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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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(Call for Proposals) Rising Voices Microgrants 2013

Rising Voices is providing microgrants to support individuals, grassroots groups, networks, and organizations committed to helping their local communities participate more fully in the digital online space.

If you have an idea for a project that would help your local community use citizen media to tell their own story, then you can apply for this funding opportunity and get support in making that idea a reality.

Beginning with the 2013 round of microgrant funding, Rising Voices has developed a new platform where applicants can publicly share their ideas with the broader community. This open process can enable greater opportunities to seek feedback and to help facilitate connections between groups located in the same geographic area or working around the same issue.

Rising Voices will provide up to five microgrants in the amount of \$USD 2,500-4,000 to successful applicants that have demonstrated a strong and clear idea how to best provide training and ongoing support to their local community members. Selected grantee projects will join the Rising Voices community of projects and be featured prominently across the Global Voices network.

Rising Voices seeks project proposals that share our mission of bringing voices from new communities, as well as underrepresented language groups to the online global conversation through the use of participatory citizen media. The project's primary activities should be to provide citizen media training workshops to the target community, as well vital ongoing support and mentoring.

Application deadline is Friday, **March 1, 2013**. For more information, please visit: <http://rising.globalvoicesonline.org/blog/2013/02/06/announcing-the-new-2013-rising-voices-microgrant-competition/>

(Call for Concept Notes) IDRC and DFID Call for Concept Notes on Climate Change Adaptation

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in partnership with the Department for International Development (DFID) is funding a new program on climate change adaptation called 'The Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Africa and Asia' (CARIAA) which will run until 2019.

The Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative for Africa and Asia (CARIAA) aims to build the resilience of vulnerable populations and their livelihoods in these three hot spots in Africa and Asia by supporting collaborative research to inform adaptation policy and practice.

To reach as many vulnerable poor people as possible, CARIAA will focus on the following three hot spots:

- Semi-arid regions of Africa and part of South and Central Asia where a large number of people depend on climate-sensitive livelihoods such as agriculture and pastoralism;
- Deltas of South Asia and Africa supporting large populations whose livelihoods (e.g. agriculture and fishing) and place of residence (e.g. urban floodplains, low-lying rural areas) are particularly vulnerable to climate change; and
- Glacier and snowpack dependent river basins significantly affected by climate change, as for example in the highly populated Himalayan floodplains where water quantity and quality is likely to be significantly affected by climate change.

The CARIAA program will support three research consortia, one for each hot spot. For the purposes of CARIAA, a consortium is defined as a grouping of organizations ("members") participating in the design and delivery of a common research program on climate change adaptation focused on a specific vulnerability 'hot spot'

The deadline to submit a concept note is: **4 April, 2013**. For more information, please visit: <http://www.idrc.ca/EN/Funding/Competitions/Pages/CompetitionDetails.aspx?CompetitionID=54>

(Call for Proposals) UN-HABITAT: Urban Youth Fund 2013

Applications are invited by UN-HABITAT for the Urban Youth Fund 2013 which aims to support urban youth in developing countries. These grants focus to promote youth empowerment as the solution for better urban governance.

This fund promotes the poverty reduction aims of Millennium Development Goals and the Habitat Agenda for better, more sustainable and equitable towns and cities throughout the developing world. It provides grants of up to \$25,000 for new ideas and solutions for job creation, good governance, adequate shelter and secure tenure.

Applicant organizations must be led by young people aged 15-32 years and be based in cities or towns in developing countries to qualify for a grant. Support will be provided primarily for those working to improve slum conditions and to raise opportunities for young people growing up in poverty. Projects encouraging gender equality or involving partnerships with the government or the private sector are particularly encouraged.

Eligibility & Criteria-

- Young men and women aged between 18 and 32 years may apply for the Fund through legally registered, youth-led non-profit, non-government organisations (NGOs). Projects must be implemented within a city or town with more than 10,000 inhabitants.
- Organisations must have been legally registered for at least one year in one of the following regions: Africa; Latin America and the Caribbean; Asia (excluding Japan); Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand). They must be non-profit, non-government (NGOs or CBOs) although UN organisations, government organisations and private enterprises may engage in partnership with youth-led organisations. They must have a valid bank account. They must involve girls and young women at all levels of decision-making.
- A Non-governmental Organization (NGO), Community organizations are eligible to apply.

How to apply?

- The application is ONLY available online in the following languages;

English, French and Spanish. The application must be made in the same language as the one selected, and must be completed in full. The system will not allow applicant to submit the application unless all fields are completed and all compulsory attachments are submitted.

- Applications submitted in hardcopy or by e-mail will NOT be accepted.
- Please make sure that applicants finish the application and submit all compulsory attachments in the system before the deadline. The deadline is final and not up for discussion.

The deadline to apply is: **15 April, 2013**. For more information please visit: <http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=11853&catid=637&typeid=6&subMenuId=0>

(Resource) FIND Partners- A hub for resource mobilization, fundraising, and organizational development

In the last 4 years, FIND Partners has, specifically in East Africa, established itself as a hub for donor, fundraising and Project Management training and support. With over 3,000 partner CBOs, NGOs and individual project managers and countless funding and donor networks, FIND Partners is taking lead in supporting development partners gain capacity in resource mobilization and fundraising, both at local and international level and also promote organizational development to enable agencies with structures and systems to attract and as well utilize resources effectively.

FIND Partners is guided by a development interlink that looks at the process of development and resource mobilization as not only complimentary but holistic.

FIND Partners frequently posts funding opportunities for CBOs and NGOs in East Africa. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.findpartnersinternational.org/index.php>

(Resource) Changing Minds: A Guide to Facilitated Participatory Planning

This book draws on the work of thinkers and doers throughout the world who have grappled with the challenge of planning complex institutions, especially health systems and development projects. Their problem: Conventional planning methods often do not work. The solution: Involve all the key stakeholders in making the plan. The challenge: Devise a planning system that the principals and stakeholders can trust, and that is inclusive, balanced, and dynamic

Facilitated participatory planning (or FPP) is a new way of planning for a world that

is complex, competitive, and fast-changing; a world where managers, staff and other stakeholders must have their say and own the ideas for any plan to work. This book charts the evolution of FPP from pioneer concepts of awareness, empowerment, learning-by-doing, visualization, creative group processes, and incremental questions into a complete and up-to-date system of principles and techniques. It carries case studies that show how FPP has been used successfully where other planning methods have failed.

Changing Minds is authored by former Regional Director of UNICEF and FPP pioneer Cole P. Dodge, and award-winning Strategic Communication Specialist Gavin Bennett, with inputs from many other experts in health, planning, and communication from all corners of the world.

To download a free PDF of the book, please visit: <http://www.idrc.ca/EN/Resources/Publications/Pages/IDRCBookDetails.aspx?PublicationID=865>

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/newsflash.php>. We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.

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