

Workshop Application

WomenLead in Repositioning Reproductive Health

September 7 – 25, 2009
Washington, DC

Please submit your complete application to:

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A complete application consists of:

1. Application Form with Applicant Essay
2. CV
3. Supervisor Form
4. Sponsorship Form and Sponsorship Letter (confirming international roundtrip airfare)

Deadline: All application documents must be received by fax or email by **June 25, 2009.**

Important: Applications will be reviewed **ONLY** upon receipt of **all four documents.**

Country Eligibility: Applicants from the following countries will be given priority in the selection process: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Haiti, India (U.P.), and Pakistan.

Scholarships: Full tuition and per diem scholarships will be offered to a maximum of 20 applicants. **Applicants must secure local funding for international airfare only.**

Applicants who are able to secure local funding to cover the full cost of participating in the workshop may also apply. These applications must include a completed Sponsorship Form.

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***WomenLead* in Repositioning Reproductive Health**

Reproductive health (RH) is a crucial component of development, yet access to quality services that meet the needs of women and their families remains a challenge. Governments and donors face funding constraints and competing health priorities. HIV and AIDS have led many already overburdened health systems to prioritize the pandemic to the disadvantage of RH services. Calls to integrate family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) services with HIV programs have gone largely unnoticed, and political realities have all but removed adolescent reproductive health from current health portfolios. Results are as expected—decreases in contraceptive prevalence, increased unmet need for family planning, continued high maternal mortality, widespread gender-based violence, unplanned pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, and stove-piped service delivery programs.

The ***WomenLead* in Repositioning Reproductive Health** workshop is designed to address these challenges by developing a cadre of confident and highly skilled women who can assume leadership in advocating effective reproductive health policies, programs, and increased funding streams; reinvigorate health sectors with effective reproductive health services; and design and implement integrated service delivery models that reflect best practices.

WomenLead participants are early to mid-career women from civil society, government, and political bodies who are currently working to ensure access to gender-sensitive, quality FP/RH services at national, sub-national or community levels. The workshop is open to applicants from priority countries (see cover page) who meet the following criteria:

- Minimum 5 – 7 years experience working in RH programming or advocacy;
- Demonstrated commitment to promoting women’s leadership in reproductive health;
- Proven ability to meaningfully engage in policymaking at local or national levels;
- Demonstrated motivation and ability to bring about change at community or national levels; and
- High level of proficiency in English.

The three-week workshop is intensive and highly participatory. Working in a supportive learning environment participants enhance technical knowledge and skills, engage in south-south exchange, and develop strategies for effective RH advocacy efforts. ***WomenLead*** leverages the rich and varied technical expertise of the Washington DC RH community to offer the latest data and information on successful programming approaches and advocacy tools for expanded and improved family planning, maternal health, and adolescent reproductive health. Major workshop themes include:

- Policy Analysis and Advocacy—situational analysis of national RH programs and policies; data for effective advocacy; advocacy skills development; creation of advocacy strategies.
- Leadership—assessment of leadership traits, styles, and sources of influence; action planning.
- Strategic Communication—application of strategic communication techniques to educate, motivate, and mobilize communities, decision makers, and institutions for change.
- Technical Updates—emerging contraceptive technologies, application of the RAPID Model, safe motherhood initiatives, gender integration, constructive male engagement, RH and HIV/AIDS integration, etc.

Participants will also have opportunities to address U.S. audiences through public events in Washington, DC to increase awareness of RH challenges in their countries and promote increased commitment to international FP/RH programs.

Application Form

Please type or print in ink

PARTICIPANT NAME:

surname

first/given

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DATE OF BIRTH:

day

month

year

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:

ORGANIZATION:

JOB TITLE:

WORK ADDRESS:

city

state

country

postal code

WORK PHONE:

FAX:

include country and city codes

include country and city codes

Is your position: Salaried Voluntary

PRIMARY E-MAIL ADDRESS:

SECONDARY E-MAIL ADDRESS:

HOME ADDRESS:

city

state

country

postal code

HOME / MOBILE PHONE:

FAX:

include country and city codes

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| EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND | | | |
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| NAME AND LOCATION OF INSTITUTION | FIELD OF STUDY | DEGREE | YEAR |
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FIELDS OF WORK AND AREAS OF INTEREST

Please indicate below your organization’s primary fields of work and your personal areas of interest.

ORGANIZATIONAL FIELDS OF WORK

*Please check the areas that best describe **your organization’s** work. **Check All that Apply***

Reproductive Health

- Family Planning / Reproductive Health
- Adolescent Reproductive Health
- Maternal and Child Health

HIV and AIDS

- Prevention
- Care, Treatment, and Support
- Stigma and Discrimination
- Orphans & Vulnerable Children

Education

- Formal / Non-formal Education
- Vocational

Democracy & Governance

- Civil Society Strengthening
- Conflict Mitigation & Management
- Human Rights / Women’s Rights
- Trafficking
- Women’s Political Participation

Income Generation

- Micro-finance / Micro-credit
- Small / Medium Business Development

AREAS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

*Please check the areas of **greatest interest to you personally**. **Check All that Apply***

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Personal Skill Areas: *Please check the **areas in which you have the strongest skills**. **Check All that Apply**.*

- Advocacy
- Institution Building
- Program Management
- Financial Management
- Gender
- Research
- Training
- Communications

APPLICANT ESSAY

Respond to the following questions below or on a separate sheet of paper. The combined answers should not exceed two pages.

- 1. Learning Objectives:** Identify the personal learning objectives you hope to achieve as a result of participating in this training program.

- 2. Organizational Context:** a) Briefly describe the key RH program areas and activities of your organization; b) Briefly describe your role within the organization.

- 3. Advocacy:** a) Briefly describe your advocacy experience; b) Explain the importance of RH advocacy to you personally and to your community and country more broadly.

- 4. Recent Achievement:** Briefly describe a recent achievement related to one of the key topics of this workshop of which you are particularly proud and its impact.

- 5. Application of Learning:** How will you apply the learning from the workshop to improve reproductive health in your community and country?

APPLICANT STATEMENT

Participation in the *WomenLead in Repositioning Reproductive Health* workshop entails responsibilities as well as benefits. Please sign the statement below to indicate your understanding of these responsibilities.

I understand that if my application is accepted and I attend the workshop, I will be expected to:

- 1.** Arrive no later than the day before the workshop and stay through the end of the workshop.
- 2.** Actively participate in all workshop sessions.
- 3.** Complete the workshop evaluations (daily, final, and six-month follow-up).

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Supervisor Form

NAME OF APPLICANT:

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Describe the applicant's knowledge and skills related to reproductive health advocacy and/or programming:

3. How will your organization benefit from the applicant's participation in the workshop?

Participation in the workshop involves active discussion with and presentations to other participants and organizations. Applicants, therefore, must have a level of proficiency in English to enable them to participate fully in the program.

Yes, the applicant's English is proficient. **No**, the applicant's English is not proficient.

SUPERVISOR'S NAME:

TITLE:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

include country and city codes

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Supervisor form must be signed and returned under separate cover to vlanteigne@cedpa.org.

Sponsorship Form

All applicants applying for scholarships must ensure that the cost of their international airfare will be covered by a sponsor. Please ask your sponsor to complete this form and return it to CEDPA.

An official letter from your sponsor must accompany this sponsorship form. The letter must be on official letterhead and signed by your sponsor to verify your sponsorship.

- I have attached the sponsorship letter with my application.
- I will send the sponsorship letter separately once the sponsor is confirmed.
- I am still searching for a sponsor.

PARTICIPANT NAME:

surname

first/given

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:

NAME OF SPONSORING AGENCY OR PROJECT:

NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER:

TITLE:

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

city

state

country

postal code

WORK PHONE:

E-MAIL:

FAX:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

| Scholarship Applicants: International Airfare to be Covered by Sponsor | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> International Travel | For applicants Round trip airfare from your home to Washington, DC (for scholarship applicants) | |
| Other Applicants: All Workshop Expenses to be Covered by Sponsor | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition | Includes workshop materials , US domestic travel and medical insurance (for non scholarship applicants) | USD \$5,458 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lodging & Meals | Assumes arrival 1-2 days prior to workshop, departure 1 day after workshop, lodging in double room and meals while in Washington, DC, and reimbursement for US visa | USD \$5,597 |

Please check one method of payment:

Wire transfer to CEDPA's bank account

Institutional check mailed to CEDPA