

FOIA REQUEST

Fee waiver requested

Expedited processing requested

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Office of Administrative Services
United States Agency for International Development
Room 2.07C, RRB
Washington, D.C. 20523-2701

By mail and e-mail

Dear Ms. Lankford:

This is a formal request by the Global Justice Center, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, for the most recent **contracts, grants, and agreements** between the United States Agency for International Development or its offices or subdivisions entered into for the following:

1. Democratic Republic of the Congo
 - a. USAID Bureau For Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA)
 - b. USAID Victims of Torture Fund to Treat Survivors of Torture and Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: contracts, grants, and agreements with:
 - i. Cooperazione Internazionale
 - ii. Centre d'Intervention Psychosociale
2. Darfur/Sudan
 - a. Funds disbursed for the Darfur Humanitarian Emergency to the following groups:
 - i. International Committee of the Red Cross for “primary health, water and sanitation” (Darfur-wide) for FY 2005 totaling \$7,757,500 from USAID/OFDA;
 - ii. International Rescue Committee for “health, shelter, camp management, water and sanitation, and prevention of sexual violence” (Darfur-wide) for FY 2005 totaling \$7,355,409 from USAID/OFDA;
 - iii. Physicians for Human Rights for “research on sexual violence” in FY 2004 totaling \$14,000 from USAID/OTI.
3. International Medical Corps
 - a. The Care, Access, Safety, and Empowerment (CASE) project.

4. IRC
 - a. Breaking the Cycle of Vulnerability and Violence (\$4,868,096 from June 20, 2002 to April 30, 2008).
5. UNICEF
 - a. COOPI -- Assistance and Reintegration of Abducted Girls and Boys and other Gender-Based Violence Survivors (\$1,038,000 from July 20, 2006 to December 31, 2008).
6. Grant No. GPH-A-00-02-00003-00, GH/POP/PC USAID Grant, Global and its most recent predecessor, if there is one.
7. Universal Periodic Review (UPR) documents
 - a. All documents and correspondence relating to the Global Justice Center's Universal Periodic Review of the United States submission before the Human Rights Council in Geneva in 2010.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest and we are a non-profit organization eligible for waiver of all fees as have been done in the past. We intend to issue a press release based in part on the information gathered in this request that will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities and utilize this information in our advocacy efforts around this issue.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As an attorney at an international nonprofit, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information pertaining to the Helms Amendment and United States abortion policy as indicated in the requested contracts and this has been the subject of a recent letter from the 22,000 member New York City Bar to President Obama.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires. When these records are available, you may call me at 212-725-6530 or e-mail me at jbenshoof@globaljusticecenter.net. Please also cc on all correspondence Akila Radhakrishnan at aradhakrishnan@globaljusticecenter.net.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Janet Benshoof
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