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Dear Friends,

The fog has burned off in Santa Cruz and it finally feels like summer. We hope that your day is as beautiful as ours here. Please enjoy this week's episode of the Newsflash!

Sincerely,
Firelight Team

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Child to Child: A Practical Guide to Empowering Children as Active Citizens

An approach to health promotion and community development led by children.
See the attached .pdf file.

For more resources, go here: <http://www.child-to-child.org/resources/index.html>

ILO Handbook for Minorities and Indigenous Peoples

An insider's view of how the International Labour Organisation works. It explains how the ILO can be used by non-governmental organisations and others to promote and protect minority and indigenous people's rights. It offers practical advice and case studies as well as step-by-step guidance on working with the ILO, how to influence its agenda, and who to work with bodies such as trade unions to further minority and indigenous people's concerns.

For a free download or to purchase a paper copy, go here: <http://www.minorityrights.org/892/training-manuals/the-international-labour-organization-a-handbook-for-minorities-and-indigenous-peoples.html>

(Call for Proposals) African Grantmakers Network

The first Pan African Grantmakers Assembly will be held on November 3-5, 2010 at the Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The conference is being hosted by the African Grantmakers Network (AGN). AGN is a network association of African grantmaking organizations and other organizations interested in supporting the realization of transformed, relevant, vibrant and sustainable African philanthropy.

Please send a one page abstract about your proposal tofaith@africangrantomakers.org and copy info@africangrantomakers.org by August 31, 2010. Applicants will be notified whether or not their proposal has been accepted, in a week's time (i.e. by the 7th of Sept). For more information on the Pan African Grantmakers Assembly, please, go to <http://assembly.africangrantomakers.org>.

Afghanistan and African nations at greatest risk from world food shortages

Soaring commodity prices and natural disasters in Russia and Pakistan have combined to put African nations and conflict-ridden countries such as Afghanistan most at risk from food shortages, according to a report released today.

Sharp price rises for wheat and other grains will hit the world's neediest countries hardest, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa, as they grapple with their own poor harvests and failing transport networks, according to a food security index by risk management consultancy Maplecroft.

It also says conflict is a key factor behind food insecurity and Afghanistan tops the index of threatened countries. The other nine nations categorised as "extreme risk" are all in Africa, led by Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Eritrea, Sudan and Ethiopia. African nations make up 36 of the 50 countries most at risk in the index.

For the whole article, go here: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010/aug/19/food-shortages-afghanistan-africa-pakistan-russia>

Nevirapine Linked to Treatment Failure

One of the cheapest and most commonly used drugs for treating HIV in Africa - nevirapine - has been associated with an increased risk of treatment failure in a retrospective South African study.

The study, published in the August 15 issue of the Journal of AIDS, looked at

adult patients given antiretroviral (ARV) treatment at public sector clinics in South Africa's Western Cape Province between 2001 and 2006. It found that the use of single-dose nevirapine for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) increased a patient's chances of treatment failing by nine-fold.

For the whole article, go here:

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=90234>

Women Caught in the Crossfire of HIV Battle

Mkinga — egina Joseph was beaten up by a group of young men for "dressing indecently" on her way to the local market in northeastern Tanzania's Mkinga District.

"They stopped me and told me to remove my clothes because the way I was dressed, it is as if I wanted to walk naked," the 21-year-old told IRIN/PlusNews. "I was afraid and I did as they told me - I removed my clothes and they started mocking me."

According to Joseph, the men were punishing her for allegedly dressing in an alluring way with the intention of passing on the HIV virus.

"They say I wanted to spread HIV, yet they didn't know my status," she said.

Among the Digo community in Mkinga, elders are trying to fight HIV, but their methods, which often involve punishing women perceived to be immoral, are misguided, say health workers.

"Communities believe in upholding moral values but while having morals is good, people have rights and when you punish them for wearing certain clothes... you defeat your cause," Godwin Msumba, a community health worker, said.

For the whole article, go here: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201008180906.html>

Women Thrive's Fundraising Guide for CBOs

Outlining the basic concepts of professional fundraising, this guide seeks to assist community-based organizations to increase access to effective resources. From practical advice to detailed instructions on how to write grant proposals, budgets and reports, the principles and methods introduced are applicable globally and can be tailored to local environments.

For the guide, go

here: http://www.womenthrive.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=830&Itemid=152

The One Man Can Campaign

The One Man Can Campaign supports men and boys to take action to end domestic and sexual violence and to promote healthy, equitable relationships that men and women can enjoy--passionately, respectfully and fully. The campaign offers a resource directory, a toolkit for action and more. (English, French, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu).

For the toolkit, go here: <http://www.genderjustice.org.za/onemancan/download-the-toolkit/2.html>

Register your event for World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (October 9, 2010)

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is a unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world. The theme for World Day 2010, which will take place on 9 October, is "Sharing the care". This Day is for people to engage in events and activities to raise awareness and funds to support the development of hospice and palliative care. All around the world, there are people who need hospice and palliative care who cannot access it.

To register your event, go here: <http://www.worldday.org/events/>

OVC in Africa Conference: Don't Turn a Blind Eye

31 October- 3 November at Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg

From the letter from the Chairman: "The conferences must become the platform that focuses global attention on OVCs in Africa and the catalyst for tangible change. A conference of this nature is long overdue. For too long has there been the expectation that this critical area of need would be covered by other conferences or regional structures however on a day to day basis more and more children find themselves at risk and vulnerable to exploitation and abuse while the number of orphans are escalating and resource to support them declining.

- Highlight the critical need across Africa in regards to orphans and vulnerable children
- Identify gaps and provide recommendations that enable policies and regulations to better the needs of orphans and vulnerable children locally as well as regionally across Africa and beyond

- Identify interventions that support them as well as their care and education
- Understand how successful interventions can stimulate action in various areas of need across Africa, like improving 'parental' care, education and psychosocial support
- Setting the tone for future conferences to ensure an ongoing awareness of the plight of these children as well as a review of progress in addressing their needs.

Workers in the field of care, education and support, academics and professionals working with orphans and vulnerable children, human rights lawyers and community workers, regulators and politicians, members of civil society and leaders of industry who are interested in making a difference are warmly invited to attend."

Registration Fee Benefit Package

The registration fee covers all meals, access to conference plenary meetings and parallel sessions, the opening ceremony and function, symposia (limited numbers access), exhibitions, parking and a delegate bag with conference documentation i.e. programme and abstract cd.

Register online or manually by returning the registration form by email or fax to the conference secretariat

Registration Fees

Regular registration fee prior to 18 October 2010:	R4 332.00 including VAT
On-site registration fee from 31 October 2010:	R4 560.00 including VAT

For more information, go here: <http://www.ovc-conference.co.za/>

Ebony Youth and Orphans Support Initiative as a project idea was formulated in 2003, by a group of five former Centre for African Families Trainer of Trainers in HIV/AIDS community based care and support services. EYOSIK envisions a world whereby youths and other vulnerable groups (widows and orphans) have a voice in development activities affecting them. The goal of the organization is to improve the lives of vulnerable groups specifically widows and orphans to enable them lead happy, healthy and independent lives.

Ebony Youth and Orphans Support Initiative Kenya has a team of trainers in Home based care, Supervision , Monitoring and Evaluation of community based care and support services, Youth Peer Education and Economic Social and Cultural Rights.

We solicit for organizations that are in need of training services and conduct the training for them.

Home based care training

The goal of the training is to develop skills of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs) and those affected in care and support delivery and further transfer these skills to the HIV infected and affected. The other goal is to improve the quality of life for the PLHA and reduce HIV/AIDS related stigma and discrimination in the community

The above training is of two types, i.e. Training of Trainers (TOT) and Training of service providers. Tots are in addition provided with skills in conducting trainings in the community including sessions on public speaking and effective delivery. They are also empowered on development of work plans on home based care.

The Home based care training takes a duration of 2 weeks, it includes a field visit to organizations dealing with HIV such as those dealing with children infected/affected by HIV, Women living with HIV/AIDS .During field visits, trainees also visit families affected by HIV/AIDS and provide practice home based care services i.e. link what has been learnt in class with what happens in the field (theory to practice).

Duration: 2 weeks

Memory Book Development TrainingThe goals of the training are: To help in documenting family history. Improve communication among family members. Help siblings keep in touch after their parents death. Help prepare children for final separation

Duration: 4 days

Economic Social and Cultural Rights training

This is tailor made for various organizations and entails taking participants through various Human Rights documents as well as advocacy on human rights.ESCR training also entail sessions on legal rights awareness

Duration: 5days

Youth peer Education Training

This training package empowers youths on behaviour change, formation of youth peer education clubs as well as empowerment on public speaking and basic business skills for youth livelihood development.

Duration: 5days

CostsThe cost of the training is Kshs 10,000 per day. The client is responsible for accommodation and food for participants during the training including stationery. After the training, the client is provided with a comprehensive training report.

Ebony Youth and Orphans Support Initiative Kenya has successfully conducted trainings for :Tai Self Help GroupNyumbani Children’s Home Lea Toto ProgramWadeville Women GroupGROOTS KenyaKenya Network of Women with AIDS (through a micro credit organization)Centre for African Family Studies

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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.