

## Firelight Newsflash! 10 August 2009

### **Learning How the Global Fund Works (or is supposed to work)**

1) A Beginner's Guide to the Global Fund comes in three versions: the full guide (about 60 pages), an eight-page summary and a two-page summary. All three versions are available in English at [www.aidspace.org/guides](http://www.aidspace.org/guides). French-language editions of all three versions will be available by early September 2009 at the same site. The full version of the guide contains numerous links to the websites of the Global Fund and Aidspace, for people who need in-depth information.

2) The GLOBAL FUND OBSERVER (GFO) is an independent newsletter about the Global Fund provided by Aidspace to over 8,000 subscribers in 170 countries. For formatted web, Word and PDF versions of the most current and previous issues, see [www.aidspace.org/gfo](http://www.aidspace.org/gfo)

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### **International Course on Participatory Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation**

Scholarship Deadline: 1 September 2009

This course is organised by Wageningen International, part of Wageningen University and Research Centre. This course focuses on how to manage for impact by integrating strategic guidance, operational management, monitoring and evaluation in a learning environment, whilst navigating the external and internal context. Particular attention is given to designing and institutionalising participatory planning and M&E systems in development initiatives and organisations for continuous learning and enhancing performance. Attention also is paid to the relationship between management information needs and responsibilities and the planning and M&E functions.

For more info, please visit the website: [http://www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/agenda/Participatory\\_planning\\_monitoring\\_and\\_evaluation.htm](http://www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/agenda/Participatory_planning_monitoring_and_evaluation.htm)

or email them at: [training.wi@wur.nl](mailto:training.wi@wur.nl) or [cecile.kusters@wur.nl](mailto:cecile.kusters@wur.nl).

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### **Cordaid Award on Home Based Care Leadership**

Deadline for applications: 15 September 2009

AIDS has changed the fabric of communities around the world and placed a burden on the lives of many people, especially girls and women, young and old. With health systems failing and people living longer with HIV thanks

to access to Antiretrovirals (ARVs), mainly poor women, are increasingly forced to devote their time, energy, skills and the little resources to care for their family members at home and provide their services to the wider community, often at great expense to themselves. This invisible task-shifting is insufficiently recognised, valued and validated as work.

Cordaid and partners are seeking applications from organisations or individuals committed to supporting home based care as a necessary, effective, and community-based initiative - recognising home based care as an insufficiently resourced, under-valued and unrecognized solution for mitigating the effects of HIV and AIDS. The Catholic Organisation for Relief and Development (Cordaid) and partners of the Caregivers Action Alliance's (CAA) Organising Committee (HelpAge International, Huairou Commission, VSO International) as well as the World YWCA, reward and encourage leadership around the strengthening of home based care in responding to HIV and AIDS in the "global South" by awarding €15.000 for an organisation and €5.000 for an individual.

To review the Rules and Procedures, visit the website:

<http://www.cordaidpartners.com/rooms/hiv-and-aids-award-2009>

For the documents needed to apply in English, see:

<http://cordaidpartners.com/rooms/hiv-and-aids-award-2009/posts/293-documents-you-need-to-apply>

Documents dont vous avez besoin pour faire la demande:

<http://www.cordaidpartners.com/rooms/hiv-and-aids-award-2009/posts/294-documents-dont-vous-avez-besoin-pour-faire-la-demande>

For more information, email: [HIV\\_and\\_AIDS\\_Award@cordaid.nl](mailto:HIV_and_AIDS_Award@cordaid.nl)

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## **UNIFEM Fund for Gender Equality**

Application process (online only) open between 15 – 30 September 2009

The Fund for Gender Equality is a partnership between developing countries and donors to accelerate progress toward the goal of gender equality and women's empowerment. It will support government and civil society organizations in developing countries to fast-track actions in support of gender equality through a new multilateral initiative to fight discrimination, reduce poverty, and advance the Beijing Platform for Action, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

The Fund is unique in its focus on sustainable strengthening of organizations that promote gender equality and women's rights at the country level — including national machineries for women, women's parliamentary caucuses, and women's

NGOs and networks — to build their capacity to drive and monitor the agenda for advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. It prioritizes support for women's economic and political empowerment, since these are areas that are often under-funded worldwide. Launched with an initial contribution of US\$65 million (EUR 50 million) from the Government of Spain, the Fund will accept applications (online only) from 15 – 30 September 2009.

Please visit:

[http://www.unifem.org/partnerships/fund\\_for\\_gender\\_equality/application\\_guidelines.php](http://www.unifem.org/partnerships/fund_for_gender_equality/application_guidelines.php) to find the Guidelines and Application Form for the Fund for Gender Equality (available in English and French).

For further details, please review the website's Frequently Asked Questions page or contact Ana María Enríquez, Programme Manager, at: [fund.genderequality@unifem.org](mailto:fund.genderequality@unifem.org).

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### **Ginetta Sagan Award for Women's and Children's Rights**

Deadline: 1 October 2009

The Ginetta Sagan Fund of Amnesty International USA recognizes and assists women who are working to protect the liberty and lives of women and children in areas where human rights violations are widespread. The 2010 award will be given to a woman who works on behalf of the human rights of children. The \$10,000 award can be used by the awardee at her complete discretion.

For more information, see: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/our-mission-and-the-movement/the-ginetta-sagan-fund/page.do?id=1104604>

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### **Humanizing Development: Global Photography Campaign**

Deadline: 1 October 2009

How do you see development? How can you portrait the human face of the development processes? How do you show that development initiatives and programmes improve the lives of people? This Global Photography Campaign aims to show examples of people winning the battle against poverty, social exclusion and marginalization. It is intended to raise awareness of the successes in the development process. The campaign is intended to counterbalance the frequently shown images of desolation and despair.

A photo gallery will to be permanently located at a UNDP office and open for public visitation. A series of photo exhibitions will also be organized in several cities around the world. Everyone can and is strongly encouraged to participate in this global effort and contribute with a photograph.

This campaign will enable people to contribute photographs related to a wide

array of development situations, such as:

- Overcoming poverty, social exclusion and marginalisation.
- Enlarging people's choices and supporting local development initiatives.
- Promoting self-esteem, confidence and hope.
- Building a brighter future and advancing human capacities.
- Fighting deprivation and expanding access to food, water, sanitation, education and health services for the poor.
- Eliminating gender inequalities in the labour market.
- Empowering women.
- Fighting discrimination, domestic violence, abuse and exploitation.
- Eliminating child labour and promoting decent work opportunities.
- Expanding access to education and improving its quality and social inclusiveness through innovative approaches.
- Innovative initiatives on local development, enhancing the participation of communities in decision processes.
- Enhancing women's potential and participation in development processes.
- Promoting women's leadership and equal opportunity to develop talents.
- Building democratic governance and developing institutions and processes that are more responsive to the needs of ordinary citizens, including the poor. Alleviating exclusion, suffering, injustice and waste caused by corruption.
- Empowering citizens to combat the destructive influence of corruption, entrenched networks and abuse of power.

Find out more at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org/photo/>

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## **World Congress of NGOs: 10-13 December 2009, Manila, Philippines**

Theme: "Enhancing Human Dignity: The Role of NGOs"

Join NGO representatives from more than 70 nations, as well as prominent international and national leaders from the governmental, intergovernmental and for-profit sectors, for this unparalleled event. As noted in the Preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), respect is owed to every individual by the mere fact that he or she is a "member of the human family." Article 1 of this same Declaration notes that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, are endowed with reason and conscience, and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

As a core component of human beings, human dignity is the concern of all NGOs. Whether striving to prevent or treat disease, advance reconciliation or prevent conflict of warring parties, or provide humanitarian aid, at the forefront of an NGO's mission is the recognition of the inherent dignity of each human

being. Their flexibility and grassroots connections aid them in quickly mobilizing resources and their often single-minded commitment and strong motivation gives them a civic power that other institutions may lack. In many cases, NGOs have proven to be more adept than government and business in responding to particular needs.

However, NGOs also face numerous challenges. A key, oft-cited weakness of the sector is lack of inter-NGO communication and coordination. Other challenges include limited institutional capacity and management expertise, frequent poor government-NGO cooperation, lack of understanding of the broader social and economic context, and funding difficulties. And this is not to forget the complication of having some NGOs that act unethically, thus weakening trust in the NGO sector. The World Congress of NGOs is convened to bring leaders of NGOs together to address common concerns, propose and discuss solutions to the many challenges of the sector, connect and learn from one another, and help empower NGOs to be more effective in their missions.

For more information, see: <http://www.wango.org/congress/default.aspx>

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As part of the Firelight Foundation's Monitoring, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (META) 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.htm>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).