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Dear Friends,

This week's Newsflash provides a resource guide on documenting evidence on the outcomes and impact of community involvement in youth sexual reproductive health programs. We hope you enjoy this week's edition of the Newsflash and, as always, we welcome your feedback!

Sincerely,
The Firelight Team

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The Innovative Libraries online grant application system is now accepting Phase I applications. Please note, this is a brief 1 page application. Shortlisted applications will be invited to submit a full proposal.

The Elsevier Foundation supports the efforts of libraries to enhance the quality of life in developing countries by advancing knowledge in science, the social sciences technology and medicine. The Foundation provides one, two and three year grants to libraries in the developing countries and supporting organizations:

- Programs to enhance library infrastructure, technology or information services in ways that significantly expand their ability to make STM (scientific/social sciences, technical and medical) information available to those who need it — researchers, clinicians, students, policymakers and the wider public.
- Programs that expand library information resources in the developing world through digitization or preservation of information that advances science,

- health, the environment, and indigenous knowledge.
- Training and education programs for library staff, students or researchers, contributing to sustainable improvements in the library's capacity to provide STM information in the developing world.
 - Partnerships between libraries in the developing countries and institutions in the developed countries to provide technical assistance or training. Developed country partner organizations include libraries, learned societies, universities, intergovernmental organizations and other non-profit organizations.

Proposals are welcome for single-year grants in amounts between US\$5,000 to US\$50,000. Proposals will be accepted for multi-year programs (up to three years) for a total of \$100,000.

Round 1 Applications deadline is 24 June 2013. For more information visit:
<http://www.elsevierfoundation.org/>

(Call for Submissions) Project Inspire 2013 Grant for Empowerment of Women

Project Inspire: 5 Minutes to Change the World is a joint initiative by the Singapore Committee for UN Women and MasterCard to provide grants for creating a better world of opportunities for women and girls in Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Africa. Project Inspire presents 18-35 year olds across the world with a platform to pitch their inspired idea to the world and win a US\$25,000 grant.

Deadline for all submissions is 30 June 2013. For more information visit:
http://www.5minutestochangetheworld.org/get_involved.acv

(Resource) Community Pathways To Improved Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health

The world is currently populated by the largest generation of youth in human history. This is especially true on the continent of Africa. As such, the life trajectory of all 10 – 19 year olds will have an impact on the future Africa. Africa's success in reversing poverty trends depends, to a large extent, on the degree to which programs, policies, and investments support and empower youth and provide them appropriate support and services in their self-confidence and life skills, health, education, and workforce skills development.

An area of both opportunity and risk is in the sexual reproductive health of youth.

While it has been long observed that social change is best facilitated and sustained by community ownership, leadership and participation, many programs lack evidence of

how the change occurs. This publication helps organizations to gather that evidence. In addition to specifically linking community-based interventions to desired health outcomes, the framework also captures outcomes of community involvement processes that go beyond the realm of typical adolescent health programs and helps identify and acknowledge a broader range of ways to involve communities in social change efforts.

The publication presents:

1) Framework for community involvement in youth sexual reproductive health (pages 1 - 15). The framework identifies:

- Building Community Capacity
- Facilitating Community Involvement
- Documenting social, structural, and individual change
- Wider Impact

2) Examples of measures for documenting social, structural and individual change that results from community involvement (pages 16 - 28)

3) Case Studies of evaluated sexual reproductive health programs (pages 29 - 39)

Publication is produced by the UNFPA and can be found on the link below

<http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/publications/pid/1274>

We hope you find this information both useful and informative.

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/>.

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