

Firelight Newsflash! 27 October 2008

Reminder: 2009 STARS Impact Awards Applications Due Deadline: 28 November 2008

The STARS Impact Awards recognize organizations working in children's health, education and protection. Organizations working with children in Africa or South Asia are invited to apply. Each Award carries US\$100,000 of unrestricted funding as well as consultancy support. For information on previous Award recipients and this year's finalists, please visit our website.

There are only four weeks left until the closing date for all Stage 1 STARS Impact Award applications: the deadline is Friday 28 November 2008. To download the application form and guidance notes, and for further information please visit our website at <http://www.starsfoundation.org.uk>. If you have any questions, we are here to help. Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@starsfoundation.org.uk.

Talking to Younger Children about HIV - Talk to Me Booklet

This booklet is designed to help parents and caregivers in South Africa address HIV/AIDS issues with children in a positive and interactive manner. Takalani Sesame, the South African version of Sesame Street, produced this booklet, which is broken down into three sections. The first part shares general strategies for communicating effectively with children, establishing trust, and building rapport. The second section offers specific information about HIV/AIDS as well as advice on how to present this information in an age-appropriate manner. In this section, the booklet suggests ways in which children can learn to express feelings and ideas about their body, about people living with HIV, about coping with a parent's illness, and about coping with death in general.

http://www.sabceducation.co.za/talktome/ttm_page3.htm

Organizational Profile: Mango

Mango is a UK-based organization that exists to help aid agencies and NGOs to work more effectively. They help **strengthen their financial management** by providing:

- financial **training** for NGO staff;
- finance staff** to work with NGOs;
- publications, including our free **Guide**;
- professional **networking** opportunities;
- consultancy** services.

They contribute to debates on **accountability** in the NGO sector, e.g. through our **Who Counts?** campaign and they run a **register of finance staff** who we place to work with NGOs in the field and HQ.

For more information about Mango and their training courses and publications, see their website <http://mango.org.uk/> or email enquiries@mango.org.uk.

Online Library - The Children in Distress Network

The Children in Distress Network (CINDI) was founded in July 1996, and consists of over 150 NGOs, CBOs, government agencies and individuals - who collaborate in the interests of children affected by HIV and AIDS in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The **CINDI Online Library** has been created by collating three years of *Recommended Readings* from the CINDI weekly eNewsletter. CINDI has been gathering relevant readings for those working in the interests of vulnerable children, and thanks to DFID and ChildHope funding, CINDI has transformed these resources into a searchable online library to be accessible to all, nationally and internationally.

You can view the library at: <http://www.cindi.org.za/?q=node/479>

Should you have any resources that may be added to our online library, please contact us at:

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Global Call to Action Challenge for Youth

Application deadline: 1 March 2009

PeaceJam, Penguin Young Readers Group, and the Pearson Foundation have

announced a new initiative, the PeaceJam Global Call to Action Challenge. The challenge offers young activists everywhere the chance to work directly with a Nobel Laureate in their own school and by asking young people around the world to commit themselves to creating a billion community-serving projects in the next decade. The Global Call to Action Challenge encourages young people to document these projects in video and writing. To enter, young people must create a short video or write a magazine-style story about their project. Project leaders must be at least 13 years old in order to register a project.

Learn more at: <http://www.globalcalltoaction.org/>

Toolkit: Child-oriented participatory risk assessment and planning

Center for Positive Future; Center for Disaster Preparedness (ProVention Consortium, 2007)

Taking children into account - how to undertake participatory risk assessments

In most disaster events, children's perspectives, needs and capacities are most often neglected or taken for granted. Even though children are generally the most vulnerable population in most disaster situations, they are not usually considered separately when evaluating disaster risks. This step-by-step toolkit provides participatory risk assessment tools to identify the need, capacities and vulnerabilities of children aged 7-17 years and to design appropriate disaster planning.

To read the manual, see: http://www.proventionconsortium.org/themes/default/pdfs/CRA/COPRAP_meth.pdf

As part of the Firelight Foundation's Monitoring, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (META) 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. We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.