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Dear friends,

This week we are sharing some resources that advocate for the rights of PLHIV. Children, the ultimate victims of this pandemic, need their voices heard. The ClIFF has released a toolkit to help organizations design advocacy campaigns for the right of children and to end pediatric HIV transmission. Firelight is also asking for your support by joining us on Facebook. Make sure to look at the information below to see how just one click from you can help to increase support to the grassroots.

Sincerely,
Firelight Team

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(Call for nominations) 2011 Ginetta Sagan Award

The purpose of the Ginetta Sagan Fund of Amnesty International USA is to recognize and assist women who are working to protect the liberty and lives of women and children in areas where human rights violations are widespread. The 2011 award will be given to a woman who works on behalf of the human rights of women and children. The Ginetta Sagan Fund recognizes individual accomplishment, but also serves as a beacon of hope to women everywhere who are fighting for human rights.

The Award:

- Recognizes outstanding achievement, often at great personal risk.
- Enhances the recipient's ability to live and work freely, and protects the recipient's capacity to continue her work, by bringing a new level of international attention to her accomplishments and the obstacles she faces.

- Brings increased international scrutiny to the crisis, region or issue for which the recipient works.

Awardee Qualities:

- Founder and/or Executive Director of an organization.
- Under threat for her activism.
- Proven effective at addressing human rights issues.
- Has brought about significant change in her country, region, or issue through her work.
- Not a political party leader or government official / employee.

The creation of the Ginetta Sagan Fund emphasizes that more human rights work must be done by and for women. The \$10,000 award is announced and presented each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Amnesty International USA. The 2011 AGM location will be announced soon! The \$10,000 award can be used by the awardee at her complete discretion.

For information, go here: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/about-us/grants-and-awards/ginetta-sagan-fund>

(Call for applications) WAAW Foundation Scholarship

WAAW foundation is pleased to announce the next round of its scholarship program, offering \$500/year for need-based female African students admitted to a University, College or institute of higher learning in Africa. Scholarships are renewable annually, following proof of the student's continued academic performance. We are accepting applications from August 1 through October 30th 2011.

Female students of African origin, living and studying in Africa.

- Female student of African Origin
- Currently enrolled in undergraduate degree program
- Studying in a university or college in Africa
- Able to demonstrate financial need
- Excellent Academic Record

For more information, go here: <http://waawfoundation.org/education.html>

(Call for applications) NFP Fellowships for short courses

The Netherlands Fellowship Programmes (NFP) are fellowship programmes designed to promote capacity building within organizations in 60 developing countries by providing training and education to their mid-career staff members. The NFP is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the budget for development cooperation.

NFP fellowships for short courses can be used for a number of selected courses and are offered by education institutions in the Netherlands. The institutions provide professional training at post-secondary level in several fields of study. The courses lead to a Dutch certificate or a diploma and their duration varies from two weeks to twelve months.

The fellowship

An NFP fellowship is intended to supplement the salary that the fellowship holder should continue to receive (at least partially) during the study period. The allowance is considered to be a contribution towards the cost of living for one person, whether in the Netherlands or in another country. It should be noted that NFP allowances are not sufficient to support family members, either in the home country or in the Netherlands.

The fellowship can cover the costs of tuition fees, visas, travel, insurance and thesis research, as specified in the NFP booklet 'Rules and regulations for fellowship holders'. Different conditions may apply to e-learning courses or programmes. These conditions are also listed in the Rules and Regulations booklet.

The two upcoming short training courses include:

- Decentralisation, Democratisation and Development Course (19 March 2012)
- Citizen Participation and Accountability Course (16 April 2012)

All submissions due before 1 October, 2011. For more information, go here: <http://www.thehagueacademy.nl/news/news-articles/apply-now-for-nfp-fellowships-2012/>

(Resource) Online course on "Essentials on Anti-Corruption and Human Development"

It is a pleasure for the UNDP Virtual School to inform you about the new 10-week online course on "Essentials on Anti-Corruption and Human Development" that will be launched in September of 2011. This course is the first UNDP training initiative that provides analytical and practical tools on anticorruption from a human development perspective and promotes a

comparative analysis of corruption practices around the globe.

The overall objective of the course is to provide participants with essential conceptual knowledge as well as analytical and practical skills on anti-corruption programming including assessment and measurement of corruption.

Course starts on:

September 19, 2011

Language :

English

Duration:

10 weeks and needs dedication of 10 hours a week

Cost:

The course is 80% financed by UNDP. Students interested to participate are expected to co-pay 150 USD.

Requirements:

Interested candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Be working on projects/initiatives related to Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Human Development issues.
- Computer availability, Internet access.
- Students need 10 hours per week in order to read, discuss in the course forums and participate in the course activities.
- Be proficient in English

Registration closes 12 September. For more information, go

here: <http://www.undpschool.org/en/news-articles/news-articles/490-online-course-on-essentials-on-anti-corruption-and-human-development.html>

500 likes in 5 days for Firelight Foundation

Firelight Foundation has been given an exciting opportunity to help expand our social media audience and gain \$500 or more toward our cause to support communities in sub-Saharan Africa. A generous donor will give \$1 for every new "Like" we get on Facebook within the next five days. Our goal is to reach at least 500 "Likes" for a total of \$500.

Now we need your help! If you haven't already "Liked" us on Facebook, simply click this link, which will lead you to our site:

<http://www.facebook.com/FirelightFoundation>

If you already "Like" us on Facebook, please tell a friend about Firelight and forward this e-mail along.

We thank you so much for your constant support and all your help in expanding our community once again.

See you on Facebook!

The Firelight Foundation Team

(Publication) 10 Reasons to Oppose the Criminalization of HIV Exposure or Transmission

Founded in 1991, the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations' (ICASO) mission is to mobilize and support diverse community organizations to build an effective global response to HIV and AIDS. This is done within a vision of a world where people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS can enjoy life free from stigma, discrimination, and persecution, and have access to prevention, treatment and care.

Framed by our vision, mission and guiding principles ICASO's work is shaped by a set of Strategic Directions (2007-11) that include:

- Building community sector capacity to advocate
- Advocating for the effective implementation of universal access to comprehensive HIV and AIDS services
- Mobilizing and strengthening community sector partnerships and networks
- Developing a stronger, more effective organization and network

ICASO's recent publication "10 Reasons to Oppose the Criminalization of HIV Exposure or Transmission" tackles a current challenge for PLHIV.

Recent years have seen the creation, particularly in parts of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean, of HIV-specific laws that criminalize HIV transmission and exposure. At the same time, particularly in Europe and North America, existing criminal laws are increasingly being used to prosecute people for transmitting HIV or exposing others to HIV infection.

For ICASO's recent publication, see the attached document or go here: <http://icaso.org/index.html>

(Resource) Accelerating National-Level Action to End Pediatric HIV/AIDS: An

Advocacy Toolkit

Published by the Children Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), this advocacy toolkit is a step-by-step guide to planning advocacy campaigns, based on the experiences of the Campaign to End Paediatric AIDS (CEPA). CEPA is an advocacy campaign that was initially launched in 2009 in Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, with the goal of scaling up prevention, treatment, and care of paediatric HIV/AIDS. According to CEPA, successful advocacy campaigns are based on a carefully designed workplan that lays out clear and focused goals, activities, timelines, roles and responsibilities of relevant actors, and steps for monitoring and learning from progress and impact, which in turn set the direction for ongoing advocacy. This toolkit was published to support such planning activities.

The toolkit describes how to build or expand a national action network, as well as how to select relevant stakeholders, partners, and targets to work with and influence in order to achieve advocacy goals. This includes taking readers through the steps of identifying concrete objectives and bottlenecks to progress. It explains how to create an ongoing monitoring and advocacy evaluation process to help track progress during campaign implementation, a process that allows for course correction should readers encounter unexpected obstacles or opportunities. In addition, the toolkit's resource section includes background materials and information sources, including examples of the CEPA National Advocacy Action Plans developed by national action networks in the six CEPA initiating countries.

This toolkit is intended for any organisation involved in advocacy on HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, children's rights or protection, or other related issues. Publishers say the toolkit reflects the dynamic nature of the process for developing a National Advocacy Action Plan, a carefully designed workplan that provides a framework for effective advocacy. However, as it outlines concrete steps, the toolkit creates space for the unique experience, strengths, and challenges of each country team.

For the toolkit, go here: <http://www.cominit.com/africa/content/accelerating-national-level-action-end-paediatric-hivaids-advocacy-toolkit>

As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational

development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website: <http://www.firelightfoundation.org/newsflash.php>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.