

LARISSA AWARD



'Child Deprivation and Vulnerability in Africa'

Call for Nominations for the Larissa Award® 2014 for Outstanding Service in Addressing Child Deprivation and Vulnerability in Africa

Deadline: The nominations for the Award should be submitted
by 15th July 2014.

Nominations' forms shall be filled in and sent to larissa2014@africanchildforum.org

Or filled in online <http://www.africanchildinfo.net/larissa/index.php/nominate>

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Outstanding Service in Addressing Child Deprivation and Vulnerability in Africa

The **Larissa Award** was initiated by The African Child Policy Forum (ACPF) as part of its efforts to promote the rights and wellbeing of children in Africa through recognising and encouraging the replication of outstanding services for children. Since 2005, four awards have been given to different individuals and organisations in Africa who have made exemplary contribution to the promotion of the rights and wellbeing of children in Africa. *(Please see p.8 for more information about past Larissa Awards)*

The Award is dedicated to the memory of Larissa, a young African girl who passed away tragically at the age of five. During her short life, Larissa brought immense pleasure to her parents, grandparents and friends. She was highly sensitive, intelligent, kind and generous in her possessions. The Larissa Award symbolises the tragedy of one in ten children in Africa who die before their sixth birthday.

The main purpose of the Larissa Award is **to give recognition of exemplary initiatives taken by individuals or organisations that aim to improve the wellbeing of children in Africa**. The Award also aims to promote good practices and inspire others to adapt similar worthy initiatives that contribute to the realisation of children's rights in Africa.

Theme and scope of the Larissa Award 2014

The theme and scope of the Larissa Award is closely aligned to the theme of the International Policy Conference on the African Child (IPC), a biennial forum relating to children that brings together policymakers and practitioners both from Government and non-government sectors. The theme of the **6th IPC** to be held on **27-28 October 2014** is "Making social protection work for Children in Africa".

Therefore, the Larissa Award will be given to a civil society organisation or individual in Africa who is considered to have made an **outstanding contribution towards establishing and implementing innovative social protection schemes, or aspects of such programmes, aimed at addressing child deprivation and vulnerability**.

The instruments of social protection programmes are diverse. Therefore the programmes considered may include:

- Safety nets, such as food distribution schemes, public works and employment schemes;
- Social security programmes, such as food subsidies, community-based insurance schemes, cash and in-kind transfers; and
- Human development and child protection measures, such as fee-waiver programmes or subsidised services intended to enhance children's access to essential services such as health and education.

Emphasis will be placed on a demonstrated impact of these types of programmes on child outcomes, engagement and participation of children in the programmes themselves as well as how these programmes contribute towards an overall national social protection programme.

Why focus on social protection?

Poverty and increasing inequality, which disproportionately affect children, still remain major challenges in Africa

While significant progress has been made in reducing poverty in Africa, poverty still remains persistent and inequality is worsening. A global economic downturn, shifting demographic patterns and rapidly growing inequality have exacerbated and contributed to the persistence of poverty, particularly among vulnerable groups such as children. Deprivation among children has adverse effect throughout their life-courses and inter-generationally (ACPF 2013; Jones and Holmes, 2010). According to recent estimate by The World Bank, more than half of the children in low-income countries are in extreme poverty (World Bank 2013). It is also estimated that the non-poor are more than twice as likely to have water, and three times as likely to have access to adequate sanitation (*ibid.*). Furthermore, while the number of child labourers has declined by one third globally since 2000, sub-Saharan Africa continues to be the region with the highest incidence of child labour where more than 59 million children (21% of all children in the region) are involved (ILO 2013). The region accounts for 35 percent of all 5-17 year-old in child labour, a figure that increased by five points since 2008 (*ibid.*). Poverty and breakdown of family and social protection systems are among the key factors that increase the risk of violence against children, especially sexual violence against girls (ACPF 2014). Social protection programmes, as part of a number of different poverty reduction measures, are effective in reducing poverty and inequality as well as in addressing child deprivation and vulnerability.

The evidence for social protection as a means to improve child wellbeing in Africa is impressive

There is extensive and growing evidence that social protection programmes are effective in improving child wellbeing and child outcomes in Africa. In particular, there is evidence of these programmes improving enrolment in schools, improving access to food and improving outcomes for adolescents including reducing early pregnancy. Hence, social protection programmes have an important role at the household level in securing access to resources that children need in order to realise their full potential. However, their impact does depend on the specifics in the design, such as the amount of the transfer, the availability of quality health services, and the existence of potential for further scaling up of these programmes, which require context-specific learning and evidence.

Increasing leadership and commitment for social protection in Africa

Since the launching of the African Union Social Policy Framework, the momentum for social protection has grown stronger in Africa. There is a growing number and increasing coverage of social protection programmes in place in Africa under the leadership of national governments. In 2014, the AU has led efforts to further accelerate the work conducted by African governments to fulfil their commitments to social protection for the most vulnerable. Social protection is increasingly seen by governments as a means to invest in the most vulnerable, justified by a human rights argument as well as an economic argument. However, challenges for the implementation and scaling up of social programmes remain significant.

Who is eligible to be nominated?

Registered organisations or individual initiatives operating in an African country that are engaged in child-sensitive social protection programmes intended to address child deprivation and vulnerability are eligible to be nominated.

Process and timeframe for selection

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
Dissemination of the Call for Nominations through various outlets, websites and networks.	May 23rd 2014 onwards
Deadline for applications to be considered.	July 15th 2014
Applicants will be initially screened by an internal ACPF Committee using the below criteria. Ten organisations/individuals will be short-listed and will be contacted to provide additional information.	August 15th 2014
The ten short-listed organisations/individuals will be reviewed by a Panel of external child rights experts.	September 15th 2014
The successful organisation/individual will be informed.	September 30th 2014
The Award ceremony will take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.	October 28th 2014

What are the criteria for selection of successful candidates?

Child-sensitive social protection programmes shall have a demonstrated:

- a) **Impact** on child wellbeing and outcomes based on sound and rigorous evidence e.g. monitoring and evaluation framework.
- b) **Relevance and contribution** towards a national social protection framework and policy.
- c) **Quality** of services delivered.
- d) Opportunities and potential for **scale up** of the initiative.
- e) **Innovativeness in the approach**, targeting and implementation mechanisms.
- f) Effective **child participation** in the design and implementation.
- g) **Accountability** and transparency.
- h) **Cost effectiveness**.

How can organisations/individuals apply for the Larissa Award?

The nomination for the Larissa Award can be made by the potential candidates themselves or by other individuals or organisations who feel that the individual or organisation that they nominate satisfies the criteria.

All complete applications will be reviewed by an internal committee in ACPF to identify ten short-listed candidates. An external committee established for the selection of winners will review the profile of the nominees and evaluate their performance based on the established criteria and in light of the theme and overall objective of the Award.

In order to be considered as a nominee for the Larissa Award 2014 or nominate other individuals or organisations, **please complete the Nomination Form** below (or attached) with the required information by July 15th 2014. Please send information to:

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The Larissa Award Ceremony

ACPF will host the Larissa Award Ceremony on **28th October 2014** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Award will be presented to the successful organisation/individual in the presence of dignitaries, representatives of governments, development partners, international NGOs and CSOs, and international media.

The Larissa Award includes a **Statuette** of Larissa and a **modest financial contribution**.

For further information and any questions, the contact person at ACPF is:

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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE LARISSA AWARD 2014

1. Are you nominating

- Yourself/your organisation? **or**
 Another individual/organisation? If you are nominating another individual / organisation, please provide your personal contact details in the box below:

Who are you?

Full name:
Position/Organisation:
Tel/Mobile:
Email (work/private)
Physical address:
Postal address:
City:
Country:

2. Who/which organisation would you like to nominate?

Name of the individual or organisation you would like to nominate:

Representative's name (in case of organisation):
Telephone:
Mobile:
Emails:
Website:
Physical address:
Postal address:
City:
Country:

3. Please provide the programme's title, goal and objectives, scope, and timeframe (max. 500 words):

Please type your answer here.

Programme's title:

Goal:

Objectives:

Scope:

Timeframe:

4. Additional programme's information:

Please type your answer here.

Geographic location or area of intervention/operation:

Description of the target population:

Annual budget:

5. Further rationale/justification of the programme: please provide narrative in relation to each of the below criterion (max 300 words per criteria):

Please type your answer here.

- Impact on child wellbeing and outcomes based on sound and rigorous evidence (e.g. monitoring and evaluation framework):
- Relevance and contribution towards a national child-sensitive social protection framework and policy:
- Quality of services delivered:
- Opportunities and potential for scale up of the initiative:
- Innovativeness in the approach, targeting and implementation mechanisms:
- Existence of an effective child participation mechanism in the design and implementation:
- Accountability and transparency:
- Cost effectiveness:

6. Please provide supporting documents (such as annual reports, evaluation reports, or other relevant documents that provide background information on the programme). **Please provide a list of the attached supported documents:**

About past Larissa Awards...

More information on Larissa website: www.africanchildforum.org/larissa



The Larissa Award 2012 went to the National Association of Child Care Workers of South Africa for its Isibindi (meaning 'courage' in IsiZulu) initiative, a community-based care and protection intervention option for children. The 67 Isibindi projects have been replicated across South African provinces, serving over 100,000 children who would otherwise have fallen outside of the care and protection matrix.

The Larissa Award 2010 was given to Katalamwa Cheshire Home (Uganda) for its outstanding service to children with disabilities. Katalamwa Cheshire Home provided 40 years community services with innovative solutions engaging parents and stakeholders, and depending on local experts.



The Larissa Award 2007 went to Kembatta Women's Self-Help Centre based in Ethiopia for its outstanding service towards ending all forms of violence against children. Kembatta Women's Self-Help Centre campaigned against Female Genital Mutilation in Kembata Zone to reduce its prevalence from 100% to 10% in 10 years.

The Larissa Award 2005 was given to l'Espoir d'Adjouffou (Côte d'Ivoire). L'Espoir d'Adjouffou is known for its outstanding services in providing shelter, respect and affection to orphans who lack parental care, protection and love.

