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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) SIDA call for Special Initiative for Democratization and Freedom of Expression

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) has issued a call for proposals to provide grant support to individuals, groups and civil society organizations working for democratization and freedom of expression.

The call is part of the Special Initiative for Democratization and Freedom of Expression launched in 2009 for a three-year period. Now, the Government of Sweden has decided to extend this initiative in order to continue strengthening Sweden's overall work for democracy, human rights and equal access to justice.

The Special Initiative aims to improve the conditions for actors for change to work for enhanced democratization and freedom of expression. It targets individuals, groups, civil society organizations and other relevant actors at local, national, regional and global levels, and attends to threats against democracy and freedom of expression, and restrictions on the freedoms and human rights of girls and boys, women and men.

Grant will be offered to entities belonging to countries and contexts characterized by lack of respect for human rights and where fundamental freedoms are hampered and where there is limited room for political pluralism.

The support must be directed to interventions and actors for change with restriction to countries eligible for official development assistance (ODA-recipient

countries) according to the OECD/DAC-classification.

As this is an open call for proposals, full applications are required to be submitted in the format given in the Guidelines for Applicants document.

The deadline to submit proposals is **15 April 2012**.

For more information, go here: <http://www.sida.se/English/Partners/Civil-Society-/Call-for-Proposals-democracy-initiative/>.

(Call for Nominations) Small Grant Prize for NGOs & Networks in Developing Countries

The website: www.fundsforngos.org is providing a funding opportunity to small NGOs and NGO networks in developing countries to through the Small Grant Prize. Organizations can get nominated or submit their own nominations in order to participate in this small grant support. The objective of this Small Grant Prize is to raise awareness about various activities of [fundsforngos.org](http://www.fundsforngos.org) that ultimately lead to improve the capacity of NGOs and help them become financially sustainable.

Only registered NGOs and active Networks in good standing are eligible to receive the prize (an exception can be made for NGOs active in countries where it is not possible to legally register). The Small Grant Prize does not seek any lengthy proposals or concept notes, but simply requests applicants to fill out a short registration form. The winners will be selected on a lucky draw basis.

Two winning NGOs or Networks will receive a **cash award of \$500** each and **technical support in fundraising and management** in terms of free participation in our webinars. In addition to the two winning NGOs or Networks, we will also select 10 runners up who will also get free participation to the webinars. The webinars are offered by skilled trainers offering advice on raising funds for NGOs and other areas of capacity development.

The deadline to participate in the Small Grant Prize is **1 April 2012**.

For more information, visit this website: <http://www.fundsforngos.org/small-grant-prize/>.

(Call for Nominations) Official call for World of Children 2012 Nominations

The World of Children Award is dedicated to dramatically improving children's

lives by identifying and recognizing extraordinary individuals who work on behalf of children in need. The World of Children Award sets the Gold Standard in child advocacy worldwide and to receive a World of Children Award today is to be honored with a coveted badge of merit.

The World of Children Award is now searching the globe for selfless individuals who serve children with proven, sustainable programs. Our Award Winners must have a ten year track record of working with children, and now serve children over and above their regular employment, for little or no pay. Awards will be presented at an annual ceremony held in New York City, USA, in October, 2012. At that time, the World of Children Award will offer cash grants to the proven, sustainable programs created and managed by the 2012 Award Winners.

The 2012 World of Children Award's are as follows:

-Humanitarian Award – recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in social services, education or humanitarian services. This person will have created or managed a sustainable program which has significantly contributed to children's opportunities to be safe, to learn and to grow. The individual's work on behalf of children must be over and above their normal employment and they must have been doing this work for a minimum of 10 years.

-Health Award – recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to children in the fields of health, medicine or the sciences. This person will have created or managed a sustainable program which has significantly contributed to the health and well-being of children. The individual's work on behalf of children must be over and above their normal employment and they must have been doing this work for a minimum of 10 years.

-Youth Award – recognizes a Young person under the age of 21, who is making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children. They must have been doing this work for three years, and have created a sustainable program they plan to continue to lead.

Nomination Deadline is **April 1, 2012**.

About the World of Children Award

- Established in 1998, World of Children, Inc., is a U.S. based 501 (c)3, nongovernmental organization (NGO) based in the San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA.

- 97 leaders with programs for children in over 148 countries have now been honored by the World of Children Award.

- Collectively, World of Children Award Winners now lead more than 100 organizations and have impacted the lives of more than 30 million children worldwide.
- Over 3,100 Nominations have been received from more than 85 countries.
- The selection process is arduous and includes several stages of review by panels of child care experts from around the world, and an intensive independent background screening to assure the integrity and credentials of the finalists. Nominees must be willing to cooperate with investigators in this process and to make themselves and their records available for review.

To learn more about the World of Children Awards and grant process, visit this link: <http://www.worldofchildren.org/index.php/awards/nomination-form>.

(Resource) Child Hope: Child Protection Policies and Procedures Toolkit: How to Build a Child-Safe Organization

"The best way to protect children is to empower them to protect themselves"

This Child Protection Manual is a great resource for CBO's interested in pursuing programming in this area or who already work with child rights issues. The manual outlines **6 stages of child protection** using the metaphor of building a house:

1. Preparing the ground- This stage walks an organization through introducing the concepts of child protection and child abuse for discussion in your organization and with the community. Modules include topics such as, "What is child protection? What is child protection policy?," "What is child abuse?," and "Why do we need child protection policies?" Each topic is followed by exercises for staff members to participate in and begin to develop shared definitions and lay the groundwork to the development of a child protection policy.

2. Foundation stones- This stage introduces the principles or ways of working which you should ideally have in place in your organization in order to begin developing a child protection policy. The 6 foundation stones detailed include- Child rights-based approach, consultation, ownership, confidentiality, transparency, and sensitivity.

3. Laying the bricks- This stage details the 7 elements of the child protection policies and procedures, which are personnel recruitment, education and training, management structure, behavior protocols, communication guidelines, reporting and reaction protocols, and ramifications of misconduct. The manual also walks

readers through deciding which elements are necessary for their organization's child protection policy. One activity included in this stage guides organizations through conducting a self-audit in relation to child protection.

4. Building the roof- The stage explains how to implement child protection policy and procedures, by outlining how to put policies into action, developing an organizational action plan, and how to respond to incidences and reports of abuse.

5. Dealing with bad weather- This stage outlines obstacles an organization may encounter in implementing a child protection policy and how to deal with them. Common obstacles discussed are fear, denial, lack of resources, complacency, and entrenched culture.

6. Carrying out maintenance and repair work on your house- This stage assists organizations in assessing the need to monitor and evaluate these policies, and how to check and improve them.

The toolkit is available in French and English and can be accessed by going to this website: <http://www.childhope.org.uk/article.asp?id=587>

(Resource) Children's Safety Pledge

This Children's Safety Pledge was sent to us by one of our grantee-partners and we think it's a great resource for organizations to ground their child protection work in changes you can see with a child within the communities you work in. The pledge can be used as a tool to measure how an organization is addressing child protection, what they are accomplishing and areas where they would like to focus more on. It can also be used among staff members to encourage greater awareness.

The pledge states:

I am proud to be a Child Safety Advocate

because

I am helping to raise the new generation

I am helping each child to a brighter future

I am part of the sister- and brotherhood of all those who work for young children

AND SO I PLEDGE MYSELF

To see that every child in my care is safe and happy

and treated with love and kindness
To see that every child is active
and busy learning about the world around us
To see that every child is introduced to books and stories

AND I PROMISE THAT I WILL

Help children to learn good values
Help children to be decision-makers
Help children not to be prejudiced about others on account of race,
culture, gender or disability
Help children to be peace-makers

AND WITH THIS IN MIND

I will be ready to learn all I can about my work
I will be willing to share knowledge and skills with others
I will work as part of a good team with others
I will prepare my work beforehand
I will take care of equipment and resources
I will help build a partnership with parents

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.