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Dear Friends,

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

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

(Resource) Sexual and Reproductive Health for Young HIV Positive Adolescents: The Club Concept in Support Groups

(Article) Africa Leads Cellular Health Technology Revolution

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(Resource) Sexual and Reproductive Health for Young HIV Positive Adolescents: The Club Concept in Support Groups

The aim of this resource is to equip people working with young adolescents with the relevant knowledge and materials to conduct structured support group sessions for young HIV-positive adolescents using a club concept, in order to provide them with the sexual and reproductive health information they need to make healthy choices.

This resource includes sections on topics such as:

- Working with belief systems in the context of sexual and reproductive health
- Biological development
- Emotional development
- Setting up a club
- Gender and respectful relationships

It also has an extensive list of structured activities to be done within club or support groups.

To access this resource, visit: <http://bit.ly/17B1i4w>

(Article) Africa Leads Cellular Health Technology Revolution

Excerpt: Necessity is the mother of invention - and in Africa, where high levels of disease threaten to engulf the continent - the medical profession is having to get creative.

According to Dr Sam Surka, researcher from the Chronic Disease Initiative for Africa (CDIA), a case in point is the recent advances in cellphone technology and Mobile Health, or M-health, which are showing that an answer to Africa's medical health needs may come from this most unlikely of sources.

Africa has one of the highest HIV/AIDS rate in the world, and an increasing incidence of chronic and non-communicable disease and the associated risk factors. Poor living conditions, over-populated living areas, lack of education and inaccessibility to medical information make this situation incredibly hard to manage. Africa carries more than 24 percent of the global burden of disease but has an average of only two doctors per 10 000 people.

“Healthcare has always been a huge concern in Africa, especially when doctors and hospitals are far from isolated or remote areas where care is often most needed: M-health is potentially the answer to this,” says Surka.

To read the full article, visit: <http://bit.ly/15za10F>

(Open for Proposals) African Development Foundation

USADF has a unique mission to provide funds that promote community-based, self-help economic and development activities in Africa. USADF support focuses on community groups and small businesses that actively involve and benefit the marginalized communities in conflict and post conflict regions in Africa.

USADF has two major priorities when considering a request for funding a project:

- Does the application comes from an African community group or organization that represents its own development priorities and includes the participation of the poor in setting project objectives?
- Does the application represent a project that could provide maximum benefit to an underserved and marginalized population group?

Organization Requirements:

1. The organization must be 100 percent African-owned and managed.
2. The organization must be a legally recognized African entity (or in the process of becoming legally registered. Registration must be completed before any funding may be provided)
3. The organization must demonstrate that it has successfully worked together and

- has the potential to productively utilize development funds.
4. The ownership and management must be in agreement on the problem to be addressed and have a commitment to benefit their community.
 5. The organization must have basic functional management and controls to use and account for USADF funds.

For more information, visit this link: <http://1.usa.gov/14v3N8x>

Welcome to our new subscribers this week!

Africa Health and Nutrition Group (AHANI), Kenya

Hatua Likoni, Kenya

With Love Foundation, Zimbabwe

Cape of Good Hope Orphan Care and Family Support Project (COGHOC), Uganda

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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