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Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy this week's edition of the Newsflash!

Sincerely,  
The Firelight Team

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(Open for Applications) Hivos General Fund

Hivos is an international development organisation guided by humanist values. Together with local civil society organisations in developing countries, Hivos wants to contribute to a free, fair and sustainable world. A world in which all citizens – both women and men – have equal access to opportunities and resources for development and can participate actively and equally in decision-making processes that determine their lives, their society and their future.

Hivos support is bound by a few general criteria:

- Hivos supports only organisations/individuals whose objectives are in line with the objectives of a Hivos programme
- Organizations/individuals must uphold the principles of diversity and equality and show a concern for the environment (see right sidebar for our Social Responsibility Policy)
- Organisations/individuals must be result-oriented and have a sound financial plan
- In principle Hivos selects its partners from about 20 focus countries. Partners from other countries may occasionally be supported on the basis of their international (regional or world-wide) outreach or high relevance for

implementation of Hivos policies. For the thematic funds in the regions also different country criteria may apply. Hivos focus countries are Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Malawi, Nicaragua, Peru, South Africa, Syria, Tanzania, Timor Lorosae, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

- Hivos coordinates the allocation of funds with other Dutch and European development organisations. Organisations/People that already have an agreement with Oxfam-Novib, ICCO, Cordaid or Plan Netherlands, are not eligible for Hivos support

#### General funds

An application for the general fund should be sent to the Hivos office that handles requests for the region where activities will take place. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

East Africa Regional office: [application.ke@hivos.org](mailto:application.ke@hivos.org)

Southern Africa Regional Office: [application.zw@hivos.org](mailto:application.zw@hivos.org).

Local Office South Africa: [application.za@hivos.org](mailto:application.za@hivos.org)

To download the General Fund application, please visit:

[http://hivos.org/sites/default/files/general\\_application\\_data.pdf](http://hivos.org/sites/default/files/general_application_data.pdf)

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#### (Call for Applications) HCD MicroGrants to Tackle Poverty

The [IDEO.org](http://IDEO.org) Human-Centered Design (HCD) Connect is providing small grants to catalyze new best practices to help to ensure that people – using human-centered design to tackle poverty-related challenges around the world – are receiving direct input on their solutions.

This program is also supported by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This program focuses on projects using human-centered design towards agriculture-related projects.

HCD Connect will be accepting applications from June 1 to July 15, 2013 (deadline 11:59PM PST). It will consider the information provided in the application as well as your participation on the HCD Connect platform as part of the selection criteria.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Microgrant, a project must meet the following three criteria:

- The project must be related to agricultural development.
- The project must have drawn from, or be planning to employ, the methods and approaches of human-centered design.
- Someone from the project team must create a story on HCD Connect detailing the

project or proposed project. In general, grant-making preference will be given to active participants on the HCD Connect platform.

HCD Connect Microgrants in the following two categories-

- \$5,000 Planning Grant: planning grants are for individuals or organizations initiating the human-centered design process as part of a particular project and requiring funding to conduct HCD “hear” or “create” research.
- \$10,000 Implementation Grant: implementation grants are designed for individuals or organizations that have experienced the human-centered design process and need funding to pilot or implement their project solutions.

Eligibility: Micro Grants Program is open to all countries around the world. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2013**.

To apply, visit this website: <http://www.hcdconnect.org/grants>

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(Call for Applications) AGFUND for "Fighting the Phenomenon of Street Children"

The Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND) is accepting nominations for the AGFUND international prize for pioneering human development projects in the field of “Fighting the Phenomenon of Street Children”. The UN, International and regional organizations, ministries and public institutions, NGOs, universities and research centers all over the world are invited to apply for this US \$ 500,000 funding.

The selection of “Fighting the Phenomenon of Street Children” as subject for AGFUND Prize aims to encourage the protection of children subject to danger and the provision of an environment appropriate enough for their growth in addition to the steadiness of the developing communities.

The prize theme is subdivided into four categories as follows:

**FIRST CATEGORY: (US\$ 200,000):** The role of UN and international organizations in supporting the developing countries’ national policies to fight the phenomenon of street children and tramps (For projects implemented by UN, international or regional organizations).

**SECOND CATEGORY: (US\$ 150,000):** NGOs-led efforts in implementing pioneering projects for training, rehabilitation and social integration of street children and tramps (For projects implemented by national NGOs).

**THIRD CATEGORY: (US\$ 100,000):** Government agencies’ role in designing and implementing pioneering programs reflecting the legislation aiming at curtailing the phenomenon of street children (For projects by government ministries and

public institutions).

**FOURTH CATEGORY: (US\$ 50,000):** Individual-led efforts for street children and tramps rehabilitation and social integration (For projects initiated, sponsored and/or implemented by individuals).

Projects nominated for the prize shall be evaluated with extreme fairness and clarity by experts chosen every year according to their specializations and experiences in Prize subjects. The Prize Committee is composed of a number of prominent international figures who represent the geographic regions of the world. The Committee holds an annual meeting in which it discusses the evaluation results and selects the winning projects. The Prize is handed over in an annual ceremony attended by the representatives of the local and international organizations, development experts, diplomats and media representatives.

Deadline to apply is **June 30, 2013**. To apply, visit: <http://agfundprize.org/?p=2718>

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(Resource) “An Introduction to Working with Children and Psychosocial Support: Participants Handbook” from African Network for Children Orphaned or at Risk

The Introduction to Working with Children and Psychosocial Support Workshop is designed to raise awareness around the issues that children who are affected by HIV are facing and how to offer support and build resilience. It targets volunteers and staff who are new to the childcare arena and is an introduction to a series of key topics. Each of the topics could and should be taught in more detail depending on the needs of the children in your community.

To download this resource, visit this link:

[www.ovcsupport.net/libsys/Admin/d/DocumentHandler.ashx?id=733](http://www.ovcsupport.net/libsys/Admin/d/DocumentHandler.ashx?id=733)

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(Resource) “Building the Capacity of Local Groups” a PILLARS guide from Tearfund

Objectives of this guide:

- To be an effective group in working and acting together
- To improve record and note keeping
- To enhance the communication and openness within a group
- To encourage groups to take positive, autonomous action without outside intervention

Anticipated outcomes:

- Local groups encouraged to gain confidence in their own ability to make changes for the better within their own communities

- Groups enabled to keep better records of their activities and to make use of this information for future planning and evaluation
- Use, sharing and networking of information encouraged
- Groups helped to plan for the future through organising activities and action

To view or download this resource, visit:

<http://tilz.tearfund.org/Publications/PILLARS/Building+the+capacity+of+local+groups/>

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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/resources/newsflash/>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).

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