

Firelight Newsflash! 4 October, 2010

Dear Friends,

We hope this Newsflash! and the resources attached are helpful to your work.
Enjoy,

Firelight Team

- "Facts for Life" Handbook
- "Eating Healthy, Staying Positive" Nutrition Manual
- Disability toolkit for refugee camps
- (Article) "Improving Livelihoods: Defining child labour"
- (Call for applications) IREX Community Solutions Program

"Facts for Life" Handbook

This extensive handbook from the UN Children's Fund covers topics like safe motherhood, child development, breast-feeding, immunizations, and common diseases.

From the foreword: Facts for Life consists of 14 chapters filled with practical information about how to ensure children's rights to survival, growth, development, and well-being. The topics address pregnancy, childbirth, major childhood illnesses, child development, early learning, parenting, protection, and care and support of children.

For the handbook, go here: <http://factsforlifeglobal.org/>
or go here: <http://factsforlifeglobal.org/00/text.html>

"Eating Healthy, Staying Positive" Nutrition Manual from SAfAIDS Zimbabwe

See the attached manual to encourage healthy eating for PLWHA

Disability toolkit for refugee camps

See the link below to access a summary fact sheet from a full report and toolkit produced by the Women's Refugee Commission. It describes the

recommendations of the Commission for refugee camps to become more accessible and fulfill human rights of those with disabilities.

See the attachment or
visit: <http://womensrefugeecommission.org/programs/disabilities>

(Article) "Improving Livelihoods: Defining child labour"

Relevant to many of our partner countries and organizations, this article discusses issues of child labour. The article spans many perspectives on the definitions of 'child labour' that the international community imposes in regards to reaching MDGs and building healthy, sustainable communities.

For the article, go here: <http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/comment/67395>

(Call for applications) IREX Community Solutions Program

Due - November 10, 2010
Community Solutions

Applications are currently being accepted.

The Community Solutions Program is a professional development program for the best and brightest global community leaders working in Transparency & Accountability, Tolerance/Conflict Resolution, Environmental Issues, and Women's Issues. Selected candidates will participate in: a four month US fellowship with a local organization; over 500 hours developing practical leadership skills; and, follow-on projects in their home countries.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS OF THE GRANT

- J-1 visa support
- Round-trip travel from participant's home city to the US
- Accident and sickness insurance
- Stipend to cover housing, meals and incidentals

Eligibility

TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, national origin, or gender. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Competition for the Community Solutions Program is merit-based and open to community leaders, ages 25-38 at the time of application, who meet the following criteria:

- from a participating country (U.S. citizens, permanent residents of the U.S. , and individuals who have applied for U.S. permanent residency in the past three years are not eligible for this program.)
- currently living and working in his/her home country (Individuals participating in academic, training or research programs in the United States at the time of application and individuals residing or working outside their home countries at the time of application are not eligible for this program)
- currently working on a community project or initiative in his/her home country; and, has at least 2 years of professional experience in this capacity at the time of application
- able to begin the program in the United States in 2011, and is committed to returning to his/her home country after completion of the program
- able to receive a U.S. J-1 visa (Individuals who have participated in an exchange visitor program sponsored or funded by the U.S. Government who have not fulfilled their two-year home residency requirement by the time of application are not eligible for this program)
- proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Africa- Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

For more information, go here: <http://www.irex.org/application/community-solutions-information-applicants>

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.