

Highlights



<u>USAID</u>, <u>Nestlé Philippines Partner to Support LGUs in Solid Waste Management and Climate Impact Reduction</u> - USAID and Nestlé Philippines committed to share practical tips about improving local solid waste management, increase communities' access to solid waste management education, and implement Nestlé Philippines' Climate Change and Solid Waste Management Education Program. USAID Philippines Mission Director Ryan Washburn noted, "USAID is pleased to partner with Nestlé Philippines in supporting local governments to reduce waste-linked contributions to ocean plastics and the climate crisis."



USAID and Vietnam's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Sign Memorandum of **Understanding on Climate Change and Environmental Pollution - According to USAID** Vietnam Mission Director Ann Marie Yastishock, "This MOU will help facilitate the effective collaboration between USAID and MONRE on climate change and environmental pollution and take us one step closer to bringing greater environmental awareness and change for Vietnam's citizens and economy." USAID's collaboration with the Ministry will focus on air quality management; integrated water resource management and water security; conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity; ocean plastic, solid waste management and recycling; and reduction of emissions responsible for climate change.



<u>USAID Announces New Vietnam Partnership to</u>
<u>Address Ocean Plastic Pollution</u> - USAID's Clean
Cities, Blue Ocean program will work with the Vietnam
Administration of Seas and Islands (VASI) to support
national strategies to reduce ocean plastics, as well as
pilot solutions directly in four engagement sites in
Vietnam: Hue, Da Nang, Bien Hoa, and Phu Quoc.

New Opportunities

Request for Proposals - New USAID Sri Lanka Ocean Plastics Reduction Activity (Ocean Plastics) Contract Opportunity

The USAID Mission for Sri Lanka and Maldives released a <u>request for proposal</u> on February 3, 2022, for a flagship Ocean Plastics Reduction project. The project aims to reduce plastics available to the environment, by reducing plastics inputs and improving integrated solid waste management (SWM) practices, with an emphasis on reduction of ocean plastics pollution in Sri Lanka and Maldives.

The project has four complementary objectives:

- 1. Reduce reliance on virgin plastic inputs and products;
- 2. Professionalize, improve and expand SWM, with a focus on reducing plastics available to the environment:
- 3. Empower communities to drive local SWM solutions; and
- 4. Strengthen the enabling environment for SWM with an emphasis on reducing ocean plastics.

Proposals are due March 10, 2022, and award will be prior to September 30, 2022. See the full request for proposal here.

Request for Information - Plastic Pollution Activity India

This USAID/India Request for Information (RFI) is to solicit comments/suggestions in order to incorporate new, innovative solutions into a solicitation or notice of funding opportunity

(NOFO) to address ocean plastic pollution and solid waste management in India should USAID decide to issue either one.

By issuing this RFI, USAID/India aims to consult with the broad community of private sector actors, public institutions, development partners, non-governmental organizations, industry associations, think tanks, and academia, concerned with plastic pollution and solid waste management in India.

RFI Response Due Date and Time: March 01, 2022, 23.59hrs (India Local Time) View the full Request for Information and instructions on Grants.gov here. View the full Request for Information and instructions on Sam.gov here.

New USAID Tool for Sustainable Waste Management



SOLID WASTE CAPACITY INDEX FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (SCIL)

USAID Develops New Self-Assessment Tool to Strengthen Local Government Capacity for Sustainable Waste Management Systems - The Solid Waste Capacity Index for Local Governments (SCIL) enables local governments to self-assess their current SWM capabilities and pinpoint where capacity building is necessary to create and sustain more economically and environmentally sound waste management systems.

Clean Cities, Blue Ocean Program Highlights

New Pages on UrbanLinks



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