

Manitoba Reaches out to Pakistan



As appeals for relief continue, funds from Manitoba are providing food, shelter, health care and support to those most affected by the recent floods in Pakistan. Thanks to a generous commitment from the provincial government, Manitobans and Manitoba organizations are on the ground saving lives and livelihoods.

Earlier this month, the Government of Manitoba announced it would be providing \$200,000 for relief and rehabilitation in Pakistan. These funds were presented to the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) for distribution among its member organizations involved in operations in Pakistan.

"As it has in the past, the Manitoba Government has shown its commitment to those beyond our borders by springing into action and pledging funds right after the disaster struck," said Janice Hamilton, Executive Director of MCIC.

The \$200,000 in funds has been distributed to four of MCIC's members including Plan International Canada (\$50,000), Save the Children Canada (\$50,000), Hope International Development Agency (\$50,000) and Canadian Churches in Action (\$50,000) (which includes Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Mennonite Central Committee and the United Church of Canada). These organizations, as well as some other MCIC members, are still actively seeking donations from Manitobans. Many accept donations online.

The provincial pledge for Pakistan marks the third time this year that Manitoba has provided funds for natural disasters. In early 2010, the Government of Manitoba provided \$200,000 for Haiti and \$100,000 for relief in Chile. In late 2009, \$100,000 was also provided for disaster relief in the Philippines.

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Manitoba's Annual Funder's Forum

September 10, 2010

8:30am - 12:00pm

Location: Delta Hotel, 350 St. Mary Ave.

Volunteer Manitoba is pleased to present our 6th annual Funder's Forum! The event will include breakfast, presentations from prominent funding organizations, a keynote address by Mike Fernandes of Strategy Makers on resiliency in fundraising, networking opportunities, and a trade booth area. Contact Volunteer Manitoba at (204) 477 5180 for more information.

Public Engagement Group Meeting: Social Media for Non-Profits

September 14, 2010

10:30am

Location: Foodgrains Bank Office, 400-393 Portage Ave (inside Portage Place)

MCIC members and the Public Engagement Group are invited to attend this month's PEG meeting. There will be a teleconference presentation by social media specialist Mark LeClair from the World University Service of Canada. Please contact Zack Gross at (204) 987 6420 or mngmp@mcic.ca for more information and to register.

Forum: Manitoba Federation of Non-Profit Organizations

October 1 and 2

begins 6:30pm on October 1 and ends at 4:00pm on October 2.

Location: Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg, 181 Higgins Ave.

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MCC Collecting Supplies for School Kits

For children whose lives have been interrupted by war, disaster and poverty, school kits mean the possibility of a better future and the knowledge that people far away care about them. Ten Thousand Villages is once again collecting supplies for school kits, which will be sent by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to children around the world.

Each kit contains four notebooks, four un-sharpened pencils, a ruler, a large eraser and a package of 12 coloured pencils. These supplies are packed in hand-sewn fabric bags and distributed by MCC partner agencies in schools and orphanages in Haiti, Afghanistan, Iraq, Ukraine, Sudan and many other countries. More than 100,000 school kits are distributed every year.

This is the 15th year that Ten Thousand Villages has collected school kits for MCC. The fabric bags and list of supplies are available at Ten Thousand Villages at 134 Plaza Dr. and 963 Henderson Hwy, or visit www.TenThousandVillages.ca or www.mcc.org/kits/school.



This is a call to all non-profit organizational Chairs or Board Presidents and Executive Directors or Chief Executive Officers to discuss the current state of the non-profit sector, engage the Province of Manitoba, and provide input on the strategic direction of the Manitoba Federation of Non-Profit Organizations going forward. Contact Evelyn Yarn at (204) 272 6088 or mfnpo.evelyn@gmail.com.

CRA's New Guidance on Activities Outside of Canada for Registered Charities

October 6, 2010

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: TBA

This workshop will provide an overview of CRA requirements for foreign activities by Canadian registered charities and what is "new" with CRA's guidance. The workshop will be conducted by Canadian charity lawyer Mark Blumberg, who is a partner at Blumberg Segal LLP. Those involved at any level of decision making for activities outside of Canada are invited to attend. For more information and to register, please contact Zack Gross at (204) 987 6420 or mgmgp@mcic.ca.

MCIC Community Solidarity Fund Training Session

October 12

10:00am

October 13

6:30pm

(same session offered at two different times)

Location: MCIC office, 302-280 Smith St. Winnipeg.

The Community Solidarity Fund (CSF) is designed to make small amounts of money - up to \$5,000 per project - available to Manitoba not-for-profit, charitable, community-based organizations involved in development projects overseas (non-MCIC members). If you are interested in applying, you must attend one of these training sessions. For information please contact Zack Gross at (204) 987 6420 or mgmgp@mcic.ca.

MCIC Welcomes Newest Member: Canadian Humanitarian

The Canadian Humanitarian Organization for International Relief became an MCIC member in June. Canadian Humanitarian's mission is to break the cycle of poverty by providing orphaned and vulnerable children and their families with access to healthcare, education, vocational training and the basic necessities of life such as nutrition and shelter.

Opportunity for Volunteers

In July, Canadian Humanitarian travelled to Ethiopia with 14 masters' students and staff from the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba. The University of Manitoba staff gave a 2 day in-service, and 2 week classroom application instruction to each of the projects. Some great relationships were forged that will never be forgotten. A highlight for everyone was the day long Inter-Center Soccer Tournament.



Over 200 children showed up to either play, or cheer on the players. The expedition volunteers expressed how much they love the courage, strength and warmth of the Ethiopian people they lived and worked with. They feel they will never be the same. Canadian Humanitarian would like to thank the July volunteers for a wonderful exchange and experience with the youth and staff at our projects in Ethiopia! If you would like to travel to Ethiopia with us, visit www.canadianhumanitarian.com for more information.

Special Events from Accountable Development Works

October 22

At this evening event hosted at St. John's College, Accountable Development Works will be hosting a public lecture by Mariatu Kamara and David Pankratz. Mariatu Kamara is the widely respected author of *The Bite of the Mango* which chronicles her experiences as a victim of the war in Sierra Leone. Her advocacy on behalf of children and women touched by conflict has taken her across the globe from Geneva to Freetown, as has her work as a UNICEF Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflict. David Pankratz is the current Director of the Institute for Community Peacebuilding at the University of Winnipeg, David has done field audits and financially-related work with organizations in about 30 countries, mostly in Africa but also in Central America and the Middle East.

October 23

Accountable Development Works is excited to host the first-ever ADW Global Development Conference in Winnipeg. In conjunction with the conference will be the media launch of ADW's Global Conversation Exhibit. The conference will focus on aid effectiveness and will be a great opportunity for students of all levels interested in development to meet with and learn directly from experienced practitioners, academics and advocates.

If you are interested in either of these events, please contact Jason at director@accountabledev.com.



Opportunities with MCIC

Public Relations Coordinator

Reporting directly to the Executive Director and receiving input from other staff members, the Public Relations Coordinator is responsible for implementing a communications plan for the Council. The ideal applicant will have a degree in a related field and 3 years of experience in communications. A sound knowledge of international development issues is also required. For more information and applications requirements, please visit mcic.ca/opportunities/. The deadline for applications is September 10, 2010 at 5:00pm.

Youth Engagement Coordinator

Reporting directly to the Executive Director and receiving input from MCIC's public engagement staff team, the Youth Engagement Coordinator is responsible for planning and execution of events, public engagement activities and workshops for youth and schools. This is a full-time term position. The ideal candidate will have experience working with youth and a sound knowledge of international development issues. For more information and applications requirements, please visit mcic.ca/opportunities/. The deadline for applications is September 10, 2010 at 5:00pm.

L-I-T-E Presents: **SHOP OUTSIDE the BOX** 2010 Ethical Purchasing Expo

Don't Be Tricked. Shop Outside The Box.

September 24th, 8 am to 3pm
Manitoba Hydro Gallery (371 Portage Avenue)

Lunch Event: 'Fair Trade Chocolate Tasting Presentation' 12:00 pm
'Fair Trade Prizes to be Won'

Event Sponsors: THE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION, Manitoba Hydro

For more information visit: www.lite.mb.ca

Global Citizenship: Local News Edition is a publication of the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation. This monthly e-newsletter includes information on local events/activities that relate to the international development efforts and other initiatives of MCIC's member organizations and other local groups. **Send submissions to pr@mcic.ca.**

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