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Dear Partners,

Thank you to all Partners who submitted your monthly reports in January. We have enjoyed reading them and speaking to you about your projects over the past month.

Below are a few updates from the IYF Make a Connection Team:

- **Global Make a Connection Interim Report:**

On March 1, we've submitted to Nokia the 10th Global Make a Connection Interim Report, which includes 2-4 page reports on each individual country project. You should expect to receive the final versions of your project report and Performance Monitoring Table from your regional manager over the next week.

- **Annual Meeting:**

Thank you to everyone who submitted the Agenda Survey for the Make a Connection Annual Meeting. We are in the process of analyzing your feedback and developing an agenda for the event. The meeting will begin with a welcome reception on Tuesday evening, 20 June and last through Thursday evening, 22 June. Due to a large number of international events occurring in Glasgow during this week, we recommend that you purchase your airplane tickets as soon as possible. More information on both the Make a Connection and the Annual Partner Meetings will follow. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Michelle Szechenyi at mszechenyi@iyfnet.org.

- **Lessons Learned:**

As you may know, Make a Connection is working to develop a Collection of Lessons Learned (3-5 page documents) to promote the sharing of knowledge and experience among program Partners. These lessons will address issues of project management, design and implementation. Once final, the documents will be shared with the entire Network.

Attached you will find an initial list of themes for these lessons, as well as the Partners that we would like to profile in each piece.

In most cases we will be responsible for writing the document, however if you would be interested in drafting a piece for your project, please let us know. In either case, we will be contacting you to understand your experience better and put it in a context that is accessible to other Partners. We know that multiple countries have valuable experiences to contribute to a particular topic, however we are trying to limit the number of projects profiled in each piece in order to fully explore the issue in just a few pages.

Please review the attached list of themes and let us know by **15 March 2006** if these topics would be of interest to you or if there are any important themes that you think we may have left out. Please also let us know if you have questions about why your country is (or is not) listed as a resource for one of the topics. If you have any questions on this project, please feel free to contact your regional manager and/or Michelle Szechenyi at mszechenyi@iyfnet.org.

- **Brandeis Update:**

Just a reminder to all partners to please use the Brandeis survey tools to collect pre- and post- data on all new project participants in 2006. If you have any questions about this, please contact Susan Pezzullo at spezzullo@iyfnet.org.

- **Partner Exchanges:**

We encourage you to take advantage of Make a Connection funds available in 2006 to support international exchanges between

projects. If someone from your project (staff or beneficiaries) is interested in an exchange with another country this year, please contact your regional manager by **15 March 2006** to discuss further.

Staffing Transitions:

Make a Connection is pleased to welcome Ms. Malou Durve as the new Project Coordinator for Jantje Beton in the Netherlands.

Best wishes,

IYF Make a Connection Team