

1. JOB: Consultant to develop UN Award for Youth (UNAY)

Deadline 24 June 2011

YUNGA in collaboration with the International Award, WAGGGS, WOSM and a number of UN agencies is developing UNAY a self development scheme for youth aged 14 to 25 years. The scheme will also youth to undertake activities related to the MDGs and Global Citizenship. YUNGA is looking for someone to join the team to finalize the handbook and support the coordination of the pilot testing for a 4 month period. The person we are looking for should:

1. Have been in the Scouts or Guides for a minimum of 1 year.
2. Should have completed at least the bronze Duke of Edinburgh's award or similar scheme under the International award.
3. Preferable to have some back ground experience in education or being a youth leader.
4. Knowledge of environmental, social and international issues.
5. Strong English writing skills essential (Spanish and French would also be a benefit).
6. Have completed a University Degree in relevant field.

The person will likely be located in London (to be confirmed).

If interested please send your CV to reuben.sessa@fao.org

2. USAID Offers up to 6 Grants

USAID APS: Scaling up HIV/AIDS Prevention Activities for Most-at-Risk Populations, People living with HIV/AIDS and Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Ghana

Deadline: September 1, 2011

United States Government (USG), as represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission in Ghana, is seeking applications from qualified U.S. and non-U.S., nonprofit or for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGO's), and international organizations to support a program entitled 'Scaling up HIV/AIDS Prevention Activities for Most-at-Risk Populations, People living with HIV/AIDS and Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Ghana.'

Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$3,600,000.00 in total USD funding to be allocated over the two year period.

USAID anticipates awarding not more than six (6) grants in total: five (5) grants will be awarded for HIV prevention programs targeting MARP and condom activations and one (1) grant for OVC programs for 2 years.

Program Summary and Objectives

USG's HIV interventions are guided by a five year Partnership Framework signed between the Governments of Ghana and the United States of America, in support of the GOG's National Strategic Plan and the National Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS).

Overall, the Partnership seeks to reduce the number of new infections, expand and improve the care and treatment of PLHIV, strengthen the policy environment, and strengthen health systems at both the national and community levels. USG focuses its prevention efforts on most-at-risk populations (MARP): male and female sex workers (M&FSW) including those engaged in informal and transactional sex, their clients and partners; MSM-, and PLHA, especially the 70% in discordant relationships, and their

partners. USG's prevention strategy with these groups emphasizes ten key behaviors to achieve prevention goals, namely; correct and consistent use of condoms during every sexual encounter to reduce the risk of HIV infection/re-infection and other STIs; correct and consistent use of lubricants with condoms during every act with anal sex; testing to know your HIV status and encouraging regular partners to get tested to know their status; adherence to prescribed ART, TB and STI medications; faithfulness; negotiating condom and lubricant use-, partner disclosure and partner protection: active participation of people affected with HIV in HIV/AIDS programming and interventions, eat healthy; and protect yourself against infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and diarrhea.

Eligibility

To qualify for funding, organizations must:

- be US-based organizations or non-US organizations registered and working in Ghana;
- have documented experience in implementing HIV/AIDS prevention programs in Ghana, especially in working with at least one of the focused MARP (FSW, MSM and PLHA);
- have links with community based support systems and non-government organizations.

Last date for submission of application is September 1, 2011

For more details and information, please visit this :

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=98356>

3. Call for Participation: Special Blog Series on: Agriculture, ICTs and Young Professionals

Did you know that the **International Year of Youth** is underway?

The **United Nations International Year of Youth** runs from August 2010 until August 2011, and it celebrates and advocates Dialogue and Mutual Understanding.

To celebrate a year of global efforts towards working with youth on issues critical to the next generation, **e-Agriculture** and **YPARD** (Young Professionals' Platform on Agricultural Research for Development) will launch a series of special blogs from **6 June to 12 August 2011** in English, French and Spanish, to highlight the experiences of Young Professionals in agriculture and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for rural development.

Everyone is invited to promote the ideals of peace, freedom, progress and solidarity towards the promotion of youth development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

This is the occasion to get your voice heard! Why not write a Blog to represent your views and opinion and take part in real dialogue with a willingness to understand each others' views?

"Youth should be given a chance to take an active part in the decision-making of local, national and global levels." **United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.**

OBJECTIVE

The e-Agriculture Community and YPARD invite you to share your thoughts in a Blog, to address the issues surrounding the field of agriculture, young professionals and Information and Communications Technologies for Development (ICT4D). Selected blogs will be published and shared with the combined

networks of e-Agriculture and YPARD: close to 9,000 individuals from more than 150 countries and territories.

WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE

Our series of bloggers involve experts and non-experts in ICTs! The objective is that everyone gains from the knowledge and perspectives of others according to their field of expertise: agriculture, ICTs and/or youth issues.

This will be an opportunity for Young Professionals to be heard and share their views!

Feedback from 'experienced professionals' is also most welcomed; you don't have to be young to be a youth champion.

RELATED TOPICS TO YOUTH, AGRICULTURE AND ICTs

These are some suggested topics from which you could share your thoughts, but you may also propose any other theme that you would like to discuss in reference to agricultural production, agricultural research, advisory services, natural resource management, sustainable development, etc.

- The role of ICTs in increasing the attractiveness of agriculture for young people
- Reflection on the changing nature of agriculture and how young people can use ICTs to modernize it
- Young entrepreneurs using ICTs for agriculture
- How ICTs can help to bridge the rural-urban divide for young agriculturalists?
- How can ICTs bridge the gender gap among young agriculturalists?
- Life and work aspirations for young persons and how ICT and agriculture fits in
- Relevance of higher education in agriculture and ICTs for today's young professionals

SUBMISSION

You may submit your article in English, Spanish and/or French. The length of your blog post should range between 500 and 2000 words. If you have graphs, images, pictures or videos to accompany your blog, we would welcome those as well!

This series of blogs will be launched on **6 June**, and it will run until **12 August, 2011**. So, get started and send us your articles with a short bio telling us about you at: info@ypard.net or info@e-Agriculture.org