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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)



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[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)



[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.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



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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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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

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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. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Afghanistan – Children in Afghanistan struggle to access education and healthcare

April 18th, 2016 – Jointly produced by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and UNICEF, the report documents how conflict-related violence, threats and intimidation by all parties to the conflict harmed health and education personnel, reduced the availability of healthcare, and limited children's access to essential health and education services. The report covers the three-year period, 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Afghanistan – Afghans protest murder of Setayesh Ghoreishi in Iran

April 22nd, 2016 – Afghan civil and human rights activists have staged a rally outside the Iranian regime's consulate in Herat, north-west Afghanistan, demanding justice over the rape and murder of a six-year-old Afghan girl in Iran earlier this month.

[Full Article](#) (NCRI Iran News)

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

April 25th, 2016 – 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.

[Full Article](#) (UNAMA)

Egypt – Children Reported Tortured, 'Disappeared'

April 21st, 2016 – Beirut – Egyptian security forces allegedly tortured a group of 20 people, eight 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)



Iran – Iran regime plans to execute juvenile offender

April 9th, 2016 – Iran's regime is planning to execute Amanj Veisee for a crime he committed at the age of 15, Rebecca Carr of Amnesty International's 'Children's Human Rights Network' says. "At his retrial in December Juvenile offender Amanj Veisee was resentenced to death for the murder of his cousin – despite an official forensic report concluding that he had not attained 'mental growth and maturity' at the time of the crime," Ms. Carr wrote on the website of Amnesty International UK.

[Full article](#) (NCRI Iran News)

Iraq – 'It was a children's soccer game. Of course he knew he was going to kill children'

April 8th, 2016 – In Asriya, Iraq The suicide bomber who blew up a youth soccer match late last month left barely a dent in the hard, dry earth, and only a faint scorch on a concrete wall nearby. But he gouged a chasm of grief in the heart of the small community that lost more than two dozen of its sons in a single moment, at 6:15 on the evening of March 25. A total of 43 people died in the bombing at the game, according to figures provided by the local government. Of those, 29 were boys younger than 17 who had either been participating in the match or watching their friends play.

[Full Article](#) (The Washington Post)

Iraq – Slump hurts refugee schools in Kurdistan region of Iraq

April 8th, 2016 – The classroom is Spartan. Student numbers are high and teachers have not been paid for months, but deputy principal Mohammed Zekkhi refuses to give up hope. "These children are our future, we cannot let them down," says Zekkhi, of the primary school at Kawergosk refugee camp, in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, or KR-I, which has 1,700 pupils.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR News)



Iraq – Iraq GBV Sub-Cluster Strategy for 2016

April 19th, 2016 – Iraq is experiencing a double crisis of displacement. Syrian refugees, which currently total over 244,5271 individuals, have fled the armed conflict in Syria and have sought refuge primarily in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI). Compounding this crisis is the larger scale internal displacement of Iraqis who continue to flee areas controlled by the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and the subsequent military operations by government and allied forces to regain territory.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Lebanon – WFP Launches School Meals Programme To Support Both Lebanese And Syrian Children

April 4th, 2016 – “Education is vital to equip the youth of Lebanon and Syria with the tools they will need to contribute to a region that is going through such turmoil and difficulty,” said WFP Lebanon Country Director Dominik Heinrich. “By providing children with daily, nutritious meals at school, WFP can ensure improved nutritional intake for these children as well as encouraging their parents to send them to school regularly.

[Full Article](#) (WFP News)

Lybia – 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](#) (Reliefweb)

Lebanon – Ministry of Social Affairs, Université Saint Joseph, UNICEF, European Union - Strengthening Child Protection across Lebanon

April 20th, 2016 – Under the patronage and in presence of the Minister of Social Affairs, H.E. Mr. Rachid Derbas, a toolkit designed to strengthen national systems of protection of children against violence, exploitation abuse and neglect, is being launched in Beirut today.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



Maroc – Les droits des enfants restent insuffisamment respectés

14 avril 2016 – Un trop grand nombre d'entre eux continue à être exposé aux violences, y compris dans les formes extrêmes. 86 000 enfants travaillent et 55% des élèves n'achèvent pas l'enseignement obligatoire. Le Conseil économique, social et environnemental (CESE) a tenu, le 31 mars à Rabat, la 60e session ordinaire de son assemblée générale au cours de laquelle a été présenté le projet de rapport sur les droits de l'enfant intitulé : «L'effectivité des droits de l'enfant, condition de développement du Maroc et responsabilité de tous».

[Full Article](#) (La vie éco)

Maroc – Dans le quotidien des enfants de la lune

15 avril 2016 – Selon l'Association de solidarité avec les enfants de la lune, 400 enfants souffrent de cette maladie au Maroc. Les parents déplorent l'absence de prise en charge sociale et médicale de leurs enfants. Sana a 27 ans. Depuis toute petite, elle souffre d'une maladie qu'elle était rare: elle ne peut pas s'exposer aux rayons du soleil. Ses parents avaient décidé très tôt de ne plus l'envoyer à l'école. Ce qui ne l'a pas empêchée de suivre un cursus scolaire chez elle. «Comme nous n'avions aucune idée de la maladie, nous avons perdu notre fils Mounir en 1994. Il avait sept ans. Dès lors, on a tout fait pour préserver la vie de notre fille», explique Mohamed Yakdane, père de Sana.

[Full Article](#) (La vie éco)

Maroc – Un réseau d'avocats pour la défense et la protection des enfants au Maroc

24 avril 2016 – Un réseau d'avocats, coordonné par l'Observatoire national des droits de l'enfant (ONDE), a été créé, samedi 23 avril à Rabat, pour défendre les droits de l'enfant et le protéger contre toutes les formes de violences et d'exploitation. La création de ce réseau a eu lieu dans le cadre d'une réunion nationale des avocats, organisée par l'ONDE sous le signe "les avocats se réunissent pour défendre les enfants contre la violence et l'exploitation".

[Full Article](#) (Al Huffington Post)

Palestine – Israeli Police Abusing Detained Children [EN/AR/HE]

April 11th, 2016 – Israeli security forces are abusing Palestinian children detained in the West Bank, Human Rights Watch said today. The number of Palestinian children arrested by Israeli forces has more than doubled since October 2015.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



Palestine – Dubai Cares safeguards the rights to education for Palestinian children in Gaza

April 14th, 2016 – Dubai Cares, part of Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, announced a new program in Gaza, Palestine amounting to AED 11,402,550 (USD 3,103,824) over the next two years to ensure access to education for 2,570 refugee Palestinian children, in partnership with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). This program is part of a series of programs that Dubai Cares has been launching under its “Rebuild Palestine. Start with Education” initiative that was announced in October 2014.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Palestine – No Way to Treat a Child, Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system

April 14th, 2016 – Today, Defense for Children International - Palestine published a new report, No Way to Treat a Child, detailing the widespread and systematic ill-treatment of Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system. From meals prepared in a makeshift kitchen to adult prisoner "caregivers," the report also gives a rare glimpse into Palestinian children's daily living conditions in Israeli prisons.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Children's Alliance)

Palestine – Rise in Palestinian children held by Israel 'alarming'

April 24th, 2016 – A jabbing pain in his shoulder and thigh roused Obada from his sleep at 3am. In the half-light, the 15-year-old could make out eight masked men surrounding his bed, their rifles pointed at him. "I felt terrified," he said of the experience of being arrested in February from his home in the village of al-Araqa, near Jenin in the northern West Bank.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Palestine – Meet the youngest Palestinian female prisoner

April 25th, 2016 – After spending 2.5 months in a prison cell, 12-year-old D* al-Wawi, the youngest Palestinian female detainee, was released on Sunday on early parole. D, arrested on February 9 near the illegal Israeli settlement of Karmeit Zzur, was convicted of attempted voluntary manslaughter and illegal possession of a knife in a plea bargain by Israel's military court days after her detention. She was sentenced to 4.5 months in Israeli military prison, and completed more than half of her sentence.

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Palestine – Janna Jihad: Meet Palestine's 10-year-old journalist

April 28th, 2016 – Palestinian Janna Jihad Ayyad, who turned 10 years old this month, counts herself among the youngest journalists in the world. A resident of the village of Nabi Saleh in the occupied West Bank, Janna, along with many other local children, regularly participates in demonstrations against the Israeli occupation. She began making videos of what was happening in her village when she was only seven years old.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Pakistan – Polio vaccination drive to cover 1.3m children

April 25th, 2016 – At least 1.3 million children of less than five years will be vaccinated against poliovirus during a three-day campaign that is set to commence on Monday. Balochistan Emergency Operation Centre Coordinator Dr Saifur Rehman said at a meeting that the campaign would be carried out in 12 districts of the province, including the high-risk areas.

[Full Article](#) (DAWN)

Saudi Arabia – 3 Alleged Child Offenders Await Execution

April 17th, 2016 – Three Saudi men are awaiting execution for alleged, protest-related crimes committed while they were children. Saudi judges based the capital convictions primarily on confessions that the three defendants retracted in court and said had been coerced. The courts did not investigate the allegations that the confessions were obtained by torture.

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

Syria – Children in Besieged Syrian Suburb Are Forced Out Of School And Into Work

April 5th, 2016 – Violence, poverty and displacement have affected millions of Syrian children, sometimes forcing them to become the sole providers for their households. In the besieged Damascus suburb of Eastern Ghouta, many are forgoing their education and turning to the streets to help support their families.

[Full Article](#) (The World Post)



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Syria – A future in the Balance: How the conflict in Syria is impacting on the needs, concerns and aspirations of young people across the Middle East

April 20th, 2016 – An entire generation of young people in the Middle East faces unprecedented challenges in an environment of insecurity and poverty, risking losing their untapped potential to hopelessness.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Syria – Child refugees and their families are being denied crucial disability benefits

April 26th, 2016 – A two-year wait until refugees in the UK are eligible to apply for disability living allowance has left people with war-inflicted injuries and other serious medical conditions without support.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Syria – Dozens Dead As Air Strikes Destroys Syrian Hospital

April 28th, 2016 – Air strikes destroyed a hospital and killed dozens of people in rebel-held areas of Syria's Aleppo including children and doctors, and the United Nations called on Moscow and Washington to salvage a "barely-alive" cease-fire. The city of Aleppo is at the epicenter of a military escalation that has undermined peace talks in Geneva to end the five-year-old war and U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura appealed to the presidents of the United States and Russia to intervene.

[Full Article](#) (The World Post)

Syria – Syria army readies Aleppo offensive as civilian toll rises

April 28th, 2016 – The Syrian army was preparing an offensive to retake the northern city of Aleppo, where 53 civilians were killed in fighting Thursday in a new blow to a tattered truce. It was the highest death toll for a single day in a week of fighting in the divided city of Aleppo between rebels and regime forces that has cost more than 200 lives, a monitoring group said.

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Syria – WFP Launches Cash Cards For Displaced Families And Syrian Refugees In Iraq

April 28th, 2016 – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has launched a digital cash card programme to provide food assistance to thousands of displaced Iraqi families and Syrian refugees across Iraq. Through electronic cards, known as SCOPE cards, WFP is providing both cash and voucher assistance to people in need, allowing them to choose and buy their own food from local shops across the country.

[Full Article](#) (WFP News)

Syria – Syria's peace talks fade as violence escalates

April 29th, 2016 – A Palestinian boy and his sister were killed in Hamas-controlled Gaza Saturday when they were hit by fragments from a missile fired by an Israeli aircraft, while three senior Hamas leaders traveled to Cairo to try to repair relations with Egypt after years of tension. The incident in Gaza took place hours after militants launched rockets into Israel. An Israeli military statement said aircraft had targeted four militant training camps belonging to Hamas after four missiles landed in open areas in southern Israel Friday night. No casualties were reported from the rocket strikes.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Yemen – Yemen children bearing the brunt of brutal conflict – UN

April 10th, 2016 – “The children of Yemen are bearing the brunt of a brutal conflict. The cessation of hostilities that has come into effect today is an opportunity for parties to take action to improve their protection. “In the past year, the United Nations verified a significant increase in grave violations against children by all parties to the conflict in Yemen.

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