

Firelight Newsflash! 16 August, 2010

Dear Friends,

This episode has several resources for improving health-services and HIV prevention. We hope that you find this week's Newsflash! useful.

Enjoy and thanks for reading.

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

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- "Making Sure Your HIV Care is the Best It Can Be" Guide for Workshop Facilitator
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Great Mini Poster on HIV Service Integration and Family Planning

This one page poster can be used to strengthen health care facilities. It also has great strategies that organizations could use to improve local health care facilities and service. For instance, mapping how clients move through a health care facility can help improve the layout to promote efficiency, child-friendliness, confidentiality, and comfortability.

For the poster, go

here: <http://www.fhi.org/NR/rdonlyres/enkhyferld7wi73hby3oapasy2j24pqbbrettppbdpojaschd7seppjls3wv2vkifxoha2ytdrj6ji/TenStepsFPHIV.pdf>

How to Correctly Use a Male Condom Guide

This is a quick, 2 page informative flyer to teach people how to correctly use condoms. There are written instructions and tips, as well as descriptive pictures.

For the flyer, go

here: http://www.health.state.ny.us/publications/instructions_male_condom.pdf

"Making Sure Your HIV Care is the Best It Can Be" Guide for Workshop Facilitator

This training manual is a guide for facilitators to use when informing and empowering PLWHA with the knowledge of their health care. The intent of the training is to affirm and support PLWHA by giving them information, allowing them to make decisions, understanding the personal and medical components of health care, and encourage consumers to use their self-advocacy skills to gather information for themselves from their providers and other available resources.

This guide is comprehensive with scripts, hand-out materials, and step-by-step instructions for facilitators; however, this guide is full of different resources that could be useful outside of a training environment. Though it might reflect issues often found within the Western health-care systems, the guide can easily be a point of reference or an outline for your organization to follow.

For more information and for the full guide, go here: <http://www.hivguidelines.org/resource-materials/consumer-materials/making-sure-your-hiv-care-is-the-best-it-can-be/>

-(Call for Applications) UNFP II Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues relating to the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
The Trust Fund for the Second Decade was established to promote, support and implement the objectives of the Decade. The Fund will give priority to projects concerning the main areas of the Second Decade: culture, education, health, human Rights, the environment and social and economic development. The Advisory Group for the Trust Fund for the Second Decade consists of members of the Permanent Forum's Bureau.

Indigenous organizations or organizations working for indigenous peoples can apply for small grants from the Trust Fund. Guidelines to applicants for the Fund will be available when the call opens every year. It is expected that the Fund will mainly be used for small grants projects with a budget for up to 10,000 US\$ covering one year's expenses. Deadline October 1, 2010.

For more information, go here: http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/second_trustfund.html

-(Call for Nominations) Ginetta Sagan Award for Women's and Children's Rights

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. Deadline October 1, 2010.

For more information, go here: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/ginettasaganfund/pdf/GSFCallForNominations2011.pdf>

Be Brave and Go for That Test

13 June, 2010 allafrica.com

Kampala — Elizabeth Clare Namyalo is a teenager. She was born with HIV. Every week, she will share her experience of living with HIV/AIDS.

A number of years before I got the big announcement from the counsellor at the clinic, I always wondered why I lived with my maternal grandmother and not with my parents like all the other children at school did.

Rumours from my cousins and other relatives within my age range stated that I had lost my mother when I was a baby but none of them knew exactly from what.

At the age of eight, I asked my grandmother (who I had always called mummy) a question I always thought was inappropriate at the time. "Is it true that my mother died?"

With a few tears running down her cheeks, and me not understanding why, she told me it was true and that she (my mother) had fallen very ill and died miserably a few months later.

When I asked about my paternal side, she told me that my father had gone to find me another wonderful mother although he never returned.

For so many years after, the story fulfilled all the mystery and curiosity that surrounded my situation. One day as my 'mother' and I went through town, she slowly brought up the topic of the mystery surrounding the death and once again re-narrated the story but with mainly facts this time around.

She told me about the days before the death and its cause as well, she also told me about my father's reaction and his decision to run off as soon as he became a widower, sometimes I think it was cowardly.

At the time, the story did not matter much to me. It barely affected my perception of life because I had been brought up in a family that loved me and shadowed the

effects of my fate and because I was innocently sure that the virus could not be transmitted from a mother to her daughter at birth.

I was taken for testing a while after and the results were positive. It hit me hard but I was not shocked because something inside me always knew it was a possibility.

To date, I do not regret being brought to reality in time to learn to live with the situation. I urge all those that have not yet gone for testing to give it a try because it is definitely better to be sure of your status, negative or positive, than to live with the fear of being uncertain.

Remember, being positive is not the end of a happy life. You have the potential to do what everyone else can!

For the article, go here: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201006141097.html>

(Call for Applications) World Pulse announces Voices of Our Future

Voices of Our Future is an online training program in Web 2.0, citizen journalism and empowerment for emerging grassroots women leaders. Thirty applicants will be selected to become Correspondents (the title we give to program participants) and take part in the full five-month long program. They will gain the tools and knowledge to amplify their voices and speak to the world; overcome barriers and challenges to achieving their dreams through empowerment coaching; and raise awareness about the real issues they, their families and communities face through opportunities for publication on the World Pulse website, magazine and through partner media organizations.

Some benefits of participating include: mentoring, training, networking, and publication.

For more information, go here: <http://www.worldpulse.com/pulswire/groups/21780>

The Gay and Lesbian Network, Pietermaritzburg launches their website

The Gay and Lesbian Network offers many services to the Pietermaritzburg and the Midlands regions of South Africa. For more information on their helpline, support groups, and other services, go here: <http://gaylesbiankzn.org/>

Dear Social Innovators,

TakingITGlobal and the Pearson Foundation are proud to announce the Pearson Fellowship for Social Innovation, an international fellowship program that supports the most promising social service projects created by TakingITGlobal's network of youth leaders.

Got a grand social innovation project? This October, all Sprout alumni will be eligible to apply to be considered to earn one of two \$5,000 International Fellowships or one of 10 Regional Fellowships of \$1,000. Pearson fellows will receive one-on-one mentoring from experienced social innovators who will consult with them as they implement their project plans.

Haven't completed the Sprout E-course yet? You can register today for just \$50 - the next session starts September 7th - and then you'll be eligible to apply for the fellowships in October!

What is the Sprout e-Course? Sprout is a platform for young people who want to grow their social venture and learn to create lasting change that takes root in their communities. The Sprout platform represents a new approach to training, mentoring and supporting young people as they work for change in their communities. Sprout is a six week e-course that begins with an orientation, consists of four modules, offers two webinars in social innovation and project management themes, and one quiz at the end of each module.

Orientation Week: September 7-10, 2010

E-course: September 13 – October 22, 2010

Who Does Sprout Serve?

Amazing Young People:

- Are you aged 16 to 30?
- Are you passionate about building a better world?
- Do you have a project idea that is innovative and different?
- Does the idea of learning, creating and collaborating in an online environment thrill you?
- Would you describe yourself as dynamic, creative, hardworking and enthusiastic?

If you answered "yes" to the questions listed above, then Sprout is for YOU!

What Does Sprout Teach?

- Addressing Issues and mandate
- Action and contingency plan
- Team values, structure and recruitment
- Budgets and funding proposal
- Pitch and marketing campaign
- Benchmarking and SWOC

For more, go here: <http://sprout.tigweb.org/>

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.