

## **Firelight Newsflash! 26 November 2007**

### **Congratulations are in order...**

Established as an annual award, the STARS Impact Awards support organisations committed to achieving excellence in the provision of services to disadvantaged children and encourage the replication of effective approaches and practices. The Stars Foundation awards one recipient in each category of health, education and protection. Each Award provides US\$100,000 of unrestricted funding as well as consultancy support tailored to meet the needs of the recipients. Three organisations from South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe became the first STARS Impact Award recipients at an event hosted by the STARS Foundation on 16 November 2007 in London.

Dr. Dickson Chifamba and Val Maasdorp of Island Hospice & Bereavement Service of Zimbabwe were present to receive the the first annual award in the category of health. The recipients are selected against a range of criteria which reflect the hallmarks of effective practice and demonstrate a positive impact on the lives of the children supported.

Join us in extending our deepest admiration and congratulations to the staff and volunteers of Island Hospice for this well-deserved award!

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### **Strengthening the Engagement of Women and Girls with the Global Fund in Southern and East Africa: Request for Proposals**

Deadline: 17 December 2007

Today, almost 60% of people living with HIV and AIDS in southern Africa are female and young women between the ages of 15 and 24 are four times more likely to be infected than young men. Women's and girls' needs for HIV prevention, treatment, care and support differ substantially from those of men and boys. Despite this, most programming on HIV and AIDS still ignores the specific needs of women and girls for different types of messages, care and support systems and impact mitigation strategies. As a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and affected communities, the Global Fund represents an innovative approach to international health financing. In Southern Africa, the Global Fund has committed over \$500 million to support programmes addressing HIV prevention, care and support and treatment. Yet little of the funding provided through the Global Fund has specifically been allocated to programs that reduce women's and girls' vulnerability to HIV infection and/or meet the gendered needs of women and girls living with HIV and AIDS to treatment, care, or legal resources and to address matters related to HIV status and gender inequality.

To address this imbalance, the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa

(OSISA), the Open Society Initiative for East Africa (OSIEA) and the Open Society Institute's (OSI) Public Health Program are requesting proposals from coalitions of women's rights and HIV and AIDS organizations in Southern Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, or Uganda that wish to:

- develop proposals for submission to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria that address the specific vulnerabilities of women and girls and particularly marginalized groups of women and girls (e.g. young women, sex workers, women living in rural areas, women from certain ethnic groups, etc.);

- build their capacity to engage with Global Fund processes at the country level;
- advocate to increase the flow of Global Fund resources to projects that meet women's and girls' needs in these countries.

For more information and the full terms of reference, email [thokob@osisa.org](mailto:thokob@osisa.org) or [lelman@sorosny.org](mailto:lelman@sorosny.org)

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### **Ashoka's Changemakers announces competition to help young men succeed**

Deadline: 23 January 2008

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Ashoka's Changemakers have launched a new global competition challenging organizations to submit their most innovative approaches to addressing the societal problems facing young men. Young Men at Risk: Transforming the Power of a Generation invites organizations working with 15- to 25-year-old males to submit their unique approaches to helping disadvantaged young men. The competition is aimed at identifying the most innovative approaches to helping a generation of young people around the world fulfill their potential and become healthy, successful adults. A major focus of the competition is reducing health disparities and improving the health of disadvantaged populations. The competition will accept applications on Ashoka's Changemakers website through January 16, 2008 at [www.changemakers.net/en-us/competition/men](http://www.changemakers.net/en-us/competition/men).

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### **Fundraising Handbook from the Global Fund for Women**

Designed especially for first-time fundraisers, the Global Fund's updated handbook presents some key ideas about raising money to fund women's rights work in today's global political and economic context. If you know or work with women's groups struggling for resources, please read, and pass on this manual. [Download the Handbook](#) or see the attachment.

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## Organizational Profile: PhotoVoice

PhotoVoice is an award-winning international charity that empowers some of the most disadvantaged groups in the world with photographic skills so that they can transform their lives. Through establishing in-field photojournalism workshops its projects enable those who are traditionally the subjects of photography to become its creator. Through photography these individuals find confidence in their voices and are enabled to speak out about their challenges, concerns, hopes and fears. PhotoVoice projects span four continents, assisting refugees, street children, orphans, HIV/ AIDS sufferers and special needs groups. Internationally the organisation provides the platform for PhotoVoice groups to exhibit and market their work and to inspire change. It also provides long-term support for individuals to pursue careers in their local photographic industries.

PhotoVoice always works in [partnership](#) with other international organisations and local community organisations. We are also pleased to hear from organisations or individuals who feel that a PhotoVoice project would complement their work with a marginalised or vulnerable group. Check the [Project Partners](#) page to see how PhotoVoice could help you to use participatory photography to add an extra facet to your work. If you have a project you would like support from PhotoVoice in planning and running, please submit details via our [Project Collaboration Form](#). Please be aware that it may take time before we can respond to your application due to the large number of project collaboration requests we receive, however all submissions are considered carefully.

For more information,  
visit: <http://www.photovoice.org/html/workingwithphotovoice/>

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