

Dear Friends,

As April comes to a close, we hope that this Newsflash! brings you some funding opportunities and helpful resources. As usual, let us know if you have any feedback, or if you have any success stories from previous Newsflash! opportunities.

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Call for Nominations: Award for Excellence in HIV and AIDS

Deadline: 15 May 2010

The African Network for Strategic Communication in Health and Development (AfriComNet) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the fourth Annual Award for Excellence in HIV and AIDS Communication in Africa. Individuals and organisations implementing HIV/AIDS strategies, campaigns and tools that advance the field of strategic communication and can be evaluated, adapted and applied as best practices are eligible to apply.

Award categories:

1. Best mass media campaign, intervention or production.
2. Best folk media initiative.
3. Best multi-channel communication strategy, campaign or tool.

4. Best interpersonal/community-based communication strategy, campaign or tool.
5. Best Social Marketing Strategy, Campaign or Tool

Award ceremony: August 2010. Find out more here [www.africomnet.org/](http://www.africomnet.org/) or email [infodesk@africomnet.org](mailto:infodesk@africomnet.org)

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VIOLENCE: 10th Anniversary of the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse [event]

The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) has launched its 2010 campaign to make the prevention of child abuse a global priority. The campaign will mark the 10th Anniversary of the World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse on 19 November 2010.

The campaign aims to raise awareness against child abuse and highlight the urgent need for effective prevention programmes. In 2009, the international NGO coalition united 785 organisations from 127 countries in support of the World Day. WWSF is encouraging international and national organisations to join and support the Coalition in 2010. Registration deadline: 15 May 2010

For more information, contact: Women's World Summit Foundation 11 Avenue de la Paix, PO Box 143, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Tel: + 41 22 738 6619 Email: [wdpca@wwsf.ch](mailto:wdpca@wwsf.ch) Website: [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) Visit: [www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=22381&flag=event](http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=22381&flag=event)

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Call for Nominations: World of Children Founder's Youth Award (Deadline: May 1)

The World of Children Awards program was created to recognize and elevate those selfless individuals who make a difference in the lives of children here in the USA and across the globe, regardless of political, religious or geographical boundaries. The 2010 Founder's Youth Award - maximum grant of up to \$25,000 - recognizes youth that are making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children. Nominee must be under the age of 21, and must have an existing non-profit organization in good standing, which can receive grant funds if awarded. For more information, go here: [www.worldofchildren.org/index.php/awards](http://www.worldofchildren.org/index.php/awards)

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AfriComNet Award for Excellence in HIV and AIDS Communication in Africa

Calling for nominations for the Award for Excellence in HIV/AIDS Communication

in Africa, which aim to recognise outstanding contributions made by individuals/organisations in the field of strategic HIV/AIDS communication and to encourage innovation and high-quality in strategic communication in Africa.  
Deadline: May 15 2010

[www.comminit.com/en/node/266968/347](http://www.comminit.com/en/node/266968/347)

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### Freedom to Create Grants

Offering funding to projects that use the arts to create transformational change in the developing world. The organisation invites applications from those using art in its various forms to educate, build, heal, and inspire people - from educating communities on a particular issue, to inspiring people to change the status quo, to building capacity.

Deadline: Rolling deadline

[www.comminit.com/en/node/311744](http://www.comminit.com/en/node/311744)

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### Young Hands Together for Diversity International Art Competition

Inviting children and young people between 6 to 20 years to enter artwork on the theme "biodiversity" and what it means to young people around the world. This competition is part of a worldwide youth education initiative on biodiversity to provide children and young people with useful information and help them participate in protecting, preserving, and improving biodiversity in their communities.

Deadline: June 15 2010

[www.comminit.com/en/node/311510/306](http://www.comminit.com/en/node/311510/306)

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### Call for Proposals: HIV Young Leaders Fund

The Fund seeks grant proposals from organizations working to address the needs of young people most-affected by HIV in their communities, including young people living with HIV. Deadline for applications: May 1, 2010.

For more information, go here: [www.awid.org/eng/Women-in-Action/Calls-for-](http://www.awid.org/eng/Women-in-Action/Calls-for-)

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PhotoPhilanthropy is a great organization Firelight has highlighted several times in the Newsflash! We would like to update our grantee partners to know that there are currently six interested photographers, of varying skills and experience, that are willing to work with your organizations. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact your program officer. They will give you the contact information for the appropriate photographer.

If you are not a Firelight grantee, please email the newsletter ([newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org)) and we will help you contact PhotoPhilanthropy, or visit [www.photophilanthropy.org/](http://www.photophilanthropy.org/)

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### New OVC Support Site hosted by HIV/AIDS Alliance

Visit the new [www.OVCsupport.net](http://www.OVCsupport.net) to discover new or expanded features.

- News and exchange: the latest news articles as well as a platform to share views and opinions, and comment on articles.
- Policy and research: contemporary findings and debates around policy initiatives or evidence generated through research and evaluation.
- Programming: key programming principles and technical areas to respond to children's needs, including social protection, food and nutrition, educational support and vocational training, psychosocial support, shelter and care, health support, and economic strengthening.
- Discussions: a space for users to connect and exchange their promising practices, debate issues, and create dialogue around the top concerns relating to children and HIV.
- Library: a virtual resource center with more than 900 publications, toolkits, and resources from around the world. The library is fully integrated with the site and can be searched in multiple ways.

The [www.OVCsupport.net](http://www.OVCsupport.net) site is hosted and moderated by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, a member of the AIDSTAR-Two Consortium. Led by Management Sciences for Health, AIDSTAR-Two offers systematic capacity-building assistance to USG field missions, their local public and private sector implementing partners, and networks.

This dynamic site welcomes input from all those working with children and HIV. I encourage you to explore [www.OVCsupport.net](http://www.OVCsupport.net) and participate actively in the community.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA: Fifth meeting of network to end corporal and humiliating punishment of children [news]

The Southern African Network to End Corporal and Humiliating Punishment of Children (the Network) is an alliance of Southern African organisations working independently in various ways in their own countries to prevent and address child abuse and neglect, and ensure the protection of the rights of children. The purpose of the Network is to co-ordinate advocacy towards banning all forms of corporal and humiliating punishment and to promote positive discipline in Southern Africa. To this end, it brings together interested and committed organisations within the Southern African region to work towards a prohibition of corporal punishment through capacity building, information dissemination, and joint regional advocacy initiatives. The Network held its annual meeting in late February in Cape Town, South Africa, with 24 participants from seven Southern African countries. The first day focused on in-country developments and related activities of Network members. Presentations on lessons learnt from the Botswana experience of attempting to ban, the Zambian experience of building alliances and sustained advocacy; the South African experience of alliance-building as a strategy for social reform, recent research in Mozambique, and getting the support of religious institutions. In addition, the Global Initiative presented its country reports for the countries present. The final presentation of the day reported on two current parenting initiatives in Africa. The second day was spent on presentations and discussions concerning developing collective advocacy on the Continental level and regional (Southern African) level. Issues explored included global developments; opportunities for advocacy with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child; a report on the Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Forum meeting on November 2009; and advocacy with national Human Rights Institutions. Participants reviewed plans made at the 2009 meeting, consolidated plans for 2010 and discussed communication strategies. Various sub-groups were established to manage the activities agreed upon. Further information about the Network can be found at [www.rapcan.org.za/sanchpc/default.asp](http://www.rapcan.org.za/sanchpc/default.asp). A full report on the meeting will be posted at this link shortly.

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Women's Information Portal on Human Settlements

Get involved in the initial stages of the new online Women's Information Portal on Human Settlements by taking our survey! Fill out this brief questionnaire today, to give us your input as we design this new space for information and knowledge sharing.

To access the survey, go here: [www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=DBw06rQOZtCzPKzjFHbIMtoOkt5QV](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=DBw06rQOZtCzPKzjFHbIMtoOkt5QV)

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## G(irls)20 Summit

June 16-18, 2010

Toronto, Canada

The viral global campaign to solicit grassroots ideas on how to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that most impact women and girls will culminate in the inaugural, ground-breaking G(irls)20 Summit. The Summit will bring together one girl from each of the G20 countries to Toronto ten days before the official G20 Summit. This inaugural G(irls)20 Summit will reconvene prior to next year's G20 Summit in France. Ultimately, the goal is to bring the economic prowess of girls and women to the attention of G20 leaders and ensure that the role of girls and women claims a place on future G20 agendas.

On June 26th and 27th, G20 leaders will gather in Toronto to discuss measures to promote global financial stability and ways to achieve a sustainable economic growth and development. All organizations and businesses striving for economic growth and development understand the need to utilize all resources – financial, material and human. Similarly, world leaders must recognize the importance of leveraging the world's 3.3 billion girls and women in the search for innovative, sustainable and socially responsible solutions to global challenges.

That's why, from Jun 16th -18th, twenty girls from the G20 countries will come together in Toronto to present, discuss and promote tangible, innovative and scalable solutions that put girls and women front and centre on the G20 agenda. If you are a passionate, forward-thinking, solution-oriented girl between the ages of 18-20 from a G20 country you could be one of the G(irls) 20 Summit change makers. Apply to attend the G(irls)20 Summit and be a voice representing the 3.3 billion girls and women around the world.

For further information and to apply, please go here: [www.girlsandwomen.com/apply\\_to\\_attend-9.html](http://www.girlsandwomen.com/apply_to_attend-9.html)

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Report: CDG's report "Are Funding Decisions Based on Performance?"

See below for CDG's overview of this report:

"Linking funding decisions to performance can help the best programs continue and give program managers strong incentives to lead their programs well.

Performance-based funding can also have unintended negative consequences, such as inducing single-minded attention to specific targets to the exclusion of

harder-to-measure but important goals. This report examines the use of performance-based funding (PBF) among the big three funders of HIV/AIDS programs in developing countries: the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the World Bank's Multi-Country HIV/AIDS Program for Africa (the MAP). All three have room for improvement.

The Global Fund has an explicit PBF approach and clearly and systematically links funding decisions to performance. But Global Fund data are not always accurate or reliable, and there is room for improvement—for instance, ensuring that recipients report accurate data on the services they provide and the beneficiaries they reach.

PEPFAR places a strong emphasis on results, but it does not systematically use results to inform funding decisions. Unlike the Global Fund, PEPFAR does not always clearly document its funding decisions or release its performance data. Of the three donors, though, PEPFAR has the most accurate and reliable data collection system.

The MAP, like PEPFAR, does not systematically link funding decisions to performance. The MAP does not clearly document its funding decisions and releasing performance data about its grants. The MAP's data, collected from its partner countries, is not always accurate or reliable.

Putting in place or improving structures and procedures that successfully tie funding decisions to programmatic results is one tool to get more health for the money. For the Global Fund, this means improving existing processes, such as increasing the quality of data upon which funding decisions are made and releasing more information about such decisions. For PEPFAR this requires establishing clearer guidelines on the role that programmatic performance plays in relation to other determinants of funding. And for the MAP, implementing PBF would require a fundamental shift from emphasizing financial management to emphasizing programmatic achievement as a primary determinant of funding decisions."

To access this publication, go here: [www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424030/](http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424030/)

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Children and HIV: Family Support First - Working Together to Achieve Universal Support and Access to Treatment is an international symposium that will present the latest evidence and share the latest models on family-centered care and services for children affected by HIV and AIDS. The underlying theme for the symposium is based on the findings of The Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS which demonstrated how central and under-supported families are in their care of children affected by HIV and AIDS. July 16 & 17, 2010. (Note: Deadline for scholarships was April 2, 2010).

To learn more, visit: [www.teresagroup.ca/vienna](http://www.teresagroup.ca/vienna)

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Alliance Lessons Learnt Report: "Beyond Awareness Raising: Community lessons about improving responses to HIV/AIDS"

Released back in 1998, Alliance and Claxo Wellcome collaborated to produce this report about community responses to HIV/AIDS. With Case Studies and research in the field, one of their main messages is that organizations should move beyond awareness raising. It is a useful report, and one that provides a chance for us to compare where we have come from to where we are going.

To access this publication, find the attachment or visit the Alliance website for full access to their reports: [www.aidsalliance.org/homepagedetails.aspx?id=1](http://www.aidsalliance.org/homepagedetails.aspx?id=1)

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UNAIDS: Caring for Carers

UNAIDS released a handbook in 2008 called "Preventing Carer Burnout" from the model used by Inter-Mission Care and Rehabilitation Society (IMCARES). Below is the overview:

Burnout is not a single event but a process in which everyday stresses and anxieties that are not addressed gradually undermine the carer's mental and physical health, so that eventually caregiving and personal relationships suffer. Burnout is the final stage in the stress process when everything falls apart. As a medical condition, burnout has no clear definition, but as a psychological condition it has been well defined<sup>1</sup> and is increasingly recognized by people in the caring professions. Burnout has long been identified as a crucial issue in HIV care and support; yet there is relatively little known about what measures can be taken to prevent or mitigate it.

This document looks at strategies to lessen the risk of carer burnout. It briefly reviews the approach developed and used by one faith-based organization to care for its staff and volunteers who work as carers in the community and also with the families of those living with HIV. The organization is guided by its beliefs but many of their approaches and lessons learnt can be used by secular nongovernmental organizations.

To access this publication, find the attachment or visit: [www.unaids.org/en/PolicyAndPractice/CareAndSupport/CarerSupport/](http://www.unaids.org/en/PolicyAndPractice/CareAndSupport/CarerSupport/)

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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).