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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] Children as young as 10 arrested for offences involving firearms and knives

April 3rd, 2016 – What's happening with our youth? Guns and knives are carried regularly by young people in Britain today, including children as young as 10, according to reports released last week. An inquiry by a committee of MPs found that knife-carrying, mostly by males in their late teens and early 20s, is becoming normal in poorer parts of the big cities, where street violence is on the increase. The murder rate in the UK is not high in comparison to many countries — latest figures show there were 537 homicides in 2013. But more than a third are by stabbing.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Nation)

[Press release] EU to support over 2,300,000 children in 42 countries with education in emergency situations

April 5th, 2016 – EU quadruples its humanitarian financing to education in emergencies worldwide. Today the European Commission has announced a €52 million humanitarian aid package aimed specifically at educational projects for children in emergency situations in 2016. The package reflects the Commission's prior commitment to allocate 4% of its humanitarian aid budget to education.

[Full Article](#) (European Commission)

[News] – Children: The Forgotten Aspect of the EU-Turkey Deal

April 6th, 2016 – While policymakers nervously assess the number of migrants and asylum seekers daily arriving in Greece, adding to the population of those already stranded, the situation of children has been overlooked. And yet they comprised 40 percent of the 57,000 arrivals in Greece in February, and nearly half of all Syrian asylum seekers. Meeting their needs and respecting their rights, particularly those who face potential return to Turkey under the just-implemented EU-Turkey deal, which has proven quite controversial with humanitarian organizations, will be no easy undertaking.

[Full Article](#) (Migration Policy Institute)



[News] Worrying Trend Shows Increased Number Of Child Torture Victims

April 6th, 2016 – GENEVA – An increasing number of child and adolescent victims of torture has been reported by the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT) and the organizations it funds. In 2016, 5,279 child and adolescent victims of torture are estimated to be given assistance by organizations funded by the UNVFVT. By contrast, in 2015, the organizations reported assisting 3,995 child victims up to the age of 18.

[Full Article](#) (The UN Office at Geneva)

[News] UNICEF urges full hearings for refugee and migrant children stranded in Greece

April 6th, 2016 – GENEVA – With the process of returning refugees and migrants from the Greek islands to Turkey underway as part of the EU-Turkey agreement, UNICEF reminds States of their duty to care and protect all children and give them a full and fair hearing when deciding on their future. UNICEF welcomes a new Greek law, which came into force on 4 April, exempting certain vulnerable groups, including unaccompanied and separated children, children with disabilities, victims of distress and trauma, pregnant women and women who recently gave birth, from “exceptional border procedures” or returns.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] Haïti – Des policiers québécois épinglés pour inconduite sexuelle

7 avril 2016 - Le problème des inconduites sexuelles des Casques bleus touche aussi le Québec. Deux policiers du Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) ont été sanctionnés après avoir eu des enfants avec des Haïtiennes, alors que l'ONU proscrit toute relation sexuelle avec des résidents. Les deux fautifs faisaient partie de la Mission des Nations unies pour la stabilisation en Haïti (MINUSTAH), dans laquelle près de 90 policiers canadiens sont déployés.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



[News] India street children back new campaign to find missing youngsters

April 8th, 2016 – A group of street children is the face of a new citizens' campaign demanding better policing and community programs to track missing children in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, where at least two children are reported missing every day. The campaign, which launched this week, aims to spread awareness among the homeless, help police understand the challenges of street children and push the Tamil Nadu government to address safety issues of those living on the streets.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[Opinion] Encore mieux rendre justice aux enfants victimes et prévenir les agressions

10 avril 2016 – Beaucoup a été fait ces dernières décennies pour mieux protéger les enfants contre les violences qui, non seulement les menacent, mais les frappent. En 1981 le Dr Pierre Strauss a su réveiller une France endormie sur sa bonne conscience et convaincue que, sans avoir éradiqué la maltraitance, elle la contenait et savait y répondre.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde Blog – Jprosen)

[Nouvelle] Allemagne : près de 6 000 réfugiés mineurs disparus en un an

11 avril 2016 – Le gouvernement allemand a confirmé qu'environ 6 000 réfugiés mineurs avaient disparu en 2015. Les autorités ne savent pas ce qu'ils sont devenus et les ONG redoutent une implication du crime organisé. C'est une face très obscure de la crise des migrants en Allemagne.

[Article complet](#) (France 24)

[Nouvelle] Les enfants, premières victimes de Boko Haram

12 avril 2016 – Deux ans après l'enlèvement très médiatisé des 276 écolières de Chibok, dans le nord du Nigeria, par les islamistes de Boko Haram, on est toujours sans nouvelles de la plupart des captives. Pire encore, des centaines d'autres femmes et enfants partagent leur sort.

[Article complet](#) (Radio-Canada)



[Nouvelle] Suicides chez les jeunes : Kuujuaq veut des solutions à long terme

12 avril 2016 – Le suicide est un phénomène malheureusement répandu depuis des décennies dans le Grand Nord du Québec. Même s'ils demandent de l'aide de Québec pour faire face à la crise des derniers mois, les Inuits estiment qu'ils sont les mieux placés pour prendre les bonnes décisions.

[Article complet](#) (Radio-Canada)

[Report] Executions of juveniles since 1990

April 13th, 2016 – The use of the death penalty for crimes committed by people younger than 18 is prohibited under international human rights law, yet some countries still execute child offenders. Since 1990 Amnesty International has documented 129 executions of child offenders in 9 countries: China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the USA and Yemen.

[Full Report](#) (Amnesty International)

[Report] The impact of protection interventions on unaccompanied and separated children in humanitarian crises: An evidence synthesis protocol

April 13th, 2016 – This protocol outlines plans for conducting an evidence synthesis on child protection. This synthesis will ask the overarching research question: What is the impact of protection interventions on unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), during the period of separation, in humanitarian crises in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs)?

[Full Article](#) (Oxfam)

[News] Nigeria: Two years after Chibok abductions it is time to #BringBackOurGirls

April 14th, 2016 – All those abducted by Boko Haram must be released and those whose lives have been devastated by the armed group must receive support and justice, said Amnesty International on the second anniversary of the armed group's abduction of more than 270 Chibok schoolgirls.

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty International)



[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF publie de nouveaux chiffres sur l'inégalité croissante chez les enfants dans les pays à revenu élevé

14 avril 2016 – Un rapport du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF), publié jeudi, présente de nouvelles données sur la façon dont l'inégalité affecte les enfants dans les pays à revenu élevé. Ce rapport, intitulé « Bilan Innocenti 13, l'équité pour les enfants : un classement des inégalités de bien-être chez les enfants dans les pays riches », classe 41 pays membres de l'Union européenne et de l'Organisation de coopération et de développement économique (OCDE).

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

[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF et la Banque mondiale appellent à investir dans le développement de la petite enfance

15 avril 2016 – Le Directeur général du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF), Anthony Lake, et le Président du Groupe de la Banque mondiale, Jim Yong Kim, ont appelé les dirigeants internationaux et nationaux à investir davantage dans des programmes de nutrition et de développement de la petite enfance, essentiels pour le développement équitable et la croissance économique.

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

[Nouvelle] Pourquoi autant de suicides chez les jeunes Autochtones ?

15 avril 2016 – La communauté autochtone d'Attawapiskat, dans le nord de l'Ontario, fait à nouveau les manchettes pour de tristes raisons. Au cours du dernier mois, une quarantaine de résidents de la communauté de 2000 habitants ont tenté de s'enlever la vie. Cette vague de suicides ne surprend pas Gerald McKinley, professeur et chercheur à l'Université de Western Ontario, qui se penche sur la problématique depuis plusieurs années. « Malheureusement, ce n'est rien de nouveau, affirme-t-il. C'est une crise qui perdure dans un certain nombre de communautés. »

[Article complet](#) (Radio-Canada)



[Press release] Guatemala Builds Capacity to Assist Migrant Children

April 15th, 2016 – IOM, in coordination with Guatemala’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this week launched a course to train government officials and representatives of civil society institutions in assistance to migrant children, especially unaccompanied minors and children separated from their families. “The course, which is funded by the US Department of State, seeks to strengthen Guatemala’s capacity to protect the rights of vulnerable, young migrants,” said Walter Arreaga, local coordinator of IOM’s Mesoamerica Program.

[Full Article](#) (IOM)

[Press release] UNHCR and GPE Agree on Closer Collaboration to Ensure Children’s Education During Crisis

April 15th, 2016 – Washington, D.C. – The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) signed a milestone agreement today that will strengthen their collaboration to support education for refugee children and youth.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR)

[News] An estimated 75% of child refugees stranded alone in Greece do not have a safe place to stay, warns Save the Children

April 16th, 2016 – Vulnerable lone children are being left out in the cold in Greece as the demand for safe shelters and adequate services far outstrips the supply, Save the Children said ahead of Pope Francis’ visit to Lesbos today with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and Archbishop Ieronymo. An estimated 2,000 unaccompanied children who travelled alone to Europe or lost their families along the way are now stranded in Greece following recent border closures, while only 477 shelter spaces are available for these children countrywide.

[Full Article](#) (Save the Children)

[News] As economy booms, children toil in Myanmar

April 19th, 2016 – When a boat stacked with gravel moors at a jetty in Yangon, 14-year-old Aung Htet Myat fills a basket he then carries on his back to trucks that whisk the load to construction sites springing up across Myanmar’s booming biggest city. For each basket a labor broker rewards the boy with a stick he puts in a plastic bottle tied to his belt.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



[News] “Hopelessly inadequate.” Why child refugees are still being failed

April 19th, 2016 - Yesterday we heard tragic reports that hundreds of people had drowned in the Mediterranean after the boats they were travelling in capsized. This news comes almost exactly one year after hundreds of people lost their lives just outside of Libyan waters when their boat sank during the night.

[Full Article](#) (Save the Children)

[News] Court delay 'huge blow' to poor children in India's Rajasthan-activist

April 20th, 2016 – A court in the Indian state of Rajasthan refused on Wednesday to hear a petition against a state government order that could deny tens of thousands of children their right to free education, dealing a blow to activists' efforts to reverse the order. Rajasthan state issued an order last month that only children from families classified as Below the Poverty Line, and those belonging to backward castes and tribes, could apply to study in a private school under the Right to Education Act.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] We pay Mexico to catch refugees. Kids suffer.

April 20th, 2016 – In the summer of 2014, the Obama Administration had a problem. As Congress was debating comprehensive immigration reform, tens of thousands of children, and in many cases their mothers, fleeing gang violence in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala were turning up at the border.

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

[News] Child brides sometimes tolerated in Nordic asylum centers despite bans

April 21st, 2016 – Some child brides are living with older husbands in asylum centers in Scandinavia, triggering a furor about lapses in protection for girls in nations that ban child marriage. Authorities have in some cases let girls stay with their partners, believing it is less traumatic for them than forced separation after fleeing wars in nations such as Afghanistan or Syria. Some girls have also passed themselves off as adults.

[Full article](#) (Reuters)



[Nouvelle] Les Restaveks, enfants esclaves en Haïti

21 avril 2016 – « Ma maman ne pouvait plus s'occuper de moi » raconte Franceline, petite haïtienne de huit ans. « Elle n'avait plus d'argent. J'ai donc été placée comme Restavek. La famille qui m'a accueillie ne me laissait jamais jouer, j'avais toujours du travail à faire. Quand je sortais, c'était pour aller puiser de l'eau ou pour aller au marché. Si je restais trop longtemps dehors, on me frappait à mon retour. »

[Article complet](#) (Terre des hommes)

[Nouvelle] Migrants : situation "préoccupante" des mineurs isolés à Calais (institution française)

21 avril 2016 – Les migrants mineurs arrivés seuls dans la région de Calais (nord) dans l'espoir de passer en Angleterre sont dans une "situation de très grande vulnérabilité" et doivent être mieux protégés, alerte le Défenseur des droits en France. Évoquant des "conditions de vie extrêmement misérables" des mineurs isolés, le Défenseur des enfants, institution indépendante qui défend les personnes dont les droits ne sont pas respectés, appelle l'État et les autorités locales à mettre en place un suivi spécifique de ces jeunes.

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

[News] Two thirds of unimmunized children live in conflict-affected countries – UNICEF

April 22nd, 2016 – Almost two thirds of children who have not been immunized with basic vaccines live in countries that are either partially or entirely affected by conflict, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said today, ahead of World Immunization Week. Of countries in conflict, South Sudan has the highest percentage of unimmunized children, with 61 per cent not receiving the most basic childhood vaccines, followed by Somalia (58 per cent) and Syria (57 per cent), UNICEF said in a press release.

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



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[News] Nepal Earthquake Anniversary: Urgent Protections Needed for Children

April 24th, 2016 – With Nepal still struggling to recover from a massive earthquake one year ago, child rights and humanitarian development organisation Plan International is calling on the international community, governments, and donors to take immediate action to institute key protections for children from exploitation, child labour, and trafficking, while also meeting urgent health, educational, and counselling needs.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

[Nouvelle] Au Népal, les enfants craignent que la terre tremble à nouveau.

25 avril 2016 - Un an après le puissant séisme qui a dévasté le Népal, les enfants ayant survécu à la catastrophe sont confrontés à des traumatismes qui pourraient avoir d'importantes conséquences sur leur bien-être à long terme. Cinq organisations d'aide à l'enfance – Terre des hommes, Plan International, Save the Children, UNICEF et World Vision – ont interrogé plus de 680 enfants provenant des cinq régions les plus gravement touchées par le séisme.

[Article complet](#) (Terre des hommes)

[News] Dispatches: Burma's Rohingya Muslims in Desperate Straits

April 26th, 2016 – Last week's tragic boat accident off the coast of Burma's Arakan State killed an estimated 20 Rohingya Muslims, including nine children, and left another 20 missing. The government-controlled newspaper, Global New Light of Myanmar, made a rare admission that the tragedy, in which a packed boat capsized in heavy seas, resulted from government travel restrictions that prevent Rohingya from traveling overland, forcing them to travel by boat even when conditions are dangerous.

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

[News] "We have the power": UNEP Awards Winners of the International Children's Painting Competition

April 26th, 2016 – The winning works of Gloria Yang from the United States, Salya Richita Susanto from Indonesia and Sataporn Thitiprasert from Thailand were selected from among nearly 63,000 submissions from 66 countries around the world. The theme of this year's competition - "We have the power!" - inspired thousands of young artists around the world to share their visions of how renewable energy can be harnessed for the wellbeing of people on the planet.

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



[News] Ecuador: quake damage to schools impacts 120,000 children – UNICEF

April 27th, 2016 – More than 280 schools have been damaged by the earthquake that hit Ecuador on 16 April, leaving up to 120,000 children temporarily without education, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has said. “Education is a lifeline for children going through the trauma of chaos and destruction,” said Grant Leaity, UNICEF Representative in Ecuador. “It helps give them a daily routine and a sense of purpose and puts them on track for psychological recovery.” UNICEF said that a total of 250,000 children have been affected by the earthquake.

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

[Nouvelle] États-Unis – Les grossesses adolescentes au plus bas

28 avril 2016 – Les grossesses chez les 15-19 ans ont diminué de 61 % entre 1991 et 2014 aux États-Unis, où les campagnes d’informations et un meilleur accès à la contraception ont conduit au plus bas taux de grossesses adolescentes jamais enregistré, ont annoncé jeudi les autorités sanitaires.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelle] Le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne interpelle Ottawa

28 avril 2016 – Le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne rend une nouvelle décision au sujet de la protection de la jeunesse dans les communautés autochtones. Il reproche au gouvernement canadien son manque d’empressement à agir et exige qu’il agisse immédiatement, tout en précisant ses actions.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelle] Népalaises à vendre

28 avril 2016 – Des trafiquants s’emparent de femmes et fillettes poussées à l’exil par le séisme d’avril 2015. Un an après le tremblement de terre qui a fait près de 9000 morts et ravagé le pays, le Népal peine à se reconstruire, faisant craindre aux ONG une hausse du trafic de femmes et d’enfants vers l’Inde.

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[Press release] Secretary-General, Condemning Aleppo Hospital Attack, Says All Parties in Syria Must Renew Focus on Political Process Instead of Bombing Civilian Areas

April 28th, 2016 – The Secretary-General condemns yesterday's aerial strikes against Al Quds hospital in Aleppo. Civil society groups report at least 20 people killed as a result of the attack, including three children and the area's last paediatrician. The Secretary-General expresses his deep condolences to the bereaved families.

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

[News] XPRIZE And UN Announce Global Partnership To Empower Children's Learning Through Technology

April 29th, 2016 – The XPRIZE Foundation with the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) today announced a new partnership for the US\$15 Million Global Learning XPRIZE – a five-year competition challenging teams to develop open-source software that will enable children with limited access to schooling to teach themselves basic reading, writing and arithmetic. XPRIZE, a non-profit organization, is the world's leader in designing and managing incentive prize competitions for the benefit of humanity.

[Full Article](#) (World Food Programme)



2. Conferences, Courses and Events

16ème Colloque de formation sur les enfants disparus ou exploités (CEDE)

Organisé par le Centre canadien de protection de l'enfance, le CEDE est l'un des plus grands colloques sur les enfants disparus ou exploités au Canada. Le CEDE offre trois jours de formations données par des experts sur divers sujets, dont les indices et les enquêtes de maltraitance d'enfants et la cyber exploitation.

Lieu : The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre, 222, Broadway, Winnipeg (Manitoba)

Date : 17-19 mai 2016 de 08h00-16h00

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (CEDE)

Research Scholarships – Humanitarian Leadership & related themes

With over 60 million people displaced around the world due to conflicts and disasters, and with the severity and frequency of humanitarian emergencies increasing, the sector is facing significant challenges. The Centre for Humanitarian Leadership (CHL) is seeking to address some of these challenges through our Teaching, Research and Innovation work, and we are now able to offer a limited number of research scholarships.

Location: Melbourne – Australia

Date: 20 May 2016 to 20 May 2019

Registration deadline: 20 May 2016

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)

Formation – « Faire vivre les droits de l'enfant au quotidien »

Cette formation s'adresse à tous les agents territoriaux évoluant dans les domaines de la petite enfance, de l'enfance ou de la jeunesse. Plus généralement, elle intéressera chaque agent amené à être directement ou indirectement en contact avec des enfants. Elle s'appuie sur une méthodologie pédagogique participative et des mises en situation.

Endroit : Paris

Date : 23 et 24 mai 2016 / 26 et 27 septembre 2016 / 5 et 6 décembre 2016

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (Unicef France)



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Training – The Rights of the Child Summer School

This exciting programme will consider legal, political and societal debate, both internationally and comparatively, on issues concerning the rights of the child. These issues include child participation, child poverty, children in conflict and child rights monitoring and advocacy.

Location: Nottingham – United Kingdom of Great Britain

Date: 27 June to 01 July 2016

Registration deadline: 01 June 2016

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

Human Rights Education – University for peace

As proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous succeeding covenants, conventions, treaties and declarations, the concept of human rights constitutes an indispensable pillar in the building of peace at all levels of life. Furthermore, the role of formal and non-formal education in promoting human rights (or human rights education) is also recognized as vital and complementary to the vision and goals of peace education.

Location: Online

Date: 6 June to 5 July 2016

Registration deadline: 5 June 2016

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)

Training – IPT Specialisation Course Child Protection

This IPT Specialisation Course equips participants with specialised knowledge and skills to become effectively involved in monitoring, advisory and executive functions to protect children in crisis areas. Children are subject to abductions, military recruitment, killing, maiming, and numerous forms of exploitation. The multiple distresses affecting children in armed conflicts call for a multiple track approach and well trained experts to safeguard their rights.

Location: Barcelona - Spain

Date: 28 October to 6 November 2016

Registration deadline: 1 July 2016

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)



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Cours d'été relatif aux droits des enfants

Le Cours d'été international relatif aux droits de l'enfant examinera cet été les enjeux touchant les privations de liberté des enfants et le droit des adolescents à un système de justice pénale adapté. Il permettra notamment aux participants de réfléchir et de contribuer aux efforts de recherche et d'analyse concernant l'étude globale sur les conditions des enfants privés de liberté annoncée en décembre 2014 par l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies.

Lieu : Campus de l'Université de Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick, Canada.

Date : 3 au 8 juillet 2016

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (Université de Moncton)



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3. Vacancies

Chief Education, P-4, Tunis, Tunisia, #97279 - UN Children's Fund

If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you. For 70 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection and development. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS.

Location: Tunisia

Application deadline: 13 May 2016

[For more information](#) (Relief web)

Logistics Coordinator Syria (M/F) – Secours Islamique France

Secours Islamique France (SIF) is a Non-Governmental Organization of international solidarity based in France. Founded in 1991, SIF is a non-profit and non-political organization that intends to help, to bring relief and to protect the lives of those threatened by natural disasters, armed conflicts or by economic collapse. SIF intervenes around the world through operations of emergency relief, rehabilitation and development. SIF provides its help in respect of the cultural diversity, without any distinction of origin, religion or gender.

Location: Syrian Arab Republic

Application deadline: 13 May 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Supporter Retention And Development Manager – Plan UK

It is the role of the Supporter Retention and Development Manager to manage a portfolio of fundraising products that engage people and community groups in Plan's work and to maximise that engagement through appropriate communication strategies across all media.

For this key role, you will need to have significant experience of working in a fundraising/marketing environment and of using direct marketing techniques. You'll be able to lead a team, have experience of managing agencies and budgets and of working strategically with a customer service team.

You will also have the ability to distil Plan's work and approach to development and present in an engaging way to a variety of audiences and present structured and cohesive arguments both verbally and in writing.

Location: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Application deadline: 15 May 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Regional Project Manager, “Increased Accountability of ASEAN and SAARC to the Realization of Children’s Right to Protection” – Plan

The post holder is responsible for the management, coordination, and resource mobilisation for the “Increased Accountability of ASEAN and SAARC to the Realization of Children’s Right to Protection” project under the supervision and guidance by the Regional Head of Child Protection. Given the distinct focus of the Project on child protection advocacy by CSO coalitions towards regional bodies for collaboration ASEAN and SAARC, daily management, coordination and support throughout all stages of the Project cycle, including planning, budgeting, documenting and reporting, constitute key responsibilities via a robust M&E framework.

Location: Asia Regional Office Bangkok and other country in Region

Application deadline: 18 May 2016

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)



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Communication Specialist (Media and Emergencies), P-3, Geneva, Switzerland, #57000 – UN Children's Fund

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The purpose of the post is to provide communication support to National Committees and country offices with a private sector fundraising role on media relations and emergencies.

Location: Switzerland

Application deadline: 20 May 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Human Resources Systems – Goal

GOAL is an international humanitarian agency established in 1977 and currently operational in 19 countries world-wide. GOAL has an annual budget of approximately €160m and is supported by a range of donors including the Irish Government, UK Government, USAID and the European Union.

- To function as the system owner and subject matter expert for a global HRIS implementation, ensuring the solution supports 'best-practice' processes and requirements for the long term.
- To assess impact, facilitate change and engage buy-in to ensure the effective delivery and user acceptance of the solution throughout the organisation.

Location: Ireland

Application deadline: 31 May 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



4. Children and Armed Conflicts

Afghanistan – Protecting children from recruitment highlighted in UN-backed theatre performance

April 25th, 2016 – KANDAHAR - Actors highlighted the serious issue of child recruitment during an open-air theatre performance in southern Kandahar province, raising awareness in the community about children's rights. The UNAMA-supported theatre production – the third in a series of 10 events planned for Kandahar – was attended by several hundred people of various ages in the province's Daman district. Performed by members of the Kandahar Theater and Film Group, the show portrayed how recruiters for armed groups tempt children away from their family and friends, with tragic consequences, and highlighted the responsibilities of parents, elders and mullahs in protecting children.

[Full Article](#) (UNAMA)

Afrique – « Celles qui ont été enlevées, on ne connaît pas leur sort »

13 avril 2016 – Deux ans après le rapt spectaculaire de 276 jeunes filles à Chibok, au Nigeria, la secte islamiste continue de terroriser la zone du lac Tchad. Elle serait responsable de la mort de 20 000 personnes et du déplacement de 2,6 millions d'autres.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Afrique – Les enfants en première ligne des massacres de Boko Haram

13 avril 2016 – Les enfants sont de plus en plus impliqués dans les attentats-suicides dans la région du lac Tchad, en Afrique, où sévit le groupe islamiste Boko Haram, rapportait mardi le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF). Alors qu'en 2014 l'organisme recensait 4 attentats-suicides impliquant des enfants, tous au Nigeria, ce phénomène a augmenté de façon dramatique en 2015 à 44 incidents dans quatre pays, soit le Nigeria, le Cameroun et le Tchad.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



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Afrique – Les enfants, nouvelle arme dans les attentats-suicides, selon UNICEF

13 avril 2016 – De plus en plus d'enfants sont impliqués dans des attaques-suicides dans la région du lac Tchad, où le groupe islamiste nigérian Boko Haram, affaibli militairement, tente d'instaurer la terreur par tous les moyens, a rapporté mardi l'Unicef.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Egypt – Children Reported Tortured, 'Disappeared'

April 21st, 2016 – Egyptian security forces allegedly tortured a group of 20 people, 8 of them children, in February 2016, after an arrest sweep in Alexandria, Human Rights Watch said today. Relatives and lawyers said the authorities refused to acknowledge holding them or to tell their families their whereabouts for more than a week and tortured them to make them confess to crimes or provide the names of other suspects.

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

Egypt – Egyptian Unaccompanied Migrant Children: A case study on irregular migration

April 22nd, 2016 – "Egyptian Unaccompanied Migrant Children: A Case Study on Irregular Migration" is a new assessment published by IOM Egypt designed to shed light on the irregular migration of Egyptian children to Europe.

[Full Article](#) (International Organization for Migration)

Ethiopia – South Sudan, Ethiopia Collaborating to Get Abducted Children Released: Ambassador Akuei Bona

April 20th, 2016 – South Sudan will collaborate with Ethiopia in taking measures against the perpetrators of the killings and abductions carried out by forces that attacked civilians in the regional state of Gambella, the country's ambassador to Ethiopia said.

[Full Article](#) (Ethiopian News Agency)



Iraq – NRC - Weekly Activity Update 26 April 2016

April 26th, 2016 – In Harsham camps for IDPs and in Khabat last week, NRC continued its education activities providing children and youth with recreational activities within music, art and sports in addition to catch-up classes in Arabic, English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. In Khabat, NRC provided first aid trainings and exercises in how to deal with stress and anxiety by using the right breathing techniques.

[Full Article](#) (NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq)

Iraq – UNICEF Iraq Monthly Humanitarian Situation Report, March 2016

March 31st, 2016 – As of 16 March there were 3.4 million displaced individuals in Iraq, at least 47 percent of which are children under 18 years old. A spike in verified reports of killing and maiming of children occurred in March affecting 144 children (14 girls, 112 boys and 18 sex unknown). As military operations continue in Anbar Governorate and near Mosul city in Ninewa, reports of males including boys being detained for screening were widespread. Boys were reportedly separated from families, held with adult males, and not transferred to juvenile police as required by law.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Kenya – UNICEF Statement on the abduction of Ethiopian children

April 19th, 2016 – UNICEF condemns in the strongest possible terms the abduction on Friday of some 100 children in western Ethiopia during a brutal attack on their community by armed assailants, allegedly cattle raiders from South Sudan. Unverified reports indicate that children are also among the dead and wounded.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF Press Centre)

Libya – A Libyan City Commits to Protect Children from Armed Conflict

April 20th, 2016 – Municipal leaders in Libya are taking action to better protect children from the impact of armed conflict. In February, the Municipal Council of Al Zintan, a city located about 130 km southwest of Tripoli, and one of the largest in the region, agreed to work with UNICEF to facilitate the release of children under 18 involved in the armed conflict and to establish a reintegration centre. The centre will provide services to children and also to adults who were involved in the conflict when they were still children.

[Full Article](#) (UN Office of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflicts)



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Mali – UNICEF condemns withdrawal of children from schools in Kidal

April 26th, 2016 – In the wake of the violent protests on 18 and 19 April in Kidal, northern Mali, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is warning that the events disrupted children's education in the region and endangered their safety. According to sources verified by UNICEF, many children were removed from classrooms during the school day to participate in rallies.

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

Moyen-Orient – L'UNICEF demande d'urgence que l'on entende les enfants migrants et réfugiés coincés en Grèce

6 avril 2016 – A l'heure où les réfugiés et les migrants bloqués sur les îles grecques regagnent la Turquie en vertu de l'accord conclu entre Ankara et l'Union européenne, l'UNICEF rappelle aux Etats leur obligation de prendre soin et de protéger tous les enfants et de leur donner la possibilité de s'exprimer lorsque leur avenir est en cause.

[Article complet](#) (Centre de presse UNICEF)

Niger – Niger ECHO Factsheet April 2016

April 23rd, 2016 – Humanitarian needs in Niger continue to be immense as a result of persisting food insecurity, high global malnutrition of children under age five and the displacement of people fleeing the conflict in neighbouring Mali* and Nigeria*. Successive food crises, extreme poverty, displacement and rapid population growth continue to erode people's resilience. Even in good agricultural years, between 4 and 5 million Nigeriens experience food shortages.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

Nigéria – Au moins 500 femmes et enfants enlevés par Boko Haram en 2014

30 mars 2016 – Cinq cents femmes et enfants ont été enlevés fin 2014 par le groupe islamiste Boko Haram à Damasak, dans le nord-est du Nigeria, mais les autorités ont ignoré les informations sur ce rapt massif, ont affirmé mercredi à l'AFP des habitants de cette ville. Ce kidnapping, plus important que celui des 276 lycéennes de Chibok, s'est produit le 24 novembre 2014, selon un fonctionnaire local, un chef local, un ancien et un habitant de Damasak interrogés par l'AFP.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



Nigéria – Des enfants privés d'éducation dans le nord-est du pays

11 avril 2016 – Les attaques perpétrées par Boko Haram contre les écoles, les élèves et les enseignants dans le nord-est du Nigeria ont des effets dévastateurs sur l'éducation, a déclaré Human Rights Watch dans un rapport publié aujourd'hui. Le conflit a laissé presque un million d'enfants sans accès, ou presque, à l'école, tandis que les forces de sécurité nigérianes ont aussi contribué au problème en utilisant des écoles comme bases militaires, exposant encore plus les enfants aux attaques du groupe armé islamiste.

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

Nigéria – Conflit régional du Nigeria : multiplication par 11 du nombre d'enfants utilisés dans les « attaques-suicides »

12 avril 2016 – Le nombre d'enfants impliqués dans des « attaques-suicides » au Nigeria, au Cameroun, au Tchad et au Niger a brusquement augmenté au cours de l'année passée, passant de 4 en 2014 à 44 en 2015, signale un rapport de l'UNICEF publié aujourd'hui. Plus de 75 % des enfants impliqués dans ces attaques sont des filles.

[Article complet](#) (Centre de presse UNICEF)

Nigéria – Boko Haram envoie une preuve de vie des jeunes filles enlevées

15 avril 2016 – Le gouvernement nigérian étudiait jeudi une vidéo envoyée par le groupe Boko Haram comme preuve de vie de certaines des jeunes filles enlevées à Chibok, il y a deux ans, alors que les familles et des sympathisants manifestaient pour réclamer la libération des lycéennes. Les images des 15 captives obtenues mercredi par CNN auraient été tournées le 25 décembre. Ce sont les premiers éléments prouvant que certaines d'entre elles au moins sont en vie depuis une précédente vidéo des insurgés nigériens datant de mai 2014.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Nigeria – Military cover-up of mass slaughter at Zaria exposed

April 22nd, 2016 – Mass slaughter of hundreds of men, women and children by soldiers in Zaria and the attempted cover-up of this crime demonstrates an utter contempt for human life and accountability, said Amnesty International as it publishes evidence gathered on the ground revealing how the Nigerian military burned people alive, razed buildings and dumped victims' bodies in mass graves.

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty international)



Palestine – Weekly Report On Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (14-20 April 2016)

April 20th, 2016 – Israeli forces conducted 61 incursions into Palestinian communities in the West Bank and 13 others in occupied Jerusalem and its suburbs. 79 103 civilians, including 24 children and 3 young women, were arrested. 59 of them, including 24 children and a young woman, were arrested in occupied Jerusalem. Al-'Ajouli Company for Exchange was raided and burnt in addition to other shops in the centre of Ramallah and al-Bireh.

[Full Article](#) (Palestinian Center for Human Rights)

République Centrafricaine – Soutenir les victimes d'abus sexuels commis par des Casques bleus

1^{er} Avril 2016 – Lorsque nous avons documenté des cas de viols et d'exploitation commis en janvier par des soldats de la paix dans la ville de Bambari, située au centre du pays, à peine une des huit femmes et filles victimes avaient reçu des soins médicaux ou psychosociaux. Un leader communautaire nous a indiqué, en novembre, avoir signalé le viol de « Cécile », âgée de 14 ans, par des troupes de la République du Congo à une agence de l'ONU. Deux mois plus tard, Cécile n'avait reçu aucun soin de santé ou soutien psychologique, et il n'y avait pas d'argent pour l'évacuer à l'hôpital. Voilà exactement le type de défaillances qu'un examen indépendant de la réponse de l'ONU aux abus et à l'exploitation sexuelle dans le pays a récemment qualifiées d'« affligeantes ».

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

République Centrafricaine – Stratégie pour les interventions humanitaires de protection de l'enfant: Janvier 2016 – Décembre 2016, République Centrafricaine

26 avril 2016 – Dans le secteur de la protection des enfants, avant le déclenchement de la crise fin 2012, selon MICS 2010, l'enregistrement des naissances s'établissait à 61% pour les enfants de moins de 5 ans ; la proportion des enfants de 5 à 14 ans exerçant un travail qualifié de travail des enfants s'établissait à 66%. Le pourcentage des élèves qui travaillent est estimé à 59%. Pratiquement tous les enfants centrafricains âgés de 2 à 14 ans (92%) ont été victimes d'une forme quelconque de discipline violente.

[Article complet](#) (Humanitarian Response)



République Centrafricaine – Bulletin humanitaire République Centrafricaine Numéro 9 | Mars 2016

26 avril 2016 – Plus d'un million de personnes ont été contraintes d'abandonner leurs foyers tout au long des trois dernières années de conflit et 2,5 millions luttent toujours pour subvenir à leurs besoins fondamentaux. Le conflit a amené d'autres conséquences tout aussi dramatiques mais moins visibles ont le nombre de jeunes enfants mourant de malnutrition, a augmenté depuis le début du conflit et le nombre de personnes souffrant de la faim a doublé, ce qui a poussé les organisations humanitaires à tirer la sonnette d'alarme et à demander plus de soutien.

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

RD Congo – Des enfants sont détenus dans une prison militaire d'une région reculée

4 avril 2016 – L'armée nationale congolaise détient illégalement au moins 29 enfants dans de rudes conditions dans le nord-ouest de la République démocratique du Congo (RD Congo). Les autorités affirment que ces garçons, âgés de 15 à 17 ans, étaient membres d'un groupe rebelle armé et les détiennent dans une prison militaire à Angenga depuis leur capture dans l'est de la RD Congo dans la première moitié de 2015.

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

RD Congo – Note d'informations humanitaires no 07/16 (20/4/2016)

21 avril 2016 – Kalehe : plus de 500 élèves retrouvent le chemin de l'école suite au plaidoyer des humanitaires pour libérer leur école de la présence des militaires. 70 510 enfants et adolescents ciblés par une campagne de vaccination contre la rougeole à Idjwi.

[Article complet](#) (Humanitarian Response)

Serbia – Serbia Daily Update, 22 - 24 April 2016

April 26th, 2016 – 66 refugees remain hosted in the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo. 37 individuals who arrived irregularly from FYR Macedonia were accommodated in the RC. Philanthropy distributed 76 cash cards to the refugee population. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space/mother and baby corner hosted a total of 35 children and 26 women while a new modern mural was painted in one wall of the power station in the RC and sponsored by SOS Children's Villages. The UNHCR-supported Public Health and the Natan/Humedica clinic treated over 80 patients during the reporting period.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



Sudan – Sudan Human Rights Update – March 2016

April 26th, 2016 – The 65 reports detail the following: the death 37 civilians and the serious injury of 59; the rape of 14 females including nine minors; the arrest of 28 persons including one detainee being held in a toxic container at the Sudanese Armed Forces Headquarters in Demazin; 15 reports of aerial bombardment resulting in the minimum use of some 160 bombs; the direct targeting of 30 civilian villages, which have been identified by monitors leading to the destruction of 15 of those villages; five incidents pertaining to press freedom with four newspaper confiscations; three dispersions of peaceful protest; and the denial of external travel to five persons.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Somalia – UNICEF Somalia Humanitarian Situation Report #3, March 2016

March 31st, 2016 – UNICEF and WFP are jointly working on an augmented response in targeted Internal Displaced Populations (IDP) sites to address the deteriorating food security and malnutrition. As part of this response, UNICEF initiated a three month integrated emergency intervention in Dollow IDP settlements in Gedo region, providing nutrition, WASH and health services, and targeting 42,053 IDPs, including 8,411 children under 5 and 3,364 pregnant and lactating women.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

South Sudan – UNICEF South Sudan Humanitarian Situation Report #84, 8-21 April 2016

April 21st, 2016 – Family separation has affected over 36,000 South Sudanese children in South Sudan and neighbouring countries. Of these, 12,471 children have been identified within South Sudan of whom 3,928 have been reunited with their families. If new funding is not identified by June 2016, most new reunifications will not be possible and children will need to remain in their alternative care placements.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



South Sudan – In South Sudan, Joint Rapid Response Missions Reach More than 1 Million People

April 21st, 2016 – More than one million people – 20 percent of them children under the age of 5 – have now received life-saving assistance from UNICEF, the World Food Programme (WFP) and their partners in South Sudan through 82 joint emergency missions to communities hardest-hit by conflict. As the vast majority of the 1.7 million people internally displaced by violence in South Sudan fled to remote areas inaccessible by road, UNICEF and WFP designed the Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in early 2014 to bring urgent assistance by air and river to desperate families. Teams normally consist of technical specialists who fly into remote areas by helicopter and establish a temporary camp where they remain for up to two weeks. In addition to providing immediate emergency services, RRM teams work to establish, or reopen, long-term humanitarian access to remote communities.

[Full Article](#) (World Food Programme)

South Sudan – South Sudan crisis far from over as opposition leader returns

April 26th, 2016 – Humanitarian needs in South Sudan are staggering. Some six million people need humanitarian assistance - more than half the population. Over two million people have been forced to flee their homes. Over half of all school-aged children are not attending classes. Despite these figures, only 20 per cent of the aid appeal for South Sudan has been funded. Aid agencies, including NRC, have less money to respond to greater needs.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Syria – Turkey | Syria: Cross-Border Humanitarian Reach and Activities from Turkey (February 2016)

March 30th, 2016 – Education cluster provided children and adolescents with regular self-learning materials and digital learning materials, provision/ rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities in TLS/ schools, Rehabilitation of learning centers, incentives/allowances for teaching staff, non-formal education (NFE), professional development to teaching staff (active learning, self-learning, life skills), textbooks, life skills based trainings, basic education materials, psychological support and recreational activities, provision of fuel for heating in learning centers and teaching kits, develop & strengthen M&E capacities of education actors, early childhood education (ECE) / early childhood development (ECD) and awareness raising campaigns.

[Full Article](#) (Humanitarian Response)



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Syria – UNICEF Syria Crisis Situation Report - March 2016

March 31st, 2016 – UNICEF is working within the Whole of Syria response to provide emergency support in the hard-to-reach and besieged areas inside Syria. In March, UNICEF reached at least 343,900 people in 39 hard-to-reach locations with life-saving supplies and critical services in the areas of WASH, education, health and nutrition and child protection. Deliveries included supplies to reach at least 50,000 beneficiaries in five of 19 besieged areas. UNICEF continues to provide emergency response to the 32,000 Syrians on the border between Syria and Jordan, including screening for malnutrition and promotion of Infant and Young Child Feeding.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

Yémen – Les enfants au bord du chaos face au risque d’effondrement du pays

29 mars 2016 – Un conflit brutal et une situation humanitaire qui se détériore très vite anéantissent la vie de millions d’enfants au Yémen et ont conduit le pays à son effondrement. Le rapport de l’UNICEF « Children on the brink » souligne le lourd bilan de la violence au Yémen sur les enfants et la détérioration dans un pays déjà dans une situation humanitaire précaire.

[Article complet](#) (Centre de presse UNICEF)