

Health promoting schools in cities



1. Background

There is substantial evidence indicating that the health of children is inextricably linked to early and fair opportunities for learning. Similarly, the level of an individual's education influences their health over a lifetime.

Governments have a primary responsibility to ensure that the conditions for schooling are the best they can be. This can be achieved through establishing health-promoting schools, which organize and link different aspects of the learning environment leading to better health outcomes and better performance in school. Health-promoting schools enable children to learn more about their own health and enable them to transmit positive values to others. Children and youth can influence health of their families and communities as well.

To be effective, the health sector must engage with partners. Health-promoting schools can only be realized by cooperation between health and education sectors. Perhaps more importantly, parents and communities have a key role to play in ensuring that governments take action to build healthier schools for all children. Civil society, faith-based organizations, corporations and non-governmental organizations are also stakeholders for advancing policy for the universal uptake of the health-promoting schools concept.

2. Good Practice Award

The World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific calls for application for good practices in Healthy Cities as follows:



Awards given:

Outstanding, innovative, successful practices and approaches of health promoting schools in a city.

Eligible applicants:

All members of the Alliance for Healthy Cities

Materials to be submitted:

A written report and other supporting materials describing (1) the approaches and activities undertaken to establish health promoting schools; (2) measurable outcomes of implementing the approaches and activities; and (3) other information considered useful for evaluating the submission.

Award:

A plaque of recognition will be awarded.

Deadline for submission:

16 August 2010

3. Best Proposal Award

The World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific calls for proposals for innovative projects in Healthy Cities as follows:

Subject area:

Innovative proposals for establishing a health promoting schools in a city.

Seed money award:

USD10 000

Eligible applicants:

All members of the Alliance for Healthy Cities



Format of the proposal:

The following sections should be included:

- Background (project school, baseline information of the school, etc.)
- Objectives
- Description of strategy
- Proposed approaches and activities to establish health promoting schools
- Evaluation methodology and indicators for success
- Other pertinent information

Deadline for submission:

16 August 2010

4. Contact Information

Applications to both awards and any queries should be sent to:

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