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## 1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

### **[News] UN General Assembly Must Urgently “Unite For Peace” In Syria As Humanitarian Catastrophe Unfolds In Aleppo – Global Coalition**

1<sup>st</sup> of December 2016- As the fall of Aleppo looms amid untold humanitarian catastrophe, over 220 civil society organizations from 45 countries, including over 25 from the UK, have issued a declaration saying that the UN Security Council has “failed to uphold its responsibility to protect the Syrian people”.

[Full article](#) (Save the children)

### **[News] Across the Middle East and North Africa, conflict threatens decades of progress for children**

11<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 - Nearly one in five children across the Middle East and North Africa is in need of immediate humanitarian assistance, according to UNICEF. Over the past 70 years, countries across the region have made major strides in protecting children's rights and wellbeing. But, today, as UNICEF marks its 70th anniversary, violent conflict, poverty and displacement have created dire conditions for children, pushing almost 29 million boys and girls to the brink, and reversing decades of steady progress.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

### **[News] UNICEF commemorates 70 years of tireless work for the world's most vulnerable children**

11<sup>th</sup> of December – On the 70th anniversary of its founding, UNICEF celebrates the immense progress made for the world's children – and renews the urgent call to reach millions of children whose lives and futures are endangered by conflict, crisis, poverty, inequality and discrimination.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

### **[News] Nearly a quarter of the world's children live in conflict or disaster-stricken countries: UNICEF**

9<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 – An estimated 535 million children – nearly one in four – live in countries affected by conflict or disaster, often without access to medical care, quality education, proper nutrition and protection, UNICEF said today. Sub-Saharan Africa is home to nearly three-quarters – 393 million – of the global number of children living in countries affected by emergencies, followed by the Middle East and North Africa where 12 per cent of these children reside.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

### **[News] School “as vital as food and medicine” for children caught up in conflict and other emergencies: EU & UNICEF**

6 of December 2016 – Braving the consequences of war, natural disaster and other emergencies, nearly 2 million children in 20 countries around the world have been able to continue their schooling over the past four years as a result of a partnership between the European Commission's department for humanitarian aid and civil protection and UNICEF.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

### **[News] New film featuring UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham highlights urgent need to end violence against children**

5<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 - A powerful new film featuring UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham was released today to illustrate the brutal reality that physical and psychological abuse can mark children forever. During the new 60-second UNICEF film, scenes of violence against children appear as animated tattoos on David Beckham's body.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

### **[News] New HIV infections among adolescents projected to rise by nearly 60 per cent by 2030 if progress stalls – UNICEF**

1<sup>st</sup> of December 2016 - New HIV infections among adolescents are projected to rise from 250,000 in 2015 to nearly 400,000 annually by 2030 if progress in reaching adolescents stalls, according to a new report released by UNICEF today.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

## **[News] Where 30 Million 'Missing' Girls in China Actually Went**

1<sup>st</sup> of December 2016 - A recent study "discovered" millions of missing girls lost to China's one-child policy, and the results also shine a light on China's propensity to favor sons over daughters. Over the last few years, China's problem of gender imbalance has been widely reported by media outlets. Experts determined that anywhere from 30 to 60 million girls were missing from the population, thanks to the country's one-child policy originally introduced in 1979.

[Full article](#) (Broadly)

## **[Nouvelles] Singapour, un modèle pour faire réussir les élèves ?**

13 décembre 2016 - Singapour, champion de la réussite scolaire, est-il pour autant un exemple à suivre ? La cité-Etat du sud-est asiatique obtient le plus haut score de la grande enquête PISA sur les acquis des élèves de 15 ans, publiée la semaine dernière, qui porte sur les sciences, les mathématiques et la compréhension de l'écrit. Alors qu'en moyenne, dans les soixante-douze pays de l'OCDE, un élève sur dix obtient de très bons résultats en sciences, c'est le cas d'un élève sur quatre à Singapour...

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

## **[News] France's Le Pen Calls for Foreign Children to be Denied Free Education**

9<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 - On Thursday, Marine Le Pen took her xenophobic and discriminatory discourse a step further – espousing anti-equality and anti-rights positions that reject core values of the French constitutional and political system.

[Full article](#) (Human rights watch)

## **[News] Ending Child Marriage Everywhere—Including in the West**

7<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 - Did you know that a 14-year-old child can legally marry in New York State? Ending child marriage is urgent, because it is deeply harmful to children, wherever they live. Married children often drop out of school, and are locked in poverty as a result.

[Full article](#) (Human rights watch)

## **[News] Lost lives: the battle of China's invisible children to recover missed years**

14<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 - Ending the one-child policy has left millions scrambling to make up for lost years. Living in Beijing for 23 years, Li Xue has never attended school, not even for a day. China provides a free, nine-year education to every child but Li was not included. For the past 23 years, she has had no access to any form of social welfare. She has not been allowed to get married, find a job, or open a bank account. For Li was the second child born to her parents and, due to the nation's one-child policy that ran from around 1978 until 2015 to curtail population growth, she didn't exist in the Chinese government's database.

[Full article](#) (Thomson Reuters Foundation)

## **[News] Children take the lead in cyclone early warnings in Bangladesh**

15<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 - As Cyclone Roanu approached the coast of Bangladesh last May, 10-year-old Mohammad Hossain worried about his father, a fisherman out at sea in the Bay of Bengal. But the schoolboy, who lives in the Kutubdia Para neighbourhood of Cox's Bazar, a town on the southeast coast of Bangladesh, knew what to do. He sent his father, Ramzan Ali, a text message, asking him to return to shore and take shelter.

[Full article](#) (Thomson Reuters Foundation)

## 2. Conferences, Courses and Events

### **Course – Child Rights and Development**

This e-learning course focuses on child rights and child protection issues, which will look closely at the entire gamut of international legal framework on the rights of children and protection of children with a particular focus on child rights violations and remedies globally. The course will explore legal, humanitarian, development and other strategies for understanding and advancing the human rights of children. The course is based on a dynamic pedagogy including reading materials, video clips, case studies, and interactive webinars with the instructor.

**Location:** Online

**Date:** 12 July 2017 – 22 August 2017

[For more information](#) (Human Rights Center – University for Peace)

### **Formation - Responsable de projets Protection de l'enfance en situation d'urgence - parcours court en Afrique**

Vous avez une expérience professionnelle et une qualification en lien avec le métier : découvrez votre futur environnement professionnel, adaptez vos compétences en management et maîtrisez les compétences techniques spécifiques, tout en bénéficiant d'un accompagnement de votre projet professionnel et à votre prise de poste. Cette formation comporte 3 mois de formation et 6 mois de mission humanitaire. Elle délivre un certificat de l'Institut Bioforce.

**Location :** Dakar, Sénégal

**Date :** 27 septembre 2017 – 22 décembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Institut Bioforce)

### **Course - Thematic Short Course: Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies**

While some organizations have specific projects on sexual violence, others favour an integrated approach. However, as programmatic responses are relatively recent, there is a lack of trained and experienced staff in this area. CERAH's one-week intensive course on Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies is designed to fill this gap. CERAH has also offered this seminar in French since September 2015. This course is organised with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Handicap International, OHCHR, UNFPA and UNHCR are further partners collaborating in the development of the course.

**Location:** Geneva

**Date:** 20 March 2017 – 24 March 2017 or 04 September 2017 – 08 September 2017

[For more information](#) (CERAH Genève)

## **Course - Child Participation**

This e-learning course introduces staff members of (international) development agencies and NGOs to meaningful children's participation. Children have participation rights that state parties and other duty bearers should fulfill, respect and protect in families, schools, communities, and wider society.

Location: Online

Date: 1 February 2017 – 14 March 2017

[For more information](#) (European Rights Education Associates)

## **Conference - World Congress on family law and children rights**

The area of family law and children's rights remain exciting, challenging and fast moving areas of legal scholarship and practice and this Congress has established itself as the leading international forum for discussion and deliberation on these issues. The main streams that will feature at the Congress include:

- Justice and Equality (including juvenile justice, race and gender, courts administration)
- Child Protection (including abuse and neglect, violence and exploitation, immigration and separated children, children in conflict situations)
- Child Participation (including court proceedings, private family disputes, ADR)
- Changing Family Forms (including marriage equality, civil partnership, surrogacy)
- International Families (including recognition and enforcement of judgments, international adoption, international child abduction)
- Family Property

Location : Dublin, Ireland

Date : 4 to 7 June 2017

[For more information](#) (WCFLCR)

## **3. Sub-Regional and Country updates**

### **[Noticias] América central– Jóvenes, abandonados y en fuga**

02 de diciembre de 2016– Abandonados por sus padres y huyendo de las pandillas de El Salvador, tres hermanos navegan en el proceso de asilo en México con el apoyo del ACNUR.

[Artículo completo](#) (Reliefweb)

## **[Noticias] América latina y el caribe– Es inaceptable que 70 millones de niños vivan en situación de pobreza en América Latina y el Caribe**

11 de diciembre de 2016– 70 millones de niños y niñas -4 de cada 10- viven en situación de pobreza en América Latina y el Caribe, principalmente de poblaciones indígenas y afrodescendientes, zonas rurales y entornos periurbanos. De ellos, 28,3 millones de niños y niñas se encuentran en situación de pobreza extrema.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF, Bolivia)

## **[Noticias] Colombia– Comunicado conjunto UNICEF y ONU Mujeres en referencia a recientes casos de violencia, agresión sexual y feminicidio contra mujeres y niñas en Colombia.**

06 de diciembre de 2016–ONU Mujeres y UNICEF rechazan y condenan enérgicamente, a la vez que expresan su profundo dolor e indignación, por el rapto, tortura, abuso sexual y asesinato de la niña Yuliana Andrea Samboni, cuyo cuerpo fue hallado sin vida la tarde de ayer en Bogotá. Extendemos nuestras más sinceras condolencias a la familia de Yuliana y, como agencias del Sistema de Naciones Unidas, nos comprometemos a continuar trabajando de la mano de las instituciones del Estado, organizaciones de la sociedad civil y aliados de la cooperación internacional para garantizar la eliminación de la violencia contra las niñas y las mujeres, como una de las peores lacras de nuestra sociedad.

[Artículo completo](#) (Reliefweb)

## **[Noticias] Guatemala– Las niñas y los niños centroamericanos enfrentan un duro camino hacia el norte.**

09 de diciembre de 2016– Huyendo de la violencia en El Salvador y Honduras, las niñas y niños corren el riesgo del ser víctimas de abuso por contrabandistas y cárteles de la droga en un trayecto desesperado por encontrar seguridad.

[Artículo completo](#) (Reliefweb)

## **[Noticias] Honduras– Más de ocho mil menores hondureños han sido deportados**

11 de diciembre de 2016–Las autoridades migratorias de Estados Unidos y México han deportado entre enero y noviembre de este año a 8.615 niños y adolescentes hondureños no acompañados, informó hoy una fuente oficial en Tegucigalpa.

[Artículo completo](#) (Reliefweb)

## **[Noticias] Haití– Atrapadas en la pobreza miles de personas apátridas**

11 de diciembre de 2016–Mujeres embarazadas y niños pequeños, muchos de los cuales son despojados de su ciudadanía dominicana antes de ser expulsados hacia Haití, viven actualmente en condiciones

deplorables, señaló hoy Human Rights Watch. Están entre los miles de dominicanos de ascendencia haitiana que, desde mediados de 2015, han sido obligados a abandonar su país de nacimiento, incluso a través de deportaciones sumarias abusivas efectuadas por el gobierno dominicano.

[Artículo completo](#) (Human Rights Watch)