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Free HIV Materials Available

<http://www.stratshope.org/>

Strategies for Hope produces and distributes books and videos that document successful, innovative strategies of HIV/AIDS work by NGOs and community groups. So far they have produced 20 books and 5 documentary videos, including an award-winning training package, *Stepping Stones*, which includes a manual and a workshop video. These materials have been distributed to over 160 countries, with most copies being supplied free of charge to organisations in sub-Saharan Africa. By August 2007, the Series had distributed approximately 930,000 copies of its books, over 30,000 copies of its videos, and nearly 20,000 copies of the *Stepping Stones* training package.

Who are these materials for?

They are used for information, training, planning and advocacy purposes by a wide range of organisations. These include, for example, faith-based organisations and community groups, NGOs and health institutions, women's organisations and youth associations, UN agencies and other international organisations, AIDS service organisations and groups of people living with HIV.

FREE COPIES — Organisations in sub-Saharan Africa that are unable to pay in foreign currency may request a limited number of Strategies for Hope materials free of charge. Requests will be considered on receipt of an explanatory letter. These requests will be considered as long as stocks and funds are available. Please use the [mailing list form](#) to request free copies.

DONOR PROFILE: UBS Optimus Foundation

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Geographic focus: Global. As a rule, only one project is supported per country. Southern Africa is an exception, including the following countries: Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Angola, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Lesotho and Madagascar.

Issue focus: Children & Talents, including 1) education and upbringing, 2)

protection from violence and sexual abuse, and 3) child survival.

Grant size: In order to be able to achieve the desired effect in a specific core area, the UBS Optimus Foundation concentrates on larger projects. As a rule, these receive annual financial support in the region of 100 000 to 300 000 CHF over the course of a total lifespan of three years.

Application process: The deadlines for submitting pre-proposals are the following: 31 October 2008 and 31 January 2009. See website for guidelines or write to primary contact.

11th Annual Peace Pals Art Competition for Children Around the World

Deadline: June 30 2008

Children throughout the world between the ages of 5 and 15 to are invited participate in The 11th Annual International Peace Pals Art Competition and Exhibition. Entries are divided into 4 age categories for the awarding of prizes: 5-8 years, 9-12 years, 13-15 years, and 16-19 years of age. The competition's theme is 'Friendship'.

Rules for the competition are:

* The Message: Each design must incorporate the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

* Size: A single dimension measuring 4.75" x 6.75" (12 cm x 17 cm) in either a horizontal or vertical format.

* The Design: This may be drawn, sketched, or painted in any style on paper or cardboard. However, no organic elements or loose items can be used.

* The Number of Entries: Entries from each person are unlimited.

* Information Required: On the reverse side of the artwork, the following information should be typed on an adhesive label or printed legibly: full name, age, address, city, and country. (If sending multiple entries as a school, also include: school or institution and grade.)

* If you wish to receive a paper copy of the electronically downloadable certificate please include with the entry a self-addressed return mailing envelope for a certificate of participation).

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To learn more about the competition, see:
<http://www.wppspeacepals.org/brochuredocs/peacepalsbrochure.pdf>

PUBLICATION: Economic Strengthening for Vulnerable Children

A new report from USAID entitled Economic Strengthening for Vulnerable Children: Principles of Program Design and Technical Recommendations for Effective Field Interventions is now available online. The report assists practitioners in identifying best practices for economic strengthening and then designing programs that are reflective of these practices while also being adapted to the specifications of vulnerable children. The document provides two essential sets of tools: 1.) A set of principles for program design that emphasizes and outlines multi-sectoral coordination and 2.) A set of technical recommendations on how to implement selected activities. The interventions are organized into three categories: social assistance, asset growth and protection, and income growth. For each intervention, the report gives a description, examples from Africa, lessons learned, and programmatic recommendations.

Click here to view the entire document:
<http://www.crin.org/docs/Economic%20Strengthening.pdf>

What is JLICA?

The Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS (JLICA) is a cross-sectoral, interdisciplinary exercise in collaboration between leading practitioners, policymakers and scholars concerned with the well-being of children living in a world with HIV/AIDS. The Initiative's research tasks range across child survival, the role of families and communities, service provision, governance issues, and calculating the cost of an adequate response to children's needs—as well as the cost of failure to act. JLICA's goal is to protect and fulfill the rights of children affected by HIV/AIDS by mobilizing the scientific evidence base and producing actionable recommendations for policy and practice.

How does JLICA work? JLICA was formally launched in October 2006 and will continue its work until the end of 2008. The Initiative pursues the following objectives:

Mobilizing and generating evidence: JLICA gathers and assesses scientific evidence on operational, political and public policy issues related to children and HIV/AIDS, as well as documenting experiential knowledge emerging from communities of practice.

Expanding space for new thinking: JLICA engenders multi-disciplinary and inter-sectoral interaction and synthesis that stimulates innovative thinking and problem solving, while engaging new expertise.

Advancing action: JLICA brings practitioners, policymakers and scholars together to examine evidence and forge consensus on what needs to be done, how and by whom. This includes developing recommendations, prioritizing responses, and advocating action.

Facilitating linkages: Although many groups are engaged with issues of HIV/AIDS and children, there is insufficient communication across disciplines and between communities of knowledge. Knowledge generated from research on the one hand and policy and practice on the other must be linked more closely. The HIV/AIDS field can also learn from other bodies of knowledge and practice.

JLICA will function as a nervous system connecting people, ideas and sectors.

For further information & resources, visit:

<http://www.jlica.org/reading.htm>

SOUTHERN AFRICA: Our Broken Dreams - Child Migration in Southern Africa [publication]

[29 April 2008] - Children who travel alone across southern Africa have told how they have been beaten by authorities, had their possessions confiscated and been vulnerable to sexual abuse. In *Our Broken Dreams: Child Migration in Southern Africa*, a new book published by Save the Children, children tell their own stories to highlight the dangers they face when crossing borders alone in Mozambique and across the region.

Children were interviewed in Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Swaziland, where in some cases the numbers of unaccompanied child migrants has reached alarming levels. Boys and girls as young as 12 shared their experiences. Unaccompanied children without documented status are vulnerable to sexual abuse, exploitative labour and have little or no access to school or health care because of a lack of documentation. When caught by the authorities, they are often beaten, their possessions confiscated, imprisoned with adults and then repatriated, even though there are supposed to be laws to protect them. One of the children in the book said: "The way people from here are treated when you don't have the right documentation, they will be seeing you as an animal. They don't even want to see you walking in their country if you don't have a passport with a visa or an ID or work permit. They give you really hard work and the money you would have agreed on they can call the police who will then come and pick you up. You can get deported without getting anything." Chris McIvor, Save the Children

programme director in Mozambique, said: "These are the voices of real children, and they are saying clearly that we must do more to protect them... this is an issue which has slipped through the cracks of public concern in southern Africa and around the world. "Although numbers are difficult to estimate because of the 'illegality' of much of the cross border movement of children, indications are that this affects tens of thousands of children every year." Children involved in providing their stories for this book called for several things. These include:

Being better protected by Governments in other countries;

Teaching other children and communities about the dangerous realities of living alone in another country;

Stopping the abuse, imprisonment and repatriation of foreign unaccompanied children by the authorities.

Many children explained that they were unaware of the dangers they would face when travelling without documentation across borders.

Further information

[Mozambique: A Bridge Across the Zambezi](#) (Save the Children UK - Mozambique, March 2006)

CRIN resource pages: [Mozambique](#), [South Africa](#), [Swaziland](#) and [Zimbabwe](#)

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