

**ATTACHMENT 01: MISSION SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

Alphabetical Listing of Countries, with relevant Mission sectors indicated in columns  
*\* Note: this list of eligible countries is subject to change without prior notice.*

**1. USAID PARTICIPATING MISSIONS AND SECTORS IN WHICH THEY WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS**

| <b>Participating USAID Missions</b>       | <b>Climate Change Adaptation</b> | <b>Microenterprise</b> | <b>Water</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Asia/ Regional Development Mission (RDMA) | x                                |                        | x            |
| Azerbaijan                                |                                  | x                      | x            |
| Bangladesh                                | x                                |                        |              |
| Belarus                                   |                                  | x                      |              |
| Benin                                     |                                  | x                      | x            |
| Bolivia                                   |                                  | x                      | x            |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH)                  | x                                | x                      | x            |
| Brazil                                    | x                                |                        |              |
| Central Asian Republics (CAR) – regional  |                                  |                        | x            |
| Colombia                                  | x                                |                        |              |
| Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)        | x                                | x                      | x            |
| Dominican Republic                        | x                                | x                      | x            |
| East Africa - Regional                    | x                                |                        | x            |
| Ecuador                                   |                                  | x                      |              |
| Ethiopia                                  |                                  | x                      | x            |
| Georgia                                   | x                                |                        |              |
| Guatemala                                 | x                                |                        | x            |
| Guinea                                    | x                                | x                      |              |
| India                                     | x                                |                        | x            |
| Jamaica                                   | x                                | x                      | x            |
| Jordan                                    |                                  | x                      |              |
| Kazakhstan (see Central Asian Rep.)       |                                  | x                      | x            |
| Kenya                                     | x                                | x                      | x            |
| Kosovo                                    |                                  | x                      | x            |
| Kyrgyzstan (see Central Asian Rep.)       | x                                |                        |              |
| Macedonia                                 | x                                | x                      | x            |
| Moldova                                   |                                  | x                      | x            |

| Participating USAID Missions                     | Climate Change Adaptation | Microenterprise | Water |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Morocco  |                           | x               |       |
| Nepal  | x                         |                 | x     |
| Nicaragua  | x                         |                 |       |
| Nigeria  |                           | x               | x     |
| Office of Middle East Programs (OMEP) - regional |                           |                 | x     |
| Paraguay   | x                         | x               | x     |
| Philippines                                      | x                         |                 | x     |
| Senegal  |                           | x               | x     |
| Southern Africa Regional                         | x                         |                 | x     |
| Tajikistan (see Central Asian Rep.)              |                           | x               | x     |
| Tanzania   | x                         |                 | x     |
| Timor-Leste                                      | x                         |                 | x     |
| Ukraine  |                           | x               | x     |
| Uzbekistan                                       |                           |                 | x     |
| Yemen  |                           | x               | x     |
| Zimbabwe   | x                         |                 | x     |

## 2. MISSION-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

### Asia - Regional Development Mission (RDMA)

(Applications to RDMA must be regional in nature and address issues affecting more than one country among Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam)

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

#### Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:

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USAID's Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) is based in Bangkok, Thailand and supports regional activities that address regional-level development and environment priorities, provide value-added support to bilateral missions, and provide targeted assistance in selected non-presence countries. One key advantage of RDMA's regional mandate is the use of regional programming to amplify development impact at regional, national, and sub-national levels. Working across Asia, RDMA is uniquely positioned to address transnational/regional issues, and seize opportunities for catalytic change across multiple countries, often while complementing and furthering the objectives of bilateral USG-funded programs. RDMA is interested in proposals that:

- Focus on priority challenges that if addressed effectively will lead to “game-changing” progress toward achieving the program goal;
- Engage other program partners to leverage additional resources, identify and replicate successes, and sustain innovative activities;
- Design country and regional activities with a view to demonstrate and scale-up innovation;
- Consider other cross-cutting issues, such as social equity and mainstreaming gender considerations; and
- Use science-based information and robust data to guide activities, obtaining political commitment from government counterparts, and promoting public participation and transparency.

### DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

#### Sector-specific guidance:

USAID/RDMA will entertain proposals including any of the illustrative activities listed in the sector-specific guidance in this RFA. Areas of particular interest are adaptation issues in the Mekong basin; adaptation issues facing coastal communities and ecosystems; urban adaptation issues; and forest ecosystem adaptation issues.

**Geographical guidance:**

USAID/RDMA's geographic scope encompasses Southeast Asia, East Asia, and South Asia. Applications must be regional in nature and address issues affecting more than one country among Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.

**DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/RDMA's first priority is to support projects that address Water Supply and Sanitation and Hygiene (WSH), especially those which improve access to safe water/sanitation services and promote hygiene practices at households or public facilities (e.g. schools, health clinics, etc.), using the market-based and public-private partnership models. The applications must demonstrate innovations in achieving regional water, sanitation & hygiene targets, as well as addressing key regional aspects, including scaling up & replication of successful WSH pilots from one country to another in the region and institutionalize the impacts within the region. Water resources management and adaptation to climate change is the second priority.

The Mission will not consider programs which address Water Productivity and Food Security or Disaster Risk Reduction.

**Geographical guidance:** Applications must be regional in focus, with emphasis on Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** For Climate Change sector, the Mission hopes to increase adaptation and resilience to the negative impacts of climate change. Please see Asia-Pacific Regional Climate Change Adaptation Assessment:

[http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\\_docs/PNADS197.pdf](http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNADS197.pdf)

Water/Sanitation is listed as Priority 3 Investing in People under Goal 3 of the RDMA Strategy (2005-2010).

<http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia/countries/thailand/>

<http://www.usaid.gov/rdma/>

**Azerbaijan**

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$1 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

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### DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID and others in the international development community have made substantial investments in Azerbaijan's microfinance sector. To date, nearly USD 250 million has successfully been leveraged from foreign lenders and investors, which has allowed them to reach more than 160,000 micro business men and women across the country, including hundreds of thousands of IDPs and refugees. As drivers of economic growth and job creation in the country, it is critical that an appropriate legislative/regulatory framework that is being put into place to liberalize trade and competition in the government also include views and needs of local economic NGOs supporting the sector. As the policy framework begins to open, the microenterprise entrepreneurs need to be ready to compete, to the extent possible, with larger businesses. To do this, they need to build their awareness of the markets that exist for their products. Not much information is available in terms of market opportunities for key Azerbaijani agricultural products whether they be in Azerbaijan, the region or beyond. In this regard, USAID would seek to implement programs that would: 1) provide quantifiable policy guidance to the government regarding the barriers to trade and competitiveness for microenterprises with the purpose changing current policies to reduce administrative barriers to trade/competitiveness, or 2) provide quantitative and economic and pricing analyses for market opportunities inside and outside of Azerbaijan that might assist microenterprises. The Mission is currently implementing a project called the Azerbaijan Competitiveness and Trade (ACT) project to address the technical and administrative barriers to trade and investment and any additional activities funded under the DGP would have to synchronize with the overall goals of that project.

#### Geographical guidance

USAID/Azerbaijan welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

### DGP Sector 2: Water

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

Program area: K.2.a Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSSH)

Program Elements: 3.1.6 Maternal and Child Health

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Azerbaijan is interested in funding activities that respond to the Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSSH) area (K.2.a), which is

clearly relevant to the mission's health objective. Under WSSH, the illustrative activities of most interest and importance to the mission are:

- The provision of/access to (preferably "improved") safe drinking water supplies,
- The provision of/access to public or shared improved sanitation facilities in communal or institutional settings (e.g., schools, health clinics, public markets, etc.).
- Improvements in the quality or accessibility of existing drinking water supply or sanitation services.
- Hygiene promotion activities to support behavior change in key areas including hand washing, feces management (including sanitation promotion and marketing), and household point-of-use (POU) water treatment. Magnification of messages through media and innovative communication including promotion through school and health clinic programs.
- Community mobilization for sustained management of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities, Community Based Total Sanitation (CBTS), sanitation marketing, and social marketing of products and behaviors like point-of-use (POU) drinking water.
- Enabling environment interventions including but not limited to: legal, regulatory, policy, and governance strengthening or reforms needed to sustainably finance, operate, and maintain potable water and sanitation systems and infrastructure; and community organization, and the establishment of public-private partnerships.

The Mission is not interested in supporting WSSH interventions in the following areas:

- Provision of/access to multiple-use water services that include both domestic drinking water supply and water supply for productive use needs of the community (e.g., small-scale agriculture/gardening, livestock, microenterprise, etc.);
- Institutional strengthening, capacity building, or reform of government, community or private actors in water supply and wastewater services, including but not limited to: technical and financial aspects of system management, large-scale utility corporatization, improved cost recovery, and innovative financing; and
- Water infrastructure financing at all scales, including increased access to credit, strengthening of domestic private capital markets, and facilitating support from domestic financial institutions.

### **Geographical guidance**

USAID/Azerbaijan welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** USAID/Caucasus - Azerbaijan strategy Statement 2006-2011: <http://azerbaijan.usaid.gov/node/87>

## Bangladesh

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$1.5 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

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### DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

#### Sector-specific guidance:

USAID/Bangladesh is accepting proposals in all three of the areas listed in Section K.3 (Climate Change Adaptation Sector Activities) of the RFA. These areas are: 1) Science, analysis, and information-sharing for decision making, 2) Building capacity for effective governance for climate resilience, and 3) Implementation of climate solutions.

#### Geographical guidance:

USAID/Bangladesh welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country.

#### Mission Goals/Objectives:

For more information about USAID/Bangladesh goals and objectives, please see:

<http://www.usaid.gov/bd/>

## Belarus

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### DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets

#### 4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

#### 4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Belarus would like to support the following activities:

- Increasing access to finance among rural and remote populations; facilitating regulatory reforms to provide rural and remote populations, microenterprises, small enterprises better access to finance;
- Facilitating links between microenterprises and larger firms, enabling or strengthening microenterprise participation in the value chains; promoting various forms of upgrading in the value chain; supporting formal or informal linkages among microenterprises; improving productivity and competitiveness of micro enterprises through training;
- Advising on policies and regulations that promote competition, innovation, client protection principles, and financial inclusion; providing trainings for authorities and business community to facilitate market reforms and improve the business environment; building the capacity of business community to advocate for reform; providing support and advisory services on regulatory environment for micro and small enterprises; continuing to support the further development of industry standards.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Belarus welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Strategic goal is to facilitate the country's transition to market democracy through support for small and medium enterprises and assisting Belarus' integration into international market systems and institutions.

Objectives:

- Improved business and investment climate for Belarusian private sector;
- Grow the Belarusian private sector to be more competitive with greater integration into international markets;
- Strengthen the business community's capacity to advocate for constructive economic change on behalf of the Belarusian private sector.

USAID already supports several microenterprise and SME support activities in the country, including advisory for regulatory reforms implemented by the International Finance Corporation (IFC). These activities include establishing the collateral registry, easing administrative procedures (primarily business permits), streamlining business inspections by implementing checklists and introducing risk management concepts, and simplifying licensing process for SMEs. USAID programs also support business trainings for microenterprises and SMEs, as well as facilitate access to business relevant information through Bel.Biz portal. USAID helps strengthening the institutional capacity, networks and advocacy skills of business associations in the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe\\_eurasia/countries/by/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe_eurasia/countries/by/)  
or <http://belarus.usaid.gov/>

### **Benin**

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

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**DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Benin would like to support programs which promote enterprise development with trained, qualified Beninese youth. Benin has both government and private sector institutions of higher education that train youth in agriculture and agricultural production. The challenge is to assist these young entrepreneurs to establish their own agriculturally-based microenterprise. Programs should aim to assist graduating youth, and particularly those that are already established agricultural producers, to improve their microenterprise and to establish a longer and more productive value chain for their agricultural business. Specifically, programs should provide the young graduates from agricultural colleges with the technical expertise, business development services and the necessary tools and materials needed to establish or improve the youth owned, operated or managed agricultural microenterprises and assist them in creating agricultural production value chains. Examples could include assisting the technically competent young farmers in establishing new or improved microenterprises in animal husbandry, and/or crop production and then assisting them in creating value chains of the animal or crop products to be sold on the local markets.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Benin welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.6 Maternal and Child Health

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Benin would like to support programs which promote small-scale point of use treatment, household sanitation facilities, household level technologies and products (soap, handwashing devices), provision/access to public or shared sanitation facilities (schools, health clinics, markets), hygiene promotion activities, and community mobilization (including social marketing).

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Benin welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** <http://www.usaid.gov/bj/> or [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/benin/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/benin/index.html)

## Bolivia

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### DGP Sector 1: Water

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

4.5.2 Agricultural Productivity

#### Sector-specific guidance:

**Water** - According to the 2001 census only 63% of the more than 165,000 households in El Alto city had access to sanitation systems, a situation that has worsened with the years as El Alto is one of the three cities in Bolivia with the highest rates of immigrating population. USAID/Bolivia seeks applications to increase access to and use of sanitation services for safe human waste disposal, supplemented by improvements in wastewater treatment plants and in sound household garbage disposal, such as product reuse and recycling as well as environmentally sound waste transport, treatment and disposal practices.

**Agriculture productivity** – Approximately 40% of Bolivia’s labor force is dedicated to agricultural activities, mainly in rural areas where agriculture is the primary source of income. Over the last years, agricultural production grew at an average annual rate of 1.6%, less than the country’s population growth rate of 2.7%, as per 2001 population national census projections. Bolivia’s agricultural productivity is among the lowest in Latin America, perpetuated by fragile soils, water scarcity, lack of appropriate technology, and other factors. USAID/Bolivia would like to promote water productivity in geographic regions of extreme poverty and extreme water scarcity and requests applications that propose agricultural activities, including irrigation and irrigation efficiency improvement; agricultural soil/water management; and hydropower (mini-hydro) that improve and sustainably increase agricultural productivity and population incomes.

#### Geographical guidance:

**Water** - USAID/Bolivia would like to fund projects in the following location:

El Alto – to increase access to and use of sanitation services for safe human waste disposal, supplemented by improvements in wastewater treatment plants and in sound household garbage disposal, such as product reuse and recycling as well as environmentally sound waste transport, treatment and disposal practices;

**Agriculture productivity** - USAID/Bolivia would like to fund projects in the following location:

The Chaco region – improve and sustainably increase agricultural productivity and population incomes by implementing activities related to irrigation and irrigation efficiency improvement; agricultural soil/water management; and hydropower (mini-hydro).

**Mission Goals/Objectives:**

The United States Government assistance program goals related to the sectors above are to contribute to improving the environmental health and quality for residents in targeted areas and to increase the income of Bolivia's poor. USAID/Bolivia expects applications will address these goals through: a) increased access to and use of sanitation services for safe human waste disposal, supplemented by improvements in wastewater treatment plants and in sound household garbage disposal, and b) increased agricultural productivity to increase incomes and reduce food insecurity.

**DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

- 4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets
- 4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:**

Bolivia is a land-locked country, with a limited domestic market. Approximately two-thirds of Bolivia's population of 9.8 million is considered economically active. Its economy is characterized by a high degree of business informality and self-employed workers, where the informal sector accounts for about 67% of the working population in the country. Approximately, 83% of private sector employment is in micro and small businesses. Medium sized businesses account for 10% and large businesses for 7% of employment. It is estimated that large businesses generate 65% of GDP, medium sized businesses 10%, and small and micro businesses 25%. The current Bolivian administration faces a stable macroeconomic situation attributable to price increases of natural resources worldwide. The new laws that support the new Bolivian Constitution have generated continuous changes in the business environment and the public sector initiated activities in the productive sector to satisfy domestic demand of some goods. Bolivia's exports are highly concentrated in a limited number of products, especially raw materials, which are subject to fluctuating international prices. In 2008, exports reached \$6.8 billion, of which hydrocarbons accounted for 50% and minerals for 22%. These two predominant capital intensive industries account for just 3.3% of Bolivia's working population.

According to the Multilateral Investment Fund, in Bolivia, as in the majority of the countries in Latin American and the Caribbean, MSMEs are the principal source of employment creation; they offer opportunities for entrepreneurs to raise their incomes as well as a vehicle for acquiring and applying skills to raise private sector growth and national income. This makes MSMEs privileged instruments to raise economic competitiveness in the country. However, these enterprises still need to improve their productivity substantially. On average, MSMEs' productivity in LAC is 40% lower than large enterprise productivity. Narrowing the productivity gap will allow smaller enterprises to participate in production chains contributing to the strengthening and competitiveness of the productive sector.

In this context, USAID/Bolivia would like to fund:

**Inclusive Financial Markets** - Applications in Microfinance which provide technical support for expansion, new product development, and other forms of capacity building of retail microfinance institutions, as well as increase access to financial services for the rural population.

**Microenterprise Productivity** - Applications which support MSMEs to take advantage of and meet the requirements of higher-value end markets (domestic, regional, or international) and which provides assistance to strengthen MSMEs management and production capabilities.

**Geographical guidance:**

**Inclusive Financial Markets** - USAID/Bolivia would like to fund projects in rural Bolivia;

**Microenterprise Productivity** - USAID/Bolivia would like to fund projects in the following locations: the cities of El Alto, La Paz, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:**

United States Government assistance in Bolivia focuses on improving competitiveness and productivity of MSMEs businesses to generate sustainable employment opportunities, increased sales and increased incomes. Relatively cheap imports in different sectors are gaining market share within the country, and domestic production needs to retool and become more efficient to be competitive even within Bolivia. For microenterprise productivity, USAID/Bolivia expects applications will concentrate on improving competitiveness and productivity of selected value-chains that have potential for success.

**Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH)**

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**DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):** 4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/BiH will consider any project that targets climate change adaptation, especially in reference to agribusiness activities and to energy efficiency adaptation within all sectors.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/BiH welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country.

## **DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise**

### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets

4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/BiH will consider all Microenterprise activities listed in the RFA, with a specific interest in supporting activities which increase the competitiveness of the agriculture, wood processing, and tourism sectors. Specifically, the Mission would like to support programs in agriculture which expand production and sales of value-added agricultural products, increase food exports, create jobs and improve incomes for BiH farmers, agribusinesses and related market participants. Additionally, the Mission will support programs which increase the competitiveness of microenterprises in the wood processing and tourism sectors, raising productivity, profits and employment.

In addition to these targeted sectors, it is a high priority in the Mission to advance the development of both women and youth throughout BiH. USAID BiH recognizes that high unemployment and lack of marketable job skills in both these groups are an obstacle to their advancement and success in BiH and will consider microenterprise proposals that target youth and/or women in BiH.

USAID/BiH welcomes initiatives that address the above sectors and will additionally consider proposals that support concrete livelihood activities that build economic relationships in order to prevent, mitigate or resolve inter-communal conflict and minimize negative coping strategies which are undermining an already fragile environment.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/BiH welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

## **DGP Sector 3: Water**

### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

4.8.1 Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity

**Sector-specific guidance:** Water is a key asset in Bosnia and Herzegovina and USAID/BiH recognizes the high importance of improving water management and maintenance of water sanitation facilities, and decreasing pollution of BiH's water resources.

Specifically, USAID/BiH is interested in proposals that address the following areas:

Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSSH) - building the capacity of small-scale service providers, strengthening water and sanitation utilities, and mobilizing domestic capital for infrastructure development.

Water Resources Management and Adaptation to Climate Change - Water demand management and water conservation promotion, strengthening adaption to climate variability or change, water resource management policy reform or legal/regulatory

strengthening, trans boundary WRM, protection of watersheds, strategies and structures to protect water quality and supply, and promotion of environmentally sound technologies and clean production practices.

Water Productivity and Food Security - Improving water use efficiency in agriculture and reducing water pollution by industry.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/BiH welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Bosnia and Herzegovina remains a poor country with stubbornly high unemployment. Supporting economic reform, encouraging private sector expansion and foreign investment and establishing a coherent energy sector is critical for the country's economic sustainability and political stability. Please see USAID/BiH Country Assistance Strategy 2009-2013 Goal 4 - Progress achieved toward the creation of a single economic space, able to provide better economic opportunities for all its citizens.

[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe\\_eurasia/countries/ba/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe_eurasia/countries/ba/)

### **Brazil**

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### **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

#### **Sector-specific guidance:**

USAID/Brazil will support climate change adaptation actions to build resilience to climate change, including enhancing resilience of ecosystems that contribute to adaptation. The Mission has been working with Clean Energy and Sustainable Landscapes projects, but will be the first time that we are open to Adaptation related activities. That said, we are open to innovative approaches to adaptation to ensure provision of ecosystem services under a changed climate. This may include the areas of health, infrastructure and biodiversity. The Mission will highly value projects in partnership with the private sector.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Brazil welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country, but is most interested in support activities that will work in the Amazon region and Brazil's northeast regions.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Through its programs of foreign cooperation, the United States Government aims to help societies and nations be just, prosperous and responsible members of the international community. In Brazil, the core U.S. foreign policy goal is to help build a stable partnership with Brazilians and their government that can further economic growth, democracy, security and freedom in Brazil and beyond Brazil, regionally and globally. Development cooperation is a major means of expressing United States Government interest in and commitment to working together on common agendas to confront and overcome challenges facing the U.S. and Brazil as well as other members of the global community. Given the challenges that Brazil continues to face in spreading its enormous progress among its peoples, the USAID Strategy is designed to speed that process in areas in which USAID has comparative advantages. The Strategy recognizes that simple economic growth does not translate into advancement by all a nation's people—and certainly not advancement of the people excluded from the formal economy by traditional power structures, discrimination, geography, or other restrictions on access to opportunities for accumulating human and other capital. It is USAID's special mandate to work to improve the lives of the poor as directly and as broadly as possible and in activities that maximize chances that advances are sustained.

**Central Asian Republics (CAR) – Regional Mission**  
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## **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

#### **Sector-specific guidance:**

For the country of Kyrgyzstan only: USAID/CAR would like to support organizations that are:

- Developing community flood management plans to reduce vulnerability to intense storm events;
- Starting up community-based natural hazards management programs to prepare for flood risks during extreme weather events; or
- Reducing risks from climate stresses through activities that improve flood and famine early warning systems, improve water resources management, or meet critical infrastructure needs, such as all-season roads.

#### **Geographical guidance:**

USAID/CAR welcomes proposals for Climate Change Adaptation activities listed above only in mountainous regions of Kyrgyzstan.

#### **Mission Goals/Objectives [relating to Climate Change Adaptation]:**

Climate change is already having a discernible impact on development. Looking at the impacts of climate change and variability on priority development activities, USAID/CAR is supporting innovative and cost-effective financing mechanisms to support climate change mitigation and adaptation as it relates to the activities mentioned above. Water is the most precious and conflict-prone natural resource in the region and unresolved water issues could lead to increased regional conflict. Water management policies and their harmonization are crucial because of water interdependence of countries in the region. Global climate change poses serious threats to the region's environment, ecological and socio-economic systems. In Kyrgyzstan especially, large quantities of water are stored in mountain glaciers and any increase in precipitation intensity or temperature rise could have significant repercussions for water storage systems, sanitation, and flood management in the region. Extreme weather events, such as floods and droughts, are the most immediate and obvious health risks—and projections indicate these events will become more intense and frequent. In addition, the threats arising from extreme events are sometimes aggravated by parallel crises, including civil strife, breakdown in health systems, and institutional collapse. Enhancement of weather forecasting, climate modeling and early warning systems are necessary to minimize the risk of natural disasters and maximize the preparedness for these extreme phenomena. The next decade offers a window of opportunity for socio-economic systems in Kyrgyzstan to make their development more resilient to climate change. Win-win opportunities exist that offer the potential to reduce current pressures on resources and improve the human welfare in the region and also offer the potential to reduce their vulnerability to adverse impacts from climate change.

## **DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets

4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

**Sector Specific Guidance:**

Kazakhstan - Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

USAID/CAR would like to support organizations in Kazakhstan that are:

1. Surveying the business environment in all of Kazakhstan's 14 Oblasts;
2. Hosting associated forums and producing analytical pieces based on the survey results;
3. Identifying the specific economic and policy constraints on small and medium businesses;
4. Facilitating local business and government leaders to meet to discuss the results;
5. Building the capacity of national networks to advocate for reform;
6. Advising relevant Kazakh government bodies on policies and regulations that promote competition, innovation, and a business friendly business environment ; and
7. Proposing innovative solutions for improvement and change to the Kazakh business environment.

Tajikistan – Inclusive Financial Markets

USAID/CAR would like to support organizations in Tajikistan that are:

1. Increasing access to financial services among rural and remote populations through effective mobile banking services (credit, savings, insurance, mobile agro market data systems, remittances and payment services)
2. Developing appropriate products for the more vulnerable segments of the population which may include some of the examples listed in #1.
3. Forging strategic partnerships with non-financial players to provide value-added services
4. Facilitating increased linkages between remittances and microfinance services like savings, insurance or credit

**Geographic Guidance:** USAID/CAR welcomes proposals that target any region of Tajikistan.

**Mission Goals/Objectives [relating to Microenterprise]:**

Kazakhstan

USAID helps strengthen the budget and public sector audit processes, supports Kazakhstan's accession to the WTO, works to improve business and trade environment as well as to expand access to credit and business information. Energy sector assistance is helping establish a transparent, competitive energy market, increase electricity trade, and introduce market-based solutions for disputes on hydroelectricity facilities and reservoirs. Mobilizing resources for the diversification of Kazakhstan's economy, primarily through small- and medium-sized enterprises and innovation: Kazakhstan's economy remains dominated by its extractive industries (hydrocarbons and metals), which offer limited long-term employment opportunities. The government is actively pursuing a program of economic diversification, seeking to leverage its mineral wealth, geography, and demography to expand the secondary and tertiary sectors of its economy. The development of value-added industries will ensure long-term, sustainable economic growth in the country. Resources required for this diversification include adequate investment capital, efficient financial-sector architecture for intermediation, a

suitably qualified workforce, and a confidence on the part of entrepreneurs in the state's ability to protect their property rights. The long-term U.S. foreign-assistance strategy for Kazakhstan will emphasize the state's ability to provide for these and other critical "public goods," promoting public-private dialogues and providing technical assistance aimed at creating a favorable environment for enterprise development.

#### Tajikistan

Since 1993 USAID has provided approximately \$320 million in programs that assist the development of the country's economic sector, education and healthcare systems, and democratic institutions. USAID programs cooperate with ministries, governmental and non-governmental organizations, businesses, and communities to improve laws, create jobs, increase incomes, improve services, and better manage available resources. USAID seeks to create the basis for economic and democratic development in the country. In the last two years, Tajikistan has faced a series of negative shocks--an unusually harsh winter in 2007-2008 that left the country without power and destroyed food stocks, followed by the cessation of foreign finance for cotton cultivation, and the global financial crisis. These raised concerns that Tajikistan could be on the verge of being a failed state. With donor support, Tajikistan weathered these crises better than feared, and it turned out that Tajikistan was more resilient than expected. There is a focus on increasing access to food in Tajikistan. USAID assistance will aim to increase rural incomes by supporting programs that will increase farmers' access to markets with competitive products and will work with agribusinesses and financial institutions to increase access to rural finance.

#### **DGP Sector 3: Water**

##### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

4.8.1 Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity

#### Kazakhstan (Regional)

Water Resources Management (WRM)

Water Productivity

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

#### Tajikistan

Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSSH)

#### Uzbekistan

Water Productivity

#### Kazakhstan (Regional)

Water Resources Management and Adaptation to Climate Change

The objectives of water resources management (WRM) include optimizing the benefits of drinking water among competing uses while ensuring that human needs are met and environmental resources are protected, as well as supporting efforts to manage and/or adapt to hydrological variability and the risks of floods and droughts. Achieving these

objectives requires governance and management approaches that guide the effective and sustainable use of limited water resources.

Illustrative activity types under the water resources management area include:

- Improving water resources planning by governments, civil society and communities for watersheds, river basins, or lakes, including but not limited to:
  - broad based policy development and institutional strengthening, based on multi-stakeholder input and dialogue
  - managing hydrologic variability
- Water demand management and water conservation promotion in the domestic, agricultural, industrial/commercial, or energy sectors.
- Information collection, analysis, and management related to water supply and quality, aquatic life, and habitat protection in support of sound decision-making and sustainable resource management, including but not limited to: surveys, hydrologic water balance assessments, flow modeling, water quality monitoring, and remote sensing/GIS analysis.
- Improving disaster prediction, preparedness and response via early warning systems, hydro-meteorological monitoring, modeling, forecasting.
- Activities to strengthen adaptation to climate variability or change and reduce vulnerability to altered hydrology and water-related climate extremes.
- Water resource management policy reform or legal/regulatory strengthening, including that related to decentralized resource management authority, water rights, stakeholder participation, water quality standards, etc.
- Transboundary WRM focusing on data sharing and common protocol development in river basins shared by two or more countries.
- Education, outreach and communications to promote the sustainable management of watersheds and surface water and groundwater resources.
- Best management practices in land use, vegetation, and soil and water management to ensure long-term water resource sustainability.
- Strategies and structures to protect water quality and supply (for uses other than those strictly covered under WSSH), including but not limited to:
  - point and non-point source pollution prevention and control
  - groundwater/aquifer protection and management
  - water safety planning and implementation
- Protection of watersheds and water resources environmental services including establishment of Payment for Environmental Services (PES) schemes to support such management.

- Water harvesting and storage infrastructure design, construction, and management at all scales (for water uses other than those strictly covered under WSSH).
- Flood management and drought risk reduction activities [which address circumstances not necessarily directly related to climate change].
- Wastewater reuse to meet domestic, productive, or ecosystem water needs.
- Freshwater and coastal ecosystem management activities that promote the conservation and sustainable use of water, thereby protecting the quality of surface water and groundwater for drinking, irrigation, and other uses, while maintaining aquatic ecosystem services provided by rivers, lakes, aquifers, fisheries, wetlands, and coastal environments.
- Promotion of environmentally sound technologies and clean production practices that reduce the amounts of raw material, water, and energy used in agricultural, industrial, manufacturing, and other production processes.

#### Kazakhstan (Regional)

##### Water Productivity and Food Security

Economic activities ranging from agriculture and mining to industrial production require a dependable water supply of sufficient quantity, quality and timing. Fisheries-related production is completely dependent on predictable and high-quality supplies of freshwater or healthy estuarine and marine waters.

USAID's water productivity improvement programs seek to maximize the efficient and productive use of water in industrial, agricultural (including food security), energy (hydropower and thermal power plant cooling) and other use and consumptive sectors, and to support pollution prevention programs and programs that reduce water losses and increase recycling.

Illustrative activity types under the water productivity and food security area include:

Helping countries adapt their agricultural systems to hydrologic variability and climate change, including but not limited to improving water use efficiency in agriculture through programs which:

- emphasize irrigation system efficiency
- work with public and private extension services to increase farmers' adoption of improved production technologies, systems, and appropriate crops for specific environments
- promote the reuse of treated wastewater for agriculture, where appropriate
- improve water supplies to livestock
- improve water-related agricultural soil and water management practices;
  - develop and implement improved aquaculture production technologies and systems that increase yields while reducing water demand, with research institutions where appropriate
- promote sustainable fisheries management and the use of aquaculture species and systems that improve or do not degrade water quality
- Reducing water pollution by industry

- Improving water use efficiency in cities.

### Kazakhstan (Regional) Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

Water is a key variable in the causes and impacts of many natural disasters. Many of the devastating consequences of hydro-meteorological disasters such as floods, droughts, and cyclones are avoidable – caused or exacerbated by poor management of land and water resources, or inadequate disaster planning, preparation, and response. Hydro-meteorological DRR activities have strong linkages to the management of natural resources, including water, and seek to build resilience to better enable countries and communities to prepare for and cope with serious events when they occur. Many are aimed at reducing vulnerability to these hazards through integrated multi-sectoral approaches that address the needs of populations, while emphasizing capacity building and locally sustainable and environmentally sensitive measures.

To adapt to and mitigate the impact of natural disasters, climate variability, and global climate change, USAID works with developing countries in the areas of risk planning, disaster forecasting and reducing vulnerability.

Illustrative activity types under the DRR area include:

- Risk planning which helps countries integrate risk reduction to droughts and floods into water resources management plans in order to reduce the number of extreme weather events that turn into disasters.
- Disaster forecasting, including the installation and management of disaster monitoring and warning systems, to provide advance warning of impending natural disasters and reduce their impact on human health, economies, and the environment.
- Reducing vulnerability by ensuring that inappropriate land-use zoning and perverse subsidies for disaster insurance are replaced with measures and incentives that promote risk and vulnerability reduction and the restoration of healthy ecosystems.

### Tajikistan Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSSH)

USAID's substantial investments in water supply and sanitation reflect the urgent need to safeguard water resources for the well-being of both people and the environment throughout the developing world. To realize these goals, USAID is following a multi-pronged approach in the water and sanitation sector, which includes the following:

- building capacity of small-scale service providers
- strengthening water and sanitation utilities
- mobilizing domestic capital for infrastructure development
- improving household and community-level hygiene and sanitation
- exploiting synergies between disaster relief efforts and water and sanitation projects

Illustrative activity types under the Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene area include:

The provision of/access to (preferably “improved”) safe drinking water supplies, including but not limited to:

- water well development, improvement, or rehabilitation
- water delivery and distribution systems
- large scale water treatment and small-scale or household point-of-use (POU) treatment systems (for removal of contaminants)
- capacity improvement of municipal and community governments and both public and private organizations

The provision of/access to sanitation facilities at the household level including but not limited to:

- municipal and small-scale community-managed wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure
- household sanitation facilities
- household-level technologies and products, such as soap and hand washing devices

The provision of/access to public or shared improved sanitation facilities in communal or institutional settings (e.g., schools, health clinics, public markets, etc.) including but not limited to:

Improvements in the quality or accessibility of existing drinking water supply or sanitation services including but not limited to:

- increasing the number of hours of water access per day or quantity of water available from a networked water system
- improving the quality of water delivered by a system
- improving the maintenance of systems and reducing the number of days out of service
- increasing the number of household connections for people who already have access to another communal improved source
- treating drinking water at the system or community level, prior to distribution to users (including treatment plants, chlorination and filtering at the source or point-of-use (POU), etc)

Provision of/access to multiple-use water services that include both domestic drinking water supply and water supply for productive use needs of the community (e.g., small-scale agriculture/gardening, livestock, microenterprise, etc.).

- Hygiene promotion activities to support behavior change in key areas including hand washing, feces management (including sanitation promotion and marketing), and household point-of-use (POU) water treatment. Magnification of messages through media and innovative communication including promotion through school and health clinic programs.

- Community mobilization for sustained management of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities, Community Based Total Sanitation (CBTS), sanitation marketing, and social marketing of products and behaviors like point-of-use (POU) drinking water.

Protection of surface water and groundwater quality of potable water supply system from direct contamination prior to distribution to users including but not limited to:

- installation of barriers to prevent access to the water point by animals, people, or other contamination sources
- water quality protection activities where there is a direct, and specific cause-effect linkage between the contaminating activity and a drinking water source
- the promotion of practices that protect these supplies from contamination by improper handling of domestic water and household waste and inadequate sanitation.

Enabling environment interventions including but not limited to:

- legal, regulatory, policy, and governance strengthening or reforms needed to sustainably finance, operate, and maintain potable water and sanitation systems and infrastructure
- community organization, and the establishment of public-private partnerships.

Institutional strengthening, capacity building, or reform of government, community or private actors in water supply and wastewater services, including but not limited to:

- technical and financial aspects of system management, large-scale utility corporatization, improved cost recovery, and innovative financing
- water infrastructure financing at all scales, including increased access to credit, strengthening of domestic private capital markets, and facilitating support from domestic financial institutions.

## Uzbekistan

### Water Productivity and Food Security

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Reducing water pollution by industry.

- Improving water use efficiency in cities.

**Mission Goals/Objectives [relating to Water]:**

Central Asia is a vast region of crucial importance to US foreign policy goals. Bordering Russia, China, Iran, and Afghanistan, these countries are key regional players. There are significant threats to security and stability in several countries within the region, and in the region as a whole: namely water, food, and energy security; impoverishment; environmental degradation; and collapsing physical, social, and institutional infrastructures. All are largely trans-boundary in nature, invariably have trans-boundary implications, and carry with them profound consequences for US strategic interests within and beyond Central Asia. Shared water resources, both surface and underground, in Central Asia are coming under increasing pressure from competing national needs.

Rapidly growing demands for water and energy to meet agricultural, industrial and urban needs are now at unsustainable levels and outpace supply, and supply, which itself is being impacted in terms of both quantity and quality by a range of factors, including hydrologic variability, climate change, glacial melt, and environmental pollution. The problem of increasing demand and declining supply of water has been compounded by the failure of the region's states to work together, i.e. to come up with a viable regional approach to replace the legacy of Soviet system of management.

An annual cycle of disputes, focusing on the two main rivers of the region that both flow to the Aral Sea – the Syr Daryua and the Amu Darya, has developed between the three downstream countries, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and the upstream nations – Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. As each country has started to view the problem as a zero-sum game, it has taken steps to increase control of water, often to the detriment of the others. Tensions over water and energy have provoked hostile rhetoric and prompted suggestions that countries are willing to defend their interests by force, if necessary. The challenge facing CAR is how best use their finite but renewable water resources for meeting human, economic and environmental needs while protecting the quality of this precious resource.

As competing demands increase and tensions heighten over water rights, allocations and use, avoiding conflicts over water is vital. Conflicts are expensive and disruptive and

interfere with national and international efforts to relieve human suffering, reduce environmental degradation and vulnerability to disasters, and achieve economic growth.

### Colombia

This Mission will accept applications for grants of up to \$500,000.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English and Spanish.

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### DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Colombia may consider projects that address climate change adaptation (as described in the body of this RFA), especially in conjunction with conservation of priority ecosystems and/or disaster risk reduction and response. Specifically, the Mission would consider funding programs that strengthen and build the capacity of the Colombian government institutions that implement climate change adaptation, natural resources management, and disaster risk reduction programs, and assists them in pursuing initiatives that integrate some or all of these issues.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Colombia will consider Climate Change Adaptation applications throughout the country, however the Mission may restrict the focus to priority areas of interest to the Mission.

#### Mission Goals/Objectives:

[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin\\_america\\_caribbean/country/colombia/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/country/colombia/index.html)

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### Congo, Democratic Republic of (DRC)

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

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## DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):** 4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/DRC will consider projects that address climate change adaptation (as described in the body of this RFA), especially in conjunction with sustainable agricultural activities. Specifically, the Mission would like to fund integrated programming that supports climate change adaptation, food security, conservation of the Congo Basin Tropical forest, and/or prevention or mitigation of conflict associated with the country's natural resources.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/DRC welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country.

## DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets

4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** Microfinance access is very limited for most rural and semi-urban populations of DRC whose main source of revenue is agriculture. USAID/DRC would like to support Microfinance projects which expand economic opportunities in the agricultural sector by providing training in farming techniques and material support to farmers; and building mutually beneficial linkages between farmers, buyers, and transporters, should be promoted in order to improve agricultural productivity and the revenue of rural households.

Addressing specific gender concerns (of women and girls – particularly victims of violence and youth) in target areas must be central to all program components. This includes helping communities develop mechanisms to ensure, as much as possible, food security for rural households, access to agricultural inputs, and better access of their products to markets.

Deeply rooted cultural beliefs in most parts of the DRC say that farming is an exclusively female activity. This is another major contributing factor to low agricultural production in target areas. Widespread poverty and food insecurity in most parts of the country is the manifestation of the decline of productivity observed in recent years in the agricultural sector, and the lack of viable jobs/livelihoods alternatives.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/DRC would like Microenterprise programs to target Bas Congo province, Bandundu province, around Kinshasa area, as well as in North Katanga, and North Kivu provinces where other Economic Growth and Food for Peace activities are located in order to create synergy and facilitate monitoring of activities.

## DGP Sector 3: Water

### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

#### 3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** In USAID/DRC- supported rural health zones, the lack of convenient access to water supply has profound gender implications, as time-intensive water collection often prevents women from taking up income-generating opportunities or girls from attending school. There is also a strong gender dimension to sanitation because of the special needs for privacy and safety for women.

Although women bear the burden of water collection and household hygiene, they are under-represented on related decision-making committees at all levels. Men's and women's roles, needs, priorities, and problems differ and must be clearly understood in order to have successful water programs. Water, sanitation, and hygiene programming will be used to better engage women as decision-makers and to influence peaceful change in their communities.

USAID/DRC is interested in receiving proposals which address water supply, sanitation, and hygiene design and implementation. Special emphasis should be placed on activities that will ensure that women and older girls are more broadly involved in their communities' strengthening and activities that increase their capacity to make decisions and affect tangible results.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/DRC welcomes Water applications for Kasai Oriental, Kasai Occidental, Katanga, and South Kivu provinces.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Please see [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/drcongo/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/drcongo/index.html)

### Dominican Republic

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers will be accepted in English and Spanish. Full Applications will be accepted only in English.

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## DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

#### 4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/DR will consider projects that address climate change adaptation (as described in the body of this RFA), and is specifically interested in proposals that develop the capacity of local organizations to implement Climate Change Adaptation activities in the agriculture and tourism sectors.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/DR welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications which target any region of the country.

### **DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/DR is specifically interested in strengthening the capacity of local organizations to implement microenterprise-focused activities targeted at improving the productivity and market potential of small agricultural producers and tourism handicraft businesses.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/DR welcomes Microenterprise applications which target any region of the country.

### **DGP Sector 3: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

4.8.1 Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/DR is particularly interested in proposals that address Water Supply and Sanitation, Water Resources Management, and Water Productivity as Food Security. Interventions in these areas complement current Mission programming. Please see the illustrative activities described in the RFA.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/DR welcomes Water applications which target any region of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Please see <http://www.usaid.gov/dr/>

and for Climate Change Adaptation proposals

[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/environment/climate/publications.html](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/environment/climate/publications.html)

**East Africa Regional Mission - Nairobi**

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application for Climate Change Adaptation and **\$1.5 million** per application for Water.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

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**DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):** 4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/East Africa is interested in supporting Climate Change Adaptation programs which focus on:

Science and analysis for regional-level decision-making - expand scientific capacity, improve climate information and predictions and diffusion of information, and evidence-based analysis of regional partners to identify vulnerable sectors, populations, and regions and to evaluate the costs and benefits of potential adaptation strategies.

Effective regional-level governance for climate resilience - strengthen capacity to use climate information and analysis in decision-making, effective governmental coordination and response to climate change, improved public communication and education, and strengthened community, civil society, and private sector engagement on climate change.

Implementation of climate solutions: Integration of adaptation strategies into regional and transboundary programs in infrastructure (especially trade corridors), water, health, agriculture, disaster risk reduction, and conflict.

Proposals should be cost-effective and within a \$2 million budget ceiling over a duration of three years.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/East Africa welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications which support activities in all countries covered by the Mission, with particular interest in activities focused on the Lake Victoria basin. Please see [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/redso/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/redso/index.html) for more details.

**DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

4.8.1 Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/East Africa/Regional Economic Growth and Integration Office seeks to achieve regional impact on water supply, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) coverage by moving beyond direct provision of community infrastructure to support deeper systemic change in the models of WASH service delivery that will lead to greater sustainability and progress towards MDGs.

In addition, USAID/East Africa is interested in promoting sound water resources management and improved water productivity for agriculture. USAID/EA/REGI seeks to promote environmentally sound technologies and clean production practices that reduce the amount of water used in agriculture and promote best management practices in land use, vegetation, and soil and water management to ensure long-term water resource sustainability. Promoting best practices in water management in critical value chains in the region is of particular interest.

Applications are especially welcome in the areas of WASH regional capacity building, data and information strengthening, knowledge management, and action research to support innovative sector reform and service delivery approaches. Programs should be catalytic in nature, fostering the development and testing of sustainable WASH service models that can be emulated by countries throughout the region. Programs that establish creative linkages with service delivery entrepreneurs/the private sector are especially welcome. Interested organizations should have a regional reach and demonstrated capability in WASH research, capacity building and/or knowledge management services. Proposals should be cost-effective and within a \$1.5 million budget ceiling over a duration of three years.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/East Africa welcomes Water Supply and Sanitation applications which support activities in all countries covered by the Mission, with particular interest in activities focused on the Lake Victoria basin. . Please see [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/redso/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/redso/index.html) for more details.

Proposals that focus exclusively on work in a country where USAID has a bilateral Mission (Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, Sudan) will not be considered under this particular component of the DGP.

*Transboundary and regional activities preferred:* No bilateral activities in any other country in the region will be considered if it is not part of a regional/transboundary program of work.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** For more Information about current USAID/East Africa Programs, links to current and past implementing partners and recent assessment documents, please see [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/redso/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/redso/index.html) or <http://eastafrika.usaid.gov/en/Index.aspx>

### Ecuador

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$1 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English and Spanish.

#### **Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

| Mailing Address                   | Email addresses  |
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| Please submit electronically only | To: dgpecuador@usaid.gov<br>Cc: <a href="mailto:DGP3@usaid.gov">DGP3@usaid.gov</a> |

### **DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Ecuador would like to support Enterprise development, to improve productivity and market potential for microenterprises with an emphasis on the following types of activities:

- Facilitating links between microenterprises and larger firms, enabling or strengthening microenterprise participation in the value chain;
- Promoting various forms of upgrading in the value chain through strategic direct technical assistance, expanded access to appropriate finance and other supporting services, and improved relationships between buyers and sellers, at both domestic and international levels; and
- Addressing financing constraints that limit microenterprise participation in value chains

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Ecuador welcomes Microenterprise applications which target Ecuador's three northern border provinces and coast.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Please see

[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin\\_america\\_caribbean/country/ecuador/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/country/ecuador/index.html)

### Ethiopia

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

**Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

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**DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Ethiopia will consider all Microenterprise activities listed in the RFA, with a specific interest in supporting activities which:

- facilitate links between microenterprises and larger firms, enabling or strengthening microenterprise participation in the value chain;
- address financing constraints that limit microenterprise participation in value chains.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Ethiopia welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Ethiopia is specifically interest in supporting programs which strengthen water and sanitation utilities or improve household and community-level hygiene and sanitation.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Ethiopia welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** For more Information about current USAID/Ethiopia Programs, links to current and past implementing partners and recent documents, please see [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/ethiopia/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/ethiopia/)

**Georgia**

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$1 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English and Georgian.

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## DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):** 4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Georgia will consider projects that address climate change adaptation as described in the body of this RFA. The Mission is especially interested in projects which address national level policy development (possibly to include investment incentives and financial structures for clean energy), regional level emissions reduction and adaptation within specific watersheds, or municipal level energy efficiency work, risk reduction and training of key stakeholders to improve management of natural resources (such as forestry- REDD, reforestation/afforestation, microhydropower to reduce carbon intensity of energy supply and displace use of carbon fuels). Additionally, adaptation work could include components which campaign for energy efficiency efforts, to complement the work in larger cities in Georgia or address the relationship between stewardship of Georgia's forests, climate change impacts, and economic development opportunities.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Georgia welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country but encourages coordination with other Mission supported projects.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Please see [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe\\_eurasia/countries/ge/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe_eurasia/countries/ge/)

### Guatemala

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English and Spanish.

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## DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**  
4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:**

Among the illustrative activities described in the RFA, those of greatest interest to USAID/Guatemala include activities which:

- 1) Improve agricultural practices – such as water harvesting, to make them more sustainable in agriculture-dependent areas that are vulnerable to climate change impacts;

- 2) Create community-based natural hazards management programs to prepare for, for example, flood risks during extreme weather events; and
- 3) Reduce risks from climate stresses

**Geographical guidance:**

USAID/Guatemala seeks applications for activities in the Western highlands of Guatemala.

**Mission Goals/Objectives (or links to them):**

USAID/Guatemala seeks to promote the protection of agricultural crops from climate change effects. USAID/Guatemala is supportive of actions to improve the agriculture enabling environment and to foster agriculture sector capacity. More specifically, adaptation activities will improve the livelihoods of people in communities that have suffered the impact of global climate change.

**DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

- 3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment
- 3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation
- 4.5.2 Agricultural productivity
- 4.8.1 Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity

**Sector-specific guidance:**

Among the illustrative activities described in the RFA, those of greatest interest to USAID/Guatemala include the following activities:

**Water supply, sanitation and hygiene**

- Provision of/access to safe drinking water supplies
- Provision of/access to sanitation facilities at the household level
- Improvements in the quality or accessibility of existing drinking water supply or sanitation services
- Community mobilization for sustained management of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities
- Protection of surface water and groundwater
- Institutional strengthening, capacity building, or reform

**Water resource management and adaptation to climate change**

- Improving water resources planning by governments
- Activities to strengthen adaptation to climate variability or change and reduce vulnerability to altered hydrology and water-related climate extremes.
- Best management practices
- Strategies and structures to protect water quality and supply
- Protection of watershed and water resources environmental services
- Flood management and drought risk reduction

**Water productivity**

- Improving water use efficiency in agriculture
- Improving water use efficiency in cities

**Geographical guidance**

USAID/Guatemala seeks applications for Water activities in the Western highlands of Guatemala.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:**

USAID/Guatemala has the following goals and objectives which are relevant to the proposals sought by this RFA:

- Develop and invest in the quantity and quality of land and water resources, including irrigation and water resources to improve and sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes. More specifically, USAID seeks to improve watershed management and water quality mini-irrigation systems for horticulture and value chains
- Ensure broadly accessible, reliable and economically sustainable water and sanitation services. More specifically, USAID/Guatemala works with rural communities to address the widespread lack of safe water—one of the most important causes of malnutrition—by repairing water systems and teaching families simple ways of collecting and purifying water. USAID supports increase use of point-of-use disinfection of water with simple and low cost technologies such as solar water sanitizers and/or other effective appropriate technologies. USAID also seeks to improve the knowledge of women of reproductive age on home-based water purification methods, water chlorination activities and waste management.

### Guinea

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English, French, Fulani, Malinke, and Sousou.

**Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

| Mailing Address  | Email addresses  |
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| Babacar Thioune USAID/Guinea s/c<br>Ambassade Americaine B.P.: 603 Transversale<br>2 Centre Administraif de Koloma Commune<br>Ratoma, Conakry Guinee | To: <a href="mailto:bathioune@usaid.gov">bathioune@usaid.gov</a><br>Cc: <a href="mailto:DGP3@usaid.gov">DGP3@usaid.gov</a> |

### DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):** 4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Guinea will consider any project that targets climate change adaptation as outlined in the Climate Change Adaptation section of this RFA, especially where activities secondarily support biodiversity conservation, natural resource policy and governance, sustainable land use, and sustainable forestry.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Guinea welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country.

### DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

- 4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises
- 4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Guinea will consider all Microenterprise activities listed in the RFA, with a specific interest in supporting activities which impact the policy environment, the microfinance and/or rural finance sector, trade, or agribusinesses.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Guinea welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Please see <http://www.usaid.gov/gn/> or [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/guinea/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/guinea/index.html)

### India

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

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### **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/India has a large new climate change program which includes clean energy, sustainable landscapes, and adaptation. One important part of our environment office is water. However, the Mission has limited flexibility in financing water programs that do not specifically target water and sanitation. Therefore, USAID/India would be particularly interested in supporting programs which address the intersection between climate change adaptation and water. This would allow our program to look at water programming from a broader watershed management or general water resource management perspective. Please see the body of this RFA for illustrative activities under climate change adaptation.

**Geographical guidance:** In general, the Mission focuses on India's 'poverty belt' in the northern part of the country.

### **DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.1 Natural Resources and Biodiversity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/India will consider projects that include any of the illustrative activity types under Water Resources Management (as described in the body of this RFA), with particular preference to those which strengthen adaptation to climate variability or change and reduce vulnerability to altered hydrology and water-related climate extremes.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Please contact the USAID/India Program Office (at [jgraetz@usaid.gov](mailto:jgraetz@usaid.gov) and [gbhatla@usaid.gov](mailto:gbhatla@usaid.gov)) for a summary of their current water programs as they relate to WASH and agriculture.

### Jamaica

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

#### **Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

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### **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

##### 4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** Early baseline studies, assessments and discussions will provide more specific guidance on structuring adaptations to climate change that NGOs will use to train farmers. Examples may include:

- In upland areas, NGOs may work with farmers and local planners to better estimate water needs of horticultural production and make sure that local supplies, catchments areas, and/or rainwater catchment drums are sufficient to protect from drought or low rainfall.
- To enable farmers to protect their produce from storms and reinitiate production quickly after hurricanes, NGOs will promote use of greenhouses that can be reassembled quickly.
- Altering planting dates and crop varieties;
- Agroforestry intervention such as rehabilitation of tree crops including cocoa and coffee to provide farmers with a steady source of income that is better able to withstand weather extremes, including hurricanes.
- Agroforestry techniques that will improve the microclimate growing conditions of crops by minimizing the damage from extreme heat, wind and rain.
- Agroforestry interventions will condition and protect soils and improve water infiltration, thereby recharging groundwater supplies.
- In horticulture activities, NGOs may identify varieties that can better withstand drought or excessive rainfall.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Jamaica welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications which target any region of the country.

## **DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

### 4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Jamaica is interested in providing assistance under DGP3 to small-scale Jamaican businesses in urban areas, specifically Community Renewal Program (CRP) communities to increase economic opportunity in post-conflict zones. This will be done through the introduction of priority industry strategies including entertainment, aquaculture, fashion, arts and craft targeting the tourism sector; ICT and agro-processing (food and beverage). This will enable them to better adapt to the changes in the global marketplace, increasing their access to markets, promoting linkages with international firms, and improving their capacity to take advantage of market opportunities. This assistance can be provided through upgrading the production, processes, and productivity of these enterprises with the final goal to increase competitiveness and profits. Activities may also include the implementation of quality standards, the identification of direct buyers to ensure higher profits, the certification of origin, promoting various forms of upgrading in the value chain, expanded access to appropriate finance and other supporting services, and improved relationships between buyers and sellers, at both domestic and international levels. Added consideration will be given to applications which incorporate increased youth/women engagement.

**Geographical guidance:** The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) identified selected inner-city communities for targeted interventions through the initiation of its Community Renewal Program (CRP) in 2010. The CRP, developed following the violent outbreak in May 2010, will focus on areas which the GOJ characterizes as lacking basic social amenities, having poor infrastructure, and having been excluded from the mainstream society and economy. Crime and violence levels in these communities are exceptionally high. In partnership with the GOJ, USAID/Jamaica will prioritize these areas for DGP activities, especially related to workforce development and job creation. Communities that have been identified for participation in the CRP and under DGP3 include: Kingston and St. Andrew Parish: Allman Town/Woodford Park, Ambrook Lane/Cassia Park, August Town, Brown's Town (Dunkirk), Denham Town, Drewsland, Fletchers Land, Grants Pen/Barbican, Hannah Town, Highlight View, Jones Town, Kencot, Majesty Gardens, Matthew's Lane, Mountain View, Parade Gardens, Rockfort, Rose Town, Tavares Gardens, Tivoli, Tower Hill, Trench Town, Waterhouse, Whitfield Town St. Catherine Parish: Bog Walk (Knollis), Central Village, Dempshire Pen Shelter Rock, Ellerson Pen, Homestead, Lauriston, March Pen Road, Tawes Pen, Tredeger Park Clarendon Parish: Bucknor/Rectory Lands, Caanan Heights St. James Parish: Canterbury, Flanker, Glendevon, Granville, Mount Salem, North Gully Norwood, Rose Heights/Farm Heights, and Salt Spring.

## **DGP Sector 3: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

### 3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

### 3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** The Mission is interested in receiving proposals in the following areas: urban water supply, including access to multiple use water services for both domestic use and productive use needs, community mobilization for sustained management of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities, water wells and water points, water harvesting and transmission to underserved communities, latrines and toilets, point of use and other drinking water treatment, water infrastructure finance, water supply and wastewater utility governance reform, including municipal and small scale community management wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure.

**Geographical guidance:** The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) identified selected inner-city communities for targeted interventions through the initiation of its Community Renewal Program (CRP) in 2010. The CRP, developed following the violent outbreak in May 2010, will focus on areas which the GOJ characterizes as lacking basic social amenities, having poor infrastructure, and having been excluded from the mainstream society and economy. In partnership with the GOJ, USAID/Jamaica will prioritize these areas for DGP activities, especially related to water supply, sanitation, and hygiene. Communities that have been identified for participation in the CRP include: Kingston and St. Andrew Parish: Allman Town/Woodford Park, Ambrook Lane/Cassia Park, August Town, Brown's Town (Dunkirk), Denham Town, Drewsland, Fletchers Land, Grants Pen/Barbican, Hannah Town, Highlight View, Jones Town, Kencot, Majesty Gardens, Matthew's Lane, Mountain View, Parade Gardens, Rockfort, Rose Town, Tavares Gardens, Tivoli, Tower Hill, Trench Town, Waterhouse, Whitfield Town St. Catherine Parish: Bog Walk (Knollis), Central Village, Dempshire Pen (Shelter Rock, Ellerson Pen, Homestead, Lauriston, March Pen Road, Tawes Pen, Tredeger Park Clarendon Parish: Bucknor/Rectory Lands, Caanan Heights St. James Parish: Canterbury, Flanker, Glendevon, Granville, Mount Salem, North Gully Norwood, Rose Heights/Farm Heights, Salt Spring.

#### **Mission Goals/Objectives:**

Climate Change Adaptation - USAID/Jamaica seeks to address the impact of global climate change in the context of the Mission's Country Assistance Strategy, Assistance Objectives, and Results Framework. The impact of climate change may adversely affect both the overall peace and security of Jamaica, as well as its viability as a place of choice for Jamaicans to live, work and raise their families. If unaddressed, climate change may have significant detrimental effects on the economy of Jamaica, specifically the agricultural sector. Economic stability is closely related to the overall security environment of the country. In recent years Jamaica has experienced negative economic growth, due to the global economic crisis, a high debt-to-GDP ratio, the declining profitability of the agricultural sector, and recurrent natural disasters among other factors. With recent declines in tourism, reduced remittances, and the downturn in bauxite mining, the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) is giving higher priority to agricultural development. Agriculture is now moving to the forefront of the government agenda, and the GOJ anticipates that agriculture will lead Jamaica along the path towards sustainable development and economic growth. Climate change activities under DGP3 can relate directly to USAID/Jamaica's implementation of Assistance Objective (AO) 2 "Profitability and Competitiveness of Key Agricultural Crops Increased". The agricultural sector accounts for 6 - 8% of Jamaica's Gross Domestic Product, and employs nearly 20% of the work force. The negative impact of climate change on the agricultural sector, as well

as the impacts of frequently occurring natural disasters, compound the country's challenging economic environment.

Microenterprise - The improvement of microenterprise productivity ties in to USAID/Jamaica's work under Assistance Objective 3 "Economic Enabling Environment Improved". Under AO 3, assistance focuses on improving the business enabling environment through policy and administrative reform (IR 1) and increasing private sector capacity and engagement (IR 2). Over time, improvements in this sector will build confidence and stimulate investment, making Jamaica more competitive in regional and global markets and a more attractive environment for domestic and foreign investment. This AO is also expected to generate jobs, reduce poverty, and improve livelihoods. Improved microenterprise productivity will help to create the economic stability needed to achieve the Mission's Priority Goal 1 under the Country Assistance Strategy, "Increasing peace and security by reducing crime and corruption". Microenterprise development also supports USAID/Jamaica's cross-cutting focus area of youth. With the goal that youth become more positively engaged in political, economic, and social aspects of Jamaican society, the Mission seeks to increase economic opportunity for youth, especially unattached, at-risk youth, through supporting workforce development programs. Under this cross-cutting theme, the Mission also seeks to increase the numbers of successful youth entrepreneurs and to increase youth incomes. Furthermore, microenterprise development contributes to USAID/Jamaica's activities under the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, specifically addressing the workforce development component under the Development Objective "Social Justice promoted through crime prevention in targeted communities, as well as justice sector and anti-corruption reforms". Improvements in microenterprise productivity will contribute to CBSI's IR 3.1 - Increased economic opportunities and skills for vulnerable populations, in particular at-risk youth.

Water - Activities related to the Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene program element relate to USAID/Jamaica's efforts to achieve Country Assistance Strategy Priority Goal 1 of "Increasing peace and security by reducing crime and corruption". This Priority Goal is supported by USAID/Jamaica's Assistance Objective 1 "More Peaceful and Transparent Democracy", and two corresponding Intermediate Results: IR 1- Safer communities respecting the rule of law and human rights; IR 2 - Improved accountability and integrity in government. The establishment of well-functioning basic services, including water supply, sanitation, and hygiene services are fundamental components of creating healthy, well-functioning communities, especially in low income areas that have poorly maintained infrastructure. Creating a healthy environment in these communities, by addressing basic needs, is a necessary step towards achieving safer communities. Collaborating with the Government of Jamaica to improve water supply, sanitation, and hygiene services will help to build the public's confidence in the government's ability to provide basic services.

For additional information on USAID/Jamaica's overall strategy, please see Jamaica Country Assistance Strategy 2010 – 2014 at <http://dec.usaid.gov> and [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin\\_america\\_caribbean/country/jamaica/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/country/jamaica/index.html)

### Jordan

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English and Arabic

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**DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Jordan will consider all Microenterprise activities related to economic growth with poverty reduction through increased access to microfinance services.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Jordan welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:**

<http://jordan.usaid.gov/upload/keydocs/USAID%20Jordan%20Country%20Strategy%202010-14.pdf>

**Kenya**

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

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| <u>If sent via U.S. Postal Service:</u><br>USAID/Nairobi<br>Unit #64102<br>APO AE 09831-4102<br><u>If hand-carried, overnight, or via courier:</u><br>USAID Kenya<br>PO Box 629 | To: <a href="mailto:DGP-3Kenya@usaid.gov">DGP-3Kenya@usaid.gov</a><br>Cc: <a href="mailto:DGP3@usaid.gov">DGP3@usaid.gov</a> |

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| Village Market 00621<br>Nairobi, Kenya |  |
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### DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Kenya is only interested in activities which support:

- Increasing water storage in water stressed areas to manage increased variability in water supply; and
- Improving agricultural practices, such as water harvesting, to make them more sustainable in agriculture-dependent areas that are vulnerable to climate change impacts.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Kenya welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications which support activities in the following counties:

| FOCUS COUNTIES - PRELIMINARY |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| High Rainfall Zone           | Semi-Arid Zone  |
| 1 Busia                      | 1 Taita/ Taveta |
| 2 Bungoma                    | 2 Kitui         |
| 3 Kakamega                   | 3 Tana River    |
| 4 Vihiga                     | 4 Embu          |
| 5 Siaya                      | 5 Machakos      |
| 6 Kisumu                     | 6 Meru          |
| 7 Homabay                    | 7 Tharaka-Nithi |
| 8 Migori                     | 8 Isiolo        |
| 9 Kisii                      | 9 Embu          |
| 10 Nyamira                   | 10 Makueni      |
| 11 Nakuru                    |                 |
| 12 Narok                     |                 |
| 13 Bomet                     |                 |
| 14 Kericho                   |                 |
| 15 Uasin Gishu               |                 |
| 16 Trans Nzoia               |                 |
| 17 Nandi                     |                 |
| 18 Elgeyo/ Marakwet          |                 |

### DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Kenya is only interested in receiving Microenterprise proposals that include the following types of activities:

- i) Facilitating links between microenterprises and larger firms, enabling or strengthening microenterprise participation in the value chain;
- ii) Promoting various forms of upgrading in the value chain through strategic direct technical assistance, expanded access to appropriate finance and other supporting services, and improved relationships between buyers and sellers, at both domestic and international levels;
- iii) Supporting formal or informal linkages among microenterprises to agglomerate products for sale, add value, or increase bargaining power; or
- iv) Addressing financing constraints that limit microenterprise participation in value chains.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Kenya welcomes Microenterprise applications which support activities in the following counties:

| FOCUS COUNTIES - PRELIMINARY |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| High Rainfall Zone           | Semi-Arid Zone  |
| 1 Busia                      | 1 Taita/ Taveta |
| 2 Bungoma                    | 2 Kitui         |
| 3 Kakamega                   | 3 Tana River    |
| 4 Vihiga                     | 4 Embu          |
| 5 Siaya                      | 5 Machakos      |
| 6 Kisumu                     | 6 Meru          |
| 7 Homabay                    | 7 Tharaka-Nithi |
| 8 Migori                     | 8 Isiolo        |
| 9 Kisii                      | 9 Embu          |
| 10 Nyamira                   | 10 Makueni      |
| 11 Nakuru                    |                 |
| 12 Narok                     |                 |
| 13 Bomet                     |                 |
| 14 Kericho                   |                 |
| 15 Uasin Gishu               |                 |
| 16 Trans Nzoia               |                 |
| 17 Nandi                     |                 |
| 18 Elgeyo/ Marakwet          |                 |

### DGP Sector 3: Water

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

- 3.1.6 Maternal and Child Health
- 3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation
- 3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment
- 4.5.2 Agricultural productivity
- 4.8.1 Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID Kenya is only interested in Water proposals that provide for:

- i) provision of access to multiple-use water services that include both domestic drinking water supply and water supply for productive use needs of the community (e.g., small-scale agriculture/gardening, livestock, microenterprise, etc.);
- ii) hygiene promotion activities to support behavior change in key areas including hand washing, feces management (including sanitation promotion and marketing), and household point-of-use (POU) water treatment. Magnification of messages through media and innovative communication including promotion through school and health clinic programs;
- iii) community mobilization for sustained management of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities, Community Based Total Sanitation (CBTS), sanitation marketing, and social marketing of products and behaviors like point-of-use (POU) drinking water;
- iv) protection of surface water and groundwater quality of potable water supply system from direct contamination prior to distribution to users;
- v) activities to strengthen adaptation to climate variability or change and reduce vulnerability to altered hydrology and water-related climate extremes;
- vi) education, outreach and communications to promote the sustainable management of watersheds and surface water and groundwater resources;
- vii) best management practices in land use, vegetation, and soil and water management to ensure long-term water resource sustainability;
- viii) water harvesting and storage infrastructure design, construction, and management at all scales (for water uses other than those strictly covered under WSSH);
- ix) freshwater and coastal ecosystem management activities that promote the conservation and sustainable use of water, thereby protecting the quality of surface water and groundwater for drinking, irrigation, and other uses, while maintaining aquatic ecosystem services provided by rivers, lakes, aquifers, fisheries, wetlands, and coastal environments;
- x) promotion of environmentally sound technologies and clean production practices that reduce the amounts of raw material, water, and energy used in agricultural, industrial, manufacturing, and other production processes;
- xi) promote the reuse of treated wastewater for agriculture, where appropriate;
- xii) improve water supplies to livestock; and
- xiii) improve water-related agricultural soil and water management practices.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Kenya will only accept Water proposals covering the following counties:

| FOCUS COUNTIES - PRELIMINARY |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| High Rainfall Zone           | Semi-Arid Zone  |
| 1 Busia                      | 1 Taita/ Taveta |
| 2 Bungoma                    | 2 Kitui         |
| 3 Kakamega                   | 3 Tana River    |
| 4 Vihiga                     | 4 Embu          |

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 5 Siaya             | 5 Machakos      |
| 6 Kisumu            | 6 Meru          |
| 7 Homabay           | 7 Tharaka-Nithi |
| 8 Migori            | 8 Isiolo        |
| 9 Kisii             | 9 Embu          |
| 10 Nyamira          | 10 Makueni      |
| 11 Nakuru           |                 |
| 12 Narok            |                 |
| 13 Bomet            |                 |
| 14 Kericho          |                 |
| 15 Uasin Gishu      |                 |
| 16 Trans Nzoia      |                 |
| 17 Nandi            |                 |
| 18 Elgeyo/ Marakwet |                 |

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** The Mission’s primary goals for DGP activities are inclusive agricultural sector growth, improved nutritional status, especially of women and children, and improved management of natural landscapes for climate resilient development.  
<http://kenya.usaid.gov/>

**Kosovo**

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$1.5 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

**Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

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| <u>US Postal Service</u><br>Unit 9520, Box 6 DPO AE 09741        |  |
| Email submissions are acceptable.                                |  |

**DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**  
4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:**

Kosovo has high unemployment (over 40%), a large youth population (50% below 25 years), and a high poverty rate (45%). It needs long-term, sustainable economic opportunities that can only be created by the private sector. USAID assistance will focus on four major elements of private sector development – the enterprises that make up the private sector, the people that are needed to run the enterprises, the capital that is required to finance business operations, and the environment in which they all operate.

Given very high levels of unemployment among Kosovo's youth population (estimated at 70%), and the challenges for Kosovo's economy to absorb new labor market entrants, USAID is supporting a Youth Entrepreneurship Program. Support for Small Business Development Centers under the DGP program would complement USAID's entrepreneurship programs. DGP support could help to foster an increased private sector role for skills training for business start-ups and also for young people looking to enter the job market. These centers would serve a vital role in linking businesses with skilled workers. Such services do not yet exist in Kosovo; job placement is managed through outdated and inefficient state-run centers, and most young people emerging from secondary schools do not possess the skills needed by the emerging private sector.

USAID/Kosovo will consider applications which support the establishment of Small Business Development Centers, which would provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. The network of these Centers will offer one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations. The Centers will bridge the gap between the labor supply - educational community and labor demand – industries/private sector, by offering employers a range of solutions and services for the entire employment and business cycle including permanent, temporary and contract recruitment; employee assessment and selection; training; outplacement; outsourcing and consulting. The centers will also service job seekers and graduate professionals with networking opportunities, career planning counseling, information about job opportunities, trainings and internship opportunities, financing options available for business, etc. The focus will be on raising productivity through improved quality, efficiency and cost-reduction across the total workforce, enabling clients to concentrate on their core business activities and rapid growth.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Kosovo welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

## **DGP Sector 2: Water**

### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Kosovo will consider Water activities which expand access to clean water and support improved water service delivery; and raise awareness on sustainable water usage.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Kosovo welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives (or links to them):** Private sector competitiveness and good governance. [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe\\_eurasia/countries/ko/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe_eurasia/countries/ko/)

## Macedonia

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

### **Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

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| USAID/Macedonia Program Office U.S.<br>Embassy Samoilova 21 1000 Skopje,<br>Macedonia | To: DGPmacedonia2011@usaid.gov<br>Cc: DGP3@usaid.gov |

### **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Macedonia invites applications that address any of the areas and illustrative activities described in this RFA, particularly those related to agriculture, community-based programs, and those listed under “science, analysis and information sharing for decision making.” An important activity for Macedonia is the development of adequate analysis and a process for information sharing. While the Government of Macedonia has established a National Committee on global climate change, there are significant needs for analysis and institutional development, particularly addressing biomass waste issues (i.e. agriculture and forestry) as well as the country’s need to prepare for an increase of droughts in the future, which are anticipated as a result of global climate change.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Macedonia welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country.

### **DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets

4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Macedonia will consider applications including all Microenterprise activities listed in the RFA. Proposals that contribute to the objectives of the Mission Strategy (see USAID Macedonia Mission Goals and Objectives) and /or build upon the activities of past, current and future USAID implementing partners or legacy institutions are of greatest interest. The most competitive proposals will support microenterprises in USAID targeted regions outside of Skopje (see Geographic Guidance) or targeted sectors including agriculture (i.e. fresh fruits and vegetables, processed vegetables, wine and wild gathered products), recycling, light manufacturing, apparel, ICT, energy efficiency, and alternative energy, particularly related to biomass

waste. Proposals from a variety of business support organizations, incubators, local economic development entities, chambers and associations, microfinance institutions, savings houses and other non-bank financial institutions, civil society organizations, government watch-dog groups, and independent credit bureaus and think tanks are encouraged. Activities of particular interest for each sector follow:

**Inclusive Financial Markets:** activities that will introduce or facilitate access to innovative new loan products which satisfy the needs of start-ups and existing micro enterprises.

**Microenterprise Productivity:** activities that will be supported under the future Regional Small Business Project, which will be determined in 2011 and 2012. Proposals related to workforce development and social entrepreneurship ideas that fit within the areas described in this RFA are also of interest.

**Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises:** activities that provide independent analysis on government policies, develop capacity among independent business associations to advocate for reforms, develop industry standards to increase financial transparency (such as credit bureaus and public procurement) promote anti-corruption and tax reform at local and national levels, and use e-Government solutions to streamline government services to the private sector.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Macedonia will accept Microenterprise proposals targeting activities in any region in Macedonia, particularly those in which existing partners operate, including Pelagonija, Polog, and Eastern Macedonia and Southeast and/or Vardar region.

### **DGP Sector 3: Water**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

##### 4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** Among the illustrative areas described in the RFA, those related to “Water Resources Management and Adaptation to Climate Change” and “Water Productivity and Food Security” are of greatest interest to the mission as they relate to the anticipated impact of global climate change on Macedonia with increases in droughts and impacts on the USAID supported agriculture value chains (i.e. fresh fruits and vegetables, processed vegetables, wine and wild gathered products). Illustrative activities in this area could include technologies and processes related to drip irrigation, improved soil and water management techniques etc.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Macedonia welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** The Mission is committed to building the capacity of local organizations. The Mission will work with new local grantees on building their capacity using local service providers, who have experience with USAID projects. For more Information about current USAID Macedonia Programs, links to current and past implementing partners and recent assessment documents, please see the following webpages:

<http://macedonia.usaid.gov/en/index.html>

<http://macedonia.usaid.gov/en/Documents.html>

## Moldova

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

Mission email address for Concept Paper and Full Application submission\*:

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### **DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

- 4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets
- 4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises
- 4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** The overarching goals of USAID assistance in Moldova are to assist the country to strengthen its democratic institutions and increase broad-based economic prosperity. USAID Mission is committed to supporting the growth of private enterprise, specifically micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), as an essential element of the transition to a market economy. MSMEs are an important source of innovation, but their growth and development depends on several factors: widespread adoption of modern business skills and practices and their integration value chains development; conducive policy, legal, and regulatory environments; and increased access to credit. DGP projects focused on microfinance in the following three areas will help the Mission to enhance the existing Economic Growth projects in Moldova:

- (1) Improved access to financial services tailored to the needs of poor households, including credit, deposit services, insurance, and remittance and payment services;
- (2) Efforts to reduce regulatory, policy and administrative barriers that limit the opportunities of micro- and small firms; and
- (3) Enterprise development, to improve productivity and market potential for microenterprises.

USAID/Moldova welcomes proposals from indigenous Moldovan non-governmental organizations.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Moldova welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

### **DGP Sector 2: Water**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

- 3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

### 3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** Access to safe water and sanitation has been identified as one of the development challenges to poverty alleviation in Moldova. According to the National Development Plan only 30% of the population has access to potable water and sanitation. The water supply management is inefficient and lacks financial transparency. The water quality in small cities and rural areas is very poor. Villages do not have centralized wastewater systems. According to the most recent survey, 80% of water resources in rural communities are unsafe to drink. The rural population relies mostly on shared shallow wells. Groundwater contamination in the shallow wells, caused by agricultural activity and in particular the use of agrochemicals, is reportedly high. The proximity of shallow wells to latrines and animals is a cause of concern as such contamination poses a high risk of water-related infectious diseases. There is limited monitoring of water quality in wells and the local population is rarely informed about the water quality. USAID/Moldova is seeking to support initiatives that would improve quality and access to drinking water supply or sanitation services, primarily in rural Moldova, that fall under the Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WSSH) area but also those related to improving water resource management and planning by local governments, civil society and communities.

The Mission will not accept applications concerning disaster risk reduction, improvement of water productivity, or any water infrastructure improvements.

USAID/Moldova welcomes proposals from indigenous Moldovan non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Moldova welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** For more Information about current USAID/Moldova Programs, links to current and past implementing partners and recent documents, please see the following webpages:

[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe\\_eurasia/countries/md/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe_eurasia/countries/md/)  
<http://moldova.usaid.gov/>

### Morocco

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English and French.

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### **DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

#### 4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** According to most recent statistics, the youth unemployment rate in Morocco is 17.6% for both sexes combined, with the rate being slightly higher for females than males. Although considerably lower than the regional average of 25%, there is an undeniable need for more interventions in support of microenterprise development in country. USAID/Morocco is interested in supporting enterprise development via innovative programs that:

- Enable young people, both in and out of school, to acquire tools and skills needed to become successful entrepreneurs;
- Provide access to capital (grants, venture capital, etc.) for start-up and business expansion purposes, in addition to providing mentoring or other valuable business development services to program beneficiaries.

Successful applicants will be expected to propose activities that are relevant to Moroccan context.

**Geographical guidance:** The Mission welcomes proposals which target youth in the geographic areas of Tanger, Tetouan, Oriental and Doukkala-Abda. Applicants are encouraged to align activities with USAID’s currently active programs in order to maximize synergies.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Under the current USAID/Morocco strategy, the Mission places strong emphasis on youth issues and programming that promote cross-cutting solutions to development challenges. Through the Development Grants Program, it is anticipated that grantees will leverage advances that current programs have made in education, economic growth and peace & security to attain results that are reflective of our commitment to holistic development. To date, the Mission has undertaken research to study the factors contributing to youth unemployment, delinquency and how to best mitigate the drivers of violent extremism. At the nexus of these disparate problems are economic inclusion and the importance for young people to have the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential.

[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/middle\\_east/countries/morocco/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/middle_east/countries/morocco/)

#### Nepal

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

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#### **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Nepal is open to all types of activities that would fall under USAID's definition of Climate Change Adaptation and that are relevant to Nepal's context. This includes activities that address the science, analysis, and information-sharing for decision making, building capacity for the effective governance related to climate resilience and the implementation of climate solutions.

The implementing organization shall closely coordinate its activities with the climate change adaptation activities of ongoing USAID/Nepal activities, including the upcoming Hariyo Ban activity. A winning proposal will be innovative and will build synergies with activities under Hariyo Ban. For your reference, the Hariyo Ban Request For Applications and amendments can be found at the link <http://nepal.usaid.gov/working-with-us/business-opportunities.html>

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Nepal welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives (climate change adaptation):** The U.S. Mission's primary goal in the Environment Program Area is to assist Nepal to better conserve its unique biodiversity, sustainably manage its forests and fragile landscapes, and support ecosystems and poor communities to adapt to and mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** USAID/Nepal seeks to increase the ability of targeted communities to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change. For more information, please see <http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia/countries/nepal/> and <http://nepal.usaid.gov/>

## DGP Sector 2: Water

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.8 Water Supply Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Nepal is interested in assistance from entities well qualified and experienced in health education programs in Nepal to work with the Government of Nepal and relevant USAID health program partners to design measures to facilitate the integration of safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation promotion into health worker and client service delivery interactions at health facilities. Proposals should address best practices with regard to safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation for families, to include strategic behavior change communication, health worker training modules, training program implementation, and measurement of community health outcome at the health facility level. The proposals should not include design of health facility infection prevention principles, which are well elaborated elsewhere, but should show complementarity to health worker engagement of those principles. Proposals should be cost-effective and within a \$500,000 budget ceiling over a duration of three years.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Nepal welcomes applications focused on remote and under-served areas of Nepal.

**Mission Goals/Objectives (Water) :** The U.S. Government’s (USG) vision for Nepal under the Foreign Assistance Framework for “Investing in People” is to contribute to the improved health and well-being of all Nepalis, but especially the poor and disadvantaged, with the overall goal of achieving a peaceful, prosperous and democratic Nepal.

Through the Global Health Initiative (GHI) USG health assistance in Nepal will augment GON efforts to reach its Millennium Development Goals (MDG) for health as articulated in GON Nepal Health Sector Plan II (2010-2015), particularly to reduce maternal and child mortality – MDG 4 and 5, and USG assistance will also contribute to MDG 6 – to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV among most at risk populations. Interventions will range from central to community levels; will involve both the public and the private sectors in increasing use of high quality health services; will improve health knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors; and identify new solutions to program barriers in order to increase access for excluded populations such as women and disadvantaged ethnic, religious and caste groups.

### Nicaragua

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$1.5 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

#### **Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

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### **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Nicaragua would like to support one grant in the area of climate change adaptation. Specifically, we would look for activities which would support the Mission’s food security thrust in the 4 north central departments which represent the most food insecure regions of the country. The departments of New Segovia, Madriz, Jinotega and Matagalpa have a rural poverty level of 75% and malnutrition as evidenced by stunting of 24%. Activities aimed at climate change adaptation in the target areas can help us meet food security objectives. Access to food in the target food security area is affected by persistent and increasing conditions of drought which has greatly reduced yields both for consumption and for sale. USAID Nicaragua would like to encourage grant applications through which producer organizations such as cooperatives could help their members adapt to increasing dry conditions. The emphasis would be on changes in technology, agricultural practices, reduction in post- harvest losses, and other means to increase yields and incomes in selected agriculture product chains.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Nicaragua welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications which target New Segovia, Madriz, Jinotega and Matagalpa.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** USAID/Nicaragua seeks to support food security through climate change adaptation. For more information, please see [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin\\_america\\_caribbean/country/nicaragua/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/country/nicaragua/index.html) and <http://nicaragua.usaid.gov/>

### Nigeria

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$1.5 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

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### **DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Nigeria is interested in supporting activities such as the following:

- Increasing access to financial services among rural and remote populations. This may include, but is not limited to, credit, savings, insurance, remittances and payment services, such as sustainable, demand-driven mobile banking services;
- Developing appropriate products for the more vulnerable segments of the population which may include some of the examples listed above; and
- Forging strategic partnerships with non-financial players to provide value-added services.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Nigeria welcomes Microenterprise programs in northern Nigeria.

### **DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.6 Maternal and Child Health

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Nigeria is interested in supporting activities such as the following:

Water Supply and Sanitation Services -

- Constructing and/or rehabilitating improved and sustainable water supply facilities

- Constructing and/or rehabilitating blocks of latrine, urinal compartments and hand-washing facilities;
- Hygiene and Sanitation Behavior -
- Providing appropriate hygiene knowledge and training to communities;
- Institutional Capacity and Investment -
- Establishing and/or strengthening Water, Environment, and Sanitation Committees; and
  - Building and promoting successful partnerships among water sector institutions.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Nigeria welcomes Water applications for activities in Kaduna and Cross River States.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** For more Information about current USAID/Nigeria Programs, links to current and past implementing partners and recent documents, please see the following webpages: <http://nigeria.usaid.gov/index.php>  
[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/nigeria/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/nigeria/index.html)

**Office of Middle East Programs (OMEP)**

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English

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**DGP Sector 1: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

- 3.1 Health
- 3.1.8 Water Supply & Sanitation
- 3.1.8.3 Water and Sanitation Policy & Governance

**Sector-specific guidance:**

USAID’s Office of Middle East Programs (USAID/OMEP) is interested in applications with respect to Section K.2.b of the RFA: Water Resources Management. For activities to be considered, they should be uniquely regional in nature, and not duplicative of activities that could be undertaken by a bilateral USAID Mission. In particular, USAID/OMEP is interested in proposals in the following areas:

- Water resource management policy reform or legal/regulatory strengthening, including that related to decentralized resource management authority, water rights, stakeholder participation, water quality standards, etc.

- Improving water resources planning by governments, civil society and communities for watersheds, river basins, or lakes, including but not limited to:
  - broad-based policy development and institutional strengthening, based on multi-stakeholder input and dialogue; and
  - managing hydrologic variability.
- Information collection, analysis, and management related to water supply and quality, aquatic life, and habitat protection in support of sound decision-making and sustainable resource management, including but not limited to:
  - surveys, hydrologic water balance assessments, flow modeling, water quality monitoring, and remote sensing/GIS analysis.
- Activities to strengthen adaptation to climate variability or change and reduce vulnerability to altered hydrology and water-related climate extremes.
- Transboundary WRM focusing on data sharing and common protocol development in river basins shared by two or more countries.

**Geographical guidance:**

USAID/OMEPA works in the Middle East and North Africa region in support of USAID bilateral Missions in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, West Bank & Gaza and Yemen. For activities to be considered, they should be uniquely regional in nature, and not duplicative of activities that could be undertaken by a bilateral USAID Mission.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:**

The overall goal of USAID/OMEPA is to advance peace and prosperity for the citizens of the Middle East and North Africa through regional and trans-boundary activities. USAID/OMEPA programs work towards: 1) empowering youth to make constructive choices for success in a global society, which enhances peace and security; 2) promoting the culture of democracy, which creates a stronger enabling environment for governing justly and democratically; and 3) working to transform the culture and governance of natural resources, which will improve health conditions and stimulate economic growth.

**Paraguay**

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

**Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

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**DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:**

USAID/Paraguay is interested in receiving proposals that include seasonal weather (and drought) forecasting, strengthening government capacity to respond to climate related crises or the use of satellite based maps to inform decision makers.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Paraguay welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for activities in all regions of the country.

**DGP Sector 2: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets

4.7.2 Policy Environment for Micro and Small Enterprises

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific Guidance:** USAID/Paraguay welcomes proposals which address financial access for rural populations, links between microenterprises/small producers and larger firms and the strengthening of financial inclusion policies.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** For more Information about current USAID/Paraguay Programs please see <http://paraguay.usaid.gov/v2/en/> and [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin\\_america\\_caribbean/country/paraguay/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/country/paraguay/index.html)

**DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.6 Maternal and Child Health

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

4.8.1 Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity

**Sector-specific guidance:** In addition to the illustrative activities in the body of the RFA under sub-sectors MCH, Ag. Productivity, and Nat Resource Management, USAID/Paraguay would like to support programs which increase the availability and use of proven life-saving interventions that address the major killers of mothers and children and improve their health status, including effective maternity care and management of obstetric complications; prevention services including newborn care, routine immunization, polio eradication, safe water and hygiene; and treatment of life-threatening childhood illnesses.

**Geographical guidance:**

USAID/Paraguay welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** For more Information about current USAID/Paraguay Programs please see <http://paraguay.usaid.gov/v2/en/> and [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin\\_america\\_caribbean/country/paraguay/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/country/paraguay/index.html)

## Philippines

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$ 1.5 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

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### DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

#### Sector-specific guidance:

USAID/Philippines will consider activities in the following areas:

1. Science, analysis, and information-sharing for decision making such as:
  - Improving climate data collection and analysis and building capacity among decision-makers to use climate-related data to inform climate-resilient policies, local and sectoral planning for water, energy, coastal/forestry and tourism. Developing or improving tools or methods for sharing climate information among government, NGO's, the private sector, academia, and local communities.
  - Advancing modeling and research to better understand climate impacts in relevant regions or sectors, such as on the impacts of variable precipitation in water supply, among others.
2. Building capacity for effective governance for climate resilience, such as:
  - Strengthening government and local communities' capacity to respond to and communicate on climate-related disasters, such as floods and droughts, for example by involving local stakeholders in the development of a community response plan and helping local citizens understand that plan through community fora and mock drills.
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3. Implementation of climate solutions, such as:
  - Increasing water storage in water-stressed areas to manage increased variability in water supply.
  - Developing community flood management plans to reduce vulnerability to rising sea levels, or more intense storm events.
  - Starting-up community-based natural hazards management programs to prepare for, for example, flood risks during extreme weather events.

### DGP Sector 2: Water

Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s): 3.1.8 Water Supply Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Philippines is interested in assistance from entities qualified and experienced in improving access to piped water supply and sanitation of low income communities in underserved urban and peri-urban areas through sustainable financing mechanisms such as microfinance, among others. The proposal should address the linkage between improved water and sanitation access and better hygiene practices with improved health outcomes, particularly reduction in incidence of water borne diseases. The proposal should also integrate best practices in ensuring the sustainability of water and sanitation systems and continued health monitoring and hygiene promotion by engaging, but not limited to, formal water service providers to ensure proper operation and maintenance of systems and the community health centers funded by the local government. Proposals should be cost-effective and within a \$1,000,000 budget ceiling over a duration of three years.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Philippines welcomes applications focused on highly dense underserved urban and peri-urban areas of the Philippines.

**Mission Goals/Objectives (Water) :** The U.S. Government's (USG) vision for the Philippines under the Foreign Assistance Framework for "Investing in People" is to contribute to the improved health and well-being of all Filipinos by improving access to water supply and sanitation services.

Inadequate water supply and poor sanitation continue to be major problems in the Philippines. The latest Philippines Census data showed that nearly 18% of Filipinos (or 5.4 million people) lack access to an improved water supply system, and 56% lack piped connections. For sanitation, data showed that 24% lack access to toilets or adequate sanitation. Poor sanitation in the country is evidenced by the persistent high incidence of diarrhea, which is reported at more than 700,000 cases a year. In the Philippines, the U.S. water supply and sanitation goals are to improve access to water supply and sanitation, and promote better hygiene.

To increase the number of people with access to potable water and improved sanitation services, U.S. assistance includes a) supporting the expansion of financing sources for water-related activities through the Philippine Water Revolving Fund, with credit guarantee from the Development Credit Authority for the leveraged private funds; b) strengthening capacity of water utilities to deliver water services and of local governments to implement sanitation programs and hygiene promotion; and c) promoting policy and institutional reform for the water and sanitation sector. Other U.S. assistance involves direct provision of water supply infrastructure in selected schools and conflict affected communities in Mindanao.

For additional information on USAID/Philippines please see <http://philippines.usaid.gov/> and <http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia/countries/philippines/>

### Senegal

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English and French.

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**DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Senegal is interested in supporting activities such as the following:

- Facilitating links between microenterprises and larger firms, enabling or strengthening microenterprise participation in the value chain;
- Promoting various forms of upgrading in the value chain through strategic direct technical assistance, expanded access to appropriate finance and other supporting services, and improved relationships between buyers and sellers, at both domestic and international levels; and
- Supporting formal or informal linkages among microenterprises to agglomerate products for sale, add value, or increase bargaining power.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Senegal welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

**DGP Sector 2: Water**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Senegal is primarily interested in supporting programs which improve household and community-level hygiene and sanitation through the provision of access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Senegal welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country, but encourages programs targeting small towns and rural and peri-urban areas of Senegal.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** USAID/Senegal currently carries out Microenterprise-related activities under the Trade and Investment and Agriculture Program Areas. The overall goals of these activities are to strengthen small enterprises owned and operated by poor people and to promote agricultural productivity. For Microenterprise activities under the Development Grants Program, USAID/Senegal is especially interested in funding enterprise development and in improving the productivity and market potential for current microenterprises.

The Mission's overall goal of the water and sanitation program is to improve sustainable access to water supply and sanitation, and promote better hygiene in targeted small towns and rural and peri-urban areas of Senegal.

## Southern Africa Regional Mission

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

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### DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

#### Sector Specific guidance:

USAID/Southern Africa is interested in working with local NGO to build the capacities of local, national or regional institutions, communities and/or civil society organizations to address climate change in the conservation, forestry, and water sectors. Emphasis should be placed on ensuring improved resiliency for addressing climate change in ways that benefit the environment and the communities dependent upon these natural resources. Geographically specific activities will achieve meaningful livelihood results by building local capacities to understand and address climate change while resolving interrelated issues of environmental degradation, biodiversity loss and poverty. Regional or policy initiatives should emphasize improved science, analysis, capacity and participatory decision-making for relevant stakeholder groups.

#### Geographic guidance:

Transboundary and regional activities preferred. Proposals for Botswana, South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland are also eligible. No bilateral activities in any other country in the region will be considered if it is not part of a regional/transboundary program of work.

### DGP Sector 2: Water

#### Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

4.8.1 Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity

#### Sector Specific guidance:

USAID/Southern Africa is interested in working with local NGOs to promote sound water resources management, improved water productivity, particularly for agriculture, and south-south exchanges of resources, technology and knowledge regarding the delivery of safe and clean drinking water to vulnerable populations. Transboundary management of water resources is of particular interest. Activities should include an institutional capacity

building and behavior change component to ensure lasting success. Any infrastructure work must ensure appropriate capacity for maintenance.

**Geographic guidance:**

*Transboundary and regional activities preferred:* Proposals for Botswana, South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland are also eligible. No bilateral activities in any other country in the region will be considered if it is not part of a regional/transboundary program of work.

**Mission Goals/Objectives (or links to them):** For more information about current USAID/Southern Africa programs, links to current and past implementing partners and recent documents, please see the following webpage:

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**Tanzania**

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**DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean Productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** The potential near and long term impacts of climate change are fundamental to the sustainability of any agriculture intervention; therefore, it's critical that USAID/Tanzania gain a more in-depth understanding of how climate change may impact agriculture in the Feed the Future (FtF) target areas. Climate change impact scenarios for East Africa forecast extremes in precipitation and temperature, two of the most important factors in understanding and mitigating agricultural risk. The human dimensions of climate change bear fundamentally on our capacity to reduce risk. As a result, it is fundamental to understand social, economic and environmental systems to target research and create information tools for decision-makers as they strive to increase their adaptive capacity. Key institutions for enhancing climate resilience in Tanzania include the Tanzania Meteorology Agency (TMA), the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives (MAFSC), and regional institutions, such as the River Basin Management Offices and Regional and District government offices in charge of land use planning and investment promotion.

USAID/Tanzania, through this mechanism, seeks to support appropriate climate change vulnerability and impact assessments in target geographic regions in order to foster regional, integrated climate research focused on the needs of key decision-makers, such as the River Basin Management Offices and Regional and District land use planning

programs. Working with TMA and MAFSC, innovations in climate information, across multiple timescales, will optimize decision-making with regards to improved seed varieties, timing of planting and harvest, and integrated water resources management to sustain irrigated agriculture. Examples of activities that may be supported are:

- Vulnerability assessments conducted for the targeted river basins and agriculture development regions within FtF;
- Improved understanding of climate variability and change at finer geographic scales in Tanzania;
- Increased local capacity for integrated, multi-disciplinary research focused on creation of decision support tools and information systems for the water and agriculture sectors;
- Increased resiliency to climate shocks in the water and agriculture sectors  
Improved climate and weather forecasting from the TMA, which is utilized by decision-makers; and
- Improved water management systems, particularly with regards to surface water extraction permitting for irrigated agriculture.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Tanzania welcomes applications for Climate Change Adaptation programs which are focused on Feed the Future target regions in central and northern Tanzania. These are areas with high agricultural potential that serve as gateways to chronically food insecure districts. Morogoro and Zanzibar will be the focus of irrigated rice production, while maize value chains will be promoted in Dodoma and Manyara regions. Horticulture activities will take place in the Arusha region as well as the Southern Highlands.

## **DGP Sector 2: Water**

### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

#### Focus Area 1:

In Tanzania, a study on water and sanitation supply found that only 37% of schools have adequate sanitation.<sup>1</sup> In support of education sector plans developed by the Ministries of Education and Vocational Training on mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar, USAID/Tanzania has a five-year education strategy that targets the lower primary levels (standards 1-4) and emphasizes specific accomplishments in reading, mathematics, and science.

Attention is centered on improving performance in Mtwara Region in mainland Tanzania and the islands of Unguja and Pemba in Zanzibar, and building on prior USAID education activities in these geographic areas; and complementing the many development activities that are ongoing through Ministry and development partner assistance. Collaborating with the education program to install water supply, sanitation and hygiene services in schools will result in improved school attendance and performance, especially for girls.

The USAID/Tanzania will support activities that address the water supply, sanitation and hygiene needs of children who attend primary school in Mtwara Region and Zanzibar. Decent environments are necessary for children to attend school, including water for washing and drinking, and toilets. Water and toilets are particularly important for girls

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<sup>1</sup> How long would you wait for the toilet? 2008. WaterAid Tanzania.

who are menstruating. Visits to primary schools in Mtwara Region and Zanzibar reveal that few, if any, have water and toilets despite government funding targeting these infrastructure needs. Overall, most government funding is reportedly going to classrooms and, to a lesser extent, teachers' housing. A greater focus on water and sanitation is needed as part of the infrastructure component of school funding, with better monitoring. Lessons and experiences in this area need to be brought together in a manner that can have a greater strategic effect on mainstream government practice.

Illustrative activities include:

- Promoting improved hygiene and sanitation activities to school children in targeted area schools.
- Constructing hygiene and sanitation facilities in primary schools, including latrine blocks and hand washing facilities and rainwater harvesting (RWH) facilities that serve school pupils.
- Facilitating school management committees to develop and implement maintenance plans for upkeep and maintenance of interventions.
- Developing social marketing to target behavioral change on hygiene and sanitation approaches.
- Training district officials and school teachers.
- Forming school health clubs.
- Promoting school-wide promotion events and distributing information, education and communication materials.

Women and girls should be the primary targets of awareness-raising training on prevention of water contamination in transfer from point of origin to household use/storage. In order to inform the impact on their well-being and livelihood, gender sensitive indicators should be developed for monitoring and evaluation.

#### Focus Area 2:

USAID/Tanzania is currently developing a comprehensive Nutrition Flagship Program under Feed the Future and the Global Health Initiative that will focus geographically in the Dodoma, Manyara and Morogoro regions. Improving household level hygiene through behavior and social change communication (BSCC) efforts is recognized as one of 13 proven interventions to improve health and nutrition outcomes among children under five years of age.

USAID/Tanzania would like to receive proposals for BSCC activities related to water and sanitation that would complement the Nutrition Flagship Program. Specifically, proposals should aim to reduce the transmission of water-borne illnesses among households with pregnant women and children under five. Activities should target households with children under five and pregnant women and focus mainly on the promotion of positive behavior change (e.g., hand washing and appropriate sanitation practices) at the household and community levels. They could also include activities designed to improve household-level access to potable water (e.g., for kitchen gardens) and sanitation facilities through community based initiatives to construct latrines using readily locally available materials at the household level.

USAID/Tanzania plans to fund other (non-water related) BSCC activities under the Nutrition Flagship Program using resources from the Global Health and Child Survival (GHCS) account, therefore the two programs would need to be designed and developed in close partnership. DGP supported activities would need to work closely with FTF-supported households and would complement ongoing efforts of the iWASH program also supported by USAID/Tanzania in the Morogoro Region. BSCC activities would also need to be coordinated with ongoing water supply, sanitation, and hygiene communication efforts under the USAID/Tanzania/PEPFAR Positive Prevention Program.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Tanzania welcomes water supply, sanitation, and hygiene applications which target primary schools in the Mtwara Region and Zanzibar and BSCC applications which target the Dodoma, Manyara and Morogoro regions.

**Mission Goals/Objectives (or links to them):** For more information about current USAID/Tanzania programs, links to current and past implementing partners and recent documents, please see the following webpage: [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/tanzania/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/tanzania/index.html)

### Timor Leste

The Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

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### **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Timor Leste would like to support programs which address science, analysis, and information-sharing for decision making:

- Developing or improving tools or methods for sharing climate information among government, NGO's, the private sector, academia, and local communities. This could include developing an internet-based community for stakeholders to post or share climate-related resources, or a series of workshops to demonstrate the use of satellite-based maps to local decision makers to aid their adaptation planning.
- Helping practitioners and government officials access and apply climate information to decision-making by, for example, instituting a seasonal weather forecast tailored to decision needs.

- Advancing modeling and research to better understand climate impacts in relevant regions or sectors, such as on the impacts of coral bleaching in a community that relies on coastal tourism.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Timor Leste welcomes Climate Change Adaptation applications for all geographic regions of the country.

## **DGP Sector 2: Water**

### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

#### 3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

#### **Sector-specific guidance:**

USAID/Timor-Leste is interested in the areas of water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WSSH) and water resources management (WRM), and is seeking assistance from experienced and well managed organizations that have demonstrated capacity to improve local governance for sustainable water and sanitation access and water source protection. To achieve these goals USAID/TL expects any combination of the following approaches:

1. Rehabilitation and/or improvements to existing dysfunctional water systems;
2. Establishment of new water systems where existing systems are not present;
3. Strengthening of Facility Management Group (FMG) capacity to manage and finance community water systems;
4. Implementation of 'demand driven' sanitation programs (like Community Led Total Sanitation or CLTS);
5. Capacity building of rural communities to develop and implement Community Natural Resources Management (CNRM) Plans;
6. Protection of community water sources from run-off contamination;
7. Sourcing tree seedlings and the establishment of community-based nurseries in target locations;
8. Implementation of WASH 'Behavior Change Communication' (BCC) and CLTS approaches for the development of sanitation and hygiene marketing; and
9. Training in latrine construction and related technical issues.

Illustrative activities under the approaches mentioned above include, but are not limited to:

- Water well development, improvement or rehabilitation;
- Water delivery and distribution systems;
- Small scale water treatment and, or household point-of-use (POU) treatment system for removal of contaminants;
- Capacity improvement of local authorities (district official, village council, FMGs) and public;
- Promotion of practices that protect these supplies from contamination by improper handling of domestic water and household waste and inadequate sanitation household sanitation facilities;
- Household-level technologies and products, such as soap and hand washing devices.
- Increasing the number of hours of water access per day or quantity of water available from a networked water system;

- Improving the quality of water delivered by a system;
- Improving the maintenance of systems and reducing the number of days out of service;
- Increasing the number of household connections for people who already have access to another communal improved source;
- Hygiene promotion activities to support behavior change in key areas including hand washing;
- Feces management (including sanitation promotion and marketing), and household point-of-use (POU) water treatment;
- Increasing of messages through media and innovative communication including promotion through schools and door to door;
- Installation of barriers to prevent access to the water point by animals, people, or other contamination sources;
- Promotion of practices that protect water supply from contamination by improper handling of domestic water and household waste and inadequate sanitation;
- Community organization and the establishment of public-private partnerships; and
- Institutional strengthening, capacity building, or reform of government, community or private actors in water supply and wastewater services, including but not limited to technical and financial aspects of system management, and innovative financing.

**Geographical Guidance:** USAID/Timor-Leste welcomes applications focused in Oecusse, Manatuto, Ermera and Viqueque (under-served areas of Timor-Leste).

**Mission Goals/Objectives (Water) :** The U.S. Government's (USG) vision for Timor-Leste under the U.S Foreign Assistance Framework for "Investing in People" is to contribute to the improved health and well-being of all Timorese, especially the poor and disadvantaged people in remote areas of the interior so as to support the efforts of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) as well as those of the government institutions responsible for improving the availability of potable water, household sanitation and hygiene, and the protection of the natural environment.

Assistance from the USG's health program in Timor-Leste will complement the government of Timor-Leste's efforts to achieve its MDG for health, particularly in relation to improved child and maternal health (MDG 4 and 5), as well as contributing to care of the natural environment (MDG 7). USG interventions will take place in districts at the level of the local community and at the grass roots. The private and public sectors will both be actively encouraged to involve themselves in the implementation of the program and so sustain the program. Rural community members will also be encouraged to improve health knowledge, attitudes, and positive behavior identifying solutions to the health problems they face.

USAID/Timor-Leste has existing water, sanitation and hygiene ("DWASH") program and it is intended to expand its WASH program into more vulnerable communities in remote areas of the interior. For more information, please contact Carlos dos REIS, Environmental Health Officer at USAID/Timor-Leste, at 332-2211.

## Ukraine

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers will be accepted in English, Ukrainian and Russian. Full Applications will be accepted in English only.

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### **DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

- 4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets
- 4.7.3 Microenterprise Productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Ukraine is interested in applications focused on sustainable and broad-based economic growth, with two areas of particular interest relating to microenterprise development:

1. Helping small farmers benefit from, and contribute to, growth of Ukraine's agriculture industry.
2. Helping microenterprises better understand land reforms.

Small farms still produce most of Ukraine's fruits and vegetables, and account for much of the production area for grains and oilseeds. However, their productivity in many cases is less than half of those of large corporate agricultural holdings. Increasing productivity and profitability of these producers would contribute to broad-based economic growth, as these producers create jobs and are closely connected to the communities in which they operate. They are not sufficiently organized to consolidate goods to meet the quality and quantity requirements demanded by buyers, such as supermarkets and exporters. USAID has just started a new agricultural assistance program that will help to improve rural livelihoods, and contribute to global food security efforts by stimulating a robust market for agriculture finance; developing the market infrastructure that links farmers with end markets; and assisting small farmers to increase their productivity and benefit from international trade opportunities, in particular through strengthening the enabling environment they face. USAID/Ukraine will support projects that complement these activities with innovative approaches to facilitate agricultural development through developing value chains, facilitating agricultural finance, and/or promoting producer productivity and access to markets.

Ukraine's greatest unlocked asset is its land. USAID and other donors have sought to develop a land market in Ukraine for years. These efforts have not been fully realized in part due to the ban on the sale of agricultural land. Momentum is building to lift the agricultural land sale moratorium, which may seriously affect farmer operations and rural livelihoods. The capacity for microenterprises and households to access ownership rights to their land is critical to leveraging this asset for working capital, as well as to ensure a more level playing field between buyers and sellers. USAID/Ukraine is interested in

applications that will help microenterprises and other vulnerable populations adapt to potential land reforms, in particular through building better public awareness on land rights.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Ukraine welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country.

## DGP Sector 2: Water

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Ukraine will consider strong proposals focused on water resource management activities, in particular the programs targeted to maximize the efficient and productive use of water for agricultural production. Ukraine has tremendous agriculture potential. Some fields, however, remain fallow due in part to a lack of irrigation infrastructure. The long lapse of investment has left some irrigation equipment crumbling beneath the ground, leaving fields fallow. This situation is problematic in Crimea and Southern Ukraine, which relies on an elaborate and largely inefficient irrigation system. Facilitating the rehabilitation of agriculture irrigation systems would increase productivity, size and predictability of yields, thereby generating economic opportunities for Ukrainian rural producers.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Ukraine welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country, with particular interest in Crimea and Southern Ukraine.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** Please visit <http://ukraine.usaid.gov/> for more information.

## Yemen

This Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English with an executive summary attachment in Arabic.

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## DGP Sector 1: Microenterprise

**Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.7.1 Inclusive Financial Markets

**Sector-specific guidance:** In Yemen the major concern for micro-enterprises is access to finance and support for ongoing business development - particularly in rural areas.

Lack of economic opportunity is a significant driver of instability in Yemen, particularly among young adults. USAID/Yemen is seeking to increase these opportunities, particularly in rural or peri-urban areas. Yemen is a difficult working environment which requires creative and innovative ideas to reach target groups and provide the tools they need to succeed. Increased access to micro-credit opportunities and activities which build the capacity of young entrepreneurs to build on their ideas for personal and professional success will contribute to the Mission's stabilization strategy for Yemen.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Yemen welcomes Microenterprise applications for all geographic regions of the country, but particularly in rural and peri-urban areas. Currently the Mission is targeting 8 governorates: Al Jawf, Amran, Marib, Shabwah, Abyan, Al-Dhale, Lahj, and Aden. However, proposals to work in other governorates are possible for consideration with appropriate justification that fits the Mission strategy.

## **DGP Sector 2: Water**

### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.8 Water Supply and Sanitation

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** USAID/Yemen's stabilization strategy is focused on livelihoods and governance elements. Programs are designed to address citizen-driven concerns and community based needs. As such, the Mission is primarily interested in water and sanitation issues which address a scope of potential health and welfare concerns in Yemen - particularly in conflict affected areas or in rural or peri-urban areas where the Mission's strategy is focused. The Mission would like to support investments in water supply and sanitation which reflect urgent needs to safeguard water resources for the well-being of both the people of Yemen and its environment. Activities which focus on the essential role played by women in the peace and well-being of communities will be especially welcome. Secondly, the Mission will support activities which address agricultural productivity and potential conflicts that might be caused related to water-issues and agriculture.

**Geographical guidance:** USAID/Yemen welcomes Water applications for all geographic regions of the country, but particularly in rural and peri-urban areas and those affected by conflict. Currently the Mission is targeting 8 governorates: Al Jawf, Amran, Marib, Shabwah, Abyan, Al-Dhale, Lahj, and Aden. However, proposals to work in other governorates are possible for consideration with appropriate justification that fits the Mission strategy.

**Mission Goals/Objectives (or links to them):** USAID/Yemen's overarching strategic goal is to increase Yemen's stability through targeted interventions in vulnerable areas. This goal implies a localized strategy with development programming tailored to address the drivers of instability in specific areas of the country and to respond directly to the articulated needs and frustrations of communities in the neediest areas. During the 2010-2012 period, the collaboration between the United States and Republic of Yemen will grow stronger. Joint development goals include improving the livelihoods of citizens in disadvantaged communities and improving governance capacities to mitigate drivers of instability. The development hypothesis of the USAID/Yemen Strategy postulates that addressing the development needs of underserved communities is causally related to improving political and social stability. The foundation of political opposition and

extremist ideologies is, to a great extent, based on people's level of satisfaction with the services their government provides and whether there are real opportunities. Through development assistance tailored to communities' defined needs, people can see their government responding and improvements in their economic environment that open up opportunities to better their personal, family and community situation.

For more information, please see

[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/middle\\_east/countries/yemen/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/middle_east/countries/yemen/)

### **Zimbabwe**

The Mission will accept applications for up to **\$2 million** per application.

Concept Papers and Full Applications will be accepted in English.

#### **Addresses for Concept Paper and Full Application Submission:**

| <b>Mailing Address</b>            | <b>Email addresses</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Please submit electronically only | To: <a href="mailto:DGP-3EZimbabwe@usaid.gov">DGP-3EZimbabwe@usaid.gov</a><br>Cc: Cc: <a href="mailto:DGP3@usaid.gov">DGP3@usaid.gov</a> |

### **DGP Sector 1: Climate Change Adaptation**

#### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

4.8.2 Clean productive Environment

**Sector-specific guidance:** Zimbabwe is no exception to global climate change and has observed a warming trend generally consistent with global observations. Climate change poses a serious threat to agriculture and food security and has the potential to reverse development gains. The USAID/Zimbabwe Mission is interested proposals that will work in agro-ecological zones four and five which are most vulnerable to climate change, global warming and reductions in rainfall. The Mission would like to see climate change adaptation strategies used which reduce the vulnerability of people, their livelihoods, and the environment in which they live.

The Mission would accept proposals on improved agricultural techniques which improve food security and production, infrastructure, water, and disaster risk management approaches which will mitigate the impact of climate change. Issues related to governance and gender should be considered cross-cutting and addressed in the proposal. Activities should link to the Government of Zimbabwe's (GoZ) Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Management approach to strengthen the national capacity for climate change and to mainstream climate change into national development plans.

The USAID Mission is looking for innovative solutions which use science, analysis and best practices to build the capacity of local communities to improve their capacity to respond to and cope with shocks caused by seasonal and climatic impacts. These may include improved water management at the household level, improved agricultural practices and other disaster risk reduction strategies. As always USAID funded programs

should work with other USAID, donor and GoZ programs for coordination, synergies and improved impact. These linkages should be clearly stated in the proposal.

**Geographical guidance:** Agro ecological zones 4 + 5, semi-arid areas in the country, and other areas that will be highly impacted by climate change

## **DGP Sector 2: Water**

### **Program Area/Element/Sub-element(s):**

3.1.6.8 Household Level Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment

4.5.2 Agricultural productivity

**Sector-specific guidance:** The USAID/Zimbabwe Mission is looking for innovative solutions which use water sector best practices for improved agriculture productivity in highly food insecure areas within the country. By targeting male and female producers USAID would like to see an improved resiliency in agriculture and diversified livelihoods that will lead to a reduction in poverty in the targeted areas. The Mission encourages use of science and new technologies for appropriate water use that will result in improved agriculture productivity at the household level, leading households to become more food secure. Linkages to current and previous programs and lessons learned from past programming will be essential for a successful proposal.

### **Geographical Guidance: dry, more food insecure areas**

**Agro ecological zones 4 & 5** Agro ecological zones 4 + 5, arid areas in the country, and food insecure areas.

**Mission Goals/Objectives:** The Feed the Future agriculture program goals of USAID/Zimbabwe are relevant to both sectors under this RFA and programs that can be linked to adaptation and improved agricultural practices/increased long term food security fall within our current strategy. Please see the following web pages for more information.

<http://www.usaid.gov/zw/>

[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/countries/zimbabwe/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/countries/zimbabwe/index.html)