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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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(Request for Proposals) Robert Carr Fund for Civil Society Networks

The Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund is pleased to announce the second Request for Proposals (RFP) for global and regional civil society networks addressing HIV related issues. Global and regional networks and consortia of networks that meet the definitions and criteria set by this RFP, are invited to apply for a grant to support core-funding and/or programmatic needs of the network for up to two years (2014/2015).

FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund will continue to fund both global and regional networks, but with a positive funding bias towards proposals submitted by consortia of networks, followed by proposals submitted by global networks, followed by proposals submitted by regional networks. Regional networks are encouraged to form or join a consortium for a joint application.

Funding is prioritized for:

- Larger consortia or networks in a variety of sectors, rather than a broad selection of networks in many sectors.
- Networks that have a proven track record in working towards the Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund outcomes. New and emerging networks can be

- recommended for funding to the extent that they fill a gap in the global HIV and AIDS response, and are submitting an application in a consortium with other global and/or regional networks with a proven track record.
- Networks that are open, enabling coordinated action and dialogue within the network membership.

The Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund is unlikely to fund professional associations, project consortia, or groups of individuals as 'networks' if they do not fulfill these characteristics.

The Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund will not prioritize proposals by grantees of the 2012 Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund funding round. All applications will be reviewed competitively, according to the definitions and funding priorities set by this Request for Proposals. A new application by a 2012 grantee will be weighed together with their interim reporting results, achieved during the first year of funding. Grantees of the 2012 funding round are encouraged to form or join a consortium for a joint application.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **22 July 2013 at 12:00 CET**. Applications received after this deadline will not be taken into consideration. Only applications submitted through the official online form will be taken into consideration by the Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<http://www.robertcarrfund.org/grantees/request-for-proposals/>

(Call for Applications) SEED Awards for Sustainable Development

The SEED Initiative has launched a new call for applications for the 2013 SEED Awards to support entrepreneurs for sustainable development.

If you are a start-up entrepreneur, women-led enterprise or have an idea to integrate social and environmental benefits, solving pressing local issues or making significant contributions to mitigating climate change or if you need support to help establish and grow your enterprise, then you can apply for this funding.

The SEED Awards 2013 receives support from the European Union, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the government of Flanders, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the international law firm Hogan Lovells.

For the 2013 cycle, SEED will make available up to:

- 15 SEED Awards to enterprises in Ethiopia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania and Uganda;
- 5 SEED Awards for enterprises in South Africa;
- 3 SEED Awards for South African enterprises in the provinces of Free State, Limpopo and KwaZulu Natal;
- 10 SEED Low Carbon Awards for enterprises in Colombia, India, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam;
- 2 SEED Gender Equality Awards, for enterprises in other countries (except countries that are OECD or EU members).

You will be able to apply for a 2013 SEED Award if your enterprise:

- demonstrates entrepreneurship and innovation
- delivers economic, social and environmental benefits
- has the intention and potential to become financially sustainable
- is a partnership between different stakeholder groups
- is locally driven or locally led
- has potential for scale up or significant replication
- is in the early stages of implementation
- is in a country with a developing or emerging economy

The deadline to apply is **12 June, 2013**. To learn more and apply, go to:

<http://www.seedinit.org/en/component/k2/item/260-seed-awards-2013-now-open.html>

(Request for Concept Notes) GSMA mWomen Innovation Fund - Seed Grants for NGOs

GSMA has announced the launch of GSMA mWomenInnovation Fund grants for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The goal of the GSMA mWomen Programme is to promote greater mobile access and usage by resource-poor women in low- and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and the Middle East, and Asia Pacific.

The objectives of the Innovation Fund for NGOs are to provide seed funding in order to:

- Accelerate the use of mobile technology to achieve development-related goals, specifically the empowerment of resource-poor women
- Provide solutions to the barriers to women's adoption and use of mobile phones and VAS
- Generate lessons and models of success which can be shared with the wider development community, as well as mobile operators

- Stimulate productive partnerships between NGOs and mobile operators in order to achieve these objectives at scale

This round of grants is dedicated to NGOs (including social enterprises), working in partnership with mobile network operators. Its objectives are to:

- Provide seed funding to support the design and launch of innovative products, services, marketing approaches and distribution mechanisms aimed at increasing women's access to mobile and use of life-enhancing mobile services
- Generate lessons and models of success which can be shared with the wider development community and the mobile industry
- Stimulate productive partnerships between NGOs and mobile network operators.

Please note that this round of grants is open only to NGOs. The next round of grants for mobile network operators will be launched in the second half of 2013.

This round is comprised of three matching grants, valued up to US\$ 140,000 for projects up to ten months long. The grants are intended to provide seed funding for NGOs, working in partnership with mobile network operators, to design and launch products, value added services, marketing campaigns and/or distribution mechanisms ('offerings') that will increase women's access to and use of mobile and life-enhancing services.

The deadline to submit concept notes is **12 June 2013**. For more information, visit this link: <http://www.gsma.com/mobilefordevelopment/programmes/mwomen/overview>

(Resource) Barefoot Guide to Working with Organisations and Social Change

What is Barefoot Guide?

This is a practical, do-it-yourself guide for leaders and facilitators wanting to help organisations to function and to develop in more healthy, human and effective ways as they strive to make their contributions to a more humane society. It has been developed by the Barefoot Collective.

The guide, with its supporting website, includes tried and tested concepts, approaches, stories and activities. Its purpose is to help stimulate and enrich the practice of anyone supporting organisations and social movements in their challenges of working, learning, growing and changing to meet the needs of our complex world. Although it is aimed at leaders and facilitators of civil society organisations, it will be useful to anyone interested in fostering healthy human organisation in any sphere of life.

The Barefoot Guide is offered free to the world and can be downloaded on this website: www.barefootguide.org. The website also contains a growing library of additional downloadable exercises, readings, case studies and diagrams to accompany the Barefoot Guide.

Barefoot Guide #1:

In this book, Barefoot Guides offer a perspective on why organisations exist, the real roles they play, and on the importance of supporting the sovereignty of local organisations and social movements for meaningful social change. You will find here a range of approaches to understanding ourselves and our roles as leaders and facilitators, as we try to understand and facilitate change in organisations. In addition, the significance of relationships and power dynamics in organisations and organisational change processes are explored. They provide some tools for reading organisations, including how organisations tend to move through various phases of development, how we might facilitate change and the challenges we all face in implementing or sustaining change. Finally, the guide gives support to processes of building learning organisations, how we can continually learn both from our own experiences and the experiences of others.

Download the Barefoot Guide to Working with Organisations and Social Change:
<http://www.barefootguide.org/index.php/download/the-barefoot-guide-1/item/the-barefoot-guide-1>

To download additional guides, please visit: www.barefootguide.org.

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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