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AMERICAN SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS ABROAD

BUREAU FOR DEMOCRACY, CONFLICT AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

MISSION

ASHA provides assistance to overseas schools, libraries, and hospital centers to highlight American ideas and practices, to provide concrete illustrations of the generosity of the American people, to further U.S. Government public diplomacy, and to catalyze collaboration between U.S. citizens and citizens of other countries.

BACKGROUND

Established in 1947, the Office of American Schools and Hospital Abroad (USAID/ASHA) contributes to United States foreign policy interests by funding institutions that foster a positive image of the United States around the world. ASHA's mandate, which is distinct from other development programs within USAID, is to focus on public diplomacy and fostering American values, ideas and practices.

The investments ASHA makes ultimately create resilient civil society institutions and train successive generations of leaders. USAID/ASHA has contributed to building a dynamic legacy of top quality civil society institutions and overseas partnerships around the world. These partnerships leverage existing knowledge, resources and expertise and ensure greater program scale, financial sustainability and local ownership.

PARTNERING WITH USAID/ASHA

USAID/ASHA's grants are awarded annually through a competitive review process. [Click here](#) to view our closed FY 2018 RFA. USAID/ASHA hosts an annual Partners' Meeting in the fall where all interested parties are welcome to attend, pose questions about the upcoming funding cycle, and interact with staff. Direct awards are made to U.S. organizations who have partnered with overseas institutions that are embedded in and achieving impact in local, regional, or global health and education systems. Since its inception, USAID/ASHA has spent over \$1 billion, collaborating with some 300 institutions to improve health and education in over 81 countries. In 2016, USAID/ASHA funded 34 projects in 22 countries worldwide.

CRITERIA FOR PARTNERING WITH USAID/ASHA

U.S. Organizations (USOs):

- USO must be a tax-exempt non-profit organizations (e.g. 501c3) and headquartered in the United States
- USO must be the founder and/or sponsor of an overseas institution for which assistance is sought

Overseas Institutions (OSI):

- OSIs are institutions that provide secondary or post-secondary education, libraries, medical centers conducting education and research, and centers of excellence outside the United States
- OSIs provide the benefits of American ideas, innovations and practices in education and health
- OSIs foster interchange, mutual understanding, and favorable relations with the United States
- OSIs must be free from government control



Map of historical ASHA Assistance as of FY 2016

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