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# AMERICAN SCHOOLS & HOSPITALS ABROAD

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# ASHA MISSION

- American Schools and Hospitals Abroad promotes understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries by supporting construction projects and purchasing equipment for overseas schools, hospitals, and libraries.
- Focus areas include:
  - Gender equality and women’s empowerment
  - Science and technology
  - Inclusive and resilient civil society



# HISTORY

## 1947-PRESENT

- 1947- ASHA program authorized by U.S. Congress in the Smith-Mundt Act
- 1957- ASHA begins to disburse funds to institutions under the Mutual Security Act of 1957. 2 grants were given to American University of Beirut and American University in Cairo
- 1961- ASHA joins USAID under the Foreign Assistance Act



American University of Cairo



American University of Beirut

# OPERATIONS

- ASHA provides grants to U.S. organizations that support private overseas universities, hospitals and libraries
- 100 percent of ASHA funds go to overseas organizations, U.S. organizations cannot charge overhead
- ASHA makes **30 to 40 new grants each year** with an annual budget of \$26 million
- Since its inception, ASHA has assisted 300 institutions in **over 80 countries worldwide**



# CRITERIA FOR U.S. ORGANIZATIONS

- USO must be a tax-exempt non-profit organizations (such as 501c3) and headquartered in the United States
- USO must be the founder and/or sponsor of an overseas institution for which assistance is sought



# CRITERIA FOR OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS

- OSIs are universities, secondary schools, libraries and medical centers conducting education and research outside the United States
- OSIs provide the benefits of American ideas, innovations and practices in education and health
- OSIs foster interchange, mutual understanding, and favorable relations with the United States
- OSIs must be free from government control

# What happens after we get an ASHA award?

- Award documentation (Award document, Agreement Officer Representative assignments, Branding and Marking Plan, & Environmental Compliance)
- Accessing the money
- Spending the money
- Quarterly narrative and financial reports
- Communication with your Agreements Officer Representative
- Communication with USAID Mission and U.S. Embassy



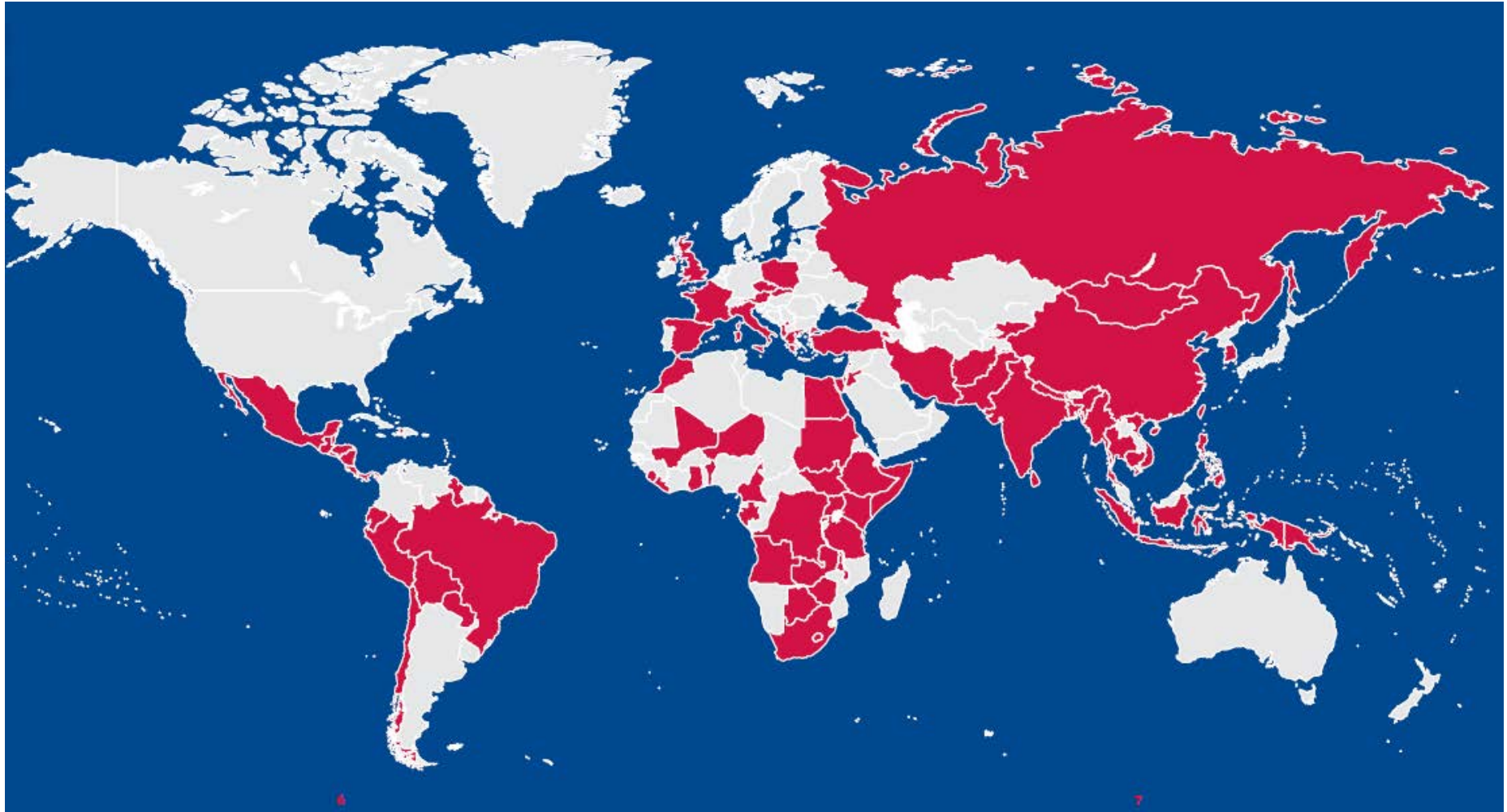


# EXAMPLES OF ASHA PROJECTS (from FY16)

- North American Baptist Conference/ Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon: Purchase and install an oxygen generation and distribution system, a wall vacuum, and medical air system
- Rambo Committee, Inc./ Christian Hospital Mungeli in India: Construct and purchase commodities for a dormitory for nursing students and staff
- Sofia American Schools, Inc./ American College of Sofia in Bulgaria: Purchase 792 laptops, 36 carts, and install the second phase of the WiFi system

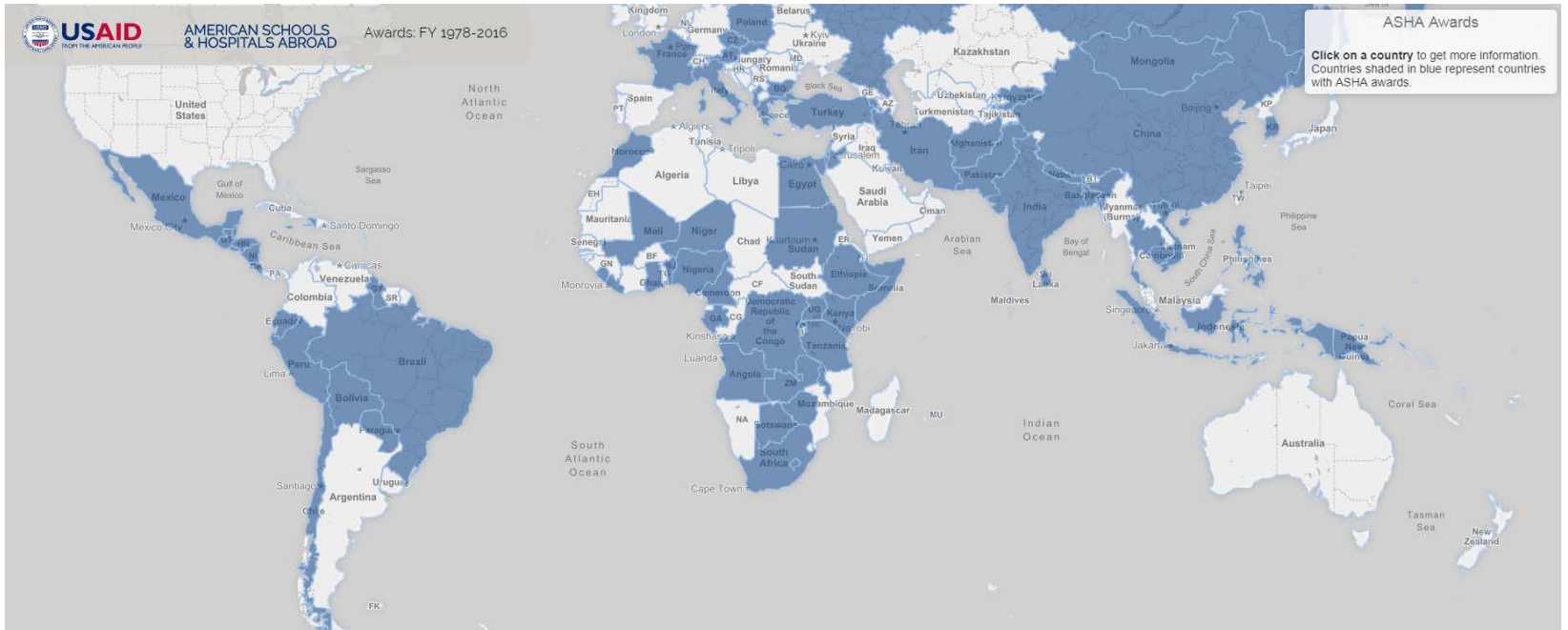


# ASHA Assistance 1957-2017



# Interactive Map

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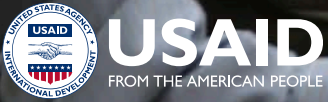


## FAQs

- How long does it take to put together an application?
- When will we know if we got an ASHA grant?
- How can we learn about other ASHA projects in our region?
- Are there any countries that ASHA does not work in?
- What can we use ASHA money for? (salaries, etc.?)
- How does ASHA decide which applications to fund each year?



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