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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) Call for Proposals to Fund Projects against Gender Violence

African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) has announced the call for proposals to provide grants to NGOs to carry out work for the elimination of gender-based violence. Specifically, the Fund is calling on women's organizations across Africa to submit proposals with innovative strategies for commemoration of the 2012 Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Violence.

The goal for AWDF's support of the 2012 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign is to promote the establishment of local campaigns and the engagement of all actors in preventing violence and supporting women and girls who are victims of abuse through:

- Workshops and awareness-raising events at national and local levels on violence against women (media activities, IEC materials, press conferences, debates, open fora, quizzes, sports and drama among others).
- Dissemination of information about laws against domestic violence.
- Establish and increase collaboration with stakeholders, especially law enforcement agents, to fight gender violence and/or facilitate access to justice.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must have been in existence for at least 3 years
- The organisation must be duly registered, at least with its local government structure
- The organization must be led by a woman
- The organization must be a community based organisation
- The organization must have an appreciable financial management system
- The organization must be capable of reporting back on the outcomes of the project
- The organization must be highly recommended by a donor agency, a grantee or partner of AWDF or the local government office
- Applicant must complete application forms

Deadline for Submission: July 20, 2012.

For more go to: <http://www.awdf.org/browse/2371>

(Call for Submissions) Changemakers and Intel Announce Competition for Technology Solutions to Improve the Lives of Women

Countries/Region- All Countries

Intel Corporation and Ashoka Changemakers are partnering to find solutions that bridge this gender and technology divide with the launch of the She Will Innovate: Technology Solutions Enriching the Lives of Girls competition. This challenge is designed to promote information and communication technology solutions that improve the lives of girls and women.

It's a global search for the world's best kept secrets: those emerging ideas that have realized the potential for women to be changemakers; that break down barriers to access, accelerate digital literacy, and promote economic resilience.

Intel Corporation and Ashoka Changemakers have announced the launch of the She Will Innovate: Technology Solutions Enriching the Lives of Girls competition, which is designed to find innovative solutions that equip girls and women with new digital technologies, enabling them to live healthier, smarter, and more meaningful lives.

Eligibility-

The competition is open to all types of individuals, organizations, and collaborations from all countries as long as the solutions apply directly to bettering the lives of women through information and communication technologies. Special consideration will be given to innovations developed by women for women between the ages of 18 and 34.

Deadline for Submission: July 18, 2012

For more go to: <http://www.changemakers.com/girltech>

(Call for Proposals) Call for Proposals to provide Grants to NGOs for Commemorating World AIDS Day

African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) is providing grants to NGOs to undertake activities for the commemoration of World AIDS Day 2012. It is calling on Women's Organisations on the African Continent, working on HIV&AIDS issues to send in proposals with innovative strategies for commemoration of the 2012 World AIDS day.

The goal for AWDF's support of the 2012 World AIDS Day campaign is to promote, encourage, and increase the enrolment of women of reproductive ages onto 'Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV' services through:

- Innovative HIV prevention activities
- Stigma reduction activities
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission activities

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(Resource) Fundraising Resources for Women and Girls Worldwide

Networks & Institutes

Women's Funding Network

Women's Funding Network is more than 150 organizations that fund women's solutions across the globe, making us one of the largest collaborative philanthropic networks in the world. Our members are women's foundations that span public charities, private foundations and funds within community foundations: <http://www.womensfundingnetwork.org/>

International Network of Women's Funds (INWF)

The INWF is a unique network in which funders in both the North and the South are organized democratically, and are organically linked to the feminist movement – from which almost all of them emerged. Currently the INWF has seventeen members committed to expanding the resources available to women's rights organizations around the world: <http://www.inwf.org/>

Women Grants

A regularly updated compilation of grants available for women and girls' organizations: <http://www.fundsnetsservices.com/searchresult/15/Women-Grants.html>

Women's Philanthropy Institute

The Women's Philanthropy Institute, a part of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, furthers the understanding of women's philanthropy through research, education, and knowledge dissemination: <http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/womensphilanthropyinstitute/AboutUs.aspx>

Selected Foundations

The Global Fund for Women

The Global Fund for Women is an international network of women and men committed to a world of equality and social justice. We advocate for and defend women's human rights by making grants to support women's groups around the world: <http://www.fundsforngos.org/foundation-funds-for-ngos/global-fund-for-women-flexible-grants-for-ngos/>

Sigrid Rausing Trust

The Sigrid Rausing Trust is a grant-giving foundation based in London. It was founded in 1995 by Sigrid Rausing to support the international human rights movement: <http://www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org/>

Hewlett Foundation- Population Program

The Population Program has two goals: to enhance and protect the reproductive health and rights of individuals and to stabilize global populations in ways that promote social and economic well-being and sustain the environment: <http://www.fundsforngos.org/foundation-funds-for-ngos/william-flora-hewlett-foundation/>

Mama Cash

Mama Cash is the oldest international women's fund – established in the Netherlands in 1983. She supports pioneering and innovative women's initiatives around the world, because she believes that social change starts with women and girls: <http://www.mamacash.org>

Nike Foundation

We work to get girls on the international agenda and drive resources to them. We believe the best way to do that is to prove that investment in her unleashes the girl effect: <http://nikeinc.com/pages/the-nike-foundation/>

Packard Foundation- Population and Reproductive Health

The Population and Reproductive Health program works to slow population growth in high fertility areas of the world and to enhance and protect women's reproductive health and reproductive rights, especially for marginalized and disadvantaged girls, women, and communities: <http://www.packard.org>

Multilateral Organizations

UN Women

In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. UN Women provides grants to fuel innovative, high-impact programs by government agencies and civil society groups through two funds—the Fund for Gender Equality and the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women: <http://www.unwomen.org/>

The Fund for Gender Equality

The Fund for Gender Equality is a multi-donor initiative designed to advance high-impact gender equality programmes that focus on women's economic and/or political empowerment at local and national levels. The Fund is unique in its focus on turning local and national laws and policies into tangible gains for women's rights: <http://www.unwomen.org/how-we-work/fund-for-gender-equality/>

UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women

The UN Trust Fund is managed by the UN Women on behalf of the UN system. The UN Trust Fund is the only multilateral grant-making mechanism that supports local, national and regional efforts to end violence against women and girls: <http://www.unwomen.org/how-we-work/un-trust-fund/>

UNDEF

UNDEF was established by the UN Secretary-General in 2005 as a United Nations General Trust Fund to support democratization efforts around the world. UNDEF supports projects that strengthen the voice of civil society, promote human rights, and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes. UNDEF has a specific interest in women's groups: [http://www.un.org/democracyfund/About Us/about us index.html](http://www.un.org/democracyfund/About%20Us/about%20us%20index.html)

(Poem) "Because I am a Girl, I Must Study" by Kamla Bhasin'

A father asks his daughter:
Study? Why should you study?
I have sons aplenty who can study.
Girl, why should you study?

The daughter tells her father:
Since you ask, here's why I must study.
Because I am a girl, I must study.

Long denied this right, I must study
For my dreams to take flight, I must study
Knowledge brings new light, so I must study
For the battles I must fight, I must study
Because I am a girl, I must study.

To avoid destitution, I must study
To win independence, I must study
To fight frustration, I must study
To find inspiration, I must study
Because I am a girl, I must study.

To fight men's violence, I must study
To end my silence, I must study
To challenge patriarchy I must study
To demolish all hierarchy, I must study.
Because I am a girl, I must study.

To mould a faith I can trust, I must study
To make laws that are just, I must study
To sweep centuries of dust, I must study

To challenge what I must, I must study
Because I am a girl, I must study.
To know right from wrong, I must study.
To find a voice that is strong, I must study
To write feminist songs I must study
To make a world where girls belong, I must study.
Because I am a girl, I must study.

For more go to: <http://www.how-matters.org/2012/04/27/kamla-bhasin/>

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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