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Dear Friends,

Often times people living in rural areas do not have the same level of access to healthcare as those living in urban areas. This makes community-based health care extremely important. This week's Newsflash is focused on resources for and information about community-based health care.

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

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

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Hesperian guides are now available in swahili! COBIHESA is a nonprofit organization based in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, that does absolutely fantastic work with youth in the districts of Rufiji and Lindi on issues of water, sanitation and hygiene, and other environmental issues. That's why Hesperian is so excited to include their materials in Swahili in our newly launched bilingual Swahili language hub! COBIHESA translated Hesperian's Community Guide to Environmental Health into Swahili and published it in a series of modules. These modules are now freely available as PDFs on the Swahili language hub!

To access these resources, visit: <http://bit.ly/1reIRRe>

(Article) Community-based mental health care in Africa: mental health workers' views

Abstract--The World Health Organization (WHO) has for long proposed the development of community-based mental health services worldwide. However, the progress toward community mental health care in most African countries is still hampered by a lack of resources, with specialist psychiatric care essentially based in large, centrally located mental hospitals. It is again time to reconsider the direction of mental health care in Africa.

Based on a small inquiry to a number of experienced mental health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, we discuss what a community concept of mental health care might mean in Africa. There is a general agreement that mental health services should be integrated in primary health care. A critical issue for success of this model is perceived to be provision of appropriate supervision and continuing education for primary care workers. The importance of collaboration between modern medicine and traditional healers is stressed and the paper ends in a plea for WHO to take the initiative and develop mental health services according to the special needs and the socio-cultural conditions prevailing in sub-Saharan Africa.

To access the full article, visit: <http://1.usa.gov/VTOV5S>

(Open for Proposals) Australian Government Small Grants Programme

The Direct Aid Programme (DAP) is a flexible, small grants scheme for development activities valued up to A\$30 000 (approximately R285 000). Applications are processed three times each year - in August, November and February. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland are eligible to apply.

The Australia Africa Community Grants Scheme (AACGS) is administered by the Australian Government and has supported community-based activities across Africa. Grants have been provided to NGOs for projects that promote sustainable economic and social development. Proposals are currently not being accepted for AACGS funding. Interested organisations should monitor this website for any future funding opportunities.

Project eligibility: Projects must have a tangible developmental outcome for a specific disadvantaged group of people. Priority will be given to proposals that alleviate poverty, contribute to skills build, address women's issues, and the needs of children, youth and other disadvantaged groups. Eligible activities are also those that can be implemented over a short period of time (ie those that will have an identifiable outcome by the end of the financial year in which the money was granted).

DAP funds are project based and ARE NOT used for items such as : salaries, purchase of property (including vehicles, land, or a building), rent, electricity charges, transport, office running costs, organisational costs such as general promotion or monitoring and evaluation, micro-credit schemes, commercial ventures or cash donations. Funds are also generally not used for building or construction purposes.

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For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1zu5btT>

(Accepting LOIs) Global Fund for Children

The Global Fund for Children selects grantee partners based on their demonstrated potential to produce sustainable improvement in the lives of vulnerable children and youth and to serve as a resource or model for other organizations.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Prospective grantee partners must meet the following eligibility criteria to be considered for our support:
- Appropriate size and stage of development
- With rare exceptions, a prospective grantee partner's annual budget should not exceed \$200,000. In most cases, new grantee partners have budgets in the \$25,000 to \$75,000 range. Our aim is to identify organizations at a relatively early stage in their development.
- Direct involvement with children and youth
- Prospective grantee partners must work directly with children and youth. We do not support groups engaged exclusively in advocacy or research. (We do, however, support organizations that perform both advocacy and direct service.)
- Capable management
- Prospective grantee partners must have systems and processes for ensuring responsible management of funds. At a minimum, an organization must have basic accounting and reporting systems as well as phone and email access.
- Local leadership
- Prospective grantee partners must be led by individuals who live and work in the community. We prioritize organizations whose leaders were born and raised in the community. We do not fund the local offices or affiliates of national or international organizations.
- Legal status: A prospective grantee partner must be registered with the local or national government as a nonprofit organization. If the political context makes legal registration unfeasible, the organization must demonstrate nonprofit equivalency. We do not provide start-up funding for the creation of new organizations.

For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1s3GvWZ>

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>

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

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