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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)



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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. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Africa – Young People Converge to Discuss African Youth Charter

April 11th, 2016 – In commemorating the 10th year anniversary of the adoption of the African Youth Charter, 52 young people from different African countries converged to dialogue at a local hotel during the weekend. The event was organised by the Human Right Institute of South Africa (HURISA), a coalition of African civil society organisations, in collaboration with the African Youth Panel, National Youth Council of The Gambia, Youth Alliance in The Gambia, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS) and UN.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

Africa – Nigeria regional conflict: 10-fold increase in number of children used in ‘suicide’ attacks

April 12th, 2016 – DAKAR/NEW YORK/GENEVA – The number of children involved in ‘suicide’ attacks in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Niger has risen sharply over the past year, from 4 in 2014 to 44 in 2015, according to a UNICEF report released today. More than 75 per cent of the children involved in the attacks are girls.

[Full Article and Report](#) (UNICEF)

Africa – Why Africa is lagging behind in child vaccination

April 25th, 2016 – Charles Wiysonge Correspondent Africa has made incredible improvements immunising children against preventable diseases such as polio, pneumonia, diphtheria, measles and tuberculosis. By 2014, 77 percent of the continent’s children were immunised. Compared to 1980, when only 5 percent of African children were vaccinated, this is a drastic improvement. Despite these achievements, the immunisation agenda in Africa remains unfinished.

[Full Article](#) (The Herald)

Angola hit by yellow fever outbreak

April 14th, 2016 – Hospitals in Angola's capital Luanda have been overwhelmed by yellow fever patients. At the David Bernadino Children's Hospital, five hundred children are admitted every day. Fever, muscle pains, nausea, bleeding: These are the signs of yellow fever. For months now, Angola has been hit by the yellow fever scare.

[Full Article](#) (DW)



Burkina Faso – Ouagadougou : Des élèves ont manifesté pour de meilleures conditions d'études

7 avril 2016 – L'Association des élèves et scolaires de Ouagadougou (AESO) a manifesté ce mercredi 6 avril 2016 dans la capitale pour exiger la prise en compte de leur plate-forme revendicative qui avait été soumise au mois de février à leur ministère de tutelle. Pour se faire entendre, des centaines d'élèves ont bloqué la circulation sous l'échangeur de l'Est.

[Article complet](#) (LeFaso.net)

Burkina Faso – Gratuité des soins de santé maternelle et infantile : Des chercheurs s'interrogent

24 avril 2016 – À la lumière d'expériences récentes dans d'autres pays, des chercheurs s'interrogent sur les perspectives de la mesure de gratuité des soins de santé maternelle et infantile. S'il est un motif de célébration, il faut néanmoins avoir à l'esprit les leçons venues d'ailleurs, disent les chercheurs du projet FEMHealth.

[Article complet](#) (LeFaso.net)

Burkina Faso – Forced and early marriage puts thousands of girls at risk

April 26th, 2016 – Early and forced marriage in Burkina Faso is robbing thousands of girls as young as 13 of their childhood, while the cost of contraception and other barriers prevent them from choosing if and when to have children, Amnesty International said in a report published today.

[Full Article](#) and [Report](#) (Amnesty international)

Burundi – Aurora Prize Awarded To Burundi Hero Marguerite Barankitse, Who Sheltered 30,000 Children From Conflict

April 25th, 2016 – 'A reminder of the impact that one person can have'. George Clooney has presented a humanitarian worker from Burundi, who sheltered around 30,000 children from conflict, with a million dollar prize. Marguerite Barankitse, known as Maggy, was one of four finalists nominated for The Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity. She will now donate the money to three organisations working to end child poverty.

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



Cameroon – Yaounde Central Prison: Minors' Reception Facility Equipped

April 11th, 2016 – Within the backdrop of offering a convivial family set-up for detained children and their parents as well as detained mothers and their children, the association, Relais Enfants-Parents du Cameroun (REPCAM) last Friday April 8, 2016 at the Yaounde Central Prison officially opened a home meant to provide comfort to mothers and children under detention.

[Full Article](#) (Cameroon Tribune)

Cameroon – Solar power, text messages fight maternal deaths in rural Cameroon

April 12th, 2016 – Julianna Senze, 40, had been in heavy labour for eight hours when she arrived at the Idenau Health Centre in Limbe, on the southwest coast of Cameroon. Like many women in the country, she had had no prenatal care, so what should have been a routine delivery was now a high-risk medical procedure. The nurses, looking worn and tired, rushed her to the delivery room.

[Full Article](#) (Thomson Reuters Foundation News)

Côte d'Ivoire – Droits de l'enfant : d'importants progrès, mais aussi des défis à relever en Côte d'Ivoire

28 avril 2016 – Arrivée au terme de sa mission, Adèle Khudr, Représentante de l'UNICEF, a affirmé que d'importantes étapes ont été franchies en faveur des droits de l'enfant au cours des dernières années en Côte d'Ivoire. "Ces trois dernières années ont été exceptionnelles, et je salue personnellement la qualité des relations de collaboration et de travail avec le Gouvernement. Les portes ont été ouvertes pour les partenaires - y compris l'UNICEF - pour faire progresser de manière significative les droits des enfants. Nous avons saisi ces opportunités avec énergie et détermination," a déclaré Mme Khudr.

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

Democratic Republic of the Congo – Exclusive report: General Baraka's one hundred children

April 5th, 2016 – Daniel Tamene, our Programme Finance Manager, recently travelled to the Democratic Republic of Congo to visit our partner Centre Resolution Conflicts (CRC). He accompanied CRC into the bush to see first-hand the negotiation process they manage every time they rescue and resettle child soldiers. Here is Daniel's exclusive report from the field.

[Full Article](#) (Peace Direct)



Democratic Republic of the Congo – Uganda / DRC: Ten children to be reunited with their families in DRC

April 21st, 2016 – The ICRC in Kampala has successfully handed over ten minor children to the ICRC delegation in the DRC at Bunagana point on the Uganda-DRC border for reunification with their families. The children, whose ages range from one to seventeen years, were separated from their families due to the ongoing conflict in the North Kivu region of the DRC.

[Full Article](#) (ICRC)

Ethiopia – Six million children in Ethiopia are hungry and without clean water. It's in all of our interests to help Ethiopia overcome the worst drought in 50 years

April 14th, 2016 – When four-year-old Malou first arrived at the Save the Children stabilisation centre in the small community of Fedeto, she was severely underweight and limp, her feet swollen. But having been treated for the effects of malnutrition, and it seemed starting on the road to recovery, she now has a second battle on her hands – to overcome pneumonia.

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

Éthiopie – L'armée éthiopienne entre au Soudan du Sud à la recherche d'enfants kidnappés

22 avril 2016 – L'Éthiopie a lancé une opération militaire au Soudan du Sud pour libérer une centaine d'enfants kidnappés lors d'un raid meurtrier d'hommes de la tribu Murle venus du Soudan du Sud sur des villages Nuer en Éthiopie, près de Gambella. Le raid a fait plus de 200 morts et suscité une vague d'indignation en Éthiopie.

[Article complet](#) (RFI)

Gambia – Schools meals - a step towards zero hunger in The Gambia

April 7th, 2016 - School meals are a lifeline for more than 100,000 vulnerable children and their families across The Gambia. The European Union (E.U.) is one of the biggest supporters of WFP's school meals programme across the country.

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



Gambia – Home Affairs - the Plight of Street Children

April 15th, 2016 – The reasons children go to the streets are unique to their individual situations. Often there is not one simple reason why a child is on the street. According to research, a combination of multiple factors such as poverty, neglect, breakdown of a family, losing one or both parents, and verbal, physical and sexual abuse drive children to a life on the street.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

Guinea – UN Report Reveals Increasing Incidents of Female Genital Mutilation in Guinea, Including On Infants

April 25th, 2016 – Despite being forbidden by national and international law, according to a new United Nations report, female genital mutilation shows no sign of abating in Guinea - with more infants and very young girls undergoing the excisions than before. "Although female genital mutilation appears to be decreasing worldwide, this is not the case in Guinea, where this practice is widespread in every region and among every ethnic, religious and social group," said UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein in a press release on the report.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

Guinée – Les femmes et les enfants, victimes collatérales d’Ebola

18 avril 2016 – « La dernière fois que j’ai accouché à la maison, j’ai eu une tension du placenta. J’ai tellement saigné que j’ai failli perdre la vie », raconte Mariama, 35 ans, allongée à côté de son enfant, né il y a quelques minutes. Affaiblie par le travail, elle doit forcer sur sa voix pour couvrir les pleurs du nouveau-né : « C’est mon septième enfant. Maintenant, j’accouche au dispensaire. Parce que si tu accouches seule et qu’il y a un problème, il n’y a personne pour te secourir... »

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde Afrique)

Ivory Coast – Leaving Cote d'Ivoire

April 1st, 2016 – After nine years of assisting refugees and internally displaced people in Cote d'Ivoire, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has closed down its operations in the country. "Our programme has had a positive impact on the population of Côte d'Ivoire and our achievements make me proud," says Cheick Ba, NRC's Country Director in Cote d'Ivoire.

[Full Article](#) (Norwegian Refugee Council)



Ivory Coast – Ivorians use schools to cut child labour

April 28th, 2016 – Since 2011, 17,829 classrooms have been built or restored. “At five years old, I went to work in the fields with my dad. Today, my children go to school,” said Peter, a cocoa farmer in Bonikro in the centre of Cote d’Ivoire. Peter is one of a generation of farmers at the heart of a drive to keep the country’s children in school and away from its vast plantations.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Nation)

Kenya – It’s time to stop these preventable deaths of mothers and children

April 21st, 2016 – One in 38 Kenyan women is at risk of dying from childbirth complications. The day of a child’s birth should be a day filled with joy, but for many Kenyans, it is a day of fear. For the most unfortunate, it is a day of tragedy.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Nation)

Kenya – 160 girls show the way for victims of rape

April 24th, 2016 – The High Court of Kenya ruled that police must enforce defilement laws and investigate, apprehend, and arrest perpetrators. In Kenya, one out of every three girls will be sexually assaulted before she turns 18. It is even worse when a survivor of sexual violence does not see their rapist face justice.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Nation)

Liberia – Justice Holds Child Protection Training

April 26th, 2016 – The Ministry of Justice through its Child Protection Section in collaboration with the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) has conducted a two-day training for officers of the Liberia National Police Women and Children Protection Section. The training was being held under the theme, "Protecting children's rights to diversion within the child justice system".

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)



Madagascar – Comment Madagascar s’emploie à lutter contre le fléau des retards de croissance et à améliorer le développement du jeune enfant

6 avril 2016 – À Analamanga, des jeunes femmes attendent leur tour, leur bébé dans les bras, au centre du Programme national de nutrition communautaire (PNNC). Un agent de santé vérifie le poids et l’âge d’une petite fille de six mois et note minutieusement ces informations. Pour la plupart des nouvelles mères, c’est le poids de leur bébé qui détermine avant tout l’état de santé de l’enfant.

[Article complet](#) (Banque Mondiale)

Madagascar – Éducation – Des enfants remis à la scolarité

27 avril 2016 – Le projet initié par l’association Asmae, Manda et Hardi, financé par l’Union Européenne ont fait la joie des enfants devenus scolarisés. Quatre cent quarante enfants issus de familles très vulnérables, résidant dans les quartiers d’Antananarivo, sont appuyés par le projet d’Appui à la réinsertion des enfants exclus du système scolaire.

[Article complet](#) (L’Express Madagascar)

Malawi – Malawi's fearsome chief, terminator of child marriages

March 31st, 2016 – Chief Kachindamoto has broken up 850 child marriages in three years, and banned the sexual initiations of young girls. The mild-mannered woman who zips around a farmhouse packed with knick-knacks and insists her guests eat a meal before any introductions, presents a character at odds with her fearsome reputation of being Malawi's top marriage terminator.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Malawi – Malawi empowers children to fight sexual abuse

April 19th, 2016 – Rape is Malawi's most reported crime. Ujamaa initiative is helping schoolkids defend themselves against perpetrators. Small fists fly towards throats, knees jerk from under pinafore dress hems up to groin level and two-pronged fingers shoot for the eyes as high-pitched shrieks of "No!" echo through the playground at Makankhula primary school.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)



Malawi – People with albinism risk "extinction" in Malawi, says UN official

April 29th, 2016 – People with albinism in Malawi are at risk of "systemic extinction" due to relentless attacks fueled by superstitions, the United Nations' top expert on albinism said on Friday on her first official visit in her new role. At least 65 cases of violence against people with albinism including killings and dismemberment have been recorded by police in Malawi since late 2014...

[Full Article](#) (Thomson Reuters Foundation News)

Mali – Travail des enfants : Le combat d'une ONG pour l'application des textes

19 avril 2016 – Le Grand Hôtel de Bamako a abrité, les 05 et 06 Avril 2016, un atelier de renforcement des capacités des acteurs de protection en maîtrise des instruments juridiques sur le travail des enfants. Placé sous la présidence de la ministre du Travail et de la Fonction Publique, la formation s'inscrit dans le cadre de la mise en œuvre du projet « Protection des droits et amélioration du statut des jeunes filles aide-ménagères mineures de Bamako ».

[Article complet](#) (Mali Actu)

Mali – UNICEF condamne le retrait d'enfants des écoles de Kidal

26 avril 2016 – Les manifestations survenues les 18 et 19 avril à Kidal, dans le nord du Mali, ont interrompu l'éducation des enfants et mis en danger leur sécurité. Selon des sources vérifiées par le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF), plusieurs enfants ont été retirés des salles de classe pendant les cours afin qu'ils participent à des rassemblements populaires.

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

Mauritius – Inauguration of the Correctional Youth Centre for Girls

April 28th, 2016 – The Correctional Youth Centre (CYC) for Girls, a safe and secure correctional facility for 16 delinquent juveniles up to the age of 18, was inaugurated yesterday by the Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions, Mrs Fazila Daureeawoo, in the presence of the Acting Commissioner of Prisons, Mr J. Rungadoo.

[Full Article](#) (Government of Mauritius)



Mozambique – In Mozambique, the children too poor to learn

April 9th, 2016 – Early on a bright Monday morning in downtown Beira, Mozambique's second largest city, 13-year-old Beitu Candrinho washes oranges beneath the shadow of a statue of Samora Machel - the country's founding father. He places the fruit in a basket and walks on to the busy, palm tree-lined streets of the city to sell them. Candrinho has followed this routine for the past three years, six days a week.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Mozambique – Mozambique Launches National Plan to End Child Marriage

April 11th, 2016 – Mozambique, which has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world, unveiled a national plan on Monday to end the practice which affects nearly half of the country's girls. "(This is) a cause for celebration, and should inspire our African neighbours to do the same," said Albino Francisco, coordinator of Girls Not Brides Mozambique which helped the government draw up the strategy.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

Nigeria – Chibok two years on: Remembering all Boko Haram's victims

April 13th, 2016 – In September 2014, a 19-year-old woman whom I will call Aisha was celebrating a friend's wedding in a small village in north-eastern Nigeria when Boko Haram attacked. The fighters killed the groom and many of the male guests. They abducted Aisha, along with other women, including her sister and the bride.

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty International)

Nigeria – Les lycéennes de Chibok sont-elles en vie ? Boko Haram l'affirme

14 avril 2016 – Boko Haram a envoyé une « preuve de vie » des lycéennes, enlevées il y a exactement deux ans à Chibok, alors que leur disparition sera commémorée aujourd'hui par des prières et des manifestations à travers tout le Nigeria.

[Article complet](#) (Jeune Afrique)



Nigéria – « Qui veut devenir kamikaze ? » : témoignage d'un otage de Boko Haram

15 avril 2016 – Elles se portent volontaires pour perpétrer des attentats. Leur but : s'échapper des griffes de leurs bourreaux. Sous la terreur des djihadistes de Boko Haram, de jeunes filles se transforment en armes mortelles. Un reporter de CNN est allé à leur rencontre.

[Article complet](#) (Courrier international)

Nigeria – Girl-child Education: An Issue with Growing Silence

April 28th, 2016 – The issue of girl-child education has been the subject of debate in many fora in Nigeria; from the drafting of policy papers to setting up women right groups. Ugo Aliogo re-examines an issue which has not received the desired attention and support.

[Full Article](#) (This Day)

République centrafricaine – Des dizaines d'enfants victimes présumées d'abus sexuels par des Casques bleus en Centrafrique, selon l'ONU

5 avril 2016 – Lors d'une réunion de l'Assemblée générale de l'ONU, le Chef de cabinet du Secrétaire général de l'Organisation, Edmond Mulet, a réaffirmé mardi la détermination des Nations Unies à mettre fin aux actes d'exploitation sexuelle et aux atteintes sexuelles commis par son personnel dans le cadre des missions de maintien de la paix.

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

République démocratique du Congo – 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 retiennent dans une prison militaire à Angenga depuis leur capture dans l'est de la RD Congo en 2015.

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



République démocratique du Congo – Participation des enfants à la résolution des conflits en RDC

13 avril 2016 – Les Enfants Reporters et Enfants de la Paix de Kinshasa et Mbandaka ont participé à un atelier de collecte d'anecdotes sur la participation des enfants dans la résolution des conflits et la consolidation de la paix en République Démocratique du Congo (RDC), au centre Lasallien à Kinshasa, du 28 mars au 1er avril 2016.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF RDC)

Rwanda – NGOs raise red flag over abuse of refugee children in camps

April 9th, 2016 – The increasing cases of gender-based violence among child refugees in Rwanda has raised concern on efforts by government and non-governmental organisations on finding new ways to stop the crime in refugee camps. Plan International Rwanda, a UNHCR partner charged with child protection in the current refugee emergency response programme has revealed that most of the children in camps face physical abuse and there has been silence over the incidences.

[Full Article](#) (The EastAfrican)

Rwanda – New Women council committee pledges to tackle street children problem

April 10th, 2016 - The new National Women Council committee has pledged to increase efforts to effectively deal with street children issues. This was during the swearing-in of the new 7-member committee yesterday in Nyandungu Kigali. Francoise Uwumukiza, the new president of NWC, said that by working with religious leaders and other stakeholders, the council will talk to street children, know where they came from and make efforts to resettle them in their families.

[Full Article](#) (The NewsTimes)

Rwanda – Publishers in drive to promote Kinyarwanda children's books

April 27th, 2016 – As part of the new competency-based curriculum, the government of Rwanda seeks to ensure that Rwandan children are taught in Kinyarwanda from their early years of basic education to help them grasp concepts better. Needless to say, books written in Kinyarwanda go a long way towards achieving this particular goal.

[Full Article](#) (The NewsTimes)



Senegal – Child beggar to hero: videogame shows suffering of Senegal street children

March 31st, 2016 – Barefoot, a bucket under one arm, Senegalese child beggar Mamadou dodges cars, taxis and buses on the chaotic streets of Dakar as he searches for his parents in the hope of going home. Mamadou is the fictional star of "Cross Dakar City", a mobile videogame which aims to raise awareness of the plight of tens of thousands of children in Senegal who are exploited and forced to beg in the streets by teachers at Koranic schools.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters Africa)

Sierra Leone – Clubs, books and tape: The low-tech solutions saving children's lives in Sierra Leone

April 13th, 2016 – In Sierra Leone, nearly one third of children under the age of 5 are chronically malnourished. One community is using mothers' support groups to address child malnutrition. It's eight o'clock on a Saturday morning, and the Rogbonko village centre fills with cheerful song and laughter as women gather around a simple picture book. This is the weekly meeting of the Rogbonko mothers' support group, where pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and mothers with young children from the community come together to learn about nutrition.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Sierra Leone – Sierra Leone 'helped deploy ex-child soldiers to Iraq', academic says

April 19th, 2016 – Sierra Leone's government helped British private security service firms recruit former child soldiers to work as guards in Iraq from 2009, said a Danish academic who has spent years investigating the issue. Thousands of children were forced to fight in Sierra Leone's 11-year civil war, which ended in 2002. More than 50,000 people were killed in the fighting and many tens of thousands more mutilated or raped by rebels.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



Sierra Leone – A second chance at schooling for pregnant teenagers in Ebola-affected Sierra Leone

April 28th, 2016 – In Sierra Leone, a new initiative offers classes and resources to pregnant teenage girls, who are otherwise prohibited from attending school. Meet Adama, who became pregnant during the Ebola crisis but refuses to give up on her education.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Sierra Leone – The forgotten child prisoners of Sierra Leone

April 29th, 2016 – Child inmates are left to languish in prison with no visitors or legal assistance as many wait years for a trial. Sorie's last day of freedom was a few weeks before his 14th birthday, when the well-to-do father of a girl he liked got word that his daughter had been hanging around with a street boy.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Somalia – Child Malnutrition Soars in Northern Somalia Due to Severe Drought

April 18th, 2106 – Child malnutrition rates are soaring in northern Somalia, where the harshest drought in decades has ravaged crops and livestock, and aid workers fear hunger will worsen with further poor rains predicted.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

Sudan – Displaced boy scores top marks in North Darfur exams

April 18th, 2016 – A displaced child from Abu Shouk camp near El Fasher, capital of North Darfur, has scored top marks in the basic school examination in North Darfur. Mudesir Abdul Hakim Ali El Tahir, who scored a total of 279 marks, has become a source of inspiration, hope, and joy in the hearts of all displaced.

[Full Article](#) (Dabanga)



Tanzania – Supporting Refugee Children Is Crucial

April 24th, 2016 – It is clear that during crisis children are hugely affected. In these difficult circumstances, they find themselves without their parents' protection at a time when they need it the most. Many children have lost track of their parents and relatives in such upheavals and become desperate to find out what happened to them. Violence and civil unrest escalated in Burundi last year and deteriorated children's conditions drastically.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

Tanzania – Surgeons to screen children with hydrocephalus

April 29th, 2016 – Acute shortage of neuro surgeons in the country could cause a serious public health concern as the few available have launched a mission to save lives of children with hydrocephalus problems. Such a campaign was launched here where a team of ten neuro surgeons will attend and perform operations on about 50 children with the problem out of around 200 children to be screened.

[Full Article](#) (Daily News)

Uganda – Government launches child friendly justice handbook to protect rights of children in contact with the law

April 27th, 2016 – The Government of Uganda and UNICEF have today launched a child-friendly justice handbook to guide prosecutors and other actors in the criminal justice system, in handling child-related cases in a child-friendly and gender responsive manner.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Zimbabwe – Ending Child Marriage in Zimbabwe

March 31st, 2016 – Last week, Zimbabwe's Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa announced that the government is developing laws to make it a criminal offense to pay lobola (bride wealth) for girls under age 18. It was the latest hopeful sign that the country is moving in the right direction on ending child marriage.

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Zimbabwe – Impact of Some Social, Cultural Practices On Children in Zimbabwe

April 27th, 2016 – A report prepared by the Zimbabwe Youth Council (ZYC) under the African Union theme for 2013, "Eliminating harmful social and cultural practices affecting children: our collective responsibility", provides empirical evidence that children in Zimbabwe are affected by harmful cultural and social practices. These practices consist of early marriages, child prostitution, drug abuse, child labour and border jumping.

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