

Firelight Newsflash! 30 August, 2010

Dear Friends,

We thank you for your continued dedication to families and children in your communities. The work you do is important, meaningful and necessary as you are helping to restore and protect human rights. We at Firelight commend you and encourage you to remain strong!

We hope that the Newsflash! is useful to your work. Have a great week,

Firelight Team

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Funding Opportunities

Community based programs using football to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa: The King Baudouin Foundation
Deadline: 21 October 2010

The goal of this call for proposals is to support football-based programs that deliver education on HIV/AIDS with the aim of preventing more young people from contracting the disease and reducing the stigma which surrounds it. Grants will be open to all African based initiatives. Special attention will be paid to applications that, either directly or indirectly, address girls as the most vulnerable segment of the population. We also value projects that are innovative, collaborative and focused. The first call for projects was launched on December 3rd 2009. The selection was announced in June. Twenty-six projects from sixteen countries are already being funded.

Target group: Support is intended for the following types of organizations:

- Africa based
- Nationally registered non-governmental organization, association, or club
- Football program

- HIV/AIDS program experience (education, prevention, stigma reduction)
- Youth serving
- Gender program experience

Find out more at <http://www.kbs-frb.be/call.aspx?id=256078&LangType=1033>

Community Tool Box: 2010 | Out of the Box Prize
Deadline: 31 October 2010

The Community Tool Box will honor innovative approaches to promoting community health and development worldwide with the 2010 Out of the Box Prize. We invite you to enter and encourage you to share contest information with others doing innovative work to improve life in their communities anywhere in the world. Your group's work may involve efforts to improve community health, education, urban or rural development, poverty, the environment, social justice, or other related issues of importance to communities. Applicants must be willing to share the group's innovative and promising approach with others.

Grand Prize: \$5,000 cash award (USD) + free customized WorkStation for your group (value \$2,100)

Second Prize: \$2,000 cash award (USD) + free customized WorkStation for your group

Award Finalists: All Award Finalists stories will be featured on the Community Tool Box as an outstanding example of "Taking Action in Your Community." An international panel of judges will select finalists. Site visitors will vote on their favorite "Out of the Box" project to be awarded the top two prizes.

Find out more at http://ctb.ku.edu/en/out_of_the_box.aspx

"Pearson Fellowship for Social Innovation" To Provide Financial Grants and Mentoring to Young People for Worldwide Social Service Projects

The Pearson Foundation in partnership with TakingITGlobal has launched Pearson Fellowship for Social Innovation to provide financial grants and mentoring to young people for worldwide social service projects.

This international fellowship program will support most promising social service projects created by TakingITGlobal's growing network of youth leaders. Recognition and support will be rendered to youth-developed projects created as a component of TakingITGlobal's innovative Sprout e-Course curriculum, which is

designed to provide training in essential skills for young leaders around the world.

“Both the Fellowship and the e-Course are aligned with the main objectives of the World Youth Congress – finding ways to harness the incredible talent, energy, and ingenuity of young people in their shared effort to achieve the U.N.’s Millennium Development Goals of eradicating hunger, achieving universal education and gender equality, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS, promoting environmental sustainability, and developing global partnerships.

The Pearson Fellowship for Social Innovation will be awarded to young people with the most promising and well-prepared plans for community projects developed during the Sprout e-Course. Two International Fellows will each receive \$5,000 to help launch their projects. Ten additional Regional Fellows will each receive a \$1,000 award. All Pearson Fellows will receive one-on-one mentoring from experienced social innovators who will consult with them as they implement their project plans. Integral to the program is a special online community where the Fellows can network with their peers and have access to special online materials and training designed to help them take their projects from the planning stage to reality.” Find out more at <http://www.pearsonfoundation.org/pr/20100812-pearson-fellowship-for-social-innovation.html>

The Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project is a competitive grant program that provides an opportunity to practitioners of development to compete for grants worth US\$30,000 to help scale up their work*. The grants are awarded to projects and/or organizations that are carrying out original and innovative work in the field. These projects are not theme based. However, projects must contribute to sustainable development.

*Winners are also eligible to compete for the Japan Social Development Fund grant of up to US\$ 200,000 for their work.

Eligibility criteria:

1. The Award is open to all development projects being implemented in Africa, Asia, Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Pacific Islands, and the transition economies of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
2. The project must be managed by a non-governmental organization with its headquarters in a country in one of the above regions.
3. The project must have been implemented before 30 June, 2009.
4. Applicants from previous years (except finalists) may reapply, but they must

update the application to include new aspects of the project.

5. Finalists from previous years cannot submit an application for the subsequent three years.

APPLY HERE – <http://opa.gdnet.org>

Application Deadline: 22 September, 2010

Fighting Corruption in Africa by Nuhu Ribadu
From Center for Global Development

Nuhu Ribadu is a prosecutor and police officer by training. Until 2007, he served as Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in Nigeria, which he helped establish in 2003. In this essay, he reflects on his experience as the head of the EFCC and the international work needed to challenge corruption in Africa.

From the essay:

Corruption is one of many serious challenges which undermine the effectiveness of institutions and entire governments in many African countries. It seems to be appropriate to hold it responsible for impeding investor confidence and depriving citizens of true governance, democracy, and development. The former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, described it perfectly when he said, “Corruption hurts the poor disproportionately by diverting funds intended for development, undermining a government’s ability to provide basic services, feeding inequality and injustice, and discouraging foreign investment and aid.”

Despite the immense size of the problem, corruption can be defeated. My own experience at the EFCC in Nigeria taught me that change is possible, yet difficult. With the right political atmosphere, we secured an unprecedented number of convictions of those previously regarded as untouchable. Unfortunately, we proved that while it was possible to punish some of the guilty, it was a much larger task to tackle a culture so rich with corruption. Anticorruption offices need help and support from agencies from around the world, particularly the United States. With a strong internal and external base, anticorruption movements have the potential to conquer this cancer on society.

For the essay, go

here: http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424376?utm_source=nl_weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nl_weekly_08242010&

Call to Action on Development of UN Women

Created on July 2, 2010, UN Women is the result of years of advocacy by civil society. The new entity combines the mandates of the four existing UN structures for women into one new, higher level UN organization with both policy and operational functions. The GEAR Campaign, a network of over 300 women's, human rights and social justice groups, is now engaged in working to ensure that UN Women will be a coordinated, strong, and strategic organization that further advances the UN's work on gender equality and women's empowerment. Some organizations are already engaged with the UN transition process at the national and regional levels, and the GEAR campaign encourages more actors in civil society to get involved in helping UN Women realize its potential as a powerful vehicle for women's rights on the ground.

To take action now by sending a letter to your UN representative, go here: <http://www.gearcampaign.org/takeaction.shtml>

HIV/AIDS Monitor releases report on the relationship between AIDS donors and human resources for health

The HIV/AIDS Monitor team is excited to announce the release of our most recent country-level study on the relationship between AIDS donors and human resources for health. The report "Zeroing In: AIDS Donors and Africa's Health Workforce" , looks at how the short-term interventions of the donors did little to address the long-term sustainability and capacity of the health workforce to handle all health needs. Through a comparison and analysis of the current and future role of PEPFAR, the Global Fund and the World Bank in national efforts to develop the health workforce, the report identifies six tasks for donors, national governments and country stakeholders to undertake to reverse the severe shortage of skilled, motivated and productive health workers.

For the report, go here: http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424385?utm_&&

The WHO is soliciting for comments on the "Global Health Sector Strategy for HIV/AIDS 2011-2015"

The WHO is holding an on-line consultation to solicit views on the development of the Global Health Sector Strategy for HIV/AIDS 2011-2015. The last day to submit comments is August 31.

To make comments, go here: http://www.who.int/hiv/aboutdept/strategy_form/en/index.html?utm_&&

(Article) The HIV Shift

New studies in Uganda show that married or co-habiting couples today stand a higher risk of contracting HIV than single or young people. This marks an astonishing shift in the pandemic's infection patterns in the country. Uganda's HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns, since the onset of the pandemic in the early 1980's, have been premised on the perception that young people between 15-24 years were at a higher risk of infection than older age groups, particularly those in the 30-40 age bracket.

For the whole article, go

here: http://www.independent.co.ug/index.php/features/features/42-features/3379-the-hiv-shift?utm_&&&

USAID: AIDSTAR-One Nominate a Practice

If you are interested, you can submit a practice for inclusion in the AIDSTAR-One database for good and promising programmatic practices (G3Ps). From short-term technical assistance to long-term program implementation support and more, AIDSTAR-One provides rapid, evidence-based services to PEPFAR country teams in generalized, mixed and concentrated HIV epidemic settings. To nominate a practice, adequate information must be available in at least three of the six categories (target population, program implementation, program evaluation, program monitoring, quality assurance and/or quality improvement, and funding support). To be included, the practice must have sufficient documentation in the following two areas:

- Program implementation, with a clearly identifiable practice
- At least one of the following:
 - An internal monitoring system that includes one year of results
 - Formative or process evaluation

To nominate a practice, go here: http://www.aidstar-one.com/promising_practices_database/nominate. To receive their monthly HIV prevention email, with links to important research, reports, guidelines and tools, news, and events and forums, go here: <http://www.aidstar-one.com/signup>

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.