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Dear Friends,

According to Kirsten Sandberg, the Chair of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child:

Violent punishment is the most common form of violence experienced by girls and boys globally, as documented in UNICEF's recent statistical analysis of violence against children, *Hidden in Plain Sight* (September 2014). In their recent joint general recommendation/ general comment, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child identified corporal punishment as a harmful practice, defining these as practices which 'constitute a denial of the dignity and/or integrity of the individual and a violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the two Conventions'.

There is now accelerating global progress towards the prohibition and elimination of this harmful practice: by February 2015, 44 states had enacted a complete ban including in the family home and another 45 are clearly committed to achieving that reform. This is fundamental to the prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls and it is hoped that the issue will be addressed explicitly in forthcoming CSW sessions.

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

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

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The Global Initiative and Save the Children have published a new briefing for the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March, which will examine global progress towards addressing violence against women in the 20 years since the adoption in 1995 of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

To view this briefing, visit: <http://bit.ly/1By27yT>

(Resource) Alternatives to Corporal Punishment Comics

There are many alternatives to corporal/physical punishment. These comics from the Legal Assistance Center, Namibia illustrate some of these alternatives and how they can be used by people who care for or work with children.

To view these resources, visit: <http://bit.ly/1AiyqOa> and <http://bit.ly/1wB5mFt>

(Call for Proposals) ECF Group for 2015 Development Agenda on Violence against Children

The Elevate children Funders (ECF) Group is calling proposals for the Post 2015 Development Agenda on violence against children. The goal of the project is to secure and to support advocacy and communications efforts which seek to ensure the Violence against Children (VaC) related targets. The goal also includes securing the strongest possible language relating to VaC.

The maximum available fund under Post 2015 Advocacy project is \$325,000. Potential grantee organizations may apply for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000. The Development Agenda program is scheduled from 25-27 September 2015 and it will be held in New York.

Elevate Children Funders Group was founded in 2011. It is a consortium of funders dedicated to building strong families and a life free from violence for all children. The group works to support the development and use of evidence to learn about what works to prevent violence and family separation.

Eligibility Criteria

- Interested Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Inter-Governmental Organisations are eligible to apply.
- The fund will support nimble, timely and relevant activities which can best contribute to the fund's purpose.

How to Apply

Interested applicants are requested to include following details in the proposal: Grantee information, purpose and timeline of funding, relation to broader framework, partner agencies, and budget. Applicant has to submit proposal by deadline.

For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/18F3mjZ>

(Call for Proposals) Project Inspire 2015: Win \$25,000 to Implement your Project

Deadline: 1 July 2015

Project Inspire 2015 will open for submissions on 25 February 2015. Project Inspire is a competition offering the participants 5 minutes time to pitch their project. Youth between 18-35 years of age from anywhere in the world can submit their project idea. The entrants must belong to NGOs, and social businesses, benefiting women and girls in Asia, the Middle East or Africa. This is a chance to win US\$ 25,000 grant to implement the project idea and bring about changes.

Project Inspire-5 Minutes to Change the World is a joint initiative from the Singapore Committee for UN Women and MasterCard.

Prizes:

- Grand Prize – US\$ 25,000
- Runner-Up – US\$ 5,000 each to two runner-ups
- People’s Choice – Top Problem Solvers will be provided the funds given to them by their supporters.

The application form will demand the following:

- What is your inspirational idea?
- How will your project change the lives of women and girls in the short and long term?
- Tell us how many women and/or girls will benefit directly and indirectly from your project.
- How will you/your team carry out the project?
- Please include a timeline for the project, indicating key phases relevant to your project i.e., ground preparation, pilot phase, training period, evaluation etc.
- Tell us the activities you have planned to help reach your goal.
- How will you spend the US\$25,000 grant to carry out the project?
- Within your proposal, include a detailed budget plan on how the US\$25,000 grant will be utilized. The budget should clearly indicate the project expenses, operational costs, manpower costs, and other spending relevant to your project.
- How will you measure the success of the project?

Note the timeline:

- 25 February 2015 – 1 July 2015 – Application Submission
- 30 August 2015 – Announcement of Top 20 Semi-Finalists

- 15 September 2015 – Crowdfunding begins
- 30 September 2015 – Finalists announcement
- 15 October 2015 – Wildcard Ticket announcement
- 11 November 2015 – Finalists bootcamp
- 13 November 2015 – Grand Final Pitch Day

Eligibility Criteria:

- Participants may submit entries as an individual or as a team of up to three members. If applying as an individual, applicant must be between the ages 18 and 35. If submitting as a team, at least one member of the team must be between the ages 18 and 35. The team leader must be between the ages 18-35. If chosen as finalists, the team leader will travel to Singapore to represent the project in the finals. The team leader must attend the entire duration of the finals.
- Each participant must submit (i) an application form, and (ii) a (maximum) 5-minute video.
- The project must be designed to empower disadvantaged women and girls through entrepreneurship and business literacy.
- The project must be based on an existing initiative.
- The beneficiaries of the project must be women or girls in Asia/Pacific, Middle East or Africa.
- The proposed project must not propagate any political views or religious doctrines.
- The project must be designed to be implemented with a budget of US\$25,000.
- The winner of this competition must commence the fieldwork for their project by 1 February 2016.
- Submissions must be made in English or Chinese.
- A valid email address is required for submission.

How to Apply?

- Interested applicants can fill & submit the application form available on the website.
- Applicants also need to upload the budget document in the application form.
- Each submission will only be considered complete once the application form has been submitted and accompanied by information on the existing initiative, biographies of the team members and any supporting materials (e.g. website, social media channels, media clippings, past awards).

For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1FUSJor>

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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