

# ORGANIZING AROUND THE WORLD: UNIONS FOR ALL

## QUICK STATS

- ✘ **CONFERENCE:** Spending
- ✘ **TEAM:** U.S. Agency for International Development
- **FUMBLE:** \$37.5 million
- **RECOVERY:** USAID should support programs that advance national interests

USAID posted a grant notice this year in an effort to seek applications from all eligible organizations for a program that can demonstrate clear, measurable, and meaningful medium-term results and progress toward a long-term impact to increase the capacity of labor organizations (trade unions and civil society organizations); to promote workers' representation in policy processes; improve access to justice; advance the effective worldwide application of core international labor standards; and improve the welfare and livelihood opportunities of workers and their families and communities.<sup>183</sup>

This government-speak could be translated simply as: USAID wants to spend \$37.5 million

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to promote labor unions around the world with “medium-term results” and “long-term impact.”<sup>184</sup> USAID has had this mission, advanced through its Global Labor Program since 1961.<sup>185</sup>

## **RECOVERY**

Every individual is free to promote the ideas and values in which he or she believes, but it is far from the federal government's responsibility to spend millions of dollars to build the capacity of labor unions in other countries. This a job better left to international labor organizations.