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Subject: Make a Connection Monthly Update - June 2006

Make a Connection June 2006 Global E-mail

Greetings Partners!

It was great to see everyone in Glasgow! This month's e-mail contains important updates, so please take a few minutes to review the items below and corresponding attachments.

*Warm wishes,
IYF Make a Connection team*

Make a Connection Annual Meeting:

Thank you to everyone for your participation in this year's Make a Connection Annual Meeting. It was a great success. We are in the process of writing a report of the meeting and will send that out by the end of the month. In the meantime, a number of you have asked about reimbursement for travel expenses. IYF will reimburse for roundtrip airfare (up to the limits we established) and roundtrip taxi transportation between the airport in Glasgow and the Crowne Plaza Hotel (at a flat rate of £25 per taxi). To apply for this reimbursement, you must submit a completed version of the attached "Travel Reimbursement Form" with appropriate receipts (including passenger receipt, travel itinerary, boarding passes and taxi receipts) to Karin Akins (kakins@iyfnet.org). **The deadline for receipt of reimbursement requests is 31 August 2006.** Unfortunately, there cannot be any exceptions for late submissions.

Interim Report:

Just a reminder that **interim reports are due on 1 August 2006.** If you have any questions regarding your performance monitoring table or how to submit your report, please contact your regional manager.

Life Skills Definitions:

In advance of this year's annual meeting, we sent out the attached (draft) revised set of Make a Connection life skills definitions. Please review these definitions and send any comments/questions to Michelle Szechenyi (mszechenyi@iyfnet.org) by 31 July 2006. Based upon comments we receive, we will finalize the definitions.

Field Notes:

Limited copies of the first three editions of the *Field Notes* series were available for partners at the Annual Meeting. For anyone wanting additional copies, we have attached PDF versions of each publication. Please feel free to distribute these publications. Comments/feedback from partners on

these publications would be welcome. Please address them to Michelle Szechenyi (mszechenyi@iyfnet.org).

The Development Gateway Foundation Award:

The Development Gateway Foundation has announced its 2006 Award with the following theme: ICT for the Empowerment of Youth. Please see the link below for more information on the award and to determine if your organization may qualify. <http://www.developmentgateway.org/award>

Make a Connection Website:

As of July 19, www.makeaconnection.org will be phased out of operation. Visitors to the site will be directed to www.iyfnet.org and www.nokia.com/communityinvolvement to access information about the global initiative and country level programs. If you have any questions about the website, please consult your regional manager.

Country learning section:

For the past several months, we have used the learning section of this monthly email to share youth development and program management articles. During the annual meeting, you expressed that you wanted more opportunities to showcase your own experiences and learning with each other. In response to this feedback, we propose that you write highlights on interesting elements, learnings or events from your programs during the month. If you are interested, please submit one short paragraph describing your highlight to Karin Akins (kakins@iyfnet.org). We will share one each month, so keep the ideas coming!

Picture of the Month:

