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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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Say and Play encourages adults to learn about young children's experiences and views, and encourages children to express themselves naturally through games and stories. By improving communication, Say and Play creates a dialogue between adults and vulnerable young children in need of services or a hand to hold.

While many child development materials promote children's intellectual and physical development, few give children the opportunity to express their hopes, fears and experiences. This is especially true for vulnerable young children whose opinions are rarely sought and whose wisdom is rarely implemented. Adults often find it hard to identify and support young children's psychosocial needs. Say and Play helps children speak freely, giving adults the opportunity to learn from them.

Say and Play integrates existing action and participation methodologies – such as those found in Auntie Stella (Zimbabwe), Journey of Life (Southern Africa) and Narrative Therapy (Australia) – and adapts them for young children in early childhood development and family settings. Children love games, stories and pictures and these are the cornerstones of Say and Play.

For more information, and a link to download the Say and Play Kit, visit: <http://bit.ly/16OW37U>

A Say and Play training guide is also available at: <http://bit.ly/17zNxrO>

(Resource) We Care for Young Children, A Guide for Adolescent Caregivers

Many young children are left in the care of older siblings. As the primary caregiver, adolescent caregivers become responsible for their younger siblings' needs, including physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual needs. Adolescent caregivers are children themselves and, while looking after their younger siblings, have a double responsibility of also caring for their own health and nutritional needs. *We care...for young children*, developed by Project Concern International (www.pciglobal.org), equips adolescent caregivers with better information to care for the younger children in their care.

We care...for young children was developed through focus group discussions with adolescent caregivers of young children to identify their needs, useful information and how that information should be presented. Focus group discussions with adult caregivers provided vital information on what they needed to help provide crucial information to adolescent caregivers on the needs of their younger siblings.

More information and a link to download the guide is available at: <http://bit.ly/1bGzfEK>

(Call for Proposals) Funds for NGOs Great Proposals Contest 2013

Fundsforngos is accepting entries for the "Great Proposals" Contest 2013. This contest is open for local NGOs, international organizations and networks. The contest is simple and quick to participate. You only need to fill out a small application form and submit any of your previous proposal that has led to a successful grant.

There are two prizes of \$500 each which will be given to NGOs or networks who have successfully submitted proposals by developing country NGOs or networks and by international NGOs, organizations, or networks. In addition to the winners, ten organizations will be selected for receiving free participation in a Fundsforngos webinar of their choice.

The goal of the contest is to both showcase select proposals to Fundsforngos users – thereby sharing best practices – as well as increase awareness of Fundsforngos tools and services amongst NGOs around the world.

Only proposals that led to funding of \$1000 or more in the last 5 years from a government agency, foundation, company, or other organization (e.g. the UN or EC) are eligible for submission.

Deadline to apply: **30 November, 2013**. For more information, please visit:
<http://bit.ly/19Vh6Ui>

(Call for Proposals) UNGEI Good Practice Fund for Girls' Education and Gender Equality

The United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) has announced a call for proposals for the Fund for Documentation of Good Practice in Girls' Education and Gender Equality. The Fund seeks to provide an opportunity for good practices to be systematically documented and shared within and between countries and regions, especially those which are "lesser known" among development practitioners; demonstrate the diverse ways that organizations/actors are addressing girls' education and gender equality; and enhance our understanding of what works, and encourage adaptation of good practices across countries and organizations.

The United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) is a multi-stakeholder partnership committed to improving the quality and availability of girls' education and contributing to the empowerment of girls through transformative education. UNGEI, as a designated flagship of Education for All (EFA), strives to support governments and the international community to deliver on the gender-related EFA goals and education related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on achieving universal primary education and gender parity in primary and secondary education. With the 2015 deadline to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) fast approaching, UNGEI firmly believes that the immediate education priority should be a focus on all girls learning and achieving.

The objective of the Fund is to identify and document good practices that have achieved outcomes for girls' education and gender equality or hold the promise to achieve the same. In particular, this includes interventions that are not extensively documented already or are being implemented in a very different context and have the potential to provide new lessons.

The fund is meant to promote learning and exchange and hence is expected to include all regions and countries, with particular focus on the global South.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Organizations (not individuals), including education ministries at the national and sub-national level, schools, and national civil society organizations implementing programmes are eligible to apply as main applicants for the Fund.
- Organizations that are eligible to apply may use the funds to identify individual consultants to develop the case study on the good practice.
- Research Institutes and universities, national and international, are also eligible to apply, provided there is an understanding with the implementing organization

on the documentation.

The deadline for the submission of the application is **30th November 2013**. For more information, visit this link: <http://bit.ly/17ZMfTB>

Welcome to our new subscribers this week!

Kayaba Youth Association, Kenya
Nkosis Haven Village, South Africa
Family for Organized Life, Ghana
Young Single Mothers Empowerment Group, Kenya
Jeathvin Safaris, Tanzania
Matonyok Nomads Development Organization, Kenya
Sport 4 Socialisation, Zimbabwe

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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