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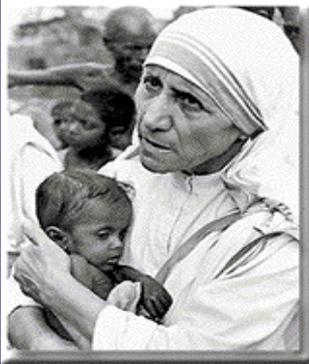
# ***Faith-Based and Community Initiative***

**Armies of Compassion**

**Alleviating Human Suffering Abroad**



**January 29, 2001, President George W. Bush signed an Executive Order establishing the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to lead “a determined attack on need” by strengthening and expanding the role of faith-based and community organizations in addressing human needs domestically and internationally.**



# FBCI



“If your program is a faith-based program and it changes people’s lives ... we ought to say thank you ... you can have equal access to money, and you don’t even have to change your mission”

**President George W. Bush**

**July 29, 2002**





# **USAID Faith-based Partnerships**



**USAID has a long history of partnering with faith-based organizations.**

**Well known organizations such as Catholic Relief Services and Lutheran World Relief have been successfully partnering with USAID since 1977 to alleviate human need and suffering in projects ranging from food security to health issues.**

# Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

## **Mission:**

- 1. Level the playing field so that FBO/CBOs can compete on an equal footing with other NGOs for federal funds.**



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## **Mission:**

**2. Identify and remove barriers and obstacles FBO/CBOs experience when competing for federal funds.**



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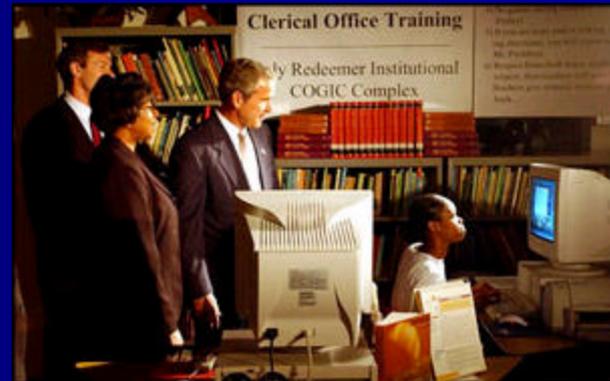
**3. Reach out to faith-based and community-based groups and encourage them to compete for federal funds.**



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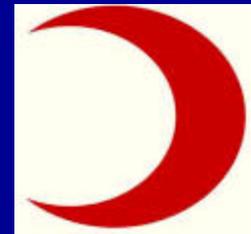
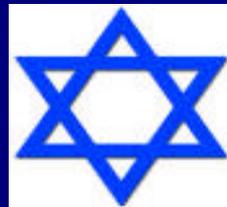
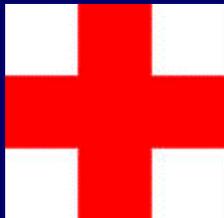
4. Provide technical assistance to FBO/CBOs.



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# What Has Changed?

1. The religious character or mission of faith-based organizations can no longer be used as a reason to disqualify them from receiving federal money.



# What Has Changed?

2. Faith-based groups may make religiously based employment decisions and receive federal funds.



# What Has Not Changed?



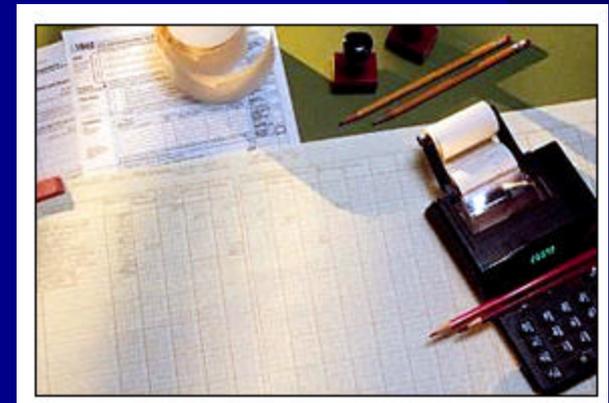
**1. Federal money cannot be used to fund religious programs or proselytizing efforts.**



# What Has Not Changed?



2. FBO/CBOs must report on how they spent federal money.



# Words from the Administrator

**"President Bush's executive order to establish a center for faith-based and community initiatives at the U.S. Agency for International Development will enhance our current partnership with non-government and private voluntary organizations.**

**USAID's long-standing successful partnerships with private voluntary organizations, including faith-based organizations, have been highly effective and efficient in implementing USAID programs around the world which non-government organizations are uniquely qualified to pursue.**

**These partnerships help USAID maximize its resources."**

**Andrew Natsios, December 12, 2002**



# *USAID Faith-Based and Community Initiative*



Armies of Compassion reaching out to the international community through USAID sponsored programs.

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