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NEWS FROM THE MEDIA SCENE:

- News service offers free material to African newspapers

Journalists and news editors from all over the world have free access to a news service called the PUSH Journal (**P**eriodic **U**pdates of **S**exual and **R**eproductive **H**ealth Issues **A**round the **W**orld). PUSH publishes material from 5,000 media outlets through LexisNexus, a database including newspaper articles from around the world.

The user designate which region he would like to receive news from -- whether it be one of five African sub-regions, all of Africa, or the entire world. From their selected region, the members can receive updates from any number of the 19 topics, which include AIDS & HIV, Safe Motherhood, Adolescents & Youth, and Men's Role in Reproductive Health.

Cecilia Snyder of the Communications Consortium Media Center, one of the non-profit organizations that produce the PUSH Journal, said many articles relevant to Africa are featured in the news service: "African journalists find the service helpful in their work."

Members receive their customized personal editions in emails, which are sent out five days a week in both HTML and plaintext format. The full text feature allows articles to be downloaded and printed out for filing or reading. Members also have access to online versions of their personal editions through the website. The website provides an archive of past articles, useful links, and a search facility enabling members to view articles by topic area.

The PUSH Journal is funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and is free to journalists and other media-related professionals. Those wishing to subscribe to this news service must apply for membership through the PUSH Journal website:
<http://www.PUSHjournal.org>.