meet the objectives of ICAA II Intermediate Result 1 -- Selected Landscapes Managed Sustainably. **The closing date for this announcement is July 9, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID – Development Innovation Ventures** - Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) brings together diverse innovators from academia, the private sector and NGOs to identify, develop, and transition to scale promising approaches to pressing development problems around the world. Development Innovation Ventures aims to institutionalize further in USAID the serendipitous process by which great ideas are conceptualized, developed, refined to meet real-world operational challenges, tested, and ultimately scaled up to change the world in fundamental ways. DIV encourages innovation in all sectors that impact the ability of people in developing countries to live healthy and productive lives, from economic growth to agriculture to anti-corruption activities. The following list of potential innovation partners is for illustrative purposes because our eligibility criteria are intentionally wide. We welcome applications from all types of organizations including foundations, U.S. and

non-U.S. NGOs, faith-based organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. private businesses, business and trade associations, international organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. colleges and universities, civic groups, regional organizations, etc. **The closing date for this announcement is July 21, 2011, but read the complete solicitation for review deadlines.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/Jakarta - APS IKAT-US: CIVIL SOCIETIES INNOVATING TOGETHER** - Indonesian and US NGOs are invited to submit applications which describe proposed approaches that encourage Indonesian NGOs to utilize their expertise and experiences *outside Indonesia* by developing and implementing projects on a range of democracy, governance, and human rights subjects in cooperation with their counterparts in other Southeast Asian countries. August 2, 2011 is closing date to submit the Second Round of Concept Papers. 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/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). **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. 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. 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/West Bank – Civic Participation Program** - The purpose of the Civic Participation Program is to reinvigorate civic participation in the Palestinian Authority (PA) decision-making process, in the monitoring and oversight of

government institutions, and in the broader public sector discourse in order to ensure a more vibrant and robust democratic dialogue between the government and the citizens of the future Palestinian state. **Closing date of the solicitation will be indicated in the full RFA announcement once posted.** For more information, click [here](#).

**USAID/West Bank - Palestinian Community Assistance Program** - USAID/West Bank and Gaza - Palestinian Community Assistance Program Pre-Solicitation Notice - USAID/West Bank and Gaza will be releasing an RFA that intends to award one Cooperative Agreement to an organization that would manage and oversee humanitarian and recovery sub-grants over a multi-year period. The RFA will fund complex programming in Gaza which promotes long-term food security, safe and secure housing options, improved infrastructure, household-level economic recovery, and other economic recovery opportunities. **The closing date of the solicitation will be stated in the full announcement of the RFA once posted.** For more information, click [here](#).

## U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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**Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs**  
**Open Funding Opportunities for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State can be found at:**  
<http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html>. Current opportunities include:

- Global Undergraduate Exchange Program for East Asia and the Pacific and the Western Hemisphere
- Study of the United States Institutes for Scholars and Secondary Educators

**U.S. Mission to Afghanistan - Afghan Women's Empowerment Grants Program** - The Political Section at U.S. Embassy Kabul is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the newly-launched Afghan Women's Empowerment (AWE) Grants Program. The AWE Grants Program provides \$5,000-\$50,000 grants for Afghan-led projects that increase women's participation in the political sphere. **The closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2012.** For more information, click [here](#).

**U.S. Embassy Kabul - PAS Annual Program Statement** - The U.S. Embassy Kabul Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce funding is available through the embassy's Public Diplomacy Grants program. Funding is available for projects that increase the scope, capacity, and participation of civil society in building up the media and communications sectors in Afghanistan, that serve to support and develop Afghan voices and new leaders capable of contradicting extremism, that support civil society and boost institutional capacity, and that Strengthen people-to-people ties to deepen the partnership between communities within Afghanistan and between Afghanistan and the United States. **The closing date for this announcement is October 1, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).

**MEPI Regional Office Annual Program Statement** - The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce funding is available through the Regional Offices' Local Grants program. Purpose of Grant: Local Grants are intended for local representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and universities. They support projects to expand and develop civil society and encourage indigenous efforts to create societies based on pluralism, participation, and prosperity. Funding is available for projects that increase the scope and capacity and participation of civil society, create new economic opportunities, enhance access to and quality of education systems, and/or empower women. **Applications will be received on a rolling basis and will be reviewed on the basis of their fullness, coherence, clarity, and attention to detail.** For more information, click [here](#).