PVO Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Q: How is the PVO registration process changing?
A: You will no longer need to register with USAID before participating in most programs. Just apply directly to any grant opportunity you are interested in.

Q: What programs still require registration?
A: You will only have to register, due to legislative requirements, for the Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP) and the Ocean Freight Reimbursement (OFR) program.

Q: How do I register with the Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP) and the Ocean Freight Reimbursement (OFR) program?
A: When you apply to either of these programs, you will need to register as a Private Voluntary Organization. You will certify that you meet the requirements as a PVO by completing a form in the application to register.

Q: Will I still need an annual financial audit?
A: No, not as a pre-condition for applying for a grant or cooperative agreement. However, should you be selected for a grant or cooperative agreement, you may need a financial audit before an award can be made.

Q: What will happen to the PVO registration database and related reports such as the VOLAG report (the Report of Voluntary Agencies Engaged in Overseas Relief and Development)?
A: These reports are being discontinued.

Q: I occasionally call the PVO Registration Team. Who do I call if I have questions about working with USAID or USAID programs?
A: The PVO Registration Team is being disbanded. Below is a list of useful resources and contacts that will answer most of your questions.

Partnering with USAID

Please visit our webpage on How to Work With USAID for general information on how to partner with USAID and USAID funding.

Organizations and individuals interested in partnering with USAID can visit our website for information regarding current Partnership Opportunities.

For anticipated future opportunities, the USAID Business Forecast, provides potential funding and partnership opportunities. We also encourage following @USAIDBizOpps on Twitter for the latest USAID business and partnership opportunities.

For a more in-depth explanation of USAID funding and to explore opportunities to work with USAID, we suggest you visit our webpage on USAID's grant and contract process.

We also recommend that you take advantage of our training module, Exploring Opportunities to Partner With USAID This training module thoroughly outlines a four-step work plan for those interested in exploring opportunities with USAID, and provides information on the types of funding available, and advice on how to best to position yourself or your organization to work with USAID. Additional trainings that may be of interest can be found on our Training Series page.

The USAID website is not a comprehensive source of information for all available partnership and funding opportunities with the Agency. We encourage you to review postings on www.grants.gov and FedBizOpps.gov. Both sites provide the option to search opportunities by agency. We are listed as "Agency for International Development." It may also be useful to contact USAID's implementing partners in the country you are interested in working. A list of implementing partners can be found on http://beta.foreignassistance.gov/. The site allows you to conduct a search by government agency, country, and fiscal year, which allows you to get a complete list of USAID implementing partners for a particular fiscal year.

USAID does accept unsolicited proposals and assistance applications. Please read through the Unsolicited Proposals and Grants webpage and Guidelines for Submitting Unsolicited Contract Proposals prior to submission to ensure that your unsolicited proposal is complete according to USAID guidelines. Please keep in mind that funding is available on an extremely limited basis and USAID is only able to approve a small number of the unsolicited proposals it receives.

You may also contact the Ombudsman for questions about how to work with USAID, or USAID Open (open@usaid.gov) if you have questions about other USAID programs. They will direct you to the appropriate people, programs or resources.