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LIMITED EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAM (LEPP)

USAID'S LEPP provides access to federal surplus property on behalf of the American people to communities in developing nations to strengthen the outcomes of humanitarian aid and development programs. LEPP supports sustainable, locally driven development endeavors and promotes U.S. international public diplomacy efforts through productive partnerships with host governments and local institutions.

LEPP is managed by USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA), which is part of the Bureau for Inclusive Growth, Partnerships, and Innovation's Local, Faith, and Transformative Partnerships (LFT) Hub.

Our Work

LEPP was established in 1987 by USAID as an innovative and cost-effective strategy to transfer millions of dollars' worth of federal surplus property to Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) and USAID Missions to supplement their development and humanitarian projects overseas. A primary function of LEPP is to help ensure that the property transferred is appropriate for the intended use and is safely utilized by the program's development partners.

In the last three decades, LEPP has leveraged close to \$1 billion worth of federal surplus property to help build and strengthen local institutions in USAID partner countries. LEPP partners utilize physical capital donations to respond to local needs ranging from disaster response to capacity-building in over 70 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

In fiscal year 2022 (FY 22), LEPP successfully transferred more than \$32 million worth of surplus property to 17 countries where USAID provides aid and development assistance. The property transferred included medical, dental, and lab equipment; hygiene supplies; personal protection equipment (PPE); computers and cellular phones; and clothing items. Currently, there are 16 PVOs participating in LEPP alongside 25 USAID Missions.

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PROJECTS

Through LEPP, USAID and other U.S. Government agencies have been able to optimize federal resources and leverage property from United States and international holding locations to support initiatives such as the following:

- LEPP provided Food For The Poor access to computer donations to support public schools in El Salvador through the New Horizons Foundation for the Poor (FUNHOPO) program. Since 2021, FUNHOPO has received 111 computers from LEPP. The computers will be distributed to public schools throughout El Salvador through FUNHOPO's Program La Voz para los Sin Voz (Voice for the Voiceless Program).
- LEPP provided Healey International Relief Foundation access to critical equipment that went to Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone (CHASL) and Caritas Freetown. Equipment included folding tables, file charts, metal file cabinets, stackable and recliner chairs, and wheelchairs. CHASL has a membership of 42 faith-based health facilities across Sierra Leone with Caritas Freetown managing four of those facilities. The items donated via LEPP will target a total of 5,500 patients in facilities located in Freetown and its surrounding areas.
- LEPP provided CURE International access to a mobile C-Arm X-ray machine for use at its CURE Children's Hospital in Zambia (CURE Zambia). The C-Arm allows surgeons to check the position of bones and implants during surgery and control the precision and accuracy of their work. CURE Zambia treats patients 0 to 18 years old, and all treatment and surgeries are free.
- LEPP provided CharityVision access to medical equipment for its start-up partner clinic Claire Vision in Jacmel, Haiti. Donated equipment included vital signs monitors, slit lamps, patient chairs, an optical coherence tomography machine, and more. The clinic uses this equipment in its daily activities to provide underserved patients with quality vision care.

LEPP APPLICATION PROCESS

In 2020, LEPP successfully completed a competitive application cycle where 16 organizations were selected to participate in the program from the 31 that applied. **The next application cycle is slated for the winter of 2024.** Organizations that are interested in applying to LEPP in 2024 must meet the PVO self-certification criteria and complete and submit a PVO self-certification form as part of their application package. Please note that there are additional criteria for acceptance into LEPP. USAID's Missions can utilize the program as well for their development projects. Organizations and Missions can contact the LEPP Team at LEPP@USAID.gov for additional details.

LEPP LEGISLATION

Under Section 607 of the Foreign Assistance Act (FAA) of 1961, as amended, USAID has special authority to provide approved PVOs access to the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) Disposition Services excess property programs.

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