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Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2011. Firelight sends our warmest greetings to you and your organizations. We hope that the Newsflash! can continue to be a useful resources in 2011 and years to come. Please enjoy.

Sincerely,
Firelight Team

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(Call for Proposals) UN Trust Fund to end violence against women

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women is accepting applications for its 15th grant cycle (2010) from government authorities at the national and local levels, civil society organizations and networks — including non-governmental, women's and community-based organizations and coalitions and operational research institutions — and UN Country Teams in partnership with governments and civil society organizations. Applications should be centred on supporting implementation of national and local policies, laws and action plans on ending violence against women.

The deadline for submissions of applications is 20 January 2011, 23:59 EST (GMT-5).

For more information, go
here: http://www.unifem.org/gender_issues/violence_against_women/trust_fund_guidelines.php

(Call for Applications) NED Grants for human rights and democracy

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, nonprofit foundation dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world. Each year, NED makes more than 1,000 grants to support the projects of

non-governmental groups abroad who are working for democratic goals in more than 90 countries.

How are funding decisions made?

Funding decisions are made on a quarterly basis by the NED Board of Directors. In addition to evaluating how a program fits within the Endowment's overall priorities, the Board considers factors such as the urgency of a program, its relevance to specific needs and conditions in a particular country, and the democratic commitment and experience of the applicant.

What types of programs is the Endowment interested in?

The Endowment is especially interested in proposals that originate with local democratic groups. It is also interested in nonpartisan programs seeking to strengthen democratic values. Note that the Endowment does not make grants to individuals.

For more information, go here: <http://www.ned.org/grantseekers/application-procedure>

Funding opportunities: May 18 Memorial Fund

The May 18 Memorial Foundation is a non-profit organization established on August 30, 1994 by the surviving victims of the 1980 Gwangju Democratic Uprising, the victims families, and the citizens of Gwangju. The foundation aims to commemorate as well as continue the spirit and struggle and solidarity of the May 18 Uprising; to contribute to the peaceful reunification of Korea; and to work towards peace and human rights throughout the world. Thus the spirit of the May 18 is inherited and passed on, significantly influencing the progress of democracy in Korea.

Since its establishment, the foundation has carried out numerous projects in various fields, including organizing memorial events, establishing scholarships, fostering research, disseminating information to the public, publishing relevant materials, dispensing charity and welfare benefits, building international solidarity, and awarding the Gwangju Prize for Human Rights.

They currently have information about 2 funding opportunities: The Grant for Democracy and Human Rights Projects in Overseas 2011; and the Call for Nominations for the Gwangju Prize for Human Rights 2011.

For more information, go here: <http://eng.518.org/eng/html/main.html>

(Call for Nominations) Nansen Refugee Award

The Nansen Refugee Award is given annually to an individual or organization for outstanding efforts for refugees. We need your help and network to find the true unsung heroes of the world, doing extraordinary efforts with the sole purpose of changing the life situation of refugees with whatever means they have.

For more information, go here: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49c3646c461.html>

Rationing Health: Who lives? Who decides?

An online discussion about health care issues with articles, forums and media.

Some experts say to control medical costs, America must ration health care. Others argue that care is already rationed in the U.S., often in hidden ways. It's a highly charged issue. Even the term "rationing" is subject to dispute. PRI's The World takes a global look at the topic with four perspectives from four countries (South Africa, United Kingdom, Zambia, and India).

For more, go here: <http://rationinghealth.org/>

(Article) UGANDA: 'Why Waste ARVs on Sex Workers?'

By Evelyn Matsamura Kiapi

Maclean Kanya. / Credit: Evelyn Kiapi/IPS

KAMPALA, Dec 3 (IPS) – Sex workers, among the populations most at risk of HIV infection in Uganda, say they are yet to realise their right to health.

Sex workers say they have been left out of national HIV prevention programmes and have difficulty accessing life-prolonging drugs.

“Its not that these [HIV/AIDS] services are not available, it's about the stigma attached to the sex worker,” says Maclean Kanya, a sex worker and human rights defender in the capital, Kampala.

“When we visit health centres, some health workers say, ‘But you are just a sex worker and we are just wasting our ARVs. Why should we give you our treatment? We have to give it to someone who needs it.’ That is total discrimination,” she said in an interview with IPS.

According to the latest UNAIDS report, sex workers constituted 10 percent of new HIV infections in 2009. Yet government is using punitive laws to discriminate against the groups considered most at risk, such as sex workers and

homosexuals. Activists say this creates stigma and discrimination and leads to denied access to treatment, care and support.

Over the past few months, Uganda's parliament has been considering several controversial laws, among them the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Bill, which human rights activists say can only act as catalysts for the AIDS epidemic by forcing sex work underground. Sex work is already criminal under Uganda's penal code.

The Prevention and Control Bill criminalises the spread of HIV; far from slowing the spread of the virus, the bill's opponents say it only makes it more difficult for at-risk populations to get treatment and information about sexual health.

Because of the stigma attached to sex work, Kanya revealed, sex workers who discover their status often become desperate and resort to alcohol and drugs rather than seek help.

For the entire article, go here: <http://www.ips.org/africa/2010/12/uganda-why-waste-arvs-on-sex-workers/>

Interagency Youth Working Group online forum on youth peer education
GOING ON NOW!

The Interagency Youth Working Group is hosting an online forum on youth peer education. Moderated by experts around the globe, the forum provides an opportunity to discuss youth peer education generally and the **Evidence-Based Guidelines for Youth Peer Education** (62 pages, 872 KB) specifically. We encourage you to download this recently updated resource in advance of the forum (it is attached to this email). It gives practical guidance on a range of issues important to developing and sustaining successful youth peer education programs. You can also order a hard copy by writing to publications@fhi.org.

The forum will begin at 9 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Monday, **January 10th and end at 5 PM EST Thursday, January 13th**. Beginning on the 10th, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions of our experts and share your experiences with colleagues working in peer education. Our experts live in a variety of time zones, so their responses will be posted beginning on the morning of January 11th.

We welcome peer educators, program managers, program planners, and others interested in youth peer education to join in the discussion. We'll be talking about the following topics: program planning, recruitment and retention of peer educators, training youth to be peer educators, leading

peer education sessions, supervision and program management, monitoring and evaluation, and addressing gender in peer education.

You can register for the forum and read more about our experts at:
http://www.iywg.org/youth/forums/peer_ed_guidelines

Email: youthwg@fhi.org

Web site: www.iywg.org

See attachment:

(Call for Proposals) 2nd World Conference of Women's Shelters
February 27 - March 1, 2012 in Washington, DC

We encourage programs that work with victims of violence in safe spaces or organizations that support shelters and safe spaces to submit a proposal. We are looking for proposals related to violence against women and shelters and safe spaces. If you have innovative practices, knowledge and skills that will give delegates tangible tools and knowledge to take home, we encourage you to submit a proposal.

For more information, go here: <http://worldshelterconference.org/>

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.