

Announcing available funding for network activities 2010

Guideline for applications

To Key Institutions of the Childwatch International Research Network

We are announcing available funding for activities that promote the objectives of the Childwatch International Research Network. Please find attached an application form to be submitted to the Childwatch International secretariat by 1 April 2010.

Based on the discussions in the Key Institutions Assembly in Addis Ababa, the new Board will develop a strategy for 2010 – 2012.

There was general support to maintain the objectives of the present strategy, so the new strategy will be developed within the framework of the same four main objectives:

1. Strengthening of interdisciplinary child research capacity, particularly in countries and regions where this is lacking.
2. Promoting the relevance of high quality interdisciplinary child research for the implementation of rights of children, including strengthening communication between policy makers, practitioners and researchers.
3. Promoting the increase of resources allocated for child research, in particular in the majority world.
4. Promoting a network and membership structure and culture which supports the above mentioned objectives.

The Key Institutions Assembly expressed that the following issues should be focused on in the next three year period:

- Child research capacity building
 - Training for young academics
 - Strengthening of institutional capacity
 - Exchanges of junior researchers as bilateral or multi lateral projects for Key Institutions and other relevant agencies
- Participation and Governance with special emphasis on education
- Child Protection, especially violence against children
- Child Poverty
- Migration
- Child Care, in and out of families

Within all Childwatch supported initiatives it is expected that the link between academia, practice and policy making is kept high on the agenda.

The regional networks, as well as all thematic initiatives, are expected to relate to the objectives and the prioritized issues.

Applications for funding from the Childwatch International Research Network for 2010 should clearly identify how the proposed activities promote these objectives. The [Aims and Ethos](#) document presents the overall framework for our network.

Please see: <http://www.childwatch.uio.no/about/strategy/aims-ethos-strategic-approach/index.html>

Applicant and partners (see Application form part 1)

An application must be submitted by a representative of a Key Institution of the Childwatch International network. All applications should identify a Key Institution's representative as coordinator. This coordinator is responsible for:

- Reporting to the Secretariat (see point 4)
- Activity and progress
- Involving the network in important phases of the project, taking advantage of the relevant resources and knowledge available in the whole network.

He or she is also responsible for ensuring that existing channels of communication (e-mail, web based discussions, other) are being used for communication between participants in the project, network members and other stake holders and interested parties. The proposed activity must include one or more partners. Partners may be both Key Institutions and/or institutions outside of the Childwatch Network.

Continuation of established groups and networks.

Activities that are part of an established regional network, group or project will not receive funding unless their earlier activities have been reported on. A summary of activities to date and a presentation of the status of the work must be included in the application. Additional reports may be attached to the application for funding in 2010.

Instruments, events and activities (see Application form part 2)

The first part of this document and the "Aims and Ethos" are important to read before you fill in the second part of the application form.

Funding available from the Childwatch International Research Network is seed money. Childwatch International does not cover salary, research material or infrastructure.

Funding can be provided to the following networking instruments:

Regional Networks

Regional networks are networks of institutions in one given region. Childwatch International has established networks in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East. Regional networks have the opportunity to raise and address child research issues of specific importance for that particular region. The regional context offers a supportive and relevant platform for the development of capacity building and for establishing links to regional institutions with influence on child rights policies and practices.

A tentative budget frame of maximum 15.000 USD has been set aside for each of these networks. *The final approval of the budget to each of the regional networks is, however, dependent on submission of a detailed plan and budget in line with the guidelines in this document and in the application form.*

Thematic Groups

Thematic groups consist of researchers from different regions that work together to identify and investigate major questions of global significance in the lives of children. Thematic groups link local, regional and national research efforts. The results of the work undertaken in these groups has the potential to improve the international research based knowledge, practice and policy on children's issues.

Initiating new thematic groups

The network promotes the establishment of thematic groups that respond to the four objectives and the prioritized issues.

Consultancies and Partnerships

Consultancies consist of senior researchers providing capacity building for Key Institutions and their staff. This has been a successful instrument in building organizational and research capacity within the network. Childwatch International covers travel costs for the consultant. The host institution is expected to cover additional costs.

Partnerships are formal agreements between two or three institutions that see a mutual benefit in entering into a long-term collaboration for research or institutional capacity building. This may result in joint projects, setting up of thematic groups or other networking activities.

The network also accepts applications for the following activities:

- **Development of new initiatives and research proposals**
- **Representation of Childwatch International in international forums**
- **Other forms of networking that promote the main objectives of the network**

Budget (see Application form part 3)

Funds are available for networking activities (meetings, workshops, other forms of communication and information sharing). Childwatch International can cover:

Travel costs

- Accommodation and meals
- Translation
- Other meeting costs
- Publication support
- Other expenses related to information sharing

Childwatch International may fund the preparation of research applications, but does not cover costs related to the actual research.

Childwatch International does not compensate salaries for staff participating in Childwatch International group meetings. It is expected that participants in Childwatch International activities are funded by their institutions to participate in meetings and related network activities.

Childwatch International may support preparation for publication (editing of documents, translation, etc.), but does not fully fund publication outputs.

Budgets must be within reasonable limits. Childwatch International covers economy class travel. The network partners are encouraged to seek additional funding from other sources.

Conditions and expectations: Network involvement, stake holder analysis and reporting (see Application form part 4)

Communication channels

Communication channels between the participants of the activity, group or network are to be set up and used. This could entail setting up e-mail lists or other Internet based mechanisms. Such mechanisms should invite participation by other network members and other interested parties.

Network involvement

It is expected that Childwatch funded projects encourage the involvement of the Key Institutions of the network. Depending on the nature of the activity this can be done in many ways; e.g. through inviting the network to take part in the activity, by keeping the network informed throughout the process, to invite the network to give feedback on plans and project proposals.

Involving other stakeholders

A stake holder analysis should be part of the planning process. This involves identifying relevant stake holders (e.g. practitioners, non-governmental organizations, international governmental organizations and policy makers, as well as other research communities). It also entails setting up a strategy for communication with these stakeholders, involving and informing relevant policy makers and implementers.

Reporting and dissemination

The Childwatch International Research Network depends on thorough, substantial and timely reports from the network activities in order to be relevant. Reporting serves several purposes:

- Dissemination of information to the network, its partners and other interested parties through the web site, newsletter and other communication mechanisms.
- Preparing the Secretariat and Board for making good decisions, promoting and developing the network.
- Accounting for network money spent to host institution and funders.

A report must be submitted within one month after the funded activity has taken place.

Identifying partners in and outside Childwatch

By using the search function on www.childwatch.uio.no you should be able to find members of the network who have relevant research interests and capacity if you are in the process of developing a new initiative or expanding an already established group. The Secretariat is eager to provide any assistance that may be useful when developing the plan and linking up with other interested centres and organizations.

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Application procedures

The deadline for submitting the application is 1 April 2010.

Applications will be discussed and decided on in a Board Meeting being held on April 22.

Please submit your application with attachments to: **childwatch [at] uio.no**