

Firelight Newsflash! 9 November 2009

Betty Makoni of Girl Child Network up for CNN Hero of the Year Award

A longtime Firelight partner and the founder of Zimbabwe's Girl Child Network (GCN), Betty Makoni, is one of the 10 finalists for the CNN Hero of the Year award. GCN is an amazing organization that supports the rights of girls. Firelight has made multiple grants to GCN and has witnessed the power of their work. We are inviting and encouraging you to vote for Betty (as often as you would like--you can vote more than once) on the CNN website (which features several videos and Betty's story).



To learn more and to vote for Betty go to:

<http://edition.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cnn.heroes/vote/>

Firelight partner contributes to CNN story on child trafficking in Lesotho

Watch the video at:

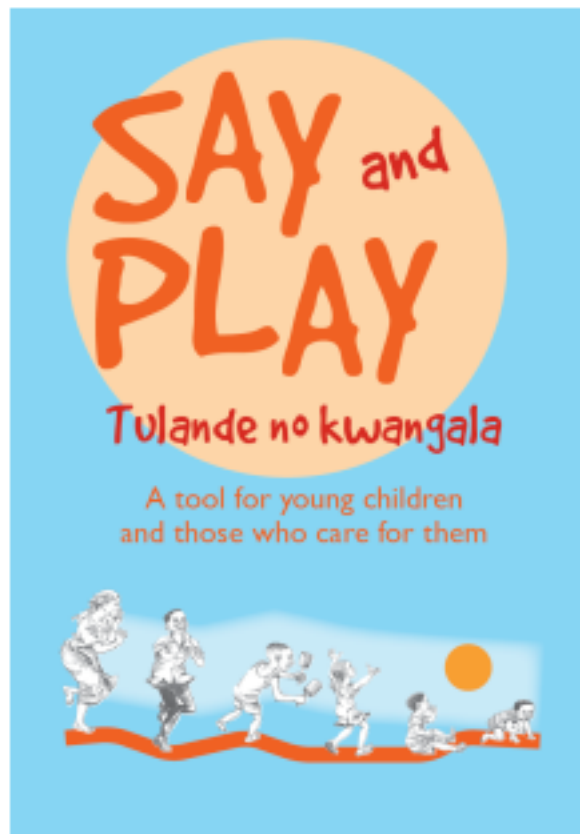
<http://edition.cnn.com/video/#/video/world/2009/11/05/lesotho.child.trafficking.cnn>

Lesotho Child Counseling Unit (LCCU) in Maseru provides a temporary, transitional home for the rehabilitative care of sexually, physically, and emotionally abused children. They offer trauma therapy and legal advocacy to children and families dealing with abuse and conduct community trainings to promote awareness and action for abused children. The CNN story does not

specifically mention Lesotho Child Counseling Unit but the shelter referred to and shown in the video is theirs.

New Publications

1) Say and Play: A tool for young children 3-6 years of age



Author: Dr. Jonathan Brakarsh, Publisher: Project Concern International-Zambia

Say and Play encourages adults to learn about the experiences and views of young children and helps children freely express themselves in their natural ways--through pictures, stories and games. While many child development materials promote children's intellectual and physical development, few give children the opportunity to express their hopes, fears, and experiences. Through *Say and Play* children will find a voice and adults will learn to listen and take action to improve the lives of children.

The *Say and Play* package includes:-

- The Say and Play manual which includes information cards, games, pictures and stories
- Six colourful A3 size pictures
- One A2 size poster
- A set of eleven playing cards

For information or to request copies, please write to Amy Tiwari, Project Concern International-Zambia (amy@pcizambia.org.zm) and to the Project Concern International information desk (info@pcizambia.org.zm). You can also call Project Concern International in Zambia at (+260) 211 266 232.

2) Because I am a Girl: The State of the World's Girls 2009

Girls in the Global Economy: Adding It All Up

"Girls and young women have tremendous economic potential to shape humanity for the better. Investing in girls' economic empowerment and protecting their economic rights...makes sound economic sense."

Plan International's annual series of reports, which looks thematically at the state of the world's girls, began in 2007 and will run until 2015. The 2009 report explores the obstacles girls will need to overcome to become active and equal economic citizens. The core argument is that economic empowerment for girls and young women is about their capacity to make strategic life choices: choices about going to school, getting a job, learning a skill, spending disposable income, investing their savings, and/or purchasing assets.

To download in English or French, see:

<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/publications/campaigns/because-i-am-a-girl-girls-in-the-global-economy-2009>

Participate in an Online Survey to Become Eligible for a Grant from First Peoples Worldwide

Deadline: 11 November 2009

First Peoples Worldwide recently sent out a call for videos submitted by Indigenous-led NGOs or NGOs working with Indigenous Peoples that show how climate change is impacting the Indigenous community, their local environment, and how the Indigenous Peoples are using traditional knowledge to adapt to and mitigate climate change (video

instructions: <http://www.firstpeoplesworldwide.org/grantsEnglish.asp>).

Because not everyone has access to video equipment, First Peoples will be making one \$2,000 grant to an Indigenous community or Indigenous organization to continue their work using traditional knowledge to adapt to and mitigate climate change. The \$2,000 grant is not for use to create a video.

In order to be considered for this grant, you must complete an online survey<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yoWTKMrud7MOMpLzlhRRlw_3d_3d>. Your answers from the survey will be considered by First Peoples Worldwide as your application for this \$2,000 grant. All applications must be submitted via the online survey form by November 11, 2009. You must answer all of the questions in the application in order to be considered for a grant.

Grant funding must be used to continue work in the areas of climate change within the community as described in the application. Not all applicants will be awarded grants. Grants will only be made once the winning organizations complete the necessary paperwork required by First Peoples Worldwide.

SURVEY

LINK: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yoWTKMrud7MOMpLzlhRRlw_3d_3d

Please contact Jessica Friswell
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with any questions.

Chers amis,

First Peoples Worldwide a demandé il y a peu, à des ONGs menées par des indigènes ou des ONGs travaillant avec des peuples indigènes, des vidéos qui montreraient comment le changement climatique impact la communauté indigène, leur environnement local, et comment les Peuples Indigènes utilisent leur connaissance traditionnelle pour s'adapter à et pour atténuer le changement climatique (instructions vidéo:<http://www.firstpeoplesworldwide.org/grantsFrench.asp>).

Comme pas tous n'ont accès à un caméscope, First Peoples compte offrir une bourse de \$2,000 à une communauté indigène ou une organisation indigène pour qu'elle continue à travailler sur les bases de leur connaissance traditionnelle pour s'adapter à et pour atténuer le changement climatique. La bourse de \$2,000 n'est pas prévue pour créer la vidéo.

Pour être considéré pour la bourse, il est nécessaire de compléter un questionnaire en

ligne<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yoWTKMrud7MOMpLzlhRRlw_3d_3d>. Vos réponses seront traitées par First People Worldwide comme étant votre demande pour la bourse de \$2,000. Toutes les demandes devront être envoyées à travers le questionnaire en ligne avant le 11 novembre 2009. Vous devez répondre à toutes les questions du formulaire pour être considéré pour la bourse.

La bourse sera utilisée pour continuer vos efforts dans les domaines du changement climatique dans votre communauté comme décrits dans la demande. La bourse sera accordée que lorsque les organisations gagnantes auront complété les documents administratifs requis par First Peoples Worldwide.

First Peoples Worldwide se réserve le droit de ne pas offrir la bourse si nous ne recevons pas de demandes. Toute demande reçue après le 11 novembre 2009 ne sera pas prise en compte pour la bourse. Il ne sera pas accordé de bourse à tous les candidats.

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QUESTIONNAIRE: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yoWTKMrud7MOMpLzlhRRlw_3d_3d

N'hésitez pas à contacter Jessica Friswell
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si vous avez des questions.

Call for Information: Evaluation of the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

An independent evaluation is underway of the work of the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. The evaluation, which was commissioned by the Department of Social Affairs of the African Union with support from UNICEF, will assess the mandate, functions, procedures and systems of the Committee that is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. The evaluation will also propose a new draft Plan of Action to guide the work of the Committee for the next five years.

Given the existing technical and financial challenges faced by the Committee in carrying out its mandate, this evaluation aims to determine progress so far and provide guidance for future action. The success of this exercise will to a large extent depend on inputs from stakeholders. To contribute information, email Remember Miamingi at: remember.miamingi@gmail.com or miamingi@sird-sudan.org, Tel: +25 11 1518 4172

Global Conference on Research and Child Rights: Children's Rights at a crossroads

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - 30 November to 2 December 2009

Policy makers, development agencies, NGOs, academics and young people will engage in reflection and dialogue for a better and more relevant knowledge base for future strategies to safeguard children's rights. To learn more, visit <http://www.africanchildinfo.net/conference/>

As part of the Firelight Foundation's Monitoring, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (META) 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.htm>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.