

Stories of Mothers Saved - call for participation

The <<http://www.whiteribbonalliance.org/>> White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood (WRA) and the <<http://www.unfpa.org/public/>> United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) are pleased to share with you the instructions for participation and small grants application for Stories of Mothers Saved.

Stories of Mothers Saved will collect the stories of women who are living – who did not die needlessly in pregnancy or childbirth – due to a key action taken by her, her family or community, a health worker, political leader or others. These stories will highlight what works and what must be done at all levels – from providing girls access to education, to saving money to secure transportation to the health facility when labor begins, to having access to family planning services, to receiving an emergency caesarean section, to attending a well equipped and staffed facility because the government prioritized maternal and newborn health.

The Stories of Mothers Saved will be told using photography, written stories, and video and audio. To contribute, participants must submit the following materials to the WRA Global Secretariat:

- * A written account of the woman's story.
- * Photographs: 1) of the woman featured in the story; 2) of the woman with her family; and 3) that detail the barriers she overcame that saved her life.
- * Video or audio interviews with the woman where she describes her experience, as well as interviews with other important persons involved and related to her story.
- * Completed forms in the 'Instructions for Participation.'

We are already very excited by the positive responses we have received from the WRA membership in our announcement of this initiative and look forward to your submission of materials. Click here to download the ' <<http://www.whiteribbonalliance.org/images/upload/Instructions%20for%20Participation%20-%20Stories%20of%20Mothers%20Saved%20FINAL.doc>> Instructions for Participation.' We would be happy to receive any of your stories, whether or not you apply for a grant. However, those who do apply for grant funding will be required to record their stories on film or audio.

Click here to download the <<http://www.whiteribbonalliance.org/images/upload/Stories%20of%20Mothers%20Saved%20-%20Small%20Grant%20Application.xls>> Application for Small Grants.'The deadline for this application is Monday, 1 February 2010. All materials are due to the Global Secretariat by Friday, 2 April 2010.

- * All participants are encouraged to send materials earlier if possible as the WRA and UNFPA will showcase a selection of these stories and materials for International Women's Day on 8 March 2010.
- * Stories of Mothers Saved will have its official debut at the <<http://www.womendeliver.org/conference2010/index.htm>> Women Deliver Conference 2010 from 7 – 9 June 2010 in Washington, D.C.

Please know that these instructions and materials will be provided on our website soon in both English and in French. Do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or comments you have to <<mailto:wra1@whiteribbonalliance.org>> wra1@whiteribbonalliance.org.

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