

Firelight Newsflash - October 6, 2008

Dear partners,

Every child needs the nurturing support of family and the experience of community in order to thrive. Firelight's publication, ***From Faith to Action***, highlights the programs and strategies that help ensure that children remain in family care. It describes organizations that are doing this important work, especially those established by people of faith in the areas of Sub-Saharan Africa that are hardest hit by HIV/AIDS. All major religions share common ground in areas of social concern, upholding values such as respect for life, the importance of family and community, and concern for the poor and underprivileged. Faced with children who are going hungry, without adequate clothing or shelter, out of school, and grieving, religious and community members are taking action.

The organizations that have produced and endorsed this report fund many different programs serving children in African countries. We have witnessed the effective work of grassroots and faith-based groups rising to the challenge of HIV/AIDS in their communities. Our work also has brought us face-to-face with the complex issue of institutional care. We believe that investing in community-based approaches enables children to be provided for and cared for in families — where they grow best — and reduces the number of children who are left without care or are placed in orphanages.

Below is a list of **resources** that are included in ***From Faith to Action***, that describe and promote **community-based care** for vulnerable children. Where available, web links are provided.

Africa's Children, A Church Response to Children's Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa, Frank Dimmock, Presbyterian Church (USA). www.pcusa.org/aids-international/downloads/africas-children.pdf

Africa's Orphaned and Vulnerable Generations: Children affected by AIDS, UNICEF, 2006. http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/Africas_Orphaned_and_Vulnerable_Generations_Children_Affected_by_AIDS.pdf

Better Care Network (BCN) Continuum of Care series, 2008: <http://www.crin.org/bcn/index.asp>

Building Resilience: A rights-based approach to children and HIV/AIDS in Africa, Linda M. Richter and Sharmla Rama, 2006. www.crin.org/docs/save_children_hiv.pdf

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Children and AIDS: Second Stocktaking Report, UNICEF, 2008. www.unicef.org.au/documents/ChildrenAIDS_SecondStocktakingReport.pdf

Children in Residential Care and Alternatives (Children at Risk Guidelines Vol. 5). Tearfund, England, 2001. [http://tilz.tearfund.org/webdocs/Tilz/Topics/CareENG_full%20doc\(1\).pdf](http://tilz.tearfund.org/webdocs/Tilz/Topics/CareENG_full%20doc(1).pdf)

Children on the Brink 2004: A Joint Report on New Orphan Estimates and Program Strategies. UNAIDS, UNICEF, and USAID, 2004. http://data.unaids.org/Publications/External-Documents/unicef_childrenonthebrink2004_en.pdf

Empowered by Faith, Collaborating with Faith-Based Organizations to Confront HIV/AIDS, William L. Sachs, Family Health International, 2007. <http://www.fhi.org/NR/rdonlyres/erbil3vfbsn6gftz2bbw2oc57bl6wcizdqtv3dy5mc3ymqixhybihkdb6wduizz4cey4p74jqoplzk/EmpoweredbyFaithHV.pdf>

Community and Family Models of Care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Africa, Jon E. Singletary in *Social Work and Christianity*, an International Journal, 2007. <http://www.crin.org/docs/SingletaryJCareOrphans.pdf>

Facing the Crisis. Supporting Children Through Positive Care Options. David Tolfree, Save the Children UK, 2005. [http://www.crin.org/docs/3306_FacingtheCrisis\[1\].pdf](http://www.crin.org/docs/3306_FacingtheCrisis[1].pdf)

A Family is for a Lifetime: A Discussion of the Need for Family Care for Children Impacted by AIDS. Jan Williamson, The Synergy Project. <http://www.womenchildrenhiv.org/pdf/p09-of/of-30-00.pdf>

The Framework for the Protection, Care and Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children Living in a World with HIV and AIDS. UNICEF and Expert Working Group of the Global Partners Forum for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, 2004. http://www.unicef.org/aids/files/Framework_English.pdf

Enhanced Protection for Children Affected by AIDS, A companion paper to *The Framework for the Protection, Care and Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children Living in a World with HIV and AIDS*, 2007. http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/Enhanced_Protection_for_Children_Affected_by_AIDS.pdf

Friends in Need. A Handbook for the Care of Orphans in the Community. Marion Derbyshire, A Viva Network Publication, 2002. <http://www.womenchildrenhiv.org/pdf/p09-of/of-02-00.pdf>

A Generation at Risk: The Global Impact of HIV/AIDS on Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Chapter 6, Religion and Responses to Orphans in Africa. Edited by Geoff Foster, Carol Levine, and John Williamson, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2005. http://assets.cambridge.org/97805216/52643/frontmatter/9780521652643_frontmatter.pdf

Guide to Mobilizing and Strengthening Community-Led Care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, World Vision International, 2007.

A Last Resort: The Growing Concern About Children in Residential Care. International Save the Children Alliance, London, UK, 2003.

A Matter of Belonging: How faith-based organizations can strengthen families and communities to support orphans and vulnerable children. A handbook produced by Christian Aid and UNICEF, 2006.

No Small Issue: Children and Families, Universal Action Now, Linda Richter, Plenary Presentation at the XVIIth International AIDS Conference, Mexico City, August 2008. http://www.bernardvanleer.org/publication_store/publication_store_publications/no_small_issue_children_and_families_universal_action_now_/file

Organizational Capacity Building Manual for Community Based Organizations Supporting Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children, World Vision International, 2008.

Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children Support Toolkit. International HIV/AIDS Alliance and Family Health International, 2008.

Roofs and Roots: The Care of Separated Children in the Developing World. David Tolfree, Save the Children UK, 1995.

A Sense of Belonging, Case Studies in Positive Care Options for Children, David Tolfree, Save the Children UK, 2006.

The State of Africa's Children, UNICEF, 2008. http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/SOAC_2008_EN.pdf

Study of the Response by Faith-Based Organizations to Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Geoff Foster, World Conference of Religions for Peace and UNICEF, New York,

2004. http://www.uniteforchildren.org/knowmore/files/FBO_OVC_study_summary.pdf

What Religious Leaders Can Do About HIV/AIDS. UNICEF, World Conference of Religions for Peace, and UNAIDS, New York, 2003. http://www.uniteforchildren.org/knowmore/files/Religious_leaders_Aids.pdf

Where the Heart is, Meeting the Psychosocial Needs of Young Children in the Context of HIV/AIDS, Linda Richter, Geoff Foster, Lorraine Sherr, 2006. http://www.bernardvanleer.org/publication_store/publication_store_publications/where_the_heart_is_meeting_the_psychosocial_needs_of_young_children_in_the_context_of_hivaids/file

To download ***From Faith to Action***, and to learn more about community-based care solutions, visit Firelight's website at: <http://www.firelightfoundation.org/whats-F2A.htm>