

Firelight Newsflash! 8 November, 2010

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to another week of the Newsflash! We hope this is helpful in your work and that you have a beautiful week.

Thanks for reading,
Firelight Team

- CBO Management: Handbook series for community-based organisations
- Quarterly Gender Publication on AU Available
- (Call for submissions) Huairou Commission call for Universitas Forum documentation
- WHO's Virtual Global Discussion Forum
- Funding opportunities

CBO Management: Handbook series for community-based organisations
Marta Chechetto-Salles and Yvette Geyer (2006)

This handbook was developed by USAID and idasa to cover some basic definitions, roles, and concepts of CBO management. The handbook covers: management skills, types of managers, main functions of managers, and effectiveness of organisations (i.e. time, tasks, meetings, human resources, employee performance, etc).

See the attached document, or for more, go here: <http://idasa.org.za/>

Quarterly Gender Publication on AU Available

The October issue of 'Walking the Talk', a quarterly publication of the African Union and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, is out. Headlines include:

- Grassroots approach to gender equality and women's empowerment
- Kenya's Vision for African Women's Decade
- Women's rights advocates seek to influence the human rights strategy for Africa
- Gender related decisions taken during the July 2010 summit in Kampala.

For more, go here: http://www.pamoya.com/sites/default/files/gender_equality.pdf

(Call for submissions) Huairou Commission call for Universitas Forum documentation

Women's innovative practices of decentralization, local development and women's empowerment

The Huairou Commission is joining UNOP's Universitas Programme together with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, Unifem's MyDEL Programme (mujeres y desarrollo economico local), and UN Habitat's Gender Division to develop material for the Universitas Forum, an on-line journal for policy and education in the area of gender and local development.

The upcoming issue of Universitas Forum is seeking documentation (case studies, short videos, manuals, teaching tools or other forms) of innovative experiences of local development that have empowered women and advanced their rights and transformative agency, from which lessons for future actions and policies can be derived. The Universitas Forum will develop two special thematic issues from the submissions on decentralization, local governance and women's rights, and local development and women's empowerment

Those interested are asked to submit a short application describing their experience and how they propose to document it. 15 proposals will be accepted for research and documentation grants of up to \$2000 USD. Applications should be submitted to Roberta Pellissoli (ropertap@unops.org) in English, French or Spanish by December 1, 2010.

For more information and to download the call and application, please visit <http://www.universitasforum.org/index.php/ojs/index> or contact Sarah Silliman, sarah.silliman@huairou.org for more information.

WHO's Virtual Global Discussion forum on "Optimizing the Roles of Health Workers to attain MDGs 4 and 5"

We would like to invite people to share their knowledge, experience, opinions and interest in improving maternal and neonatal health to an 8 day virtual global discussion forum on "Optimizing the roles of Health Workers to attain MDGs 4 and 5," 8 - 16 November, 2010.

The World Health Organization and partners are developing global guidance on enhancing the effectiveness of different cadres of health workers through evidence-based practice to improve maternal and newborn (MNH) health care.

We are crossing professional boundaries to define what safe and effective practices can be delivered by different cadres of health workers at the primary

and community level to improve maternal and newborn health.

REGISTER

We will seek your contributions on 3 key questions. Each question will be discussed for 1-2 days supported by us and invited experts. Your contributions will be synthesized and presented at a face-to-face meeting that will take place on 6-8 December 2010 at WHO, Geneva.

Your contributions will be the voice from the field and will therefore be very valuable in drawing the boundaries of the guideline development work that will start following the meeting. We will communicate the outcome of this virtual discussion and the December meeting to the whole community. In fact, if you wish, we will be in contact with you throughout the whole guideline development process and hope to get your feedback as we make progress. You will only receive 2 emails per day and all contributions will be acknowledged. This work will also build on earlier discussions and recommendations on task shifting to deliver HIV-related services, the retention of rural health work force as well as several clinical guidelines on maternal and newborn health. To register for this discussion, please visit the following link and click on "Join this Group Now": <http://my.ibpinitiative.org/whoguidance/Optimize4MNHcopy> and paste url if necessary). Once you have registered you can participate in the forum simply by responding to the daily e-mails or sending a message to Optimize4MNH@my.ibpinitiative.org. You can also log into <http://my.ibpinitiative.org/whoguidance/Optimize4MNH> to browse the archived discussions and resource materials. For any questions on this Virtual Global Discussion Forum please contact the forum facilitator: Asa Cuzin, cuzina@who.int. Many thanks and we look forward to hearing your views during this exciting venture. This discussion forum is a part of the G.R.E.A.T. Project: http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/best_practices/en/index.html supported through the IBP Knowledge Gateway. Regards, Maggie Usher-Patel Scientist/IBP Secretariat WHO/RHR

NRDC's Growing Green Awards

Nominations are now open for the Natural Resource Defense Council's third annual Growing Green Awards to honor farmers, business leaders and promoters of sustainable food. A Growing Green Award will be given to an outstanding individual in each of four categories, including Food Producer, Business Leader, Knowledge Leader, and Young Food Leader. More at: <http://www.nrdc.org/health/growinggreen.asp>

Call for Applications: 2011 Oak Fellowship The Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights at Colby College is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2011 Oak Fellowship. The fellowship is open to a front-line

human rights activist working outside of the U.S. and who works on problems created by or associated with poverty. More at: http://www.colby.edu/academics_cs/goldfarb/oak/2011-application.cfm

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.