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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] Medical smart jacket tackles misdiagnosis of pneumonia

1st January 2017 - Jacket would distinguish pneumonia's symptoms up to four times faster than a doctor, in battle against illness that kills half a million children under five in sub-Saharan Africa every year. Ugandan graduate Brian Turyabagye was studying engineering when his friend's grandmother fell seriously ill. Accompanying her to hospital, he watched as doctors diagnosed malaria and prescribing various treatments accordingly. Only as she lay dying did they realise their initial diagnosis was wrong. It was pneumonia that was killing her.

[Full Article](#) (The guardian)

[Nouvelles] Le HCR exhorte les Etats membres de l'UE à respecter leurs engagements de relocalisation de demandeurs d'asile

6 janvier 2017 - Alors que la situation sur les îles grecques est de plus en plus critique en période hivernale, le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR) a rappelé vendredi aux pays de l'Union européenne (UE) qu'il demeure impératif de contribuer à résoudre d'urgence la situation en Grèce moyennant la relocalisation de demandeurs d'asile dans d'autres Etats membres.

Lors d'un point de presse à Genève, le porte-parole du HCR, Adrian Edwards, a précisé qu'en date du 4 janvier 2017, seulement 7.760 demandeurs d'asile avaient quitté la Grèce ou faisaient partie des départs programmés dans le cadre du mécanisme de relocalisation de l'UE adopté fin 2015 pour deux ans.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d'actualité de l'ONU)

[News] UNICEF #EarlyMomentsMatter campaign promotes investments in early childhood development

10th January 2017 – Today marks the launch of a new United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) campaign, #EarlyMomentsMatter, aimed at raising awareness about the critical impact that early experiences have on children's brain development during their first 1,000 days of life.

Before the age of three, human brain cells make up to 1,000 new connections every second, a speed that slows later in life. These connections ensure that children's brains continue to grow and lay the foundation for future learning, health and happiness. These brain connections cannot



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reach their full potential without nurturing care, including adequate nutrition, stimulation, love, and protection from stress and violence.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

[Nouvelles] Promotion des droits des enfants : rôle essentiel du Parlement

11 janvier 2017 - Le représentant de l'UNICEF (Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance) a indiqué mercredi que l'organisation entendait développer sa coopération avec l'Assemblée nationale.

'Les parlements ont le pouvoir de créer des changements réels et durables en faveur des enfants. Ils peuvent par leur vote allouer des ressources supplémentaires aux budgets nationaux et établir des orientations stratégiques solides, débattre, façonner et appliquer des lois qui protègent les enfants', a expliqué Isselmou Boukhary.

[Article complet](#) (République Togolaise)

[Nouvelles] UE : Un repli sur soi qui met en péril les droits humains

12 janvier 2017 - L'Union européenne et ses États membres ont porté atteinte à des valeurs fondamentales inhérentes aux droits humains en s'attaquant aux multiples défis auxquels l'Union a été confrontée en 2016, a déclaré Human Rights Watch aujourd'hui dans son Rapport mondial 2017 (version abrégée en français).

Human Rights Watch souligne les développements dans 10 pays membres de l'UE et l'évolution de la situation à travers l'Union dans les domaines de la migration et de l'asile, de la discrimination et de l'intolérance, du terrorisme et de la lutte contre le terrorisme, ainsi qu'en matière de politique étrangère de l'UE.

[Article complet](#) (Human Rights Watch)

[Nouvelles] Europe : le HCR exhorte les gouvernements à aider davantage les réfugiés et migrants à affronter l'hiver

13 janvier 2017 - Le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR) a exhorté les gouvernements européens à faire davantage pour aider et protéger les réfugiés et les migrants de plus en plus vulnérables en cette période hivernale. « Le sauvetage des vies doit être une priorité », a déclaré vendredi la porte-parole du HCR, Cécile Pouilly lors d'un point de presse à Genève, précisant que l'agence a renforcé son aide dans plusieurs pays, dont la Grèce et la Serbie.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d'actualité de l'ONU)



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[News] In the fight against human trafficking, child soldiers get ignored

13th January 2017 - To bring public attention to a criminal practice that continues to harm millions around the world, Congress named Jan. 11 "National Human Trafficking Awareness Day." The United States leads the world in efforts to end forced labor and modern slavery, devoting resources to protect and assist victims, creating laws to crack down on traffickers, and encouraging other countries to do the same.

[Full article](#) (The Hill)

[Nouvelles] L'ONU alerte sur la fragilisation des droits de l'enfant dans un contexte de turbulences

16 janvier 2017 - A l'ouverture des travaux de la 74^e session du Comité des droits de l'enfant lundi à Genève, la Haute-Commissaire adjointe des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme, Kate Gilmore, a attiré l'attention sur l'impact dévastateur de l'aggravation des migrations internationales et de la crise des réfugiés sur les droits de millions d'enfants à travers le monde. « Un migrant sur huit est un enfant », a rappelé Mme Gilmore, avant d'ajouter que 26 millions d'enfants sont déplacés à cause des conflits.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d'actualité de l'ONU)

[News] Ongoing violations of child rights highlighted as UN monitoring body opens annual session

16th January 2017 – Children face the ongoing violations of their rights worldwide, including poverty, violence and discrimination against them, a senior United Nations human rights official told the body that monitors implementation of a global treaty on the matter.

"Indeed, your achievements and the challenges you face sit against a disturbing background of ongoing violations of the rights of children," Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, said at the opening in Geneva of the 74th session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, which will run through 3 February 2017.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)



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[Nouvelles] Des millions d'enfants subissent des violences à l'école chaque année, selon l'UNESCO

17 janvier 2017 - Un tiers des enfants entre 11 et 13 ans disent avoir été harcelés à l'école et 8% évoquent des harcèlements quotidiens, selon des données concernant 19 pays présentées dans un rapport de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture (UNESCO). Ce rapport intitulé 'Violence et harcèlement à l'école : Rapport sur la situation dans le monde', a été présenté mardi lors d'un colloque à Séoul, en Corée du Sud, par l'UNESCO et l'Institut de prévention de la violence scolaire de l'Université féminine Ewha, basée à Séoul.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d'actualité de l'ONU)

[News] What's next in the fight against child trafficking

18th January 2017 - The past few years have marked many victories for advocates and survivors of the illegal trafficking of boys, girls, women and men. (Trafficking includes violence, abuse, sexual exploitation, forced labor and the use of children as soldiers.) This month, which President Obama proclaimed "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month," we take a moment to celebrate how far we have come.

Human trafficking was explicitly mentioned in three of the world's Sustainable Development Goals, for instance, adding it prominently to the global agenda. Last month, the U.N. Security Council also unanimously adopted a resolution condemning human trafficking in the strongest terms.

[Full Article](#) (Forbes)

[News] 'If children are vulnerable, they deserve protection'

23th January 2017 - Asylum-seeking children who go missing are falling prey to trafficking and sex slavery and policymakers have a duty to protect them, the director general of the President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society has said. Ruth Farrugia said that authorities seemed to labour under the illusion that children who fall off the radar have somehow landed in Eden. "Sometimes the attitude has been 'oh, we've got one less child to worry about'; it's as if we don't want to dwell on how they may have landed in criminal hands, hoping they had reached their destination safely," Dr Farrugia said.

[Full Article](#) (Times of Malta)



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[Nouvelles] Un plan contre les violences faites aux enfants présenté le 1er mars

23 janvier 2017 - Lors de ses vœux aux professionnels et à la presse, lundi 23 janvier, la ministre de l'enfance, des familles et des droits des femmes, Laurence Rossignol, a annoncé pour le 1er mars un premier plan de lutte contre les violences faites aux enfants. La question de la prévention des violences sera au centre de ce plan, qui viendra en complément de la loi sur la protection de l'enfant du 14 mars 2016, et de la feuille de route de juin 2015. Il traitera aussi de l'« accès à la pornographie par des mineurs ».

[Article complet](#) (La croix)

[News] Annual Report to the Human Rights Council: Major Achievements Despite Ongoing Violations of Children's Rights 20 Years After the Creation of the Mandate of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict

24th January 2017 - In her annual report to the Human Rights Council, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict highlighted the progress accomplished since the creation of her mandate twenty years ago, but also urged Member States and parties to conflict to take immediate action to end persistent grave violations against children. "Despite notable advances achieved in the past two decades, the basic rights of children continue to be regularly violated," said Leila Zerrougui. "For example, in Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Syria, South Sudan and Yemen, thousands of children are killed, maimed, recruited and used, and face acute humanitarian crises."

[Full Article](#) (Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict)

[Nouvelles] «La Cour européenne des droits de l'homme protège enfin les droits des enfants !»

25 janvier 2017 - Un Etat n'a pas à reconnaître comme parents les personnes ayant acheté un enfant: voici, en substance, ce qui résulte de la décision rendue hier, le 24 janvier 2017, par la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme dans l'affaire opposant à l'Italie deux de ses ressortissants, Paradiso et Campanelli. Il aura quand même fallu cet arrêt de la grande chambre pour invalider une décision rendue en simple chambre il y a un an dans la même affaire et qui disait.... exactement l'inverse! Si les droits de l'homme et sans doute ceux de la femme se portent bien, il n'en va visiblement pas de même des droits de l'enfant, même si cette affaire pourrait marquer un avant et un après dans la prise en considération, enfin!, des droits de l'enfant comme limite à la réalisation des désirs des adultes.

[Article complet](#) (Le figaro)



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2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Atelier – Camp de jeunes pour favoriser le leadership pour lutter contre le changement climatique

Le camp des jeunes pour favoriser le leadership pour lutter contre le changement climatique est une coopération conjointe entre l'UNITAR et le Bureau de l'UNESCO à Jakarta. C'est une deuxième phase du Projet de renforcement des ressources humaines, de l'apprentissage et du développement des compétences pour lutter contre le changement climatique. L'activité principale de ce projet est l'organisation d'un camp de 3 jours visant à sensibiliser les jeunes indonésiens sur le changement climatique, qui joueront un rôle majeur dans la transition vers des modes de vie.

Emplacement: Medan, Cibodas, Lampung

Date: Février 4 - février 26, 2017

[Plus d'informations](#) (UNESCO)

Vacancy – Advocacy Officer

Are you experienced in human rights advocacy? Do you want to be part of a small dynamic team making a big difference? We are seeking a new Advocacy Officer to join us in our London office! As Advocacy Officer you will support all aspects of our advocacy work going forward, primarily focusing on promoting national-level implementation of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's forthcoming General Comment on children in street situations. In particular, you will support development of a Global Atlas – which will become the 'go-to' online source for data on street-connected children and the laws that affect their lives – ensuring a quality product and liaising with the pro bono lawyers researching laws which affect street-connected children.

Location: London

Deadline: February 5th, 2017

[For more information](#) (Consortium for street children)

Training – Children's Human Rights – an Interdisciplinary introduction

Drawing on the contributions of several academic disciplines including law, psychology, sociology, history, educational and health sciences, economy and anthropology, an interdisciplinary approach guides the student into a selection of critical issues concerning



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children's rights. Participants will gain insight relative to the development of this specific human rights category, as well as to the evolution of the challenges faced by children over time and society's efforts to respond. Successful international strategies and programs promoting children's rights will be highlighted, as well as the role of key actors involved in international organizations working in this field.

Location: On-line

Date: February 6th, 2017

Registration deadline: February 6th, 2017

[For more information](#) (University of Geneva)

Training – 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: On-line

Date: February 15th to March 28th, 2017

Registration deadline: February 15th, 2017

[For more information](#) (The global human rights education and training centre)

Atelier – Formation de renforcement des capacités des responsables de jeunesse pour sensibiliser l'opinion publique aux personnes sans patrie en Asie centrale
L'UNESCO et le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (UNHCR) au Kazakhstan organisent une campagne de sensibilisation auprès des jeunes afin d'accroître leur niveau d'alphabétisation sur l'apatridie en Asie centrale, et de leur apprendre davantage sur les outils de prévention afin de réduire les difficultés pour les générations futures.

Emplacement: Kazakhstan

Date: Février 17, 2017

[Plus d'informations](#) (UNESCO)



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Master of Laws – Advanced Studies in International Children's Rights

The Master of Laws: Advanced Studies in International Children's Rights is a one of a kind program, offering an advanced master (LL.M) dedicated to the rights and interests of children from a legal perspective. Today – more than 25 years after the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – the role of international, regional and domestic systems in issues of child protection, participation and empowerment is ever-growing, and requires in-depth specialization.

Location: Leiden, The Netherlands

Date: September, 2017 (1 year program)

Registration deadline: 1 April 2017 (non-EU students) / 15 June 2017 (EU students)

[For more information](#) (Leiden University)

Training – Child rights governance

Children's rights will not be implemented without open, inclusive and accountable governance. Children need more money better spent, functioning government systems designed to further the best interests of children, more accountability and oversight in service provision, recognition that children have civil rights and freedoms and an acknowledgment that child rights is political and political will (and pressure) will be needed to advance them. This e-learning course introduces participants to concepts, principles, standards and practical examples of child rights governance. Participants will be presented with research and case studies, and engage in practical exercises to inspire thinking around how they can advance children's rights through open, inclusive and accountable governance.

Location: On-line

Date: May 3 to June 13, 2017

Registration deadline: 1st March, 2017

[For more information](#) (The global human rights education and training centre)

Conference – International Conference «Early Childhood Care and Education»

The idea of the child as innocent, as pure, the 'little angel' in need of protection from the harsh realities of life and the corrupting influences of the world around us has come to dominate our thinking, language, values, social policies and educational philosophies in the past few decades.



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Children are seen as 'little people', 'blank slates', works in progress who are loved, nurtured and guided as they grow to become mature, rational and responsible adults.

Location: Moscow, Russian Federation

Date: 10th to 13th May 2017

[For more information](#) (ECCE)

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)

3. Children and armed conflicts

Afghanistan – Thousands of Afghan children face acute malnutrition amid 'unprecedented' displacement

9 January 2017 – Despite attempts to increase food aid in Afghanistan, children bear the brunt of the country's nutritional crisis, the United Nations humanitarian arm today reported, warning that the ongoing fighting has also led to record number of children at risk of abuse and exploitation.

[Full article](#) (UN News Centre)



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Central African Republic – Committee on the Rights of the Child examines the report of the Central African Republic

20 January 2017 - The Committee on the Rights of the Child today considered the second periodic report of the Central African Republic on its implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Flavien Mbata, Minister of Justice, Human Rights, and Keeper of the Seals of the Central African Republic, introducing the report, said that the Central African Republic had harmonized its legal framework with international norms in the domain of children's rights, and had adopted the law on worst forms of child labour. The ratification of the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict in October 2016 was very timely as some 10,000 children had been demobilized from the armed forces, despite the crisis gripping the country. The efforts in the health sector focused on reducing maternal and infant mortality, and mortality of children under the age of five, while wide-ranging measures to combat the occupation of schools by armed forces had been undertaken in May 2016 to ensure that children had access to schools. In order to address allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse of children by United Nations peacekeepers, bilateral judicial agreements had been signed with several troops contributing countries.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

Chad – «Hopeless» suffering in Lake Chad as children starve, mothers sell sex to survive

01 January 2017 - Women in the Lake Chad basin have been forced to sell sex to survive due to a conflict that has driven millions from their homes and left children to starve, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on Thursday. An insurgency by Boko Haram militants has displaced more than 2.4 million people across the swamplands of Lake Chad, where the borders of Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria meet, and disrupted the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of others.

[Full article](#) (Reuters)

Colombia – Colombia's FARC rebels to deliver child soldiers following government criticism

18 January 2017 - Colombia's FARC rebels will soon provide the government with details of the locations of the child soldiers within their ranks according to a statement made by the High Commissioner for Peace on Tuesday. Sergio Jaramillo confirmed after a meeting with the FARC's Felix Antonio Muñoz Lascarro, alias "Pastor Alape" that the rebels will supply the government



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with the necessary information to facilitate the handing over of minors within the group in the coming days, reported RCN Radio.

[Full article](#) (Colombia Reports)

Iraq – Schools reopen in East Mosul as violence subsides

24 January 2017 - As fighting subsides in East Mosul, 30 schools reopened on Sunday with help from UNICEF, allowing over 16,000 children to resume their education. Some schools in the area were closed for up to two years, and girls were banned from getting an education. "Just a few weeks ago, these neighborhoods were gripped by violence. Today, girls and boys are heading back to class," said Peter Hawkins, UNICEF Representative in Iraq.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

Lebanon – UNICEF launches interactive glimpse into Syrian children's struggle for education

23 January 2017 – A new interactive documentary providing an intimate look into the lives of Syrian school-aged children living as refugees in Lebanon was launched by UNICEF today. [#ImagineaSchool](#) provides a first-hand account of the challenges Syrian refugees face in their struggle to access education. UNICEF released the stories of 19 children to coincide with the start of the Helsinki forum on the humanitarian situation in Syria (23 - 24 January), with the aim of bringing a human face to the challenges being discussed at the conference.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

Niger – Oxmo Puccino: «Le défi de redonner le sourire aux enfants du Niger au milieu de cette crise»

22 Janvier 2017 - Pendant 5 jours, Oxmo Puccino a honoré son rôle d'Ambassadeur de l'UNICEF France pour rendre visite aux enfants du Niger, dans la région instable de Diffa à l'est du pays. Certains sont déplacés, d'autres réfugiés en provenance du Nigeria, mais ils ont une tragédie commune: avoir fui les violentes attaques de Boko Haram. Oxmo Puccino a rencontré ces enfants dans les camps de Diffa, il témoigne de leur situation et lance un appel du cœur pour ne pas oublier ces enfants vulnérables qui, en dépit de la gravité des événements, gardent le sourire tel une lueur d'espoir pour un avenir meilleur.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF France)



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Nigeria – Nigeria marks 1,000 days since Chibok girls' abduction

8 January 2017 - Sunday marks a 1,000 days since 276 Nigerian girls were abducted from a school in the country's northeast by Boko Haram fighters. Some of them have since been released while others managed to escape - but nearly 200 girls still remain in captivity. In a message to mark the mass kidnapping, Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari said he remained committed to ensuring the abducted schoolgirls were reunited with their families "as soon as practicable".

[Full article](#) (The African Child Information Hub)

Somalia – New Report Details Troubling Violations Against Children

17 January 2017 - In a new report on the impact of armed conflict on children in Somalia, the UN Secretary-General describes how grave violations against boys and girls were committed with impunity over the course of several years. This was due in part to the breakdown in law and order and the absence of state authority in large parts of the country. "The volatile security situation continues to present considerable challenges, and I am deeply troubled by the scale and nature of the violations endured by the Somali children. Despite this difficult context, there have been significant political developments in Somalia in the past few years and positive measures taken by the Federal Government for the protection of boys and girls." declared Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

Somalia – Over half Al-Shabab's fighters may be children, U.N. Secretary-General says

20 January 2017 - More than half the fighters in the Somali militant group al-Shabab may be children, according to the U.N. Secretary General. António Guterres, who took over leadership of the United Nations in January, said he was alarmed by reports that children as young as nine were being used in combat by the al-Qaeda affiliate, the AP reported.

[Full article](#) (Newsweek)

Syria – Lack of water access in Damascus is creating risks for children, UN warns

6 January 2017 – Following two weeks with no access to running water for millions of people in and around Damascus due to ongoing fighting near the Syrian capital, the United Nations



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Children's Fund (UNICEF) today raised the alarm over a potential increase in diarrheal diseases among children.

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Syria – UNICEF calls for unimpeded aid access to children in besieged Deir ez-Zor

23 January 2017 – The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) today called for unimpeded and unconditional access to children in the besieged city of Deir ez-Zor, noting that they have not received regular humanitarian aid for more than two years.

[Full article](#) (UN News Centre)

Turkey – UNICEF cites risk of 'lost generation' of Syrian children despite enrolment increase

19 January 2017 – More than 40 per cent of Syrian refugee children in Turkey are missing out on education, despite a sharp increase in enrolment rates, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said today. "Unless more resources are provided, there is still a very real risk of a 'lost generation' of Syrian children, deprived of the skills they will one day need to rebuild their country," said UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Justin Forsyth, speaking after a visit to southern Turkey.

[Full article](#) (UN News Centre)

Uganda – The Guardian view on child soldiers: stop recruiting, start reintegrating

15 January 2017 - A former abductee's trial for war crimes highlights the problem of children enlisted or seized by armed forces or groups. But change is possible. Dominic Ongwen's trial, which begins in earnest on Monday, is one of the grimmest and most morally complex that the international criminal court has tackled. The body exists to try the worst offences: genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. It is not the horrifying list of charges, including rape and murder, that makes Mr Ongwen's case unusual, but that he is believed to be the first former child abductee to be tried. Seized as a 10-year-old, and forced into violence, the former commander of the notorious Lord's Resistance Army has denied all offences and insists that he is the victim.

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Ukraine – Displaced by war, Ukrainians with disabilities find creative ways to cope

17 January 2017 - Teenager Vlada and fellow displaced Ukrainian Alexandr have known hard times. They are among 66,000 people with disabilities who fled the fighting in the east of the country in 2014, along with two million others. Vlada, 15, has spina bifida, a condition acquired from birth which leaves a gap in her spine. Alexandr, who is in his 60s, lost a leg to disease 10 years ago. Vlada and Alexandr both use a wheelchair. The resourceful pair have found their own ways to cope in difficult circumstances. Vlada has taught herself English and how to play the piano, and Alexandr dances in his wheelchair after indulging in his favourite pastime – knitting.

[Full article](#) (UNHCR)

West and Central Africa – Humanitarian Action for Children 2017 – West and Central Africa

11 January 2017 - Children and women in West and Central Africa remain vulnerable to multiple threats, including insecurity, conflict, drought, flooding and epidemics. In the Central African Republic and the Lake Chad basin, widespread violence and armed conflict characterized by grave human rights violations have led to mass displacement both internally and across borders. More than 6 million people in the region remain displaced due to conflict: 874,000 people in the Central African Republic; 1.9 million people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; 2.6 million people in the Lake Chad basin; and more than 172,000 people due to the conflict in Mali.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

Yemen – UN agency renews call for protecting children after deadly attacks in Yemeni capital

11 January 2017 – At least one girl has been killed and four others injured in attacks near a school outside the Yemeni capital, Sana'a, leading the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to renew its call on the people involved in the country's conflict to protect children and stop attacks on civilian structures. "Schools should be zones of peace at all times, a sanctuary where children can learn, grow, play and be safe," Meritxell Relaño, UNICEF Representative in Yemen, said in a statement. "Children should never risk their lives only to attend school."

[Full article](#) (UN News Centre)