

Dear friends,

In preparation for International Women's Day March 8, 2011, this week's Newsflash! is focused on girls and women in the global community. We have included some articles and resources that provide information about the girls and women in your communities. As always, we hope that you find this helpful and informative.

Sincerely,
Firelight Team

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(Call for Applications) 2011 MILEAD Fellows Program for Young African Women Leaders

Moremi Initiative for Women's Leadership in Africa is pleased to announce its call for applications for the 2011 Moremi Leadership Empowerment and Development (MILEAD) Fellows Program. The MILEAD Fellows Program is a one-year leadership development program designed to identify, develop and promote emerging young African Women leaders to attain and succeed in leadership in their community and Africa as a whole. The program targets dynamic young women interested in developing transformational leadership skills that help them tackle issues affecting women in their communities and society as a whole. Applications are welcome from young African women living in Africa and the Diaspora.

Deadline for application: March 30, 2011

For more information go

here: http://moremiinitiative.org/?option=com_content&view=article&id=80&Itemid=79

(Call for Nominations) Mary Fran Myers Disaster Award 2011

The Gender and Disaster Network and the Natural Hazards Center invite nominations of women and men who should be recognized for their efforts to advance gender-sensitive policy, practice, or research in the areas of disaster risk reduction. Established in 2002, the Mary Fran Myers Award recognizes that vulnerability to disasters and emergencies is influenced by social, cultural, and economic structures that marginalize women and girls, and may also expose boys and men to harm.

There are three steps to making the nomination:

1. Submit your full name and contact information (mailing address, e-mail, telephone, fax) and that of the nominee
2. Attach a short (3 pg, single spaced maximum) current resume or curriculum vitae of the nominee
3. Write a letter of nomination detailing specifically how this individual's work fits the award criteria as described above

Optional: A one one-page letter of support from another person or organization may also be submitted

Please electronically submit these materials to Kristinne Sanz of the Gender and Disaster Network at: mfmawards2011@gdnonline.org

Deadline for nomination: April 18, 2011

For more information go

here: http://www.gdnonline.org/mfm_award_nomination.php

(Call for Nominations) The Annual Award for Excellence in HIV/AIDS Communication in Africa

Those who are eligible for this award are individuals and organizations implementing HIV and AIDS initiatives, campaigns, productions and tools that advance the field of strategic communication and can be evaluated, adapted and applied elsewhere

There are seven categories of awards to include Best Mass media intervention,

campaign or production, Best Popular/folk media initiative, and Best Interpersonal/community initiative/intervention. (See website for full list)

Nomination forms are available from the AfriComNet website or can be requested by email.

Deadline for nomination: April 30, 2011

For more information go here: <http://www.africomnet.org/awards.html>

(Call for Contributions) SAGE Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World - New Volume

SAGE is inviting academic editorial contributors to the Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World, a new online library reference that will look at women today around the world and delve into the contexts of being female in the 21st century. Thus the scope of the encyclopedia will focus on women's status starting in approximately 2000 and look forward.

Deadline for contributions: March 21, 2011.

For more information go here: <http://www.awid.org/eng/Women-in-Action/Calls-for-Participation2/Call-for-Contributions-Authors-SAGE-Multimedia-Encyclopedia-of-Women-in-Today-s-World-New-Volume>

(Website) International Women's Day 2011

WHEN: Tuesday 8 March 2011

WHERE: Everywhere

WHAT: International Women's Day (8 March) is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present, and future. In some places like China, Russia, Vietnam and Bulgaria, International Women's Day is a national holiday.

Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organizations, governments and women's groups around the world choose different themes each year that reflect global and local gender issues.

For IWD's main home page, go here: <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/default.asp>

(Video) AWID presents Women's Rights in 2010: A Visual Overview

2010 was an eventful year for women's rights. AWID presents a slideshow that captures key moments for women's right throughout the year and across the globe.

To view the slideshow, go

here: <http://picasaweb.google.com/110714837166729000165/Movies?authkey=Gv1sRgCP-J5Nf3ppKkOQ#5560673873813424322>

(Resource) World Pulse: Global Issues through the Eyes of Women

World Pulse is a global media and communication network devoted to bringing women a global voice. World Pulse broadcasts and unites women's voices from around the world into a powerful force for change.

World Pulse produces a print and web magazine as well as hosts an interactive community newswire, PulseWire, where women can speak for themselves to the world and connect to solve global problems.

For more information go here: <http://www.worldpulse.com/>

(Resource & Videos) Make Women Matter

Make Women Matter is a campaign, from Marie Stopes International, which highlights the need to improve the lives of women around the world and to put an end to preventable deaths that are the result of pregnancy and childbirth. Every day, an alarming number of communities are losing mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and friends. Most of these deaths are preventable; all that's needed is access to family planning and high quality healthcare.

Make Women Matter brings you five inspirational films told through the personal experiences of women in Sierra Leone, Bangladesh, South Africa and Uganda. Each film offers a unique insight into the life and death challenges faced by girls and women in poorer countries.

This website also contains resources such as "Why Women Matter" which highlights the disproportionate effects of poverty and violence on women, stating that poverty remains stubbornly "feminized."

For more on this, visit: <http://www.makewomenmatter.org/>

(Toolkit) Make it Matter: 10 Key Advocacy Messages to Prevent HIV in Girls and Young Women

Did you know that in some parts of the world, young women are three times more likely to be HIV positive than young men? There are three main goals listed in this toolkit as a means of protecting girls and young women from HIV:

1. Improve the accessibility of sexual and reproductive health services for girls and young women
2. Expand socio-economic opportunities for girls and young women
3. End child marriage

There are many important messages in this resource, aimed at accomplishing the three above goals. Please see the attached Toolkit for more information.

(Report) WHO Multi-country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence against Women

This report presents initial results based on interviews with 24,000 women by carefully trained interviewers. The study was implemented by WHO, in collaboration with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. This report covers 15 sites and 10 countries: Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, Japan, Peru, Namibia, Samoa, Serbia and Montenegro, Thailand and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Report findings document the prevalence of intimate partner violence and its association with women's physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health. Information is also provided on women's responses: Whom do women turn to and whom do they tell about the violence in their lives? Do they leave or fight back? Which services do they use and what response do they get?

For the full report go here: http://www.who.int/gender/violence/who_multicountry_study/en/index.html

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.