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Dear Friends,

In this episode of the Newsflash! you will find some resources on education and it's imperative role in children's lives. Also, you will find an opportunity to tell the World Bank what you want them to fund, and some current articles about the World Bank's funding. We hope this information is useful to your work.

Sincerely,  
Firelight Team

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Deadly inertia: A cross-country study of educational responses to HIV/AIDS from  
Global Campaign for Education

"A complete primary education can halve the risk of HIV infection for young people; and in fact, basic education has such a powerful preventative effect, especially for young women, that it has been described as the 'social vaccine'. As the epidemic gathers pace, however, it poses increasing risks to education itself, threatening to stop children from enrolling, teachers from teaching and schools from functioning...Our research revealed that no action had been taken in 17 out of 18 countries to prevent the potential impact of teacher shortages, and governments were turning a blind eye to the educational needs of orphans and HIV positive children."

For more, see the attached document

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Mkbozi Centre for Street Children Practice Handbook: Methodology for delivering  
and practicing non-formal education in Tanzania

Great handbook to help develop non-formal education in a child-friendly, effective  
manner. More on Mkbozi: Mkombosi's mission is to help children and youth grow

in mind, body and spirit and to build a more caring society for all wherein family, neighborhood and community cohesion is built and supported by the rule of law. We act as a catalyst for holistic development.

For more, go here: <http://www.mkombozi.org/> or see the attached handbook.

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(Call for Papers) Zambia: Access to Information in Quality Education

Conference Details: 14-16 February 2011, Livingstone, Zambia. From 14-16 February 2011 the Right to Know, Right to Education project will host a regional conference to address the issues of quality basic education for all.

For more information, go here: <http://www.idasa.org.za/>

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What would YOU fund? Send your opinions to the World Bank

World leaders will be gathering next month to discuss the replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) fund, the World Bank's fund for the poorest countries that helps fight poverty in Africa. We want you to join this conversation by submitting your video today! In a 2-minute video, answer the following question: If you were asked to advise the Bank on what to fund in your village, your town, your province, your state or your country to reduce poverty, what would you recommend and why? Videos must be submitted by Wednesday, September 29th (11:59pm EST). For all inquiries, email [afrex@worldbank.org](mailto:afrex@worldbank.org)

To participate, go here: <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/AFRICAEXT/0,,contentMDK:22693645~pagePK:146736~piPK:146830~theSitePK:258644,00.html>

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World Bank Invests Record Sums in Coal

Record sums were invested last year in coal power - the most carbon intensive form of energy on the planet - by the World Bank, despite international commitments to slash the carbon emissions blamed for climate change.

For the article, go here: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010/sep/15/world-bank-coal>

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## Beyond the Smoke and mirrors of World Bank Land Grab Report

Last week, on 7 September 2010, the World Bank finally decided to publish its much anticipated report on the global farmland grab. After years of work, several months of political negotiation and who knows how much money spent, the report was casually released on the Bank's website - in English only. The report is both a disappointment and a failure.

For the article, go here: <http://farmlandgrab.org/15542>

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## Pambazuka: Queer African Reader

We are writing to invite you to participate in the publication of an African LGBTI Reader to be published by Pambazuka Press in June 2011. The African LGBTI Reader is being published in response to the increasing homophobia and transphobia across the continent which aims to silence the voices of African Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Intersex people.

The African LGBTI Reader [Working Title] seeks to make a timely intervention by bringing together a collection of writings and artistic works that engage with the struggle for LGBTI liberation and inform sexual orientation and gender variance. The book seeks to engage with primarily an African audience focusing on intersectionality and will include experiences from rural communities, post-conflict situations, religious experience as well that of immigration and displacement.

For more, go here: <http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/Announce/67004>

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## Mobile Phones no Silver Bullet for Africa, Says Study

The potential of mobile telephony to transform Africa will only be achieved if the development of other infrastructure keeps pace, says a study. The number of mobile phone subscribers in Africa soared from 16 million in 2000 to 376 million in 2008, with 60 per cent of the population using them in 2008 compared with 10 per cent in 1999. But, although mobile phones have had an enormous impact, Africans will not benefit from their full potential if governments neglect the development of other critical infrastructure such as roads, education and health facilities, according to the research, published in the summer issue of Journal of Economic Perspectives.

For the article, go here: <http://www.scidev.net/en/sub-suهران->

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Resources used to compile the Newsflash!

We hope that the Newsflash! is useful to you and your organizations. The weekly newsletter is a compilation of funding opportunities, current research and news articles, capacity building resources, and more. This information comes from a wide range of sources, and should you be curious enough to want direct access to these sources, here is a list of the top 10 most commonly used sources which feed the Newsflash!

### 1. Huairou Commission Update

The Huairou Commission is a global coalition of networks, institutions and individual professionals that links grassroots women's community development organizations to partners. The networks seek access to resources, information sharing and political space. At the same time, it links development professionals to on-the-ground practice. Currently, the network focuses its joint efforts on five campaigns: Governance, AIDS, Disaster, Land and Housing and Peace Building. Email [info@huairou.org](mailto:info@huairou.org) to join their listserv

### 2. CGD newsletter/HIV/AIDS Monitor Update

The Center for Global Development is an independent, nonprofit policy research organization that is dedicated to reducing global poverty and inequality and to making globalization work for the poor. Through a combination of research and strategic outreach, the Center actively engages policymakers and the public to influence the policies of the United States, other rich countries, and such institutions as the World Bank, the IMF, and the World Trade Organization to improve the economic and social development prospects in poor countries. CGD was recently ranked among the world's top think tanks (number 15 out of several thousand such research organizations) in an independent survey-based ranking published in Foreign Policy magazine.

To receive any of CGD's newsletters, go here: [http://www.cgdev.org/section/about\\_enews/](http://www.cgdev.org/section/about_enews/)

### 3. World Pulse Magazine's PulseWire

World Pulse is a global media and communication network devoted to bringing women a global voice. We broadcast and unite women's voices from around the world into a powerful force for change. We produce a print and web magazine as well as host an interactive community newswire, PulseWire, where women can speak for themselves to the world and connect to solve global problems. It's a revolution that has already begun. Today, women from 160 countries use World Pulse to speak out and connect, using Internet cafés and cell phones from rural villages to urban cities. Their stories are being picked up by the BBC, PBS, the

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the UN, the Huffington Post, and more. By networking on our site, women are finding jobs, starting new programs and businesses, launching women-only cyber cafés, and finding international speaking opportunities that are changing their lives and lifting their communities. For more, go here: <http://www.worldpulse.com/>

#### 4. IRIN newsletter

IRIN is an award-winning humanitarian news and analysis service covering the parts of the world often under-reported, misunderstood or ignored. It delivers unique reporting from the frontlines of humanitarian action to over a million online readers. IRIN exists to make a difference. According to a 2008 survey by the global marketing research company ACNielsen, IRIN is the premier online humanitarian news source for people who describe themselves as having a "strong impact on humanitarian issues". Its reports are used directly in planning, advocacy and policy development. For more, go here: <http://www.plusnews.org/>

#### 5. Pembazuka newsletter

'Pembazuka' in Kiswahili means the dawn or to arise as a verb. Pembazuka News is produced by a pan-African community of some 300 citizens and organisations - academics, policy makers, social activists, women's organisations, civil society organisations, writers, artists, poets, bloggers, and commentators who together produce insightful, sharp and thoughtful analyses and make it one of the largest and most innovative and influential web forums for social justice in Africa. For more, go here: <http://www.pambazuka.org/en/>

#### 6. [www.fundsforngos.org](http://www.fundsforngos.org)

FUNDSFORNGOS.ORG is an online initiative, working for the sustainability of NGOs by increasing their access to donors, resources and skills. It uses online technologies to spread knowledge about organizational sustainability, promote creative ideas for long-term generation of institutional funds for development interventions, improve professional efforts in resource mobilization and advocate for increased allocation of donor resources for building the skills and capacities of NGOs. For more, go here: <http://www.fundsforngos.org>

#### 7. [www.allafrica.com](http://www.allafrica.com)

This website, allAfrica.com, is among the Internet's largest content sites, posting over 1000 stories daily in English and French and offering a diversity of multi-lingual streaming programming as well as over 900,000 articles in our searchable archive (which includes the archive of Africa News Service dating from 1997).

Strategic alliances with media and information technology companies, such as Comtex News Network, Radio France Internationale, and the BBC, extend AllAfrica's global reach. Content agreements with over 130 African news organizations generate steady revenues for the content partners and give them, in turn, access to the prize-winning reporting of the AllAfrica team. For more, go here: [www.allafrica.com](http://www.allafrica.com)

8. [www.aidsalliance.org](http://www.aidsalliance.org)

The Alliance is a network of national, independent, locally governed and managed linking organisations. The Alliance provides linking organisations with technical and financial assistance. In turn, the linking organisations support and develop thousands more non-governmental and community-based organisations in more than 40 countries.

Linking organisations are intermediaries; while they might provide some direct services, their main objective is to assist other groups responding to HIV and other health related issues such as tuberculosis and sexual reproductive health.

In some countries, faced with an urgent need for action, the Alliance has established country offices. These are governed by the Alliance international secretariat but led and staffed by nationals. Where possible, the Alliance is committed to helping its country offices evolve into sustainable, locally led linking organisations as quickly as possible. For more, go

here: <http://www.aidsalliance.org/>

9. [www.ovcsupport.net](http://www.ovcsupport.net)

OVCsupport.net is a global hub for the exchange of experience, practice and tools on policy and programming about children and HIV. It is managed and moderated by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, and it is open to stakeholders who are involved in responses to children and HIV worldwide. For more, go here: <http://www.ovcsupport.net>

10. NAM's aidsmap resources

NAM works to change lives by sharing information about HIV and AIDS. We believe that, wherever you are in the world, having independent, clear and accurate information is vital in the fight against HIV and AIDS. It enables individuals and communities affected by HIV to protect themselves, care for others, advocate for better services and challenge stigma and discrimination.

We produce useful information that you can trust, and make sure it is there for anyone who needs it. For more, go here: [www.aidsmap.com](http://www.aidsmap.com)

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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](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).