

## Firelight Newsflash! 16 November 2009

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### **World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse - 19 November**

Launched in 2000 and commemorated every November 19, this is an annual global awareness campaign to create a culture of prevention of child abuse. An international coalition was established in 2001 with the aim of increasing existing programming and developing new prevention measures. The coalition, headed by the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), unites over 930 governmental and non-governmental organisations in more than 135 countries, all of which now mark November 19 with local and national activities and events. Each year, the WWSF reviews coalition members' activity reports from the field as they mark the World Day; they select 4 for innovative prevention activities in the field of prevention of child abuse.

To learn more, see:

<http://www.woman-ch.ac.psiweb.com/children/1-introduction.asp>

Contact: [wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch) OR [wwsf@wwsf.ch](mailto:wwsf@wwsf.ch)

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### **WWSF Guide for NGO and Citizen Action - "Prevention is Key! Let's Make Prevention of Abuse and Violence against Children a Global Priority"**

This handbook, published in September 2008, is designed to accelerate measures to prevent abuse and violence against children, worldwide. Based on WWSF's conviction that "Efficient prevention presupposes both the active mobilization of all actors...as well as the active participation of children", the guide provides practical examples by category of abuse: physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional and psychological abuse, exploitation (including commercial sexual exploitation), harmful traditional practices, and media violence. For each category, the reader will find a definition or introduction, facts, various

suggestions for NGO and citizen action, and lobby points for governments.

To view the handbook in English or French,  
see: <http://www.comminit.com/en/node/302564/303>

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## **Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation's Call for New International Partners**

Deadline: 1 December 2009

From NORAD's website: "Due to budget constraints, only a very limited number of new partners will be considered for support in 2010. South-based organisations and networks working within the thematic areas gender and/or environment will be prioritised."

To learn more and apply online, see:

<http://www.norad.no/en/Support+and+tender/Support/International+organisations+and+networks>

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## **Nominate YOUR Person of the Year at OneWorld.net**

Nominations are now open for OneWorld's People of 2009. OneWorld.net's annual award honors those making a difference in people's lives anywhere and everywhere on the planet. Finalists get unparalleled exposure through OneWorld's global publications and networks. Our readers get a serious dose of inspiration.

You can nominate someone you know, or someone you just know about. It can be a person, a group of people, an organization, a corporation... you get the point. Past nominees have included the heralded and the unheralded -- from Al Gore and Burma's monks to the women of the DRC, Iran's women's rights campaigners, and the town of Kinsale, Ireland, which is working to wean itself entirely off of fossil fuels.

It only takes two minutes to nominate your person of the year.

See: [http://oneworldus.civiblog.org/blog/\\_archives/2009/11/12/4378949.html](http://oneworldus.civiblog.org/blog/_archives/2009/11/12/4378949.html)

Tell us who you think deserves to be recognized for their work this year. And do it today -- nominations will close soon, so the voting can begin!

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## **New e-learning course on Child Rights Programming**

Registration deadline: 1 December 2009

Human Rights Education Associates will be offering a new distance learning \*Child Rights Programming\* from 3 February-20 April 2010. This distance learning course introduces staff members of (international) development agencies and NGOs to child rights programming. A child rights-based approach is a conceptual framework for the process of human development that is normatively based on international children's rights standards and operationally directed to promoting, protecting and fulfilling children's human rights. Essentially, a child rights-based approach integrates the norms, standards and principles of the international human rights system into the plans, policies and processes of programme development for children.

For further information and to submit applications online, please visit:

[http://www.hrea.org/index.php?base\\_id=593&language\\_id=1](http://www.hrea.org/index.php?base_id=593&language_id=1)

\*\*\*About HREA's Distance Learning Programme

Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) is an international non-governmental organisation that supports human rights learning; the training of activists and professionals; the development of educational materials and programming; and community-building through on-line technologies. Since 2002, over 2,000 human rights defenders, development workers, staff members of international organisations and graduate students have successfully participated in HREA's distance learning courses. More information about HREA's Distance Learning Programme can be found at: <http://www.hrea.org/DLP/>

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## **Campaign to Stop Violence Against Street Children**

The Consortium for Street Children (CSC) recently launched their new campaign, Realising Rights: Stop Violence Against Street Children, to draw attention to the horrendous levels of violence children living and working on the streets have to face everyday. In light of the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, CSC launched an online petition calling for training and sensitization of police in children's rights, needs and protection issues; decriminalization of so-called status offenses and review of national security legislation; national zero-tolerance awareness-raising campaigns on violence against street children; and wider justice reforms and legal assistance.

To learn more or to sign their petition,

visit: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/Realising-Rights>

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## **News - ZAMBIA: Orphans grow up without cultural identity**

LUSAKA, 16 November (IRIN) - Abigail Mwanashimba has been looking after her five siblings since the age of eight, when her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. She is now 19 years old, and without relatives to represent her at her lobola (bride price) negotiations, she was forced to hire traditional counsellors to organise the process of marriage according to the tribal customs. They did a bad job.

CLICK ON LINK BELOW FOR FULL REPORT

[Http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=87056](http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=87056)

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## **Call for Applications: The 2010 Human Rights Advocates Program at Columbia University in NYC**

Deadline: 31 December 31 2009

This is a capacity building program designed to strengthen the skills, knowledge, and networks of proven human rights defenders from the Global South and marginalized communities in the US. The program provides advanced training, support, and networking opportunities to respected human rights leaders. The focus is both on strengthening the skills of the individual advocates and providing tools for them to build sustainable organizations that advocate for disadvantaged peoples. Learn more and apply online at: <http://hrcolumbia.org/hrap/>

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## **Budgeting Q&A (with KFM Consultants of Zimbabwe)**

**Question:** How can we ensure that we don't under budget when preparing a project budget?

**Answer:** We have come across organisations reaching half way through their projects and finding out that they either forgot some costs totally or have not included adequate funds to cover the costs of activities. The following tips should help in developing more complete and accurate budgets:

- Consult adequately when compiling the budgets. We have seen budgets only prepared by programme staff missing out what would be considered obvious administration costs and budgets prepared by accounting staff not taking into account the full range of activities for a project. It is thus important that the budget is prepared with input from both accounting and

- program staff.
- Budgets should be reviewed after preparation. You need to ensure that you leave enough time after the budget preparation process for someone not involved in the preparation process to review the budget before submission to funders. Preparing the budget in good time also means it is not a rushed process.
  - Review past budgets and how performance was against the expected so that you understand the expenditure trends. For annual budgets of a multiyear programme, analysis of the past year will assist in developing or amending the budget for the new year.

When it is a new budget or like in the Zimbabwe scenario where dollarisation means prior year, costs might not be so reliable, it is important to review general organisational expenditure for the last couple of months to clearly see how much activities and services cost so that you include realistic figures. For activities that have not been undertaken before then it might be necessary to obtain quotes to get a clearer indication.

- The budget should always be supported by assumptions and workings to clearly indicate how each figure was arrived at. In this way it is also easy to identify incorrect costings.
- To avoid missing out some costs altogether have a standard template for all the administration or common costs so that for each budget being prepared there is a reference point on what line items to include.
- Within the budget, leave enough room for price escalations within the project period. There should be reasonable escalation of prices and this could be based on the inflation rate.

\*\*\*This information was shared by KFM Consultants in Zimbabwe on the Kubatana website ([www.kubatana.org](http://www.kubatana.org)). KFM is involved in building the financial management capacity of NGOs. If you have comments or specific questions you would like answered please contact them at [information@kfm.co.zw](mailto:information@kfm.co.zw).

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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>.

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