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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[Nouvelle] Plus de 10 000 enfants migrants portés disparus

31 janvier 2016 – Plus de 10 000 enfants migrants non accompagnés ont disparu en Europe sur les 18 à 24 derniers mois, a affirmé dimanche l'agence de coordination policière Europol, craignant que nombre d'entre eux soient exploités, notamment sexuellement, par le crime organisé.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Des scientifiques autorisés à manipuler des embryons humains au Royaume-Uni

1^{er} février 2016 – Des scientifiques ont été autorisés à manipuler, pour la première fois au Royaume-Uni, des embryons humains à des fins de recherche, a annoncé lundi l'autorité britannique de la fertilisation humaine et de l'embryologie, la HFEA.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[News] EU police issue warning on lost child refugees

February 1st, 2016 – More than 10,000 child refugees are missing in the EU, with authorities fearing criminal gangs may be exploiting a large number for sex work and slave labour. The EU's police agency Europol on Sunday (31 January) told British newspaper The Observer that thousands vanished after having been registered with state authorities.

[Full Article](#) (EU Observer)

[Nouvelle] Virus Zika : une urgence de santé publique de portée mondiale

1^{er} février 2016 – L'organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) a qualifié lundi d'« urgence de santé publique de portée mondiale » l'épidémie du virus Zika, soupçonné de causer des malformations congénitales, le Brésil déconseillant dans la foulée aux femmes enceintes de venir aux JO cet été.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)



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[Nouvelle] Club de pédophiles : un 14e suspect arrêté

2 février 2016 – Un 14^e suspect a été arrêté dans le cadre de l'opération « Malaise » de la Sûreté du Québec, qui visait le démantèlement d'un club de pédophiles la semaine dernière. Richard Lévesque, 57 ans, a été cueilli samedi par les policiers, à son retour de Cuba, où il était en voyage. Originaire de la région de Québec, son adresse officielle dans les documents de cour indique qu'il habiterait présentement à Gatineau, près de deux écoles secondaires.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] L'OMS crée une unité de réponse globale contre le virus Zika

2 février 2016 – L'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) a annoncé mardi la création d'une «unité de réponse globale» au virus Zika, présent pour l'instant en Amérique du Sud, mais qui pourrait s'étendre rapidement à l'Afrique et à l'Asie.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Migrants : de plus en plus d'enfants arrivent par la mer

2 février 2016 – Les enfants constituent aujourd'hui plus d'un tiers des migrants passant par la mer de Turquie en Grèce, une proportion en forte hausse, s'est alarmé l'UNICEF mardi.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Neuf migrants, dont deux enfants, se noient au large des côtes de la Turquie

2 février 2016 – ANKARA, Turquie – Au moins neuf migrants, dont deux enfants, se sont apparemment noyés mardi quand leur embarcation a coulé au large des côtes de la Turquie. L'agence de presse privée Dogan rapporte que la tragédie s'est produite près de la ville côtière de Seferihisar, sur la mer Égée et à proximité de l'île grecque de Samos. Deux migrants ont été secourus et 11 autres auraient réussi à rejoindre la rive par leurs propres moyens. Aucune confirmation officielle n'était disponible.

[Article complet](#) (Métro)



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[Nouvelle] Sanofi Pasteur veut développer un vaccin contre le virus Zika

2 février 2016 – PARIS – La firme pharmaceutique française Sanofi Pasteur a annoncé mardi qu'elle s'attaque dès maintenant au développement d'un vaccin contre le virus Zika, au lendemain de l'annonce par l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé que la propagation exponentielle de la maladie représente une urgence sanitaire mondiale.

[Article complet](#) (Métro)

[News] Taliban Gun Down 10-Year-Old Militia Hero in Afghanistan

February 2nd, 2016 – The Afghan government declared Wasil Ahmad a hero for leading a militia's defense against a Taliban siege last year, parading him in front of cameras in a borrowed police uniform too big for him. On Monday, the Taliban triumphantly announced that they had assassinated him with two bullets to the head.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)

[Nouvelle] En prenant la pose du petit Aylan, Ai Weiwei prend position

3 février 2016 – Réalisé par un photographe d'India Today, repris partout, le cliché d'Ai Weiwei étendu sur les galets d'une plage de Lesbos (Grèce) suscite depuis sa publication, le 1er février, un flot de réactions. Certaines, indignées, accusent Ai Weiwei de chercher à être en permanence au premier plan de l'actualité. Il l'est, en effet, comme l'est Banksy quand il prend position pour les migrants de Calais. Il l'est parce que c'est là tout l'enjeu de son acte, dont la violence est proportionnée à l'horreur de la situation.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] Sweden under pressure to vet age of young refugees with medical tests

February 3rd, 2016 – Under huge strain from an influx of unaccompanied children seeking asylum, the Swedish government faces political pressure to undertake medical tests like X-rays to vet the age of young refugees despite opposition from doctors and lawyers.

[Full Article](#) (Globe and Mail)



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[Nouvelle] Fugueuses exploitées – Ce sont des filles qui en recrutent d'autres

4 février 2016 – Oubliez le cliché du beau gars appartenant à un gang de rue qui stationne sa voiture de luxe devant le centre jeunesse pour recruter des prostituées mineures : ce recrutement se fait de plus en plus par des filles qui, par le truchement de Facebook, peuvent être présentes absolument partout.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Opinion] Its Genital Genocide

February 4th, 2016 – Like many young girls, Leyla Hussein didn't learn that she was going to have to undergo female genital mutilation until the day she was cut. She was born in Somalia and raised in Saudi Arabia and Italy but moved back to her homeland, where cutting is common, at age seven. "It was actually my next door neighbor's daughter that told me when I realized there was a big party taking place in the house," Leyla says. "She was telling me part of my vagina was going to be taken away. While she's explaining I could hear this screaming inside of the house, which was my sister being cut."

[Full Article](#) (Kristof blogs, NY Times)

[Nouvelle] La France, mauvaise élève des droits de l'enfant

4 février 2016 – Mineurs étrangers isolés, enfants roms ou handicapés, châtimts corporels, justice pénale... C'est un inventaire à la Prévert peu flatteur que le comité sur les droits de l'enfant de l'ONU (CRC) a publié, jeudi 4 février, sur la France. Vingt pages de recommandations à l'attention du gouvernement, rédigées à l'issue d'un examen auquel se soumettent périodiquement tous les Etats signataires de la convention internationale des droits de l'enfant. Aucun pays ne sort de l'exercice avec les félicitations du jury.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] Zika virus sexual transmission case in U.S. raises concern of World Health Organization

February 4th, 2016 – The World Health Organization (WHO) is concerned about a report that the Zika virus had been sexually transmitted in the United States, and has called for further investigation into the mosquito-borne virus linked to birth defects.

[Full Article](#) (CBC News)



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[Nouvelle] Entre bénévolat et système D, une école pour les migrants inaugurée dans la jungle de Calais

5 février 2016 – C'est un peu comme une deuxième naissance pour l'école laïque du chemin des Dunes. Après une première – et discrète – inauguration en juillet 2015, la structure d'accueil que font vivre au quotidien, dans la « jungle » de Calais (Pas-de-Calais), une trentaine de bénévoles, s'offre, samedi 6 février, une inauguration officielle. Toujours sans reconnaissance ni moyens de l'éducation nationale, mais avec « l'espoir d'interpeller les pouvoirs publics », souligne Laurence Bernabeu de l'organisation non gouvernementale Solidarité laïque, qui a rassemblé les fonds et coordonné l'événement.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] L'ONU demande aux pays touchés par le virus Zika d'autoriser l'accès à l'avortement

6 février 2016 – L'Aedes aegypti, moustique vecteur du virus Zika suspecté d'être responsable de graves malformations cérébrales chez les fœtus, impose un débat politique et moral. Faut-il ou non autoriser les femmes confrontées à ce drame à avorter ? Vendredi 5 février, l'ONU a demandé aux pays touchés par le virus, en majorité en Amérique latine, d'autoriser l'accès des femmes à la contraception et à l'avortement.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] Priest Abuse Victim Is Suspended From Vatican Panel

February 6th, 2016 – A high-profile Vatican commission on the prevention of child sexual abuse voted on Saturday to temporarily suspend one of its members, an outspoken victim of clerical abuse who accused the church of failing to deliver on its promises of reform and accountability.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)



[Nouvelle] Des étudiants demandent 3,3 milliards pour rendre l'éducation gratuite

8 février 2016 – La plus importante organisation canadienne d'étudiants demande au gouvernement fédéral de financer l'éducation post-secondaire de la même façon que la santé, par des transferts aux provinces, et d'enchâsser formellement cette contribution dans une loi. La Fédération canadienne des étudiants (FCE, hors Québec) demande un projet de loi sur l'éducation post-secondaire qui donnerait au fédéral un rôle accru dans un domaine de compétence provinciale. L'organisation étudiante affirme qu'Ottawa devrait réaffecter l'argent de programmes tels que les régimes enregistrés d'épargne-études dans un transfert annuel aux provinces de 3,3 milliards \$, afin que l'éducation post-secondaire soit gratuite.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Prison à vie pour avoir tué sa fille en l'affamant ou en la noyant

8 février 2016 – Un père de Toronto qui a affamé ou noyé mortellement sa fille il y a deux décennies a été envoyé en prison à vie lundi, après que la Cour eut entendu les déclarations d'impact de trois membres de la famille de la victime. Everton Biddersingh, 60 ans, n'a presque rien dit avant que le juge de la Cour supérieure, Al O'Marra, n'impose la peine pour son crime « horrible ».

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Zika nouveau fléau des pauvres

8 février 2016 – Autrefois jeune fille pétillante de la favela, Gleyse Kelly a fait sa première dépression en apprenant sa quatrième grossesse, cinq mois seulement après la naissance de son petit dernier, Nicolas. La seconde dépression est survenue quand la jeune femme a découvert que cet enfant non désiré souffrait de microcéphalie. « Au début, j'ai cru que ce ne serait qu'un bébé avec une toute petite tête. Et puis j'ai regardé sur Internet, et j'ai compris. »

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[News] 10 quotes on the power of human rights education

February 10th, 2016 – 10 times human rights defenders and activists around the world have reminded us how human rights education makes a difference in protecting people's rights: 1. "Human rights education is much more than a lesson in schools or a theme for a day; it is a process to equip people with the tools they need to live lives of security and dignity. On this International Human Rights Day, let us continue to work together to develop and nurture in future generations a culture of human rights, to promote freedom, security and peace in all nations."

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty international)

[News] 10,000 Child Refugees Are Missing

February 10th, 2016 – According to the European police agency Europol, more than 10,000 children who entered Europe during the last two years have disappeared, vanishing through the gaping cracks in Europe's chaotic system for dealing with refugees and migrants. The fear is that many of the missing children have been trafficked into the sex trade by the same organized criminal groups that are profiting handsomely by ferrying refugees into and across Europe.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)

[News] Tracing the Bishops' Culpability in the Child Abuse Scandal

February 11th, 2016 – Pope Francis' commission on the clergy's sexual violation of children had a timely private screening in Rome last week of "Spotlight," the Oscar-nominated film about the pedophilia scandal in Boston. The film offers the Vatican, if it will listen, an emphatic lesson in accountability. It dramatizes the decision by The Boston Globe to do more than enumerate the scope of the scandal by reporting on cases involving scores of abusive priests.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)



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[News] Economic Community of Central African States creates a special fund for health to strengthen its response to AIDS

February 12th, 2016 – Meeting in Libreville, Gabon, on 12 February, the ministers of health of the Economic Community of Central African States launched an ambitious programme to strengthen regional cooperation by establishing a community health fund to reinforce the region's AIDS response. The ministers also decided to improve coordination by setting up a specialized unit to enhance cross-border HIV prevention strategies and by developing a regional mechanism to source antiretroviral medicines on a larger scale. They also adopted a plan to increase the proportion of pregnant women and children receiving antiretroviral medicines.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[News] Inuit women want police, justice officials to offer more protection

February 12th, 2016 – In an effort to ensure recognition of Inuit-specific needs, Inuit women meeting in downtown Ottawa this week say the Liberal government's upcoming national inquiry on missing and murdered Indigenous women must focus on policing, the justice system, the protection of crime victims and the need across all of Inuit Nunangat for family violence services. And for Pauktuutit, the national Inuit women's organization that's organizing the gathering, this still includes immediate adoption of an action plan to provide for violence prevention and healing in the four regions of Inuit Nunangat.

[Full Article](#) (Nunatsiaq Online)

[Report] Rights, Remedies and Representation: A Global Report on Access to Justice for Children

February 15th, 2016 – Access to justice is a human right, but it is also what makes other rights a reality. For children's rights to be more than a promise, there must be a way for those rights to be enforced. Access to justice for children means that children, or their appropriate advocates where applicable, must be able to use and trust the legal system to protect their human rights.

[Full Article](#) (CRIN)



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[Nouvelle] Des milliers de demandeurs d'asile emprisonnés au Canada

16 février 2016 – Alors que des milliers de réfugiés syriens sont accueillis à bras ouverts au Canada, d'autres demandeurs d'asile reçoivent un accueil bien différent. Chaque année, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) emprisonne plus de 4000 demandeurs d'asile, dont des centaines d'enfants. L'Organisation des Nations unies (ONU) demande au Canada de changer cette façon de faire, parce qu'elle est souvent contraire au droit international.

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

[Nouvelle] Un nouveau rapport fait écho aux problèmes vécus par les enfants et les jeunes en établissement et en milieu résidentiel

17 février 2016 – Beaucoup de jeunes qui vivent en établissement et en milieu résidentiel éprouvent des sentiments d'isolement, de crainte et de manque d'ancrage ou d'absence de racines, et ont l'impression de ne pas être pris en considération dans les décisions prises au sujet de leur vie, selon un nouveau rapport publié par le Bureau de l'intervenant provincial en faveur des enfants et des jeunes.

[Article complet](#) (News Wire)

[News] The Millennium Development Goals Report: Gender Chart 2015

February 23rd, 2016 – The final edition of the Gender Chart details how women were faring in global progress in 2015, as the MDGs wrap up and the Sustainable Development Goals begin to take their place. The 2015 Gender Chart, an addendum to the UN Secretary General's 2015 Millennium Development Goals Report, tracks how gender equality is impacted across all the MDGs. By looking at the other goals from a gender perspective, the Gender Chart also emphasizes the inter-linkages between the goals and gender equality and women's empowerment, in making progress on development and in achieving the MDGs.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[Nouvelle] Un camp pour filles s'attire les foudres de parents

23 février 2016 – « Tu feras tourner les têtes ! » Un camp de jour de la région de Québec a réussi à enflammer les réseaux sociaux en proposant aux fillettes dès l'âge de 8 ans un camp intitulé « 100 % look », destiné à « donner du style à leur personnalité » grâce à la coiffure et au maquillage, à « découvrir ce qui est in et out » et à « améliorer leur démarche et leur maintien ».

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



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[Nouvelle] Pédophilie : 11 ans de prison en Indonésie pour le Canadien Neil Bantleman

25 février 2016 - La Cour suprême d'Indonésie a annulé [l'acquittement d'un enseignant canadien](#), Neil Bantleman, qui avait été accusé de crimes sexuels sur trois écoliers. L'Ontarien, qui a aussi travaillé à Calgary, et un adjoint, Ferdinand Tjong, qui travaillaient dans la prestigieuse École internationale de Jakarta, devront passer 11 ans en détention, selon ce qu'a aussi décidé la Cour suprême. C'est un an de plus que leur condamnation initiale. Les deux hommes ont de plus été condamnés à payer une amende de 7400 \$ chacun. Neil Bantleman et Ferdinand Tjong avaient été reconnus coupables et condamnés à une peine d'emprisonnement en avril 2015, mais avaient été acquittés par un tribunal supérieur en août dernier. Les procureurs du ministère public avaient peu après [fait appel de ces acquittements](#).

[Article Complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[Nouvelle] Parents soupçonnés à tort de maltraitance : les droits de certains enfants auraient été lésés

22 février 2016 - Sur 13 plaintes déposées il y a plus de 2 ans, le comité des enquêtes de la Commission identifie 8 lésions de droits dans 6 dossiers. La Commission cite plusieurs articles de la Loi de la protection de la jeunesse « enfreints » par le personnel de Sainte-Justine ou par la Direction de la protection de la jeunesse (DPJ). Dans au moins trois cas, la Commission précise que le personnel de Sainte-Justine a outrepassé sa juridiction en effectuant une partie du travail d'évaluation des signalements, une responsabilité pourtant exclusive à la DPJ.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[News] Indian children trafficked to United States is a reality, says U.S. diplomat

12 February 2016 - SILIGURI, India, Feb 12 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Cases of Indian children being smuggled to the United States are a reality, a U.S. diplomat said on Friday, reacting to a media report that police had busted an international child trafficking racket operating in the southern city of Bengaluru. Police on Tuesday said they had arrested 16 members of a gang suspected of sending at least 25 children from the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat illegally to the United States using fake documents in order to acquire visas.

[Full article](#) (Thomas Reuters)



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[News] Online Platform For NGOs Provides Real-Time Information To Help End Human Trafficking

18 February 2016 - An online service platform launched Wednesday promises to help combat human trafficking by connecting NGOs and advocates worldwide so they can collaborate and share information in real-time. The Freedom Collaborative lets registered organizations and individual users connect with each other through a news feed, searchable database and private messaging service. “[T]echnology now allows users to strengthen their community and we wanted to bring that to the anti-trafficking sector,” said Julia Macher, platforms product manager at Liberty Asia, the Hong Kong-based anti-slavery charity behind the Freedom Collaborative.

[Full article](#) (Forbes)

[Nouvelle] Libération conditionnelle d'Omar Khadr : Ottawa retire son appel

18 février 2016 - Le gouvernement fédéral abandonne son appel de la libération sous caution d'Omar Khadr. L'ex-prisonnier de Guantanamo Bay avait été placé en liberté conditionnelle l'an dernier, en attendant le résultat de son appel pour sa condamnation pour crimes de guerre aux États-Unis. « Le gouvernement du Canada respecte la décision de la Cour du Banc de la Reine de l'Alberta, qui a jugé que M. Khadr devait être mis en liberté sous caution au Canada dans l'attente de l'appel de ses déclarations de culpabilité et de sa peine aux États-Unis », a indiqué Ottawa dans un communiqué diffusé mercredi. Le gouvernement libéral se démarque ainsi du précédent gouvernement conservateur, qui s'était opposé à cette libération conditionnelle. Omar Khadr a passé 13 ans derrière les barreaux, dont deux en Alberta, avant d'être libéré sous caution en mai 2015.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[Nouvelle] L'ONU dénonce le recours aux enfants-soldats en Afghanistan

L'ONU a condamné mercredi l'utilisation d'enfants-soldats par toutes les factions du conflit afghan, en soulignant que les insurgés continuent à utiliser de nombreux combattants âgés de moins de 18 ans au moment où la pratique est en déclin dans les rangs gouvernementaux. La représentante spéciale pour les enfants et les conflits armés des Nations unies, Leila Zerrougui, a reconnu les progrès du gouvernement afghan. Elle a toutefois rappelé que la police locale afghane - des groupes alliés au gouvernement qui fonctionnent comme des milices indépendantes, et qui sont souvent perçus comme étant incompetents et corrompus - compte parmi les principaux coupables.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)



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[News] Love conquers all? Not for child brides unable to choose sweetheart or spouse

14 February 2016 - As a girl in school, I loved Valentine's Day. I'd make a card, with a boy, my best friend, my mum, or my grandparents in mind, and pop the question: "Will you be my valentine?" As an adult, Valentine's Day is a popular and romantic moment to ask an even bigger question, one with implications and consequences meant to last a lifetime: "My valentine, will you marry me?" At any age, what these sweet rituals share is the freedom to think of one's beloved, and the autonomy to choose them. But on 14 February, [about 37,000 girls](#) will have their bodily integrity and sexual autonomy shattered. They won't be valentines. They will be child brides.

[Full article](#) (The guardian)

Mineures vendues sur Internet

10 février 2016 - Les sites d'annonces sur Internet contribuent à faire de l'exploitation sexuelle une activité criminelle très payante. Les policiers constatent que de nombreuses adolescentes en sont victimes, mais sans pouvoir intervenir rapidement. Le reportage de Tamara Alteresco.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

En Turquie, des grandes marques embauchent des réfugiés mineurs syriens

01 février 2016 - Des migrants mineurs syriens ont été identifiés lors d'inspections dans les usines des compagnies de vêtements H&M et Next, en Turquie, écrit le journal Independent. Les deux sociétés sont pour l'instant les seules à reconnaître avoir embauché des réfugiés mineurs syriens, mais il n'est pas exclu que d'autres cas d'embauche de mineurs syriens soient découverts. En effet, certaines sociétés se sont abstenues de répondre à la question de savoir s'ils employaient des migrants syriens dans leurs usines.

[Article complet](#) (Sputnik France)



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2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conférence « Déclaration des Bourgmestres de lutte contre la pauvreté infantile : Les villes et communes se mobilisent »

La conférence tentera de proposer de nouvelles pistes de solutions. Par quel biais ? Les bourgmestres feront part de leur expérience, leur approche de la lutte contre la pauvreté infantile au sein de leur ville/commune. Ensuite, les chercheurs de l'UMons et de l'UGent dévoileront les premiers résultats d'une recherche « Pauvreté urbaine » commandée par la Politique des Grandes Villes avec un focus sur le public cible des enfants. L'après-midi, les participants se réuniront dans 3 ateliers pour réfléchir aux politiques mises en place au sein des villes pour lutter efficacement contre la pauvreté infantile.

Ces différentes politiques sont :

- La politique concertée et structurée de lutte contre la pauvreté infantile
- La politique d'accès aux services abordables et de qualité
- La politique du droit des enfants à la participation

Lieu : Résidence Palace 155 rue de Loi à 1040 Bruxelles.

Date : Jeudi 10 mars 2016 – 9h00 à 16h30.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Matinées d'information – Précarité infantile : Des moyens... pour lutter ?

Le Service provincial Social et Santé - Études et documentation sociales a pour mission de collecter et de diffuser des informations dans le domaine psycho-médico-social. Ce « Vendredi du Social » aura pour but de mieux faire comprendre aux travailleurs sociaux cette problématique qui touche de trop nombreux enfants ainsi que ses enjeux et ses conséquences. Il permettra aussi de leur faire découvrir certains moyens et projets mis en place.

Lieu : Rue Saint-Gilles 12 - B-6870 Saint-Hubert, Belgique.

Date : Vendredi 11 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)



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3^{ème} Colloque Jeunes Chercheurs sur la privation de liberté

L'Institut des sciences juridique et philosophique de la Sorbonne de l'Université Paris 1 et le Centre de Recherches sur les Droits Fondamentaux et les Évolutions du Droit de l'Université de Caen-Normandie, organisent à Paris les 11 et 12 mars 2016 le 3^{ème} colloque « jeunes chercheurs » sur la privation de liberté. Cette initiative scientifique, dont les premiers actes se sont déroulés en 2012 et 2014, a pris appui sur le séminaire mensuel de recherche « Enfermements, Justice et Libertés dans les sociétés contemporaines », animé par Pierre V. Tournier, entre 2007 et 2015. Ce colloque offre l'opportunité à des étudiants en master 2, doctorants ou jeunes docteurs ainsi qu'à de jeunes professionnels de présenter leurs travaux de recherche devant un public composé de leurs pairs et leurs aînés.

Lieu : Centre hospitalier Sainte-Anne, Amphithéâtre Raymond Garcin, 1, rue Cabanis Paris 14^{ème} (métro Glacière), Paris, France.

Date : Vendredi 11 mars et samedi 12 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Education for Emergencies: Concepts and Practices

Professor Toh Swee-Hin (S. H. Toh) This course seeks to clarify theoretical and conceptual frameworks for understanding the role of education in times of emergencies as well as educational strategies and practices essential in helping to prevent and/or overcome such emergencies, including armed conflicts and “natural” disasters. It is now recognized that although basic needs (e.g. water, food, shelter, physical security) are vital for emergencies-affected peoples and communities, education is likewise crucial.

Location: Online.

Date: March 14th to April 22nd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Formation – Droits de l'enfant : contrôle national et international

Ce mardi 15 mars 2016, une formation sur le thème « Droits de l'enfant : contrôle national et international » aura lieu. Cette formation s'adresse à des travailleurs sociaux, juristes, avocats, etc. qui souhaitent mieux comprendre les mécanismes de contrôle des droits fondamentaux existant au niveau international et en particulier le mécanisme de plainte individuel au Comité des droits de l'enfant et qui souhaitent pourvoir identifier les situations pouvant faire l'objet de tels recours.

Cette formation vise à :

- Informer, sensibiliser les participants à l'existence de l'ensemble de ces mécanismes
- Le situer dans l'ensemble des mécanismes internationaux existants pour garantir le respect des droits fondamentaux des enfants
- Comprendre la procédure et la manière de saisir le Comité et les autres mécanismes
- Évaluer la pertinence de saisir le Comité des Nations Unies ou une autre instance internationale.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : Mardi, 15 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Monitoring & Evaluation Training Workshop

Monitoring and evaluation are essential to improving the effectiveness of any project. Careful project monitoring allows managers to make appropriate decisions on a day-to-day basis and ensures that projects are carried out as designed and modified when necessary. Evaluation enables project managers to understand and demonstrate the results of their work, determine the best strategies for achieving their goals and document lessons learned to improve future programs.

Location: Kabul, Afghanistan.

Date: March 22nd to March 24th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 15th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Green Alternative Social and Welfare Development Organization)



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Presenting the evidence: Young people's impact on peacebuilding

This event showcases the results of the evaluation and facilitates an exchange of views on how young people's involvement in peaceful change can be promoted, and how this can best be operationalized in EU programming. The discussions will be framed by the major global policy frameworks concerning young people's active participation in peacebuilding, especially the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 adopted 16th December 2015.

Location: 4 - 10 Avenue de Cortenbergh, 1040, Brussels, Belgique.

Date: March 15th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care L Systems, Policies and Practices

Udayan Care is excited to announce second biennial international conference on the theme "Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care: Systems, Policies and Practices", again with special focus on South Asia, in March 2016.

This conference will be an opportunity for the delegates from SAARC Countries, experts from the western world, civil society representatives, delegates from organisations and governmental bodies working on child protection and alternative care, to gather together to learn from and with one another.

Location: AMITY UNIVERSITY, Sector-125, Noida - 201313 (U.P.) Adjoining New Delhi.

Date: March 18th and 19th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Udayan Care)



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Formation – Harcèlement entre jeunes : intervention (niveau 2)

Objectifs :

- Se construire une représentation du phénomène de harcèlement en le distinguant des autres formes de violences
- Distinguer les différents types de prévention notamment pour éviter l'effet inverse des actions menées pour prévenir les faits de harcèlement
- Identifier et expérimenter des actions pour intervenir dans les situations de harcèlement.
- Découvrir et élaborer des dispositifs de prévention spécifique du harcèlement entre pairs
- Expérimenter des outils de prévention du harcèlement et autres formes de discriminations entre pairs :
 - Prendre conscience de la dynamique du phénomène d'exclusion basée sur la différence
 - Comprendre le concept de stéréotype et se questionner sur ceux que je colle à des groupes et/ou à des personnes
 - Mieux comprendre ce que vivent les personnes exclues ou discriminées
 - Constituer un groupe qui apprivoise les différences et apprend la coopération.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : Vendredi 18 mars et mardi 22 mars.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Formation – Droit familial

Cette formation aborde les thèmes du tribunal de la famille, de la filiation, des conséquences de cette filiation : autorité parentale, hébergement, droit aux relations personnelles et obligation alimentaire, de la tutelle, du mariage et la cohabitation légale et du divorce. Ce module vise à donner une grille de lecture à chaque intervenant social lui permettant d'identifier les liens familiaux propres à chaque jeune, d'en comprendre les enjeux et d'orienter adéquatement les jeunes et les familles quand la situation le requiert.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : 22 et 24 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)



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Management of Refugees & Displaced Populations

This course aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills and critical understanding needed to adopt an evidence-based and reasoned approach to strategic planning, needs assessment and management of refugee and displaced populations across the spectrum from emergency relief to sustainable development.

Location: Liverpool, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Date: March 29th to April 8th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 25th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)

Practical tools for promoting positive change in complex contexts

This 4-day introductory course combines lessons learned and practical tools from CDA's conflict-sensitivity and peacebuilding programs: Do No Harm (DNH), and Reflecting on Peace Practice (RPP). It offers an introduction to each, demonstrating the complementarity and application of the tools and analytical processes. (download course description).

Location: Barcelona, Spain.

Date: May 23rd to May 26th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 28th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (CDA)

The 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference

Our 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC will be held from 28 August – 1 September 2016 in Davos, Switzerland. This will be the 10 year anniversary of our biennial IDRC Davos, gathering global leading risk and disaster scientists and expert practitioners. Building on the strength of its previous editions IDRC Davos 2016 features a broad scope of topics, disciplines, and stakeholders.

Location: Davos, Switzerland.

Date: August 28th to September 1st, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (IDCR)



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Workshop on Desistance Processes among Young Offenders following Judicial Interventions – Bridging the Gap between different theoretical and methodological Approaches

The purpose of the workshop organized by the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law (MPICC) is to give some insight into the subjective ways young offenders experience judicial interventions and their transition into a life towards desistance. Thereby different theoretical and methodological approaches are being considered and discussed. The workshop covers three interdisciplinary topics. In each thematic area experts will address current issues and set the tone for in-depth discussion; social approaches, subjective approaches, interaction models.

Location: Freiburg, Germany.

Date: March 31st and April 1st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Committee on Rights of the Child: Call for Submissions on General Comment on the Rights of Adolescents

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has decided to develop a General Comment (GC) on the rights of adolescents. The experiences, opportunities and challenges facing adolescents clearly varies widely across different regions and between different groups of adolescents. The Committee is therefore seeking submissions from interested bodies and States, in all regions and from a wide range of perspectives, to inform the drafting process.

If you have relevant research evidence, findings from consultations with adolescents, examples of laws, policies or programmes, or evidence of good practice that would contribute to the drafting process, please submit the documentation to: crc@ohchr.org.

Deadline for submissions: 1st April 2015. Submissions must be in one of the working languages of the Committee: English, French or Spanish.

[For more information](#) (CRIN)



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Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM)

The Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM) is a part-time executive program for humanitarian professionals. The program is designed to bridge the gaps that exist between strategy and tactics, and tactics and operations. Participants learn to optimize supply chains, improve processes, think strategically, and manage projects more successfully. The program welcomes humanitarian practitioners with at least 3 years of relevant experience. Students attend five sessions in Lugano, Switzerland.

Location: Lugano, Switzerland.

Date: April 18th 2016 to March 1st 2018.

Registration deadline: April 1st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (CDA)

Training Course on Manager's Role in Capacity Building

Capacity development is a series of strategies, a variety of tools and techniques which, when applied in a systematic way, promote both organizational capacity building and institutional development. This workshop will offer managers and interested participants with the tools needed to promote capacity development in organizations. The workshop will focus on strategic human resource development competencies and equip you with knowledge to draft a capacity development plan for your unit, with specific actions as well as new questions for the unit to explore.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

Date: April 18th and 19th, 2016.

Registration deadline: April 11th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Indepth Research Services)



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Conférence annuelle du LRIDE : Les droits de l'enfant au service de l'éducation

Conférencières et conférenciers (en ordre alphabétique) : Angela AUCOIN, Université de Moncton ; Virginia CAPUTO, Carleton University ; Dr Gilles JULIEN, Fondation du Dr Julien ; Vincent KAZMIERSKI, Carleton University ; Richard MACLURE, Université d'Ottawa ; Cornelia SCHNEIDER, Mount Saint Vincent University. Cette conférence est reconnue comme activité de formation continue par le Barreau du Québec et la Chambre des notaires. Nombre d'heures : 4.

Lieu : Pavillon Fauteux, 57, rue Louis-Pasteur, pièce 302, Université d'Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.

Date : Mercredi 13 avril 2016, de 8h30 à 14h.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Université d'Ottawa)



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3. Vacancies

Executive Assistant to COO – Save the Children

We are looking for an energetic and organised **Executive Assistant** to develop and provide a proactive and comprehensive administration, information and support service to the Chief Operating Officer (COO). In this crucial role you will provide a comprehensive support service to the COO in line with internal and external priorities by proactively and efficiently managing her time. You will be expected to become an informed key contact for the department in relation to all activities within the responsibilities of the COO.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Humanitarian Deployment Officer – Save the Children

We are looking for a flexible and adaptable individual to join us as Humanitarian Deployment Officer. This role is instrumental in ensuring the rapid deployment of HSTs (Humanitarian Surge Team) to humanitarian crisis around the world. As Humanitarian Deployment Officer you will facilitate communications between country programmes, HSTs and their line managers and take the lead on the deployment paperwork and security briefings. You will also be responsible for maintaining accurate records of each deployment on the deployment database.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Humanitarian Evidence, Effectiveness and Accountability Advise – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Evidence, Effectiveness & Accountability Adviser and improve the effectiveness and accountability of Save the Childrens emergency response programmes, through developing and supporting consistent, coherent and practical Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) tools and approaches.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

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Senior Conflict & Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser – Save the Children

We are looking for a motivated and experienced **Senior Conflict & Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser** to lead our advocacy and development of policy on international conflict and humanitarian issues. With an initial focus on the crisis in Syria, you will directly influence government and UN policy and practice.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Team Coordinator, Wales – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as **Team Coordinator** and provide proactive and comprehensive administration, information and support service to our Wales team and UK core team based in Wales. As Team Coordinator you will lead the effective operations of our Welsh programme by working alongside the programmes and campaigns teams and becoming an informed key contact handling internal and external enquiries in a professional manner. In addition, you will work with the Head of Country to foster better cross-departmental and cross-organisational ways of working and information sharing.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 11th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Logistics Manager Emergency Health Unit – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Logistics Manager– Emergency Health Unit to facilitate the delivery of emergency public health services for children and their families who have been affected by a humanitarian disaster. It is an essential role of the Emergency Health Unit ensuring that critical supplies and expertise are ready to respond to health emergencies. As Logistics Manager you will provide expertise and leadership to the deployment of one of the three PHT modules with particular focus on preparedness and prioritisation of the supply chain and set-up.

Location: Internationally Mobile.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

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Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser, Country Support – Save the Children

As our charismatic, organised and influential Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser – Country Support you'll make a huge difference to vulnerable children's lives as you lead the operational arm of our Humanitarian Health Team, ensuring quality technical support at field level and acting as a focal point for the team's emergency health operations. In this key, senior role you will oversee the work of approximately 15 country-facing health staff, directly line managing 4 – 6 individuals. You will ensure an effective response to new, large-scale emergencies and support the ongoing development of the Emergency Health Unit model of self-contained emergency health capacity.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser, Thematic Support – Save the Children

As our charismatic, organised and influential **Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser – Thematic Support** you'll make a huge difference to vulnerable children's lives, as you oversee policy and thematic support work relating to humanitarian health at Save the Children UK, and provide thematic leadership for humanitarian health programmes across the Save the Children movement. In this key, senior role you will direct the work of approximately 8 – 12 staff, directly line managing around 5 individuals, and assuming responsibility for a budget portfolio of up to £5m. You will lead and co-ordinate thematic guidance, policy development and innovation initiatives, ensure the team deliver on the agreed work plan, and that they follow organisational guidelines and are well motivated and supported.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

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Education Technical Lead – Relief International

RI is looking to expand its educational programming in emergency, protracted relief and recovery, and development settings in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. The main focus of the Education Technical Lead will focus on program design (including work in supporting new business development); technical advising during program implementation (including on activities and M&E); and facilitating learning within the organization from lessons learned on RI projects and best practices within the Education sector globally.

Location: Kenya, Philippines, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 18th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Reproductive Health Manager – International Rescue Committee

The Reproductive Health Manager will be responsible for overseeing the Reproductive Health (RH) program in the field locations and supervising the implementation of the three core aspects of reproductive health: 1° Safe motherhood and Family Planning; 2° Post Abortion Care (PAC) and; 3° Emergency Obstetrical Care in, under supervision of the Field Coordinator.

Location: Chad.

Application deadline: March 19th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Child Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Child Protection (CP) Coordinator will be responsible for all aspects of strategy development, program development and design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of all CP related activities within the IRC Jordan country program. The CP Coordinator will also ensure that those interventions are technically sound, taking into account international best practices, and are appropriately meeting the needs of the beneficiaries in target communities.

Location: Jordan.

Application deadline: March 21st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Agresso Developer – Save the Children

We are looking for an Agresso Developer to embark on a significant business change project which will involve replacing the current aging legacy finance systems currently used for budgeting, reporting, fixed assets and financial grant management with a single integrated finance management system (Agresso). You will be responsible for designing, building, testing and delivering developments in accordance with agreed Agresso development plans.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 23rd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Finance Controller – International Rescue Committee

The Financial Controller has overall policy and management responsibility for the finance and accounting functions for the country program. The Finance Controller's responsibilities include general controllership, staff training, management, treasury and budget functions.

Location: Greece.

Application deadline: March 24th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Women's and Children's Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The IRC is recruiting an experienced Senior Women and Children Protection Coordinator to oversee a comprehensive portfolio of women and children protection projects that includes targeted, short-term emergency response actions, as well as longer-term interventions in line with IRC's WPE and CYPD strategies.

Location: Liberia.

Application deadline: March 24th, 2016.

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Technical Advisor, Health Programs, Francophone & Countries – International Rescue Committee

The Technical Advisor, Health serves as the primary source of health technical support for designated IRC country programs and interfaces between the field staff in the designated countries and the health unit. The position works in collaboration with the Technical Advisor, Environmental Health in the designated countries as one country support team.

Location: New York, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 25th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Protection Coordinator will be responsible for providing strategic direction and vision to the IRC's Protection programming in North Kivu. He/she will be responsible for the overall quality implementation of all aspects of the Emergency Protection Rapid Response project as well as potential new Protection programming. As such, the Coordinator will ensure components such as training, coordination, advocacy, community action and information dissemination that are common to all sub-sectors are targeted, meet needs, do not duplicate efforts and complement the overall IRC emergency Protection response. The Protection Coordinator will oversee a Protection Manager, a Child, Youth and Protection Development Manager, Gender Based Violence (GBV) Manager, as well as a Health Manager.

Location: Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Application deadline: March 27th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Program Associate Central Asia – Freedom House

The Senior Program Associate will provide programmatic support including finance, logistical, administrative, research, writing and data analysis assistance to Central Asia and other Eurasia programmatic portfolios, as required. This position is based in Washington, DC and reports to the Program Manager for Eurasia. NOTE: This position assignment will last until September 2016 and is renewable, contingent upon funding.

Location: Washington, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 28th, 2016.

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Chief of Party, Development Food Assistance Program – Mercy Corps

The Chief of Party will provide overall leadership, management and strategic vision to the implementation of a five-year, multi-million dollar USAID/Food for Peace funded Development Food Assistance Program. S/he will manage staff, resources and partnerships to ensure that the program meets its targets and deliverables on-time and within budget. The CoP will supervise program staff and ensure accountability to Mercy Corps' policies and donor rules and regulations. S/he will be the primary program representative to donors, relevant government entities, partners, other implementers and external stakeholders.

Location: Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Application deadline: March 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Grants Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

Based in Antakya, the Grants Coordinator will work with the Deputy Director of Programs (DDP) to maintain quality grants and sub-grants coordination for all country program grants. Reporting to the DDP, this position will work closely with all departments and staff including program coordinators, finance and operations on compliance, donor regulations, business development and reporting. The Grants Coordinator will supervise a team of four including two expatriate staff: Sr. Grants Manager and Grants Manager.

Location: Antakya, Turkey.

Application deadline: March 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

A Deputy Head of Mission Programme Implementation in Lebanon – Première urgence Aide médicale internationale

As part of our activities in Lebanon, we are looking for a Deputy Head of Mission Programme Implementation. Under the supervision of the Head of Mission (HoM), the Deputy Head of Mission for Program Implementation (DHOMP) ensures the follow-up of qualitative and operational aspects of the mission's programs. He/She guarantees the effective, efficient and qualitative implementation of all activities from a comprehensive project cycle management perspective.

Location: Lebanon.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

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Chief of Party – FHI 360

As Chief of Party (COP) of the USAID-funded Integrated Service Delivery and Health Behavior Project (ISD-HB), holds primary responsibility for the achievement of project objectives and intended results, the effective management and development of project staff, award compliance, and fulfillment of requirements and deliverables specified by USAID, the government of Senegal, and FHI 360's regional and headquarters offices.

Location: Dakar, Sénégal.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Director, Finance and Operations – FHI 360

FHI 360 is seeking qualified candidates for the positions for an anticipated USAID-funded opportunity: Health-Social and Behavior Change Communication (Health-SBCC) in Malawi. The activity will support the Government of Malawi efforts to expand access to sustainable health services and products, and increase understanding, acceptance, and demand for health services and resources. As USAID/Malawi's health communication flagship, Health-SBCC will build national capacity to design, implement, and evaluate coordinated, evidence- and theory -based, and innovative communications interventions related to reproductive health and family planning (FP/RH); malaria; maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH); nutrition; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

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Director, Monitoring and Evaluation – FHI 360

FHI 360 is seeking qualified candidates for the positions for an anticipated USAID-funded opportunity: Health-Social and Behavior Change Communication (Health-SBCC) in Malawi. The activity will support the Government of Malawi efforts to expand access to sustainable health services and products, and increase understanding, acceptance, and demand for health services and resources. As USAID/Malawi's health communication flagship, Health-SBCC will build national capacity to design, implement, and evaluate coordinated, evidence- and theory -based, and innovative communications interventions related to reproductive health and family planning (FP/RH); malaria; maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH); nutrition; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

National Director – ChildFund International

The National Director (ND) is responsible for providing overall vision and strategic leadership to the Kenya program. The ND is also responsible for the operational health and performance that supports the mission and strategic direction of the organization and acts as a resource to other national offices, the regional team and the organization as a whole based on areas of expertise.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

Application deadline: April 3rd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator will ensure that the IRC Turkey country program implements the monitoring and evaluation commitments as set out in its Strategic Action Plan -SAP 2020. Core to that will be ensuring that suitable monitoring and evaluation system are in place, implemented as intended, and reporting in a comprehensive and timely manner to facilitate program coordinators and managers deliver programs that achieve the desired outcomes / impacts.

Location: Hatay, Turkey.

Application deadline: April 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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4. Children and Armed Conflicts

Global - Human Rights Council Report: Increasingly Complex and Widening Conflicts Take Huge Toll on Children in 2015

February 15th, 2016 - Increasingly complex and widening conflicts have taken a huge toll on children in much of the Middle East in 2015, with parts of Africa and Asia facing protracted and relapsing wars that show no signs of abating, wrote Leila Zerrougui, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, in her annual report to the Human Rights Council. The Report covers the period from December 2014 to December 2015.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Global - Leila Zerrougui answers questions about the Recruitment and use of child soldiers

February 12th, 2016 - How many child soldiers are there in the world? Tens of thousands of boys and girls are recruited and used as child soldiers by armed forces and armed groups in conflict in over 20 countries around the world. The United Nations monitors who and where children are recruited around the world. The Secretary-General names parties to conflict who recruit and use children in his annual report on children and armed conflict. There are currently 56 parties to conflict identified and listed by the Secretary-General because the UN has documented patterns of recruitment and use of child soldiers.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Global - International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers: Child Soldiers are Boys and Girls we Failed to Protect

February 12th, 2016 - As we mark the International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, tens of thousands of boys and girls are associated with armed forces and groups in conflicts in over 20 countries around the world. “Again this year, the multiplication of conflicts and the brutality of tactics of war have made children extremely vulnerable to recruitment and use,” said Leila Zerrougui, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. In the most recent Annual report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict, 56 of the 57 parties to conflict identified for grave violations against children are named because they are recruiting and using child soldiers.

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



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Global - Radio is vital for communicating during emergencies

February 12th, 2016 - “There is no question of the value of radio when disasters occur. “The radio has been what we have turned to for generations when the world is falling apart –whether from war, from earthquake, from tsunami, or from disease outbreak. “During World War II, radio brought to our grandparents’ words of assurance from their leaders as well as information about what was happening on the battlegrounds. “Today, even with the explosion of new means of communication, radio remains a vital tool, available when broad-bands fail, or when the electricity goes in the wake of a disaster.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Global - Putting Smiles on Orphans' Faces

February 9th, 2016 - A civil society group working in Idlib and the surrounding countryside is helping hundreds of local children who have lost family in the conflict. The al-Huda charitable organisation was set up in late August 2012 after Kfar Nabel was liberated from the government forces. It distributes funds to each bereaved child and is aiming to establish a community centre where orphans can receive dedicated help.

[Full Article](#) (Institute for War & Peace Reporting)

Global - Defending the rights of “lost migrant children”

February 4th, 2016 - According to a Europol report this week, 10,000 unaccompanied minors have disappeared in Europe without a trace. Several media have turned to Terre des hommes to explain the phenomenon. Terre des hommes (Tdh) is recognised as an expert in the field of child migration and published a major report on the issue in 2008.

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

Global - With growing numbers of child deaths at sea, UN agencies call for enhancing safety for refugees and migrants

February 16th, 2016 - An average of two children have drowned every day since September 2015 as their families try to cross the eastern Mediterranean, and the number of child deaths is growing said IOM, UNHCR, and UNICEF. The agencies are calling for enhancing the safety of those escaping conflict and despair. Since last September, when the tragic death of toddler Aylan Kurdi captured the world's attention, more than 340 children, many of them babies and toddlers, have drowned in the eastern Mediterranean.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Afghanistan – Guidelines Launched to Prevent Recruitment and Use of Children in Armed Forces

February 9th, 2016 - To prevent and respond to child recruitment and use in the National Security Forces, and to improve age-verification mechanisms, the Government of Afghanistan officially launched age assessment guidelines at a high-level meeting in Kabul. Prepared by experts, practitioners, and government officials, with the technical assistance of UNAMA and UNICEF, the age assessment guidelines are designed to be applied during any recruitment process into the Afghan security forces.

[Full Article](#) (UNAMA)

Afghanistan - Taliban Child Soldier Recruitment Surges

February 17th, 2016 - Taliban forces in Afghanistan have added scores of children to their ranks since mid-2015 in violation of the international prohibition on the use of child soldiers, Human Rights Watch said today. New Human Rights Watch research shows that the Taliban have been training and deploying children for various military operations including the production and planting of improvised explosive devices (IED). In Kunduz province, the Taliban have increasingly used madrasas, or Islamic religious schools, to provide military training to children between the ages of 13 and 17, many of whom have been deployed in combat.

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

Afghanistan - Ms. Leila Zerrougui Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict visits Kabul

February 16th, 2016 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with UNAMA and UNICEF held a meeting to welcome Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and discuss the implementation of Afghan government's commitments towards protecting the rights of children affected by armed conflict. According to the 2010 report of Ms. Kara Korumi, UN Special Rapporteur, the name of Afghan National Police was added to the UN Secretary General list of shame, based on underage recruitment in Afghan National Security Forces.

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



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Afghanistan - Afghan Government's efforts to protect children hailed by top UN official

February 16th, 2016 - Recognizing the progress made by the Afghan Government to prevent the recruitment and use of children in the National Security Forces, a top UN official renewed the world body's pledge to support Afghanistan to further protect children in the country. "We cannot build sustainable peace if we don't address the needs of children and if we don't seriously protect them," said Leila Zerrougui, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, at a press conference in Kabul.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Afghanistan - Assassinated at 12: rights groups condemn killing of Afghan militia boy

February 4th, 2016 - Rights groups on Thursday condemned the use of child combatants in Afghanistan after the Taliban shot dead a 12-year-old boy who rose to fame last summer when he joined a militia to fight the insurgents. Wasil Ahmad was shot in the head twice by Taliban militants riding a motorcycle as he made his way to school in the volatile city of Trin Kot, capital of southern Uruzgan province, months after leaving a militia force and enrolling in the fourth grade. The cherubic pre-teen had become a poster-child for pro-government forces after he reportedly helped his uncle and other militia fighters break a Taliban siege last summer in his home province.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Afghanistan - Plus de 11 000 civils tués ou blessés en 2015

15 février 2016 - L'année 2015 a été la plus sanglante pour les civils en Afghanistan depuis que l'ONU a commencé en 2009 à compter le nombre d'Afghans tués ou blessés dans le conflit, une hausse qui coïncide avec la fin de la mission de combat de l'OTAN. La guerre a fait au total 11 002 victimes civiles, dont 3545 morts, en 2015, un chiffre en hausse de 4 % par rapport à l'année précédente, a annoncé l'ONU dimanche dans son rapport annuel, qui montre du doigt l'augmentation des attaques des talibans dans les villes.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



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Afghanistan - Afghan Girls Mourn Lost Education

February 21st, 2016 - Soala gazes at her prized high school diploma with tears in her eyes. Having graduated at the top of her class from the Zarghuna Ana high school in Kandahar province, she had dreamed of going on to study medicine. But her hopes were dashed when her father and older brother said that they would not allow her to carry on her education. As a doctor, Soala said, she would have been able to serve the wider society and help rebuild her country. Conservative traditions now meant that her studies were at an end.

[Full Article](#) (Institute for War & Peace Reporting)

Burundi - Nouvelles attaques à la grenade à Bujumbura

17 février 2016 - Plus de 60 blessés ont été soignés dans le centre de traumatologie de Médecins sans frontière (MSF) lundi à Bujumbura après une série d'attaques à la grenade dans la capitale du Burundi, a indiqué mardi l'ONG. « MSF a pris en charge plus de 60 personnes ce lundi matin après une série d'explosions de grenades dans divers lieux de Bujumbura », a annoncé l'organisation qui a dû « déclencher un plan catastrophe » afin de faire face à cet afflux.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Cameroun - Lutter contre des « barbares déshumanisés »

13 février 2016 - Une « horde de barbares complètement déshumanisés ». Le ministre de la Communication au sein du gouvernement camerounais, Issa Tchiroma Bakary, n'a pas de mots assez durs pour qualifier les combattants de la secte djihadiste Boko Haram. « Ils ont perdu le sens de la vie, de l'humanité », ajoute de sa voix grave cet homme de grande taille, vêtu d'un costume traditionnel bleu clair comme on le porte dans l'extrême-nord, son coin de pays. Et où frappe sans relâche Boko Haram. Selon lui, « nous [les Camerounais] ne sommes que des victimes collatérales du terrorisme », en référence au fait que les assises de Boko Haram sont de l'autre côté de la frontière, au Nigéria. N'empêche, le Cameroun se retrouve sur la ligne de front dans la lutte contre la secte djihadiste.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



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Centrafrique - Quatre nouvelles victimes présumées d'abus sexuels par des Casques bleus

16 février 2016 - L'ONU a déclaré mardi avoir identifié quatre nouvelles victimes présumées d'exploitation et d'abus sexuels impliquant des Casques bleus de la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation en République centrafricaine (MINUSCA). Ces nouvelles allégations concernent des soldats de la MINUSCA en provenance de la République démocratique du Congo (RDC), a déclaré le porte-parole adjoint du Secrétaire général de l'ONU, Farhan Haq, à New York.

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

Centrafrique – L'école malgré tout, pour les enfants déplacés

10 février 2016 - "Jean a 12 ans, il a été enlevé par les malfaiteurs pour devenir enfant-soldat": Jean pourrait être n'importe lequel des enfants du camp de déplacés de Mpoko, dans Bangui. Mais il s'agit d'un garçon fictif du cours de grammaire de Madame Lydie, enseignante improvisée d'une école temporaire. A quelques jours du second tour de la présidentielle, censée sortir la très pauvre Centrafrique de trois ans de violences intercommunautaires, plus de 20.000 personnes survivent toujours dans ce vaste camp miséreux qui jouxte l'aéroport, assistées par des agences onusiennes et humanitaires.

[Article Complet](#) (Reliefweb)

Centrafrique - De nouvelles accusations d'abus sexuels portées contre les casques bleus de la MINUSCA

4 février 2016 - La Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation en République centrafricaine (MINUSCA) a identifié sept nouvelles présumées victimes d'exploitation et d'abus sexuels à Bambari. Ces cas ont été portés à l'attention de la Mission le 21 janvier 2016 par une équipe de chercheurs de Human Rights Watch. L'équipe a communiqué cette information à la MINUSCA afin que des soins médicaux et psycho-sociaux soient prodigués aux victimes et afin que la Mission endosse toute sa responsabilité pour ces présumés crimes.

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Central African Republic - School is a sanctuary for displaced Central African kids

February 14th, 2016 - In the sprawling tent city near Bangui airport, even the children's grammar lessons are a reminder of what pupils have been through. "Jean is 12," reads the teacher's example. "He was kidnapped by bad men to become a child soldier." Sunday's presidential election in the Central African Republic has raised hopes of a fresh start for a country torn by nearly three years of deadly sectarian bloodshed. But more than 20,000 people displaced by the conflict are still scraping by in the capital's Mpoko camp -- including thousands of traumatised children who have witnessed murderous brutality.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Central African Republic – Magic, militias and rare redemption: reintegrating CAR’s child soldiers

February 12th, 2016 - Eric Mamboué tells a story that goes to the heart of what it means to be a child soldier, perfectly capturing the anomaly of a term that applies to tens of thousands of children and teenagers across the world. The Burkinabé head of War Child UK’s operations in Central African Republic describes a 14-year-old boy who had joined one of the so-called anti-balaka (anti-machete) militias and become close to its leader, a man said to have mystical powers that meant bullets could not harm him.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Colombia - UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Welcomes FARC-EP’s Decision to End Child Recruitment

February 11th, 2016 - The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui, welcomes yesterday’s confirmation by the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo (FARC-EP) that they will stop the recruitment and use of children under 18. “I am heartened by the FARC-EP’s public announcement and, as the peace negotiations are progressing, I am pleased to see that the protection of children continues to receive the attention it deserves,” declared Leila Zerrougui.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



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Colombia - Ex-rebel fighters struggle to find jobs, rebuild lives

February 19th, 2016 - Deep in the Colombian jungle, child fighter Yeimi Diaz feared for her life as members of Latin America's oldest guerrilla group held a meeting to decide whether to order a firing squad to shoot her. In the 14 years she fought for the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) rebels, Diaz faced two such councils. "A war council is almost always a death sentence," she said, recalling the way the FARC punished fighters who broke its rules. "I got lucky. A guerrilla commander who knew my mother stepped in at the last minute and voted to save my life," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

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

Darfur - Amid fresh violence, thousands of displaced people now gathering near UN mission base

February 17th, 2016 - The number of civilians fleeing the recent conflict in the Jebel Marra area in Sudan's Darfur region has jumped to 73,000 from 38,000, according to United Nations estimates, as some 30,000 people flocked to Sortony, where the displaced have been gathering next to a base operated by the African Union-UN Mission in Darfur (UNAMID). Civilians have been leaving the Jebel Marra since hostilities between the Government and a faction of the Sudan Liberation Army escalated in mid-January, and arriving in three main locations in North Darfur state, including an established camp for the displaced in Tawilla, which has accommodated 18,000 individuals since mid-January.

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

Darfur - Child burns to death in Jebel Marra raids

February 19th, 2016 - A child burned to death when militiamen attacked a village near Tabit, North Darfur, on Friday afternoon, and set it ablaze. In west Jebel Marra, three persons sustained injuries when militiamen raided Tur. Pro-government militiamen, driving four vehicles and riding camels, attacked Taradona, six kilometres west of Tabit, in the afternoon, a witness reported. They opened fire on the homes and drove out the villagers. Their money and livestock was stolen. The gunfire resulted in a fire that spread through the village and completely burned out a number of homes. 5-year-old Mohaidin Saleh burned to death in his home.

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Democratic Republic of Congo - MONUSCO committed to ending the recruitment of child soldiers into armed groups.

February 12th, 2016 - Maman Sambo Sidikou, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in the DRC, points out that the objective of the celebration of this day is to raise public awareness on the suffering faced by child soldiers around the world and in the Democratic Republic in particular. « It is regrettable to note that the armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo continue to recruit children in large numbers, thus exposing them to great risks and denying them the enjoyment of their fundamental rights.

[Full Article](#) (MONUSCO)

Democratic Republic of Congo – Children who survived measles are now suffering from malnutrition and malaria

February 24th, 2016 - As the measles epidemic gradually fades in the Tanganyika province of the Democratic Republic of Congo, malaria and malnutrition often form a deadly combination for children. In order to face this situation, MSF – in collaboration with the Congolese Ministry of Health – continues to support the Manono health zone for the management of severe acute malnutrition and pediatric emergencies and is opening a similar project in Kabalo.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Greece - Four-year-old Afghan boy dies on migrant boat

February 17th, 2016 - A four-year-old boy died on a boat crossing the Aegean Sea, the Greek coastguard said Wednesday, as the flow of refugees and migrants increased again after a brief drop in numbers. The body of the boy, identified as Afghan by aid groups, was found in a boat that landed on the island of Chios, the coastguard said. His family were among 600 migrants who arrived on the island on Wednesday, the day after the government inaugurated a registration facility to regulate the influx to Greece's eastern Aegean islands after over 800,000 people fleeing war and poverty landed there last year.

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Iraq - Save the Children - Providing Assistance throughout Iraq

February 16th, 2016 - Save the Children is currently responding to the needs of both Syrian refugee and IDP families, in camp and non-camp settings in the governorates of Dohuk, Ninewa, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk, Diyala, and Salahedin by ensuring that children have access to quality education, healthcare, and protection services. Save the Children is ensuring that children benefit from government actions that create an environment of awareness and accountability to uphold child rights.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Kenya - Report Shows Rape Victims in Kenya Post-election Violence Still Suffer

February 16th, 2016 - Hundreds of women and girls still bear the physical and mental scars of sexual violence following Kenya's post-election turmoil in 2007 and 2008. A new Human Rights Watch report released Monday says the government has not helped them. Human Rights Watch said some 900 women and girls were victims of sexual violence during the post-election period and many cases likely were unreported. The group said lack of medical attention left many survivors unable to work or pursue an education, and therefore they remain stuck in poverty.

[Full Article](#) (News from Africa)

Macedonia - Long journey to Europe: a father's perspective

February 15th, 2016 - "We thought that if we held the babies up high – if they could see them – they would stop making waves...stop trying to capsize our boat." "They," Marwan,* 29, told me, were men in motor boats who menacingly circled the 7ft inflatable dinghy into which he and 25 others – including babies and children – were crammed for the perilous crossing between Turkey and Greece. "They" made the boat rock so much, he feared it would sink, drowning him, his pregnant wife, his brother, his brother's wife and their baby.

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Malaysia - provides humanitarian assistance to 1000 Syrian refugee children and women

February 15th, 2016 - Malaysia provided humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees in Shebaa village, located some 150 km from Beirut deep in mountainous region of southeast Lebanon. The village is close to the Syrian border and Israeli occupied Shebaa farms. According to Mr. Mohammad al-Saadi, the Head of Social Development Centre in Shebaa, Malaysia is the first country that had distributed humanitarian assistance to the refugees in that village.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Nepal - No peace for Nepal's ex-child soldiers, 20 years after war

February 12th, 2016 - Wincing with pain every time he walks, Bijay Rai is constantly reminded of his decision to join the Maoist army aged 14, as one of Nepal's thousands of child soldiers. Rai voluntarily took part in the Maoist's decade-long insurgency, launching attacks on government and army posts, because he believed they were fighting for Nepal's millions of poor and oppressed. But 20 years since the war began, and almost 10 years after it ended, Rai, unable to hold a job because of the bullet shards embedded in his arms and legs, said he feels betrayed and abandoned by the Maoist leadership.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Nigeria - Drame humanitaire dans le sillage des djihadistes

13 février 2016 - Le groupe terroriste le plus meurtrier au monde sévit au coeur de l'Afrique. Principalement implanté au Nigéria, Boko Haram jette aussi son dévolu sur les pays voisins. Le Cameroun est l'un de ceux-là. Loin des regards du monde, les Camerounais subissent les violences des extrémistes, auxquels ils livrent bataille. Portrait d'un pays en guerre. Adji Abani se souvient de l'heure, à la minute près, à laquelle Boko Haram est venu frapper son village. C'était le 12 août dernier, à 20h12, alors que le soleil avait déjà caché ses rayons. Ce n'était pas la première fois que la secte djihadiste venait cogner aux portes de la ville, rappelle-t-il. Mais en cette soirée d'été, dans le village de Blamé, à quelques kilomètres de la frontière nigériane, Boko Haram n'allait pas faire de quartiers. Au petit matin, le soleil s'est levé sur une bourgade qui comptait huit villageois en moins, des dizaines de maisons rasées par les flammes et des voitures calcinées.

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Nigeria - Boko Haram: children among villagers burned to death in Nigeria attack

February 1st, 2016 - Scores of people, including children, have been killed in a Nigerian town by Boko Haram fighters who shot at villagers and set fire to their homes in the latest deadly attack by the Islamist militant group. The attack took place on Saturday in the village of Dalori, which lies about 12km (seven miles) from the northern city of Maiduguri, the birthplace of Boko Haram and the biggest city in Nigeria's north-east.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Nigeria - Girls released from Boko Haram captivity rejected by society - New report

February 16th, 2016 - Girls and women kidnapped by Nigeria's insurgent group, Jamā'at Ahl as-Sunnah lid-da'wa wal-Jihād (JAS), commonly known as Boko Haram, face mistrust and persecution upon their return to society, according to new research by International Alert and UNICEF, released today. "These findings show a pressing need to do more to re-integrate those returning from captivity by Boko Haram," says Alert's peacebuilding adviser in Nigeria, Kimairis Toogood. "Many of these girls already face lasting trauma of sexual violence and being separated from their families, so we must ensure they get all the support they need when they finally return."

[Full Article](#) (International Alert)

Nigeria - Rescued from Boko Haram, one girl hankers for life with militant husband

February 5th, 2016- Almost a year after she was rescued from Boko Haram captivity by the Nigerian army, 16-year-old Zara John is still in love with one of the Islamic militants who abducted her. She was delighted to discover that she was pregnant with his child following a urine and blood test carried out by a doctor in the refugee camp to which she was taken after her rescue.

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Pakistan - Five more children die in Thar, toll rises to 167

February 6th, 2016 - Five children died, three of them in government hospitals, across Thar on Friday, raising the death toll to 167 since Jan 1 when the children's deaths caused by an outbreak of waterborne diseases and malnutrition hit the headlines. Twelve-month-old Natho Bheel, eight-month-old Hamida and seven-month-old Saghir died at the Mithi Civil Hospital, two-year-old Amia died at the Nagarparkar rural health centre and a newborn died in a village near Chelhar.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Pakistan - Thar children's deaths show no signs of abating as eight more die

February 14th, 2016 - The ongoing human tragedy of deaths of children in Thar shows no signs of abating, despite tall claims by the government that it has provided the best healthcare facilities, as eight more babies died of malnutrition and waterborne diseases over the past two days. Four children died on Saturday and as many died a day before. Of them, a six-month-old baby Kavita and two other newborn babies died at the Mithi Civil Hospital and five-month-old Pirbhu died at rural health centre in Islamkot on Saturday.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

Palestine - UNRWA and the Lajee Center inaugurate the first child-friendly spaces in Aida refugee camp

February 17th, 2016 - Today, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the Lajee Center inaugurated the first ever child-friendly spaces – a football pitch and a playground – in Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem. The new child-friendly spaces have been made possible with a generous contribution from the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) and will provide the children of Aida camp with a rare opportunity to play and make new friends within a very challenging environment.

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Palestine - Students from 16 UNRWA SCHOOLS In North Gaza Volunteer to Clean and Beautify Their Schools

February 17th, 2016 - In the spirit of International Volunteer Day, on 4 February, 200 UNRWA students – together with UNRWA counsellors, teachers, their parents and local community leaders – participated in a ‘volunteering day’ activity in North Gaza to promote volunteering among youth in Gaza. “I felt very happy participating in this volunteering day and cleaning my school and the surrounding area. I wish to have regular activities like this one,” commented Ibrahim Saleh, a third-grade student.

[Full Article](#) (UNRWA)

Palestine - Two Israelis jailed for burning Palestinian teen alive

February 4th, 2016 - A court sentenced two young Israelis to life and 21 years in prison Thursday for the 2014 burning alive of a Palestinian teenager. The sentencing came amid a wave of Palestinian stabbings, shootings and car-rammings that erupted in October, including an attack in Jerusalem on Wednesday that killed a policewoman. The two Israelis sentenced were minors at the time of the chilling attack in which they and a third man snatched Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16, from an east Jerusalem street then killed him.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Philippines - Dispatches: Fighting Over Child Soldiers in the Philippines

February 16th, 2016 - There are fresh allegations that the rebel New People’s Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is still recruiting children for use as fighters. The Armed Forces of the Philippines announced last week that a 14-year-old boy was among two suspected NPA fighters captured after what the military called a “legitimate encounter” on February 9, in Compostela Valley province on the southern island of Mindanao.

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Philippines - Congress passes groundbreaking bill protecting children hit by disasters

February 17th, 2016 - The Philippines is now one step closer to enacting the 'Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act' after the Senate and House of Representatives passed the groundbreaking bill. The landmark legislation— which is first of its kind in Asia—will create a national program that will provide enhanced protection and relief assistance to millions of Filipino children affected by calamities.

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

République Démocratique du Congo - Innocent : ancien enfant soldat, aujourd'hui revit à travers le centre de transit et d'orientation de Goma

12 février 2016 - Pour les garçons âgés de 12 à 16 ans du centre de transit et d'orientation (CTO) de Goma, géré par l'association CAJED (Concert d'Actions pour Jeunes et Enfants Défavorisés) avec l'appui de l'UNICEF, la journée démarre à 7h00 par le petit-déjeuner. Les jeunes sont ensuite répartis dans différents groupes pour suivre, selon leurs choix, des cours d'alphabétisation, de remise à niveau scolaire, ou d'initiation au dessin, à la couture, au chant, à la musique ou à la danse. Dans l'après-midi, après le repas et une sortie en ville accompagnée, ils pourront se détendre : aujourd'hui, Dieudonné est venu les initier à la capoeira !

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

République Démocratique du Congo - Je dessine et j'écris contre toutes les violences : 400 jeunes participent à un concours de dessins et de poèmes

10 février 2016 - Emmanuel, en classe de 6^{ème} primaire, a 11 ans. Il est scolarisé à Goma (Nord-Kivu) et a gagné le concours de poésie-catégorie primaire. Voici ce qu'il a écrit sur le thème de la lutte contre le mariage forcé et précoce : « Refuse ses bonbons et ses cadeaux. Il ne te fait pas un don. Derrière cela, il y a une intention. À quoi il faut faire attention. Tous ces mots mielleux prononcés. Ne visent en réalité qu'un mariage forcé. T'obligeant à accepter ces mensonges. Sans retenir le fond de son message.

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Rwanda - Ishema Mu Muryango: Pride for the Family - Stories of Successful Reintegration

February 19th, 2016- Ishema Mu Muryango ('Pride for the Family' in Kinyarwanda) was a two-year program funded by USAID's Displaced Children and Orphans Funds (DCOF). The program goal was to safely and sustainably reintegrate children living in institutions in two districts of Rwanda back into their families or communities, and prevent further institutionalization through family-based alternative care options that are suitable and sustainable.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Sierra Leone - Group in Sierra Leone Determined to Raise Awareness of FGM Dangers

February 10th, 2016 - As a child, Anne-Marie Caulkner was forced to undergo female genital mutilation, or FGM, which some people refer to as female circumcision. The traditional practice removes some or all parts of the external female genitalia. It is seen by some as a rite of passage for girls and a way to make a girl more appealing to a husband. Caulkner said the violation was so severe it prompted her to form her own nongovernmental organization, the National Movement for Emancipation and Progress (NAMEP). The group works with local communities to educate them about the dangerous effects of FGM, such as health complications.

[Full Article](#) (News from Africa)

South Sudan - Back to Learning Campaign targeting 5,500 school age children launched in Bentiu

February 10th, 2016 - The Ministry of Education with the support of UNICEF, launched a "Back to Learning Campaign" in Bentiu targeting the enrollment of 5,500 school age children. Speaking during the launch, deputy top authority in Unity, John Juor Yoach said children are the future of tomorrow in any nation and the state government and its partners will work together as partners to promote educational activities.

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Sudan - UNICEF Sudan Humanitarian Situation Report, January 2016

January 31st, 2016 - Renewed fighting in the Jabel Marra area of Central Darfur has displaced an estimated 44,700 people. The displaced have sought refuge in Kebkabiya and Tawilla localities in North Darfur. Others have fled to Nertiti and Thur in Central Darfur. The expulsion of Tearfund puts over 17,000 acutely malnourished children supported through 34 nutritional centres at risk. UNICEF, as provider of last resort, has been supporting the continuation of WASH and nutrition services. USD \$800,000 is required to sustain these interventions over a period of three months.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Sudan - clashes sends tens of thousands of children into flight: UN

February 18th, 2016 - Tens of thousands of children fleeing clashes in the Jebel Marra mountains of Sudan's conflict-torn Darfur have faced traumatic escapes, the United Nations children's agency UNICEF told AFP on Thursday. In the isolated area's biggest civilian displacement in a decade, clashes between ethnic minority rebels and troops in Jebel Marra that erupted on January 15 have forced 82,727 civilians to seek shelter, 60 percent of them children, according to UN estimates. "Children who already have very little are once again traumatised with what seems to be an endless, endless war," said Geert Cappelaere, head of UNICEF in Sudan.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Syrie - Caritas demande que plus d'actions soient prises pour protéger la santé mentale des enfants réfugiés syriens

4 février 2016 - Malak, une petite réfugiée syrienne de six ans, est hantée par ses cauchemars. Après le bombardement de sa maison et l'agression de sa famille, elle a été contrainte de fuir au Liban. Elle a vu son oncle et son grand-père se faire tuer par des terroristes et son père se faire enlever. Aujourd'hui, Malak refuse de dormir toute seule. Sabah, elle aussi âgée de six ans, avait l'habitude de jouer dans un champ à côté de sa maison à Homs. Cet endroit de verdure fait maintenant office de fosse où s'entassent les corps des combattants. Elle aussi a du mal à dormir. Elle a peur qu'il y ait des monstres dans sa maison.

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Syria - crisis hits new low as hospitals and schools hit by airstrikes

February 16th, 2016 - The airstrikes that hit schools and hospitals in northern Syria yesterday killing up to 50 people marks a new low in the conflict, says Islamic Relief. “Yesterday was a dark day for women and children in Syria,” said Ahmed, an Islamic Relief staff member working in Syria. “The people killed included pregnant women and newborn babies in incubators. This is simply unacceptable.”

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Syria - Russian and Syrian forces must end deliberate attacks on hospitals

February 15th, 2016 - Attacks on at least two medical facilities in Syria today are just the latest of scores of apparently deliberate attacks on hospitals, clinics and medical personnel being committed in flagrant violation of international humanitarian law, Amnesty International said. “Russian and Syrian forces know full well that deliberate attacks on medical facilities are war crimes. All parties to the conflict must cease such horrific attacks, stop destroying medical facilities and allow medical workers to carry out their life-saving work without fear of being killed or injured in the line of duty,” said Said Boumedouha, Deputy Middle East and North Africa Programme Director at Amnesty International.

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty International)

Syria - International day against the use of Child Soldiers: 214 children have been demobilized in Syria since 2014

February 11th, 2016 - Tomorrow, 12 February 2015, is the International Against the use of Child Soldiers. Geneva Call is working in 10 countries to prohibit the use of children in hostilities by armed groups. Our countries of operations include Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Democratic Republic of Congo and Colombia. 17 armed groups have signed Geneva Call's Deed of Commitment protecting children in armed conflict including the Kurdish armed forces in Syria. For the sixth time since the Syrian Kurdish armed forces signed this Deed in 2014, a team from Geneva Call went to Syria to monitor the situation related to the use of child soldiers by those forces.

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Turkey - 27 migrants, including children, drown off Turkey

February 8th, 2016 - Twenty-seven people including 11 children drowned on Monday after their boat sank in the Aegean Sea while trying to cross from Turkey to Greece, the Turkish coastguard said. The coastguard said it discovered the boat -- carrying 40 people -- half capsized after it set off from Edremit in the western province of Balıkesir in an apparent bid to reach the Greek island of Lesbos. So far, four migrants have been rescued both by air and by sea in a search and rescue operation, the coastguard said in a statement on its website.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Ukraine - Two years on, Ukraine conflict affects over half a million children

February 19th, 2016 - The conflict in Ukraine has deeply affected the lives of 580,000 children living in non-government controlled areas and close to the front line in eastern Ukraine, UNICEF said today. Of these, 200,000 – or one in three – need psychosocial support. “Two years of violence, shelling and fear have left an indelible mark on thousands of children in eastern Ukraine,” said Giovanna Barberis, UNICEF Representative in Ukraine. “As the conflict continues, we need to reach these children urgently to meet their physical as well as psychological needs.”

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Yemen - Rocket kills child in Saudi Arabia: state media

February 1st, 2016 - An 11-year-old child was killed and nine members of his family were wounded Sunday when a rocket fired from Yemen hit their house in a border region of Saudi Arabia, civil defence authorities said. The child died instantly while the rest of the family were taken to hospital, according to Lieutenant Colonel Ali bin Omair al-Shahrani, who was quoted by the official SPA news agency. Shiite Huthi rebels in Yemen have intensified cross-border rocket attacks since late last year.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Yemen – Forgotten Children

February 10th, 2016 - The scale of suffering in Yemen is staggering. Ten months on since the escalation in this pointless, protracted and bloody conflict has left the Middle East's already poorest and most under-developed country now witnessing the world's largest humanitarian crisis with 21.2 million people – or 82% of the population - now in need of emergency humanitarian assistance, including close to 10 million children.

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