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Dear Friends,

Many of Firelight's partners are doing great work, while involving children in the planning and implementation of their programs.

This week's Newsflash contains resources to help organizations increase child participation.

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

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

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(Resource) Mainstreaming Psychosocial Care and Support through Child Participation

This guide from REPSSI explores the role that child participation can play in child protection programming. The main points that REPSSI hopes you will take away from this guide are that:

- Child participation is not an option or an add-on, but a right enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) - to ensure that all children have the opportunity to actively participate in all issues directly affecting them
- Child participation contributes significantly to the psychosocial wellbeing of children
- Child participation may increase the skills, confidence and social connectedness of the children involved
- Child participation brings unique perspectives which can enhance all types of programmes relating to the wellbeing of children and their families
- Child participation brings energy, creativity and fun to development programmes

- One may start gradually with child participation methods so that this eventually grows organically in your organisation until it is mainstreamed into all aspects of your functioning

To access this tool, visit: <http://bit.ly/1uL94t8>

(Resource) A Toolkit for Monitoring and Evaluating Children's Participation

This toolkit from Plan International is intended for use by practitioners and children working in participatory programmes, as well as by governments, NGOs, civil society and children's organisations seeking to assess and strengthen children's participation in wider society.

It provides indicators and tools to help monitor and evaluate the scope of children's participation and a step-by-step guide to undertake the process.

The toolkit can be used to analyse the progress, help determine the potential, establish goals and to monitor the quality of children's participation.

To access this toolkit, visit: <http://bit.ly/1yUsv1E>

(Accepting Applications) Nestlé Creating Shared Value Prize 2016: Grants for Nutrition, Water & Rural Development

Nestlé is now accepting applications for the 2016 Nestlé Creating Shared Value Prize to provide financial grants of up to USD 540,000 for innovative projects, programmes or businesses that have already been tested as a pilot or small scale, have demonstrated high social and environmental impact, and need support to become commercially viable.

There are three categories of funding:

- **Rural Development:** sustainable agriculture, development of local value chains and extension services etc.
- **Water:** improving access to clean water; protection and conservation of water resources: water, sanitation and hygiene etc.
- **Nutrition:** improving access to food; food fortification and technology; nutrition education programmes etc.

The prize invests financial and technical resources in the winning initiatives, with the objective of helping them be brought to scale and to achieve financial sustainability. The winners share a total of CHF 500,000 in prize money (approx. USD 540,000).

The Nestlé Creating Shared Value Prize is international in scope. Entities may reside in

any country in the world and cover programmes implemented in low, middle and high-income countries that benefit underserved parts of the community.

The Nestlé Prize timeline is as follows:

- 15 October 2014 – 28 February 2015: Nomination period
- March – September 2015: Review of nominations
- September – October 2015: The Creating Shared Value Council may request additional information from nominees
- 2016: Public announcement of the Nestlé Prize Winner

For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1uyG0DF>

(Accepting Applications) Conservation, Food and Health Foundation Grants

The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation seeks to promote the conservation of natural resources, improve the production and distribution of food, and improve health in the developing world. The foundation helps build capacity within developing countries in its three areas of interest with grants that support research or projects that solve specific problems. The foundation supports projects that demonstrate strong local leadership, promote professional development in the conservation, agricultural, and health sciences; develop the capacity of local organisations; and address a particular problem in the field. It prefers to support projects addressing under-funded issues and geographic areas.

The Conservation, Food & Health Foundation does not provide support for:

- Buildings, land purchase, or vehicles;
- Quantity purchases of durable medical equipment;
- Endowments or fundraising activities;
- Famine or emergency relief;
- Direct medical care or treatment;
- Feeding or food distribution programmes;
- Films, videos, or web-site production;
- Scholarships, fellowships, or travel grants;
- Conferences;
- Re-granting through intermediaries;
- General operating support; or
- Individuals.

Ordinarily the foundation limits its support to those organizations that have received a letter of determination of tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and are “not a private foundation” under section 509(a). However, the directors wish to remain open to the possibility of supporting certain equivalents, such as a domestic or foreign governmental unit or agency, or nongovernmental,

foreign organisation determined to be the equivalent of a 501(c)(3) organisation, which can provide secure evidence of its nongovernmental status and charitable purpose.

For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1t6gcM0>

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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