

Firelight Newsflash! 25 February 2008

SEED Awards 2008: Call for Submissions

Deadline: 16 March 2008

SEED seeks applicants for its 2008 awards who have an entrepreneurial or innovative idea that is locally driven and has great potential to contribute to sustainable development in developing countries. SEED Award Winners receive a tailored package of support services to help them to become established and to increase their impact. This includes access to relevant expertise and technical assistance, meeting new partners and building networks, developing business plans and identifying sources of finance. The Award is not a cash prize, but the services offered have a value of US\$25,000. Deadline: March 16th. More at www.seedinit.org.

PRIZE for women's creativity in rural life: 2008 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS from Women's World Summit Foundation

Deadline: 31 March 2008

The Women's World Summit Foundation cordially invites you to submit nominations for its 15th annual PRIZE for women's creativity in rural life, honouring creative and courageous women and women's organisations working to improve the quality of life in rural communities around the world.

Since inception of the prize program in 1994, 331 Laureates have been honoured for their creativity with a cash donation of US\$ 500 each and US\$ 3000 for established organizations in Africa. All Laureates and their profiles are published on our web site <http://www.woman.ch/home.php> A travelling exposition is giving visibility to all the prize winners which has recently been exhibited at the United Nations in Geneva during a Human Rights Council session.

Given your experience, interest and perspective with regard to issues of development, human rights, micro-credit, peace building and empowerment of women, we greatly appreciate your participation and thank you in advance for sending us your candidates. 15 to 20 prize winners will again be selected in 2008 and several of them will be invited to Geneva to personally present their work at an award ceremony on 15 October – International Day for rural women.

Your nomination(s), following the guidelines attached, should arrive no later than 31 March 2008. We wish you a most successful New Year and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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INVITATION A SOUMETTRE DES CANDIDATURES POUR LE Prix wwsf pour la créativité des femmes en milieu rural 2008

Madame, Monsieur, Chère Amie,

La Fondation Sommet Mondial des Femmes / WWSF Women's World Summit Foundation a le plaisir de vous inviter à soumettre des candidatures pour la 14^e édition du Prix WWF pour la créativité des femmes en milieu rural. Le Prix honore chaque année des femmes et des organisations féminines du monde entier ayant fait preuve de créativité, de courage et d'un engagement exceptionnel dans l'amélioration de la qualité de vie dans les communautés rurales.

Depuis le lancement de ce programme en 1994, 331 femmes et organisations ont reçu ce prix (US\$ 500.- par lauréate et US\$ 3000.- pour des organisations en Afrique). Les noms et profils de toutes les lauréates sont publiés sur notre site Internet www.woman.ch <<http://www.woman.ch>> Notre exposition itinérante offre une visibilité aux femmes et organisations lauréates et a été dernièrement exposée à l'ONU à Genève.

Connaissant votre expérience et votre intérêt pour le développement, les droits humains, le micro-crédit, le renforcement de la capacité d'agir des femmes et la paix, nous apprécierions votre participation à cette initiative et vous remercions d'ores et déjà pour l'envoi de vos nominations. 15 à 20 lauréates seront à nouveau sélectionnées en 2008 et plusieurs d'entre elles seront invitées à Genève afin de présenter leur travail lors de la cérémonie de remise du prix le 15 octobre – Journée mondiale pour la femme rural, reconnue officiellement par l'ONU en 2007.

Nous vous souhaitons une nouvelle année pleine de succès et attendons vos candidatures.

Cordialement,

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Sharing Partners' Websites

Firelight staff received the following request from one of our grantees in Malawi last week:

"I wanted to post our Website to all Firelight Foundation partners. Can you therefore help me by passing this message." - Patrick Mwale
www.coyida.org.mw

Please take a moment to appreciate COYIDA's efforts to disseminate their good work! If you would like to share any of your organization's documentation with Firelight grantee-partners throughout Southern and Eastern Africa, please feel free to contact us at: newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.

More about Community Youth in Development Activities:

Founded in 2002 by three youth concerned with the lack of response to HIV/AIDS in their community, Community Youth in Development Activities (COYIDA) is "the first treatment, care and support project... to be carried out by a youth organization [in Mzimba, Malawi]." With their first grant from Firelight, COYIDA initiated the "Tikoleraneko" project which formed an "Orphan Affairs Unit" (OAU) of youth who advocate for children's rights. They also carry out HIV and sustainable agriculture programs. Staff report that "successes are a result of good community cooperation."

Guide on Building Capacity through Financial Management

This guide from Oxfam UK is intended for managers and trustees of non-profit organisations, providing tools and techniques for them to build their own financial system, and for those assessing another organisation's financial capacity.

DESCRIPTION

Much has been written about capacity building but little on how to use financial management to build capacity. Donors are increasingly requiring their non-profit beneficiaries to have sound financial systems before they will provide funds.

This guide provides an overview of financial management and the practical tools that can help build the financial capacity of non-profit organisations. Using case studies to demonstrate good practice, this guide will offer practical advice in how

to work with a partner organisation to build its financial capacity. It will also detail tools and techniques for using financial skills to improve organisational and programme management.

The guide is intended for managers and trustees of non-profit organisations, providing tools and techniques for them to build their own financial system, and for those assessing another organisation's financial capacity.

To download a copy:

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2007030716435528&TAG=&CID=>

Community Mobilisation Manual

By Pact Tanzania

This is a "how-to" book is intended for community mobilisers who want to stimulate social change in a community to work towards poverty eradication, good governance, and increased transparency. This manual identifies key steps in the community mobilisation process; it stresses the role and responsibility of the community leader or coordinator of an activity, community networks and other civil society groups, including local citizens. It contains information about preparing to mobilise, including knowing your goals and target. It discusses recognising, articulating, and assessing the problem. It further explores accessing support, and provides information about some additional resources.

<http://www.pacttz.org/downloads/aes/Community%20Mobilisation.pdf>

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