

Firelight Newsflash! 19 November 2007

Online Resources on Adolescent Sexual Health in Developing Countries

There are over one billion young people between the ages of 15 and 24 worldwide. The reproductive and sexual health decisions these young people make today will affect the health and well-being of their countries and of their world for decades to come. Sexually active youth in developing countries need access to confidential, low-cost, and youth-friendly contraceptive services to delay too-early childbearing and protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection.

To read more, including many publications in French, please see:

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/developing.htm>

Firelight Partner shares video on Google

Fikelela AIDS Project of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa has placed their publicity video on to Google Video, and has had over 50 viewings already! Please check it out by clicking [HERE](#). The video details their inspiring programs!

Online Donor Database

The International Human Rights Funders Group (IHRFG) is an association of grantmakers devoted to supporting efforts to achieve the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the treaties and laws it has generated so that all people may enjoy a truly and fully human existence.

They have a [Funders Directory](#) that is designed to serve grantseekers and grantmakers alike. They hope the grantmaking information will help human rights groups find new funding sources and funders to learn more about each other. Grantseekers can use the information to search for likely funders by issue, geography, types of support etc. **They encourage users to carefully review the information before contacting prospective funders.**

<http://www.hrfunders.org/funders/index.html>

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA: Harmonising laws on children [publication]

The African Child Policy Forum has released a report: [In the Best Interests of the Child: Harmonising Laws in Eastern and Southern Africa](#). In conjunction with the main report, the Forum has issued separate papers:

Harmonisation of National Laws with the Convention on the Rights of the Child:
Some observations and suggestions, and

Harmonisation of Laws on Children: Some practical guidance

The study points to the successes and challenges of bringing national laws into full compliance with the provisions of the CRC and the African Charter. The [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) (CRC) has been ratified by 193 States. Ratification requires States to undertake all appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures to implement children's rights as recognised in the CRC (Article 4). Many state parties start the process of implementation by taking legislative measures to harmonise existing laws with the principles and provisions of the CRC. Due to the lack of systematic surveys, there is very little comparative information on the harmonisation efforts of State parties to the CRC. In this regard, The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF)'s initiative in carrying out a study on the harmonisation of laws on children in Eastern and Southern Africa has been welcomed. The study covers nineteen countries that have all ratified the CRC and provides valuable information on the legislative measures taken by these countries for the implementation of the CRC, as requested in Article 4. It shows the progress made, as well as identifying the difficulties encountered and the remaining challenges. **Further information**

CRIN's [A to Z of child rights](#), and the [child-friendly version](#)

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Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=15380>

“Ungefanyaje”/“What would you do?” Online Game for Youth

Launched by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), this online game, aims to empower young people to make good life choices and prevent HIV infection.

The game is called 'Ungefanyaje' which in Swahili means 'What would you do?'. Available in both Swahili and English, the game takes the player through a series of relationship-based scenarios that emphasise the importance of HIV prevention and testing.

Links:

[Click to here to play the game in English](#) -

<http://www.unicef.org/voy/hivaidsgame/shell/index.html>

[Click to here to play the game in Swahili](#) -

<http://www.unicef.org/voy/hivaidsgame/swahili/shell/>
