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## 1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

### **[Nouvelle] Une nouvelle étude montre comment fournir à davantage d'enfants malnutris un traitement vital**

08 janvier 2016 - Les résultats d'une étude publiée hier par l'American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, co-écrite par The Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) et l'Université de Copenhague (UCPH), devraient mener à une augmentation significative du nombre d'enfants malnutris bénéficiant d'une prise en charge médicale.

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

### **[NEWS] “No to child labour in Turkey’s hazelnut gardens”**

January 08<sup>th</sup> 2016 - An ILO project prioritizes education as the main instrument to eliminate child labour in the country's seasonal agriculture. So far, more than 1,200 children have benefitted from the project.

[Full Article](#) (International Labour Organisation)

### **[NEWS] One in four children in conflict zones are out of school**

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 - In 22 countries affected by conflict, nearly 24 million children living in crisis zones are out of school, UNICEF said today. The analysis highlights that nearly one in four of the 109.2 million children of primary and lower secondary school age - typically between six and 15 years – living in conflict areas are missing out on their education.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

### **[NEWS] Deprived of school, future of 24 million children in conflict zones under threat – UN report**

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Nearly 24 million children living in crisis zones in 22 strife-torn countries are being deprived of a school education, threatening their own future and that of their societies, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported today.

[Full Article](#) (United Nation News Center)

## **[NEWS] Yemen’s war-weary children face ‘new year of pain and suffering’ – UNICEF official**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – The ongoing deadly violence in Yemen has left nearly 10 million children facing threats of malnutrition and disease, lack of education, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) representative to the country warned today, calling for unhindered humanitarian access to all those in need and an end to the conflict.

[Full Article](#) (United Nation)

## **[NEWS] U.S. Supreme Court gives boost to child slave labor case against Nestle**

January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 - A U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to dismiss a lawsuit seeking to hold Nestle, the world's largest food maker, accountable for using child slaves to harvest cocoa in Africa looks set to be a landmark battle over labor used overseas, lawyers said.

[Full article](#) (Reuters)

## **[NEWS] Thousands of children still need care and support in wake of Ebola epidemic**

January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Nearly 23,000 children who lost one or both parents or their primary caregivers to Ebola in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will continue to need care and support, UNICEF said as it welcomed the declaration that there are no more cases of the disease in West Africa.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

## **[NEWS] Why are these children representing themselves in court?**

January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 - In the United States, many children in immigration court proceedings are unrepresented and must present their case to stay in the country without the help of a lawyer. A November 2014 report analyzing U.S. immigration court data found that about 43,000 children — two-thirds of the children with pending cases — were unrepresented. Meanwhile, the opposing side, the U.S. government, is always represented by an attorney.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

## **[NEWS] Over 12 million children have better educational opportunities through IKEA Foundation, Save the Children and UNICEF partnership**

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 – More than 12 million children in over 46 countries have better schools, teachers and learning materials, thanks to a 13-year partnership between the IKEA Foundation, Save the Children and UNICEF. Since 2003, the IKEA Foundation’s ‘Soft Toys for Education’ campaign has contributed €88 million to Save the Children and UNICEF, helping to increase school attendance for some of the world’s most marginalized and vulnerable children. Funds have also helped train teachers, provide educational materials and improve child protection systems in schools and communities.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

## **[News] "It's Not My Problem" Is No Longer Acceptable: Child Trafficking in the United States**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - I was recently at a cocktail party where the issue of child trafficking in the United States came up in the course of conversation.

[Full article](#) (Huffington Post)

## **[NEWS] Ikea Canada customers raised more than \$500,000 for save the children and UNICEF to provide quality education to children living in poverty in developing countries**

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Today, IKEA Canada announces its results for its annual Soft Toys for Education Campaign where for every soft toy or children’s book sold from November 2, 2015 to December 26, 2015, the IKEA foundation donated €1 (approximately \$1.56 CDN\*) to Save the Children and UNICEF to provide quality education to children living in poverty in developing countries.

[Full Article](#) (SAVE CHILDREN)

## **[NEWS] Slovenia and UNICEF in new partnership for refugee and migrant children on the move**

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 – With up to 3,000 refugees and migrants passing through Slovenia each day, UNICEF and the Government of Slovenia today announced a partnership aimed at improving the care and protection of children on the move.

“While the vast majority of refugees and migrants are spending a short period of time in Slovenia before moving on, humanitarian needs remain considerable – especially for vulnerable groups, including children,” said Boštjan Šefic, Secretary of State at the Ministry of the Interior and the coordinator for the refugee response in Slovenia. “That’s why we are partnering with UNICEF to strengthen support services for children and families as they continue their journeys through Slovenia and beyond.”

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

## **[NEWS] Concern over health of children on the move during harsh winter – UNICEF**

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Children arriving into a harsh winter in southeastern Europe are physically exhausted, scared, distressed and often in need of medical assistance, UNICEF warned.

The recent sub-zero temperatures and sometimes snowy conditions is exacerbating the children’s poor physical condition as many children on the move do not have adequate clothing, or access to age-appropriate nutrition. This has been worsened by the lack of shelter and inadequate heating in some reception centres as well as buses and trains.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

## **[Nouvelle] L'UNESCO présente un nouveau modèle de financement pour favoriser l'accès aux manuels scolaires**

19 janvier 2016 – sur l'éducation (GEM) et publiée mardi, l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, les sciences et la culture (UNESCO) propose un modèle économique qui permettrait de réduire le coût des manuels scolaires et d'accroître leur disponibilité pour de nombreux écoliers du monde entier.

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



### **[Nouvelle] Amnesty dénonce le travail des enfants dans les mines de cobalt**

Amnesty International a publié ce mardi 19 janvier 2016 un rapport sur le travail des enfants dans les mines de cobalt. Une matière qui entre dans la fabrication des batteries des objets connectés, comme les téléphones portables et les tablettes. Ce document appelle des grands groupes à se remettre en question.

[Article complet](#) (RFI)

### **[Nouvelle] Les agences onusiennes s'inquiètent pour les enfants et les femmes réfugiés et migrants**

20 janvier 2016 – Le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR) a exprimé mercredi son inquiétude concernant les violences sexuelles dont sont victimes des femmes réfugiées et migrantes en route vers l'Europe, tandis que le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) s'est dit préoccupé pour la santé des enfants.

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

### **[Communiqué de presse] Le Secrétaire général nomme les premiers membres du Groupe de haut niveau de l'initiative « Toutes les femmes, tous les enfants »**

21 janvier 2016 Le Secrétaire général de l'ONU, M. Ban Ki-Moon, a annoncé, aujourd'hui, la nomination des premiers membres du Groupe consultatif de haut niveau de l'Initiative « Toutes les femmes, tous les enfants », qui aidera à guider et à inspirer l'action en faveur de la santé des femmes, des adolescents et des enfants dans la transition entre les Objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement (OMD) et les objectifs de développement durable (ODD).

[Article complet](#) (Nations Unies)

### **[NEWS] Egyptian human rights groups criticise juvenile detention conditions**

January 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 - Human rights groups in Egypt have repeatedly criticised the poor and illegal detention conditions of minors.

They say children are held alongside adults, abused in custody and kept for months in pre-trial detention, without being referred to court.

Child rights advocates accuse the authorities of turning a blind eye to the law, which sets very tough conditions for putting a child behind bars.

[Full Article](#) (BBC)

## **[NEWS] 17 children among 43 deaths in migrant boat sinkings off Greece**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 - At least 43 people, including 17 children, drowned when their boats capsized off two Greek islands near the Turkish coast on Friday, coast guard officials said, marking one of the deadliest days for migrants risking the perilous route to Europe from Turkey.

[Full Article](#) (BCB.ca)

## **[NEWS] Ontario Hiring More Mental Health Workers for Children and Youth, Investing \$6 Million to Support Early Intervention**

January 22, 2016 - Ontario is investing \$6 million in local mental health services to help an estimated additional 4,000 children and youth, and their families each year

[Full article](#) (Ontario ministry of children and youth services)

## **[NEWS] How Children Are Forced to the Front Lines of Yemen's War**

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 - Throughout Yemen's turbulent history, children have been armed and sent into battle by an array of armed groups and regime forces.

The international community has been trying to end the practice, and in recent years the U.N. successfully pushed the government and the rebel Houthi group to promise to stop the use of child soldiers.

[Full article](#) (Huffington post)

## **[NEWS] Number of obese and overweight children under five 'alarming', WHO says**

January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 – At least 41 million children under the age of five are obese or overweight across the globe, with numbers rising most rapidly in developing countries, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

[Full Article](#) (REUTERS)

## **[NEWS] Child watchdogs warn of European refugee 'race to the bottom'**

January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 - A "race to the bottom" on asylum policy among European Union countries is exposing more than 360,000 child migrants to greater risk of harm as the bloc struggles to cope with a surge of refugees, rights watchdogs said on Monday.

European children's agencies issued the warning in a report released in Amsterdam, where the EU's interior ministers were meeting to discuss how to deal with the influx of people fleeing war in Africa and the Middle East.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

## **[Nouvelle]Le tribunal pour enfants va juger pour la première fois des apprentis djihadistes partis en Syrie**

25 Janvier 2016 - Deux adolescents toulousains ont été renvoyés, vendredi 22 janvier, devant le tribunal pour enfants pour « participation à un groupement terroriste », après avoir séjourné un peu plus de deux semaines en Syrie au début de 2014. Leur départ avait été fortement médiatisé à l'époque, notamment par les parents de l'un d'eux, qui n'avaient rien vu venir. Dans son ordonnance de renvoi, que le monde a pu consulter, la juge d'instruction du pôle antiterroriste Isabelle Couzy estime qu'« il résulte de la procédure que Y. et A. ont décidé ensemble de rejoindre en Syrie un groupe afin d'y mener le djihad armé ».

[Article complet](#) (Le monde.fr)

## **[NEWS] AP INVESTIGATION: Feds' Failures Imperil Migrant Children**

January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 - As tens of thousands of children fleeing violence in Central America crossed the border in search of safe harbor, overwhelmed U.S. officials weakened child protection policies, placing some young migrants in homes where they were sexually assaulted, starved or forced to work for little or no pay, an Associated Press investigation has found.

[Full Article](#) (FXB center for health & human rights/Harvard University)

## **[NEWS] Girls say 'no' to being married off**

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Happiness, from the Mara Region of Tanzania, was 12 when her parents decided she was old enough to marry. They pulled her out of school, planning to have her undergo female genital mutilation (FGM) and then marry her off to a man of their choosing. But Happiness took a stand. She fled her parents' home and took refuge at the UNFPA-supported Masanga Centre. For eight months, caretakers at the center worked to convince her parents to allow her to return to school. They finally relented, and Happiness resumed her education. But she continues to live at the centre and wants other girls in her situation to have the same kind of support.

[Full article](#) (Relief web)

## **[Nouvelle] Libérer les enfants de l'esclavage**

26 janvier 2016 - Aujourd'hui encore, la lutte contre l'esclavage est loin d'être terminée. Engagé dans ce combat avec Bachpan Bachao Andolan (Mouvement pour sauver l'enfance), l'organisation qu'il a fondé, Kailash Satyarthi se bat pour des actions concrètes qui feront la différence.

[Article complet](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

## **[Nouvelle] Les enfants autochtones discriminés par le fédéral**

26 janvier 2016 - En échouant à offrir aux enfants autochtones le même niveau de services sociaux que celui offert aux autres petits Canadiens, le gouvernement fédéral s'est rendu coupable de discrimination à leur endroit, a conclu le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

## **[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF réagit à la décision historique du Tribunal des droits de la personne et décrit les prochaines étapes cruciales pour les enfants du Canada**

26 janvier 2016 - UNICEF Canada a réagi à la décision rendue aujourd'hui par le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne à propos d'une plainte contre le gouvernement fédéral alléguant que le manquement du Canada à fournir des services de protection de l'enfance équitables et culturellement adaptés aux enfants des Premières Nations vivant dans les réserves équivaut à une discrimination en vertu de la Loi canadienne sur les droits de la personne. Le président et chef de la direction d'UNICEF Canada, David Morley, et le conseiller principal d'UNICEF Canada en matière de politiques, Marv Bernstein, étaient respectivement présents à Toronto et Ottawa.

[Article complet](#) (Newswire.ca)

## **[News] UNICEF launches \$2.8 billion humanitarian appeal for children**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) today announced the launch of a \$2.8 billion appeal to reach 43 million children in humanitarian emergencies worldwide, with for the first time ever the largest portion of the appeal – 25 per cent – going towards their education.

[Full article](#) (United Nations News Center)

## **[News] Progressing towards better childcare in Cambodia**

27<sup>th</sup> January 2016- In Cambodia, a great number of families living in isolated regions do not have access to educational and caregiving structures for their children.

[Full article](#) (International Catholic Child Bureau)

## **[News] Children Behind Bars, the Global Overuse of Detention of Children**

27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - The door of a cell at Lusaka Central Prison. Children are routinely incarcerated in Zambia for minor offenses and frequently held together with adults, putting them at increased risk of sexual violence and other abuses.

[Full article](#) (Human Rights watch)

## **[News] Ending Child Marriage, Meeting the Global Development Goals’ Promise to Girls**

27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - Sharon J.’s marriage at age 14 in Tanzania dashed her hopes for the future: “My dream was to study to be a journalist. Until today, when I watch news or listen to the radio and someone is reading news, it causes me a lot of pain because I wish it were me.”

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

## **[Nouvelle] Détention : le nombre de mineurs placés continue de reculer**

28 janvier 2016 - Le nombre de mineurs placés dans des institutions pénales continue de reculer en Suisse. Le 2 septembre 2015, jour de référence, ils étaient 433 (-10% en un an). Dans l'ensemble, les effectifs de détenus sont stables. Les prisons romandes sont toujours surchargées.

[Article complet](#) (observatoire international de justice juvénile)

## **[News] UK to give sanctuary to unaccompanied refugee children**

28 January 2016 - The UK is to accept more unaccompanied child refugees from Syria and other conflict zones - but the government has not said how many. The Home Office will work with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to identify "exceptional cases" from camps in Syria and neighboring countries

[Full article](#) (BBC)

## **[NEWS] Migrant crisis: More than 10,000 children 'missing'**

31 January 2016 - More than 10,000 migrant children may have disappeared after arriving in Europe over the past two years, the EU's police intelligence unit says. Europol said thousands of vulnerable minors had vanished after registering with state authorities. It warned of children and young people being forced into sexual exploitation and slavery by criminal gangs.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

## **[NEWS] Telecoms industry can collaborate to tackle child rights, says Millicom.**

28 January 2016 - Millicom, the emerging market telecommunications company, in collaboration with UNICEF, has developed a new tool to help conduct self-assessments using the global Children's Rights and Business Principles. Millicom believes that the tool could achieve industry-wide adoption in the future and has launched a consultation inviting wider collaboration. The new Child Rights Impact Assessment tool has been designed specifically for mobile operators. It aims to enable businesses to assess how their activities might impact children directly or indirectly, covering issues that include child online protection, child labour within the distribution of SIMs and scratch cards, extracting valuables from e-waste and safeguarding children from accessing potentially dangerous network infrastructure.

[Full article](#) (4-traders)

## **[NOUVELLES] Treize présumés pédophiles arrêtés**

17 Janvier 2016 - La Sûreté du Québec ainsi que de nombreux corps policiers municipaux ont procédé à l'arrestation de treize personnes ce matin dans plusieurs villes de la province ainsi qu'en Ontario. Elles sont soupçonnées d'être des pédophiles. Les treize personnes arrêtées, âgées de 27 à 74 ans, échangeaient des informations sur Internet sur leurs expériences personnelles et partageaient des tactiques pour attirer et leurrer des enfants ainsi que des informations sur les lieux où il est le plus facile de les approcher.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

## **[NOUVELLES] Un enfant sur neuf vit en zone de conflit**

26 Janvier 2016 - Un enfant sur neuf vit désormais dans des zones frappées par la guerre ou les conflits violents, soit près de 250 millions d'enfants à travers le monde, estime l'UNICEF. Une situation critique qui double le risque de décès de causes évitables chez les petits de moins de cinq ans, vulnérabilisés par la malnutrition, les maladies infectieuses et l'absence de soins de santé.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

## **[NEWS] Obama bans solitary confinement for juveniles and low-level offenders**

26 Janvier 2016 - US President Barack Obama has said he will ban solitary confinement as a form of punishment for juvenile and low-level offenders in federal prisons. He said solitary confinement has the potential to cause "lasting psychological consequences" for inmates. The reforms would affect about 10,000 inmates who are serving time in isolation in the federal system.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

## 2. Conferences, Courses and Events

### Children's Rights Behind Bars

The project *Children's Rights Behind Bars* will culminate in a **European Final Conference** to be held in the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels (Belgium) on the 15 February 2016.

**Location:** European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Belliard, 99, 1040, Brussels Belgium

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

[For more information](#) (International juvenile justice observatory)

### National Conference on Bullying & Child Victimization

The 2016 National Conference on Bullying and Child Victimization is the largest and most comprehensive conference focused on all the aspects bullying and child related crime. Focused on protecting children on all levels using proven best practices and innovative localized programs and efforts, this conference brings together the most knowledgeable and internationally renowned keynote presenters into one forum to provide the highest quality professional development possible in one conference.

**Location:** DoubleTree SeaWorld Orlando, 10100 International Dr, 32821, Orlando, FLorida United States

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 -24<sup>th</sup> February 2016

[For more information](#) (International juvenile justice observatory)

### Child Sex Trafficking: Law Enforcement Response

This training is designed to provide law enforcement investigators, human trafficking task force members and social service providers with the information necessary to properly understand, recognize, and investigate cases involving child sex trafficking and exploitation. Modules include a focus on the survivor's perspective and changing perceptions regarding trafficking victims

**Location:** Racine Marriott Hotel - 7111 Washington Ave, Racine, WI, 53406, Racine, Wisconsin United States

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016

[For more information](#) (International juvenile justice observatory)



### 3. Vacancies

#### **Banque de candidatures - Intervenant (e) en protection de l'enfance**

Toutes demandes d'emploi soumises à cette « Banque de candidatures » seront conservées pour une période de six (6) mois. Les candidat(e)s qualifié(e)s seront considéré(e)s pour des postes vacants pour une durée moins de douze (12) mois.

Nous invitons toute personne qualifiée à mettre à jour leurs qualifications et soumettre de nouveau leur demande d'emploi dans six (6) mois dans la mesure où leur candidature n'a pas été retenue pour une entrevue.

**Location :** Ottawa

**Date de publication :** 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2016

**Date de clôture :** 31 décembre 2016

[Pour plus d'information](#) (La société de l'aide à l'enfance d'Ottawa)

#### **Banque de candidatures – Éducateur (trice) spécialisé(e)**

Êtes-vous en quête d'une carrière enrichissante ? Aimeriez-vous avoir la possibilité d'améliorer la vie d'un enfant ou d'un(e) adolescent(e) d'Ottawa ? La Société de l'aide à l'enfance d'Ottawa (SAE) est présentement à la recherche de personnes dynamiques et dévouées pour se joindre à l'une des plus importantes Sociétés de l'aide à l'enfance en Ontario à titre d'éducateur (trice) spécialisé(e).

**Location :** Ottawa

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[Pour plus d'information](#) (La société de l'aide à l'enfance d'Ottawa)

#### **Consultancy Child Protection Information Management Officer, Lodwar**

Under the supervision of the Child Protection Specialist, Lodwar Zonal Office (With management oversight by Chief Lodwar Zonal Office, and technical back-up by Chief Child Protection Nairobi) the objective of the position is to improve the case management system for unaccompanied, separated and vulnerable girls and boys in Kakuma refugee camp. The incumbent will also support the case management activities in all four counties (Turkana, West Pokot, Baringo and Samburu) under the Lodwar Zonal office. This position is for Kenyan Nationals only.

**Location:** Kenya

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016

[For more information](#) (UNICEF)

## **Child Survival & Development Specialist, P-4, Maseru, Lesotho**

If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you.

**Location:** Lesotho

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

[For more information](#) (UNICEF)

## **Child Protection Emergency Preparedness Consultancy**

If you are a passionate and committed professional and want to make a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you.

**Location:** East Jerusalem with travel to West Bank and Gaza

**Closing date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

[For more information](#)

## **Political Affairs Officer**

This post is located in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG-CAAC). The mandate and work of the Office derives from General Assembly Resolution 51/77 and subsequent General Assembly resolutions, as well as successive Security Council resolutions on children and armed conflict. The incumbent will report to the Chief of Office.

**Location:** New York

**Closing date:** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016

[For more information](#) (United Nation)

## **Global Education Cluster Coordinator**

We are currently recruiting for a Global Education Cluster Coordinator to be based in our Geneva Advocacy office.

**Location:** Geneva Switzerland

**Closing date:** 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016

[For more information](#) (Save children)

## **Senior Women's and Children's Protection Coordinator**

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee is one of the most prominent international organizations working in relief, rehabilitation, protection, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression.

IRC has worked in Liberia since 1996 and is one of the largest humanitarian actors in the country. The IRC implements innovative health and women and children protection programs in Nimba, Lofa, Bong, Montserrado, Maryland, River Gee, Grand Bassa, and Margibi counties in Liberia.

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

**Closing date:** 24<sup>th</sup> march 2016

[For more information](#)

## **Technical Lead - Child Protection/Children on the Move**

Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children. We work in 120 countries. We save children's lives; we fight for their rights; we help them fulfil their potential.

We work together, with our partners, to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

**Location:** Greece

**Closing date:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016

[For more information](#) (Save children)

## 4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

### **Afrique – CPI : Ongwen, l'enfant-soldat devenu le fer de lance de la LRA**

21 janvier 2016 - L'ancien chef de guerre ougandais Dominic Ongwen était « le fer de lance » de la sanginaire rébellion de l'Armée de résistance du Seigneur (LRA), a assuré jeudi un procureur de la CPI, en présentant aux juges 70 chefs d'accusations de crimes de guerre et crimes contre l'humanité. Une vidéo montrant des huttes brûlées dans un village du nord de l'Ouganda, des morts enterrés à la hâte et des corps d'enfants abandonnés, recouverts de mouches : le procureur Benjamin Gumpert espère convaincre les juges d'ouvrir un procès contre Dominic Ongwen, environ 40 ans.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

### **Africa – Violence against Women and Girls Helpdesk**

January 2016 - Although the development community has long recognised the importance of attitudes, norms, and beliefs that justify violence and gender inequality in perpetuating violence against women and girls (VAWG), there has often been a lack of clarity about the definitions of and relationships between these constructs and the practical implications for programme design and evaluation. This Guidance Note therefore aims to clarify these constructs, summarise the role of social norms in sustaining harmful behaviours and contributing to VAWG, and provide practical guidance and advice for DFID advisors and programme managers on how to identify and address harmful social norms in the context of programming to prevent VAWG.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

### **Africa – Thousands of Children Still Need Care and Support in Wake of Ebola Epidemic**

January 16<sup>th</sup> – Nearly 23,000 children who lost one or both parents or their primary caregivers to Ebola in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will continue to need care and support, UNICEF said as it welcomed the declaration that there are no more cases of the disease in West Africa. Today's declaration that Liberia is free of Ebola transmissions, having completed a 42-day period without a case of the disease, follows Guinea's declaration in December and Sierra Leone's in November. The country now enters a three-month period of heightened surveillance.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

## **Angola – Over Thousand Children Assisted in Moxico**

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - More than a thousand children, aged two to five years, will be assisted this year, at the Child Community Centers scattered around the province, assigned to the directorate of Moxico Social Welfare. The children to be assisted are mostly in vulnerable social situation, covering also minors with families in rural areas with little economic power.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

## **Angola – Over 2,000 Child Rights Violation Complaints Reported in 2015**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - At least two thousand and sixty-four cases of child rights violation complaints were registered across the country in 2015, by the National Children's Institute (INAC), reported, Friday, in Luanda, the minister of Welfare and Social Reintegration, João Baptista Kussumua. The official provided the information at a multi-sectoral meeting to define the Strategy for Combating Violence Against Children, promoted by the Ministry of Social Welfare (Minars). According to the minister João Baptista Kussumua, during the year 2015 there has been a growth of 22 per cent of cases recorded, comparing to the year of 2014.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

## **Bénin – La situation des droits des enfants au Bénin évaluée par un Comité des Nations-Unies**

18 janvier 2016 - Les droits de l'enfant au Bénin feront l'objet d'un examen par le Comité des droits de l'enfant (CDE) le 20 janvier lors d'une session publique qui sera retransmise en direct. Le Bénin est l'un des 196 États parties à la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant et sera, à ce titre, soumis à un examen périodique de la part de ce Comité composé de 18 experts. Un dialogue aura lieu entre les membres du CDE et une délégation du Bénin sur la mise en œuvre de la Convention des droits de l'enfant. Le Comité fera une évaluation de la situation des droits des enfants béninois sur la base des réponses de la délégation et des informations reçues de la société civile.

[Article complet](#) (OHCHR)

## **Burundi – Children and Armed Conflict Monthly Update**

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - This month's update highlights children and armed conflict concerns and provides recommendations for the protection of children in the situations of Burundi, Iraq, Somalia, and South Sudan. The update also reiterates key recommendations to the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict ahead of the conclusion negotiations on Afghanistan, still pending.

[Full Article](#) (Watchlist)

## **Burundi – Violations des droits de l'homme au Burundi : de nouvelles tendances émergents, selon Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein**

15 janvier 2016 - Le Haut-Commissaire des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein a averti aujourd'hui que de nouvelles tendances très préoccupantes étaient en train d'émerger au Burundi, y compris des violences sexuelles commises par des membres des forces de sécurité et une forte augmentation des disparitions forcées et des tortures. Il a aussi réclamé une enquête urgente sur les événements qui se sont déroulés à Bujumbura les 11 et 12 décembre 2015, y compris sur l'existence possible d'au moins neuf charniers. « Les attaques du 11 décembre contre trois camps militaires et les violations des droits de l'homme à grande échelle qui ont suivi semblent avoir déclenché des tendances nouvelles et profondément perturbantes de violations des droits de l'homme », a déclaré le Haut-Commissaire.

[Article Complet](#) (OHCHR)

## **Cameroon Cracks Down on Armed Youths After Police Station Attacks**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Cameroon has arrested hundreds of people who allegedly attacked police stations in the capital Yaoundé to protest human rights abuses, brutality and extortion. Huge stashes of locally made guns and explosives have been seized as the arrests continue. Martin Claude Forsua, the most senior police official in Cameroon's center region, where Yaoundé is located, said the approximately 500 youths already in police custody were arrested following tips from some residents of the capital city and information from intelligence services.

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

## **Central African Republic – The Struggle to Find Missing Family Amid Increased Insecurity**

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Persistent violence in the Central African Republic has separated families, leaving many anxious about the future. Increased insecurity and poor road networks remain a big challenge for those who wish to look for their loved ones. Monique, 80, a widow and mother of five lives in Kembe in the southern part of the country, a town that was destroyed at the onset of the violence two years ago. To date, no form of reconstruction has taken place,

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

## **Central African Republic – UN Whistleblower Who Exposed Sexual Abuse by Peacekeeper is Exonerated**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - The UN whistleblower who exposed the sexual abuse of children by peacekeepers in Central African Republic has been completely exonerated after an internal investigation. Anders Kompass, the director of field operations for the office of the high commissioner for human rights in Geneva, was suspended and faced dismissal after he passed confidential documents detailing the abuse of children by French troops in CAR to the authorities in Paris because of the UN's failure to stop the exploitation.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

## **Côte d'Ivoire – Les populations de Bondoukou sensibilisées sur la santé de la mère et de l'enfant**

21 janvier 2016 - La direction régionale de la santé et le district sanitaire de Bondoukou en collaboration avec le Programme national de santé de la mère et de l'enfant ont initié, de mardi à mercredi, une campagne de sensibilisation sur la santé de la mère et de l'enfant dans deux localités du département à savoir Yérékaye et Ouakiala. Cette campagne qui a bénéficié de l'appui financier du Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance (Unicef), vise selon Dr Yeboua Amoikon, médecin au Programme national de santé de la mère et de l'enfant, à rapprocher les services de santé des populations en vue de réduire la mortalité maternelle et infantile.

[Article complet](#) (Abidjan net)

## **Côte d'Ivoire – Trafic d'enfants en Côte d'Ivoire : dans l'enfer des plantations de cacao**

8 janvier 2016 - Ils seraient entre 300.000 et un million d'enfants à travailler dans le cacao ivoirien. Corvéables à merci, ils peuvent être affectés à toutes les tâches possibles. Abidjan met en place un plan de lutte pour tenter d'y mettre fin. Mais la tâche s'avère difficile face à une mafia opérant dans les pays frontaliers. Elle a fait du trafic d'enfants vers la Côte d'Ivoire, un marché juteux. Entre 2012 et 2014, environ 4000 enfants victimes de traite et d'exploitation dans le secteur du cacao ivoirien ont été arrachés à leurs bourreaux. C'est le maigre bilan fourni par ICI, une organisation créée par l'industrie du chocolat pour lutter contre le travail des enfants dans la filière.

[Article complet](#) (Géopolis)

## **Democratic Republic of Congo – Taking Rape Allegations Seriously**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - A Democratic Republic of Congo official says the country is taking seriously allegations that several of its soldiers deployed as peacekeepers in the Central African Republic committed rape. The United Nations says the DRC battalion in the C.A.R. will be withdrawn and not replaced. It is not clear how important the rape allegations are in the U.N. decision the DRC troops should withdraw from the Central African Republic. U.N. officials have said the troops failed an internal assessment based on equipment, vetting procedures and preparedness.

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

## **Democratic Republic of Congo – Children as Young as Seven Mining Cobalt Used in Smartphones, says Amnesty**

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Children as young as seven are working in perilous conditions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to mine cobalt that ends up in smartphones, cars and computers sold to millions across the world, by household brands including Apple, Microsoft and Vodafone, according to a new investigation by Amnesty International. The human rights group claims to have traced cobalt used in lithium batteries sold to 16 multinational brands to mines where young children and adults are being paid a dollar a day, working in life-threatening conditions and subjected to violence, extortion and intimidation.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)



## **Ethiopia – 350,000 Babies Expected to be Born Across Drought-affected Parts of Ethiopia as Food Crisis Peaks**

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 - Save the Children is calling on the United Nations to urgently raise the global alarm on Ethiopia's worst drought in 50 years as global leaders, including UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, prepare to arrive in the nation's capital for the 26th African Union Summit starting on January 25th. The call comes as new figures reveal an estimated \*350,000 newborns are expected in drought-affected communities in the six months to August 2016 when Ethiopia's 'hunger season' peaks, according to Save the Children.

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

## **Guinée – Difficile réapprentissage de la vie pour les orphelins d'Ébola**

14 janvier 2016 - Plus de 22.000 enfants ont perdu au moins un de leurs parents dans les trois pays les plus touchés, a rappelé jeudi l'Unicef, le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance, dans un communiqué après l'annonce par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) de l'arrêt de "toutes les chaînes connues de transmission en Afrique de l'Ouest". "Les enfants ont vraiment souffert tout au début. Parce que quand on se rend compte qu'il y a l'épidémie dans une famille, automatiquement ces enfants-là sont stigmatisés. Les voisins, les enfants voisins qui avaient l'habitude de jouer avec eux, d'aller à l'école avec eux, sont empêchés par leurs parents", selon Yaya Diallo, un responsable de l'ONG Plan International en Guinée.

[Article Complet](#) (Relief Web)

## **Kenya – Maternal and Child Health Key to Kenya's Economic Growth**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Mandera's maternal mortality ratio stands at 3 795 deaths per 100 000 live births, almost double that of wartime Sierra Leone at 2 000 deaths per 100 000 live births. Two out of every three cases of maternal deaths occur in areas affected by a humanitarian crisis or in volatile conditions, such as the North-Eastern region of Kenya where increasing focus is being put on giving pregnant mothers a real chance of surviving childbirth. Some 6 out of every ten maternal deaths occur in this region. Poor education, little use of contraceptives, traditions such as marriage, that tend to derail women's self-determination, together with inadequate health services have kept led to these very poor health indicators. What we realized was that almost every child born in the region is really a throw of the dice, a hit-or-miss proposition that local communities face with stoicism, but a situation that development agencies are increasingly determined not accept.

[Full Article](#) (Inter Press Service)

## **Kenya – Top Marks for Girl Student in Kakuma Refugee Camp**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - The dust has finally settled and top performing Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) class of 2015 candidates have had a week celebrating their achievements. Some are even gracing national TV stations to tell the whole world what it took for them to excel in the examinations. Others had parties in their honour as parents, siblings, former teachers and schoolmates seek to share in the glory. However, in far away Kakuma Refugee Camp, Turkana County, 17-year-old Margaret Awak Aguer is still coming to terms with her performance. Margaret defied all odds to score an amazing 400 out of a possible 500 Marks in the examinations and thus became the best student in the entire refugee camp where 2,939 (607 female) candidates from 19 primary schools managed by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) sat the examinations.

[Full Article](#) (The Lutheran World Federation)

## **Kenya – UN Committee to review Kenya’s Record on Children’s Right**

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Children’s rights in Kenya will be reviewed by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on 21 January in sessions that will be webcast live. Kenya is one of the 196 states that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child and so is required to undergo regular examinations of its record by the Committee of 18 independent experts. The CRC members will hold discussions with a delegation from the Kenyan Government on how the Convention is being implemented. The Committee will base its evaluation on the delegation’s replies, as well as information from other sources, including civil society groups

[Full Article](#) (OHCHR)

## **Malawi – Massive Food Crisis Threatens 500,000 Children**

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Drought and erratic rainfall in late 2014 and early 2015 damaged crop production in Malawi. “The government has estimated that corn production has fallen by 27 percent compared to last year, and is down by 20 percent compared to the average of the past five years,” said Lucia Prieto, Action Against Hunger’s program officer for Malawi. Then a bad situation got worse. Severe floods in 2015 caused by unusually heavy rainfall ruined crops, damaged homes, and killed livestock. These extreme weather events have taken a huge toll on communities that depend on farming for survival: the food stocks of vulnerable families have been depleted or lost.

[Full Article](#) (Action Against Hunger)

## **Malawi meets WHO Standards on Reducing Child Mortality Rate**

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 - Government Wednesday said Malawi has managed to meet World Health Organization (WHO) standards on reducing child mortality rate. Minister of Health, Dr Peter Kumpalume disclosed this in Lilongwe during a dissemination workshop on Muuni wa Uchembere Wambino, an initiative on sexual and reproductive health by Care Malawi. "We started taking closer interest in maternal death and child mortality rates since the onset of Malawi Development Growth Strategy (MDGSs) in 2000 and in 2004, 76, 000 children died per 100, 000 children which were quite high," Kumpalume explained.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

## **Mali – Gao : le rôle des jeunes femmes dans la mise en œuvre de l'Accord de Paix**

19 janvier 2016 - La Direction Régionale de la Jeunesse de Gao a accueilli les 16 et 17 janvier un atelier de formation sur l'implication et le rôle des jeunes et des femmes dans la mise en œuvre de l'Accord pour la Paix et la Réconciliation au Mali, une initiative des Mouvements de résistance civile de Gao (Jeunes Patrouilleurs, Patriotes, Nous Pas Bouger) en collaboration avec la MINUSMA. « Cette formation nous offre l'opportunité de mieux comprendre et interpréter le contenu de l'Accord de Paix. Nous sommes tous associés à son application et j'invite mes collègues jeunes à saisir cette opportunité pour mieux cerner le contenu de cet accord et pourquoi pas pour sensibiliser ceux qui n'ont pas eu la chance d'être ici avec nous. Que cet accord soit pour notre pays une opportunité pour la paix et la stabilité, » a déclaré Moussa Boureima Yoro, représentant des Mouvements de résistance civile et facilitateur, lors de la cérémonie d'ouverture.

[Article complet](#) (Relief Web)

## **Mali – Instability Casts Long Shadow Over Children as Aid Efforts Thwarted**

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 - Aid agencies have warned that security issues are harming the health, education and nutrition of children in Mali, where the unchecked spread of Islamic extremist violence has left many schools and health centres beyond the reach of humanitarian programmes. The targeting of hotels has raised international awareness of attacks in the Sahel region by groups affiliated to al-Qaida – last week's massacre in Burkina Faso, for which al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb claimed responsibility, followed an attack on the Radisson Blu hotel in the Malian capital Bamako last November in which 21 people died. But the main obstacle to humanitarian efforts is in rural areas, according to World Food Programme (WFP) country representative Sally Haydock.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

## **Nigeria launches new investigation of 2014 kidnap Chibok girls**

January 14th, 2014 - Nigeria's president Muhammadu Buhari has ordered a new investigation into the kidnapping of 219 schoolgirls by Islamist group Boko Haram in April 2014 from the town of Chibok, the presidency said on Thursday. A statement said a panel would be announced soon by the National Security Advisor. The decision comes after parents of the girls and the Bring Back Our Girls (BBOG) movement marched to the presidential villa to demand a meeting with Buhari earlier on Thursday.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

## **Nigeria – UN Experts to Assess Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Women and Children from Boko Haram**

January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016- Three United Nations human rights experts will visit Nigeria from 18 to 22 January 2016 to examine the measures to assist in the rehabilitation and reintegration of the women and children who escaped or were liberated from Boko Haram captivity. “All measures taken or intended to be taken to ensure the right to care, recovery and reintegration of these women and children should comply with international human rights norms and standards,” said the UN Special Rapporteurs on sale of children, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, on slavery, Urmila Boola, and on right to health, Dainus Pūras.

[Full Article](#) (OHCHR)

## **Nigeria – Nation Faces Major Challenge to Vaccinate Children**

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - As we look back on the public health issues that caught the world's attention in 2015, immunization stands out. Whether it was the measles outbreak in the US or the Ebola vaccine trials in Guinea, vaccines were top of mind throughout the year. The annual Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) Assessment Report, which was released at the end of the year, recaps some of these key moments and highlights some critical gaps in immunization coverage worldwide.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

## **Nigeria – Woman Develops App to Reduce Mortality Rate in Africa**

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016- Miss Kesandu Nwokolo, a young Nigerian, has developed a mobile phone application to help reduce infant and maternal mortality in Africa. In a statement obtained by the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Sunday in Lagos, the innovative healthcare app would revolutionize the health sector in Nigeria and Africa.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

## **République centrafricaine – L'OIM aide à inscrire les enfants déplacés à l'école en République centrafricaine**

15 janvier 2016 - L'OIM facilite l'inscription d'enfants déplacés à l'école primaire dans le cadre de ses activités de gestion du site de déplacement de l'église luthérienne à Bangui, en République centrafricaine (RCA). Les enfants sont enregistrés par les facilitateurs de l'OIM, puis renvoyés vers REMOD, une ONG locale qui a organisé leur inscription dans une école primaire financée par l'UNICEF. « En raison de l'insécurité, plusieurs familles ont trouvé refuge sur le site en décembre. Le personnel de l'OIM a rapidement inscrit les enfants à l'école primaire en milieu de mois. L'instruction des enfants n'a donc pas été interrompue », a déclaré Vangulé Angele, membre du comité du site.

[Article complet](#) (Relief Web)

## **République Démocratique du Congo – Grâce à son programme Amani et Afia de lutte contre le VIH/SIDA en milieu scolaire, Caritas Goma soutient les clubs d'élèves**

11 janvier 2016 - Caritas Goma a récemment fait suivre une formation sur le report du premier rapport sexuel à des élèves ou « acteurs », appelés pairs éducateurs – pour la plupart âgés de 16 à 20 ans – qu'elle a sélectionnés. A leur tour, ceux-ci préparent des activités éducatives (sketches, affiches, vidéos, jeux...) qu'ils présentent ensuite à des élèves de 12 à 15 ans dans des écoles. Ceci dans le cadre du programme « Amani et Afia » (Paix et Santé) financé par Caritas Australie et qui permet à Caritas Goma, suivant sa Cellule de Communication qui a donné cette information dans son site en date du 6 janvier 2015, de mener des campagnes de sensibilisations dans des écoles de la région pour lutter contre les IST et le VIH/sida en milieu scolaire, rapporte caritasdev.

[Article complet](#) (Caritas Congo ASBL)

## **Senegal – Committee on the Rights of Child Considers Report of Senegal**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - The Committee on the Rights of the Child concluded today its consideration of the combined third to fifth periodic report of Senegal on its implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Presenting the report, Mame Baba Cisse, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations Office at Geneva, stated that in 1989 Senegal had been one of the first States to accede to the Convention without reservations. Over the years, Senegal had been steadfastly seeking to improve indicators in the field of children's rights. Children were established as primary beneficiaries under the national social protection programmes. The National Child Protection Strategy was a sign of the revolution in the protection and promotion of children's rights in Senegal.

[Full Article](#) (OHCHR)

## **Sierra Leone – Deputy Health Minister Launches Haikal Strategic Plan 2016-2020 for the Girl Child**

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Deputy Health and Sanitation Minister II, Madam Madina Rahman has launched the Haikai Strategic Plan 2016-2020 for the Health and Education of the Girl Child at the Ramsey Hall, Liverpool Street in Freetown on Tuesday 19, January, 2016. Launching the Strategic Plan, Madam Madina Rahman commended Haikal for supporting the Ministry of Health throughout the Ebola outbreak in the country. She maintained that Haikal did not only support the country on health issues but also in making sure that the vulnerable people have food and other items that were required during the Ebola outbreak.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

## **Somalia – Lone Children Fleeing war in Yemen Seek Safety in Somaliland**

January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Yemeni teen Khayria Abdel Wahab was making the beds in the home where she was a housekeeper when a shattering blast signaled a heavy bombardment. Panicked by the explosion, the 17-year-old ran out into the crowds fleeing towards the port in her hometown, all the while searching for her mother and her seven brothers and sisters. For three days, Abdel Wahab tried to find her family.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR)

## **South Africa: The Trevor Noah Phenomenon: Young, Black, South Africans are Standing up**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Last year was a tumultuous one for South Africa and the country faces an uncertain 2016. This prevailing mood does not bode well for South African society. But there are undercurrents that suggest otherwise - budding signs of a deepening democracy. One of these is the Trevor Noah comedic phenomenon. Noah is a comic export to the American global television market as successor to the famous satiric host, Jon Stewart, on the highly rated Daily Show. The show draws its comedy and satirical content from trending political news, cutting-edge debates and interviews with top politicians and influencers. Noah's acclaimed hosting debut had 3.471 million viewers. In rising through the comedy ranks he has drawn on material from his turbulent childhood and ethnic experiences.

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## **South Africa: South African School Bars Foreign Pupils Report**

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - A number of foreigners - mainly Zimbabweans staying in Johannesburg in South Africa - are stranded after a principal at Muzomuhle Primary School barred them from enrolling their children for the 2016 academic year. The school is located in Diepsloot West. The actual number of affected children could not be established but sources in that country said over 50 parents were turned away by the school's principal last week on Thursday.

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## **South Africa: Government Urges Communities to be Vigilant and Protect Children**

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 - Government expresses great sadness at the tragic death of seven children in two separate incidents in the country this week. According to media reports, five of the children suffocated whilst playing in a freezer in Kakamas in Northern Cape and two after suffering from extreme heat when they were trapped inside an abandoned car in Clairemont in KwaZulu-Natal. Whilst the respective law enforcement authorities are investigating both incidents, government urges communities to work together to keep children safe and for parents and care-givers to be more vigilant about their children's whereabouts and activities at all times.

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## **South Sudan – Very, Very Severely Malnourished: South Sudan’s Children on the Brink**

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - The baby lies limply in its mother’s arms. It is listless and feverish, its eyes half closed. A pile of medical cards, documenting the weight and health of each child brought to this outdoor screening clinic for malnourished children, blows away in the wind. No one notices except for a boy, who runs to retrieve them. As the baby’s mother takes a seat on the plastic rug under the tree that acts as a waiting room, a healthcare worker notices the seriously ill baby and pulls the mother aside. He tells her the baby urgently needs to be referred for medical treatment as this is a nutrition and screening clinic. The mother refuses. “No, I want this medicine,” she insists, pointing at the boxes on the desk.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

## **South Sudan's Future Rests on its Children's Education**

January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 - On Tuesday this week, UNICEF told the world the inevitable: that South Sudan has the "...highest proportion of out of school children in the world" – and this is attributable to the fact that up to 51% of primary and lower secondary school children are not accessing education. As things stand today, we have 1,813,000 out of school children – 413,000 of them having been forced out of school by the two years conflict that also led to the destruction of over 800 schools.

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## **South Sudan – From Lost Boys to Leaders**

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 - In the late 1980's and early 1990's, more than 20,000 boys and girls who fled Sudan's second civil war lost their families along the way. For years the international community has called them the "Lost Boys", but today they are no longer boys nor are they lost. They are remarkable men and women, many of whom have returned home as skilled professionals to build South Sudan from the ground up. As children, the "Lost Boys" struggled to survive – many falling sick or becoming victims of war. Most were recruited to fight as child soldiers. The fortunate few made it to Kakuma refugee camp in northeastern Kenya, first established in 1992 to house Sudanese refugees.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

## **South Sudan – Education is our right, South Sudanese children say**

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - At least 2,000 children in South Sudan's Unity state started their primary leaving examinations, two years after war broke out in the world's youngest nation, killing tens of thousands and displacing more than two million people. Nyagoa Kai, a pupil, said getting back to school was a new beginning in life. "I believe today [Monday] as we kick off our exams we are in a new world. We need education more than anything to change this country," said Kai. According to the pupil, some of his colleagues who left school when war broke in the country, called on the leaders to put aside their grievances to end fighting.

[Full Article](#) (Sudan Tribune)



## **Sudan – Improving Education in Sudan to Empower Future Generations**

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - For the past two years, Fatima Ibrahim has been making the arduous one-hour trek from her home in Hay Al-Arab in Kassala State to teach at a school in one of the most remote areas in Sudan. While she admits the commute is challenging, Ibrahim said she considers it a small price to pay in exchange for being able to teach some of the neediest children in the country. “I travel a long distance to and from home every day and water is scarce here, but it is a good school and the kids are great,” she said.

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

## **Uganda – Four Million Children for Polio Immunisation**

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Ministry of Health is targeting to immunise about four million children against polio in 57 high risk districts along Uganda’s borders. The three-day door-to door campaign will be carried out in districts mainly bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, ministry Communications Officer, Rukia Nakamatte said on Thursday. The exercise that begins January 22 is targeting children from zero to five years, she said. “There are some polio cases that have been reported in South Sudan and this puts Uganda at risk because we share a border,” she explained.

[Full Article](#) (New Vision)

## **Uganda – Youths Seek Jobs at Karuma**

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - More than 200 unemployed youths stormed the offices of the human resource manager at Sinohydro, the Chinese company building the 600MW Karuma power dam, expressing their plight of being unemployed. Severino Opiyo Olunya, who led the youths to the offices, says since the beginning of the construction of the Karuma hydro power project, the youth within the surrounding areas are not given first priority when it comes to employment.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

## **West Africa – U.S. Supreme Court Gives Boost to Child Slave Labor Case Against Nestle**

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - A U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to dismiss a lawsuit seeking to hold Nestle, the world's largest food maker, accountable for using child slaves to harvest cocoa in Africa looks set to be a landmark battle over labor used overseas, lawyers said. The ruling sends the case back to federal court in California and brings closer the possibility of a trial, said Terrence Collingsworth, executive director at International Rights Advocates who is involved in the lawsuit. The lawsuit was filed against Nestle, Archer Daniels Midland Co and Cargill Inc. by former child slavery victims originally from Mali in West Africa. The case dates back to 2005.

[Full Article](#) (All Africa)

## **Zambia – UN Child Rights Committee to Review Zambia on January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 - The review of Zambia by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child will now take place on Friday 22 January, not on Wednesday 20 January as originally scheduled. Zambia is one of the 196 states that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child and so is required to undergo regular examinations of its record by the Committee of 18 independent experts.

[Full Article](#) (OHCHR)

## **Zimbabwe – Constitutional Court Ruling on Child Marriages**

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - The Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights (ZADHR) applauds the Constitutional Court of Zimbabwe for handing down a progressive judgment today, the 20th of January 2016, in which marriage of children under the age of 18 years has been outlawed. The judgement will go a long way in preserving the sexual reproductive health and human rights of minors who are below the age of 18.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

## **Zimbabwe – UN Committee to Review Zimbabwe's Record on Children's Rights**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Children's rights in Zimbabwe will be reviewed by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on 19 January in sessions that will be webcast live. Zimbabwe is one of the 196 states that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child and so is required to undergo regular examinations of its record by the Committee of 18 independent experts. The CRC members will hold discussions with a delegation from the Zimbabwean Government on how the Convention is being implemented.

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