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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] How Data is Helping to Fight Polio

May 12th, 2016 - A video from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has celebrated the role data and information play in the everyday work done by the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, countries, donors, vaccinators and surveillance officers in their tireless fight against the poliovirus.

[Full Article](#) (Polio Global Eradication Initiative)

[Nouvelle] Les mineurs non accompagnés rapatriés à la frontière haïtiano-dominicaine vivent des expériences migratoires qui affectent leur vie

May 12th, 2016 - Jolanda, 16 ans, est rapatriée par les autorités dominicaines en mars 2016 au point frontalier « Lokarè », localité de Thomonde, commune frontalière du Plateau Central. Elle a été emmenée en Haïti au moment où elle s'apprêtait à se rendre dans un centre de santé, en République Dominicaine. Elle était enceinte d'environ neuf mois.

[Article complet](#) (Groupe d'Appui aux Rapatriés et Réfugiés)

[News] Global Conference Urged to Discuss Rights of 300 million Dalit and Indigenous Women

May 11th, 2016 – When leaders and activists from all over the world gather in Copenhagen next week to focus on the health and human rights of girls and women, their discussions must include two large groups that suffer extreme social exclusion and marginalisation, the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) and the International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) said today.

[Full Article](#) (International Dalit Solidarity Network)

[Nouvelle] Le tourisme sexuel impliquant des enfants est en hausse au Canada

12 mai 2016 - Le nombre d'enfants exploités dans le secteur du voyage et du tourisme est plus élevé que jamais au Canada et à travers le monde, selon un nouveau rapport publié jeudi. L'étude menée sur deux ans, produite par l'organisation non gouvernementale ECPAT International, révèle que le tourisme sexuel impliquant des enfants a augmenté radicalement et s'est transformé au cours des 20 dernières années, malgré les efforts consacrés à combattre le problème à l'échelle mondiale.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



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[Nouvelle] Un projet de loi pour les transgenres mineurs

13 mai 2016 - Les enfants transgenres ont un parti qui veut faire avancer leur cause : Québec solidaire a déposé, jeudi, un projet de loi pour permettre aux mineurs de faire changer la mention de sexe au registre de l'état civil quand elle ne correspond pas à leur identité. Le gouvernement Couillard a toutefois fait savoir la même journée qu'il allait déposer un projet de loi sur cet enjeu et il serait donc improbable que la pièce législative de QS soit appelée pour étude.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[News] Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States Meeting Within the Council on the World Humanitarian Summit

May 12th, 2016 - The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the global community to assume its shared responsibility to save lives, alleviate suffering and preserve human dignity. The EU and its Member States welcome the powerful vision set out in the UN Secretary-General's Report "One Humanity: Shared Responsibility" and its "Agenda for Humanity".

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

[Report] Emergency Preparedness Planning Guidelines

May 11th, 2016 - The gFSC Emergency Preparedness Planning Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are designed to assist FSC Coordinators to set in place the necessary preparedness arrangements between emergency events at country level. They are to be utilized by clusters or sectors, where clusters don't exist,³ in close cooperation with Government counterparts, to support country level coordination mechanisms. They align with the IASC Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) approach, a component of the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC).

[Full Article](#) (Food Security Cluster)



[News] Nutrition Services: A Safety Net for Vulnerable Children in Urban Poor Communities

May 12th, 2016 – It's not even 9:00 a.m., and the alleyway in front of six-year-old Bunley's house is buzzing. On any other day, it would have been just his grandfather, occupying a corner of the wooden bench across the house smoking cigarettes, while his younger siblings toddled nearby. Instead, there are about 20 children, from as young as 6 months old to around 6 years old, lined up for nutrition screening—UNICEF lingo for measuring children's height and weight to identify those with severe acute malnutrition (SAM).

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] African Ministers Call for Global Effort to End Pediatric AIDS

May 10th, 2016 – African ministers of health called on the international community to make ending the paediatric AIDS epidemic a global political priority. Meeting in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on 10 May, dignitaries called for the Political Declaration on Ending AIDS, to be agreed upon at the upcoming United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, to include targets to scale up prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV services and paediatric HIV testing and treatment.

[Full Article](#) (UNAIDS)

[Nouvelle] Haïti : Les enfants du Grand Nord développent des réflexes avec la simulation d'un séisme/tsunami

10 mai 2016 – Situé sur le boulevard du Cap, à 10 mètres de la côte, le kindergarten « Jardin de Michou » a donné le ton dans le cadre du Simex Séisme/Tsunami tenu le 6 mai dernier au Cap Haïtien. Pas moins de 200 enfants ont pris part à l'exercice qui vise, entre autres, à développer des réflexes au sein de la population dans l'éventualité de catastrophe dans la cité christophienne.

[Article complet](#) (PNUD)

[News] Hard-Hitting Sequel to Viral Video Imagining the UK as Syria Released by Save the Children

May 9th, 2016 – In recognition of the devastating impact that the refugee crisis is having on children, Save the Children is launching the sequel to its "Most Shocking Second a Day" viral video, which amassed over 50 million views and was one of the most successful viral videos of the last two years.

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



[News] Female Genital Cutting in Indonesia: A Field Study

May 10th, 2016 – Female Genital Cutting (FGC) – sometimes referred to as Female Genital Mutilation or female circumcision – is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as ‘all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.’

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[Report] Global Education Cluster 2015 Report

May 9th, 2016 – The Global Education Cluster 2015 Report seeks to illustrate how the work of the Global Education Cluster and its new strategic direction have been particularly significant in achieving results despite the challenging environment faced by humanitarian agencies in 2015. The report presents examples of our work that demonstrate how our aim to be as field focused (and field informed) as possible has successfully enabled education responses to be more effective, through better coordination. Continued partner support (highlighted in the report) has also been critical to this success. Finally, the report looks at the changing humanitarian landscape and the challenges and opportunities ahead.

[Full Article](#) (Global Education Cluster)

[Report] Briefing Child Protection in Emergencies

May 9th, 2016 –The inter-agency Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action defines *child protection in emergencies* as: “the prevention and response to abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence against children in times of emergency caused by natural or manmade disasters, conflicts, or other crises.” This includes all forms of physical and psychological abuse, sexual and gender- based violence, and deprivation of basic needs.

[Full Article](#) (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)

[News] Child Protection Action Plan 2015-2020

May 9th, 2016 – This document aims to define a practical plan of action for the IFRC Secretariat to effectively integrate child protection, as a minimum standard, within its organizational systems and development, protracted crisis and emergency operations. The timeline for the action plan is 2015 to the end of 2020.

[Full Article](#) (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)



[News] Uncovering Health Inequalities: A Path Towards Leaving no one Behind

May 9th 2016 – Having a skilled health professional during childbirth can save the life of a woman and her child. But, in many parts of the world and within many countries, the presence of a health worker during childbirth is often a luxury. If a woman is poor, she is even more likely to deliver without support, putting herself and child at risk.

[Full Article](#) (WHO)

[News] Poliomyelitis (polio) Transmission in Ukraine Interrupted, but Efforts Must Continue to Protect Children

May 6th, 2016 – A team of technical experts assessed Ukraine's response to a polio outbreak and concluded that transmission of poliovirus has been interrupted. Nevertheless, the team remains concerned about significant gaps in immunization and surveillance that put Ukraine at high risk for new outbreaks.

[Full Article](#) (WHO)

[News] UN Launches Multi-Partners Trust Fund for Zika Virus Response

May 6th, 2016 – United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced the establishment of the UN Zika Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to finance critical unfunded priorities in the response to the Zika outbreak. The Fund, which aims to provide a rapid, flexible and accountable platform to support a coordinated response from the UN system and partners, will directly support the Zika Strategic Response Framework, developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) in consultation with UN agencies, partners and international epidemiological experts.

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

[News] Statement on the 9th IHR Emergency Committee Meeting regarding the International Spread of Poliovirus

May 20th, 2016 – The 9th meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) regarding the international spread of poliovirus was convened via teleconference by the Director General on 12th May 2016. As with the seventh and eighth meetings, the Emergency Committee reviewed the data on wild poliovirus as well as circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPV). The latter is important as cVDPVs reflect serious gaps in immunity to poliovirus due to weaknesses in routine immunization coverage in otherwise polio-free countries.



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[Full Article](#) (WHO)

[News] UNICEF at the World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul, 23-24 may 2016

May 20th, 2016 - The world is witnessing the highest level of humanitarian need since the Second World War. For the first time in the 70-year history of the UN, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has convened the [World Humanitarian Summit](#) in Istanbul. He has put forward an Agenda for Humanity, calling on global leaders to commit to action and reduce humanitarian suffering.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[Report] Empowering Women and Girls Affected by Crisis

May 20th, 2016 - *CARE's progress towards achieving gender equality in humanitarian programming* Over the past five years CARE has invested significantly in working on gender in emergencies. This report demonstrates CARE's progress and highlights the impact and importance of gender sensitive and equality approaches for ensuring that women and girls are reached and empowered through humanitarian action.

[Full Article](#) (CARE)

[News] IOM Assists 7,000 Victims of Human Trafficking Globally in 2015

May 20th, 2016 - Nearly 7,000 victims of trafficking were assisted by IOM in 115 countries during 2015. The victim assistance caseload, which is the largest in the world, increased by approximately 9 percent compared to the previous year. The majority of victims assisted by IOM in 2015 were trafficked for the purpose of labour exploitation (74 percent). Construction, domestic work and fishing were amongst the top sectors in which individuals were exploited. A fifth of all victims assisted by IOM in 2015 were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. A further 5 percent of all individuals assisted were trafficked for the purpose of both sexual and labour exploitation.

[Full Article](#) (IOM)



[News] People with Disabilities at Risk in Conflict, Disaster

May 19th, 2016 - People with disabilities face added risks of abandonment, neglect, and do not enjoy equal access to food, health care, and other assistance during conflict, displacement, and reconstruction, CBM, Handicap International, International Disability Alliance, Women's Refugee Commission, and Human Rights Watch said today, ahead of the World Humanitarian Summit on May 23 and 24, 2016, in Istanbul.

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

[News] Save the Children Estimates 150,000 Children Affected by Floods and Mudslides in Sri Lanka

May 19th, 2016 - Save the Children warns that as many as 150,000 children have been affected by floods and mudslides in Sri Lanka, which have so far claimed 37 lives. The aid agency is expecting the death toll to rise as government agencies and NGOs continue to assess the damage and conduct rescue efforts following major flooding and two landslides in the centre of the country.

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

[News] The Well-Fed Dead: Why Aid is Still Missing the Point ?

May 19th, 2016 - Three "Ps" symbolize our greatest challenge and failure as humanitarians today: protection, principles and proximity. Convened by the United Nations, the World Humanitarian Summit has bold ambitions to "reboot" the international relief system. But to measure the global gathering a success, we must walk away from the meeting in Istanbul armed with the tools that pass the "Aleppo-" or the "Kivu-test". It must make us better able to respond where we now fail the most.

[Full Article](#) (IRIN)

[Nouvelle] L'espérance de vie a progressé de 5 ans depuis 2000, mais les inégalités sanitaires persistent

19 mai 2016 - L'espérance de vie a progressé de manière spectaculaire depuis 2000, mais les grandes inégalités sanitaires persistent dans et entre les pays, selon les *Statistiques sanitaires mondiales* de cette année intitulées: *Surveiller la santé pour les ODD* [Objectifs du développement durable]. L'espérance de vie a augmenté de 5 ans entre 2000 et 2015, soit la hausse la plus rapide depuis les années 1960. Ces progrès inversent les tendances à la baisse observées dans les années 1990, notamment en Afrique à cause de l'épidémie de sida et en Europe de l'Est après la chute de l'Union soviétique.

[Article complet](#) (OMS)



2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Cours d'été relatif aux droits des enfants

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

- **Endroit** : Campus de l'Université de Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick, Canada.
- **Date** : 3 au 8 juillet 2016

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

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

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

- **Endroit** : Paris
- **Date** : 23 et 24 mai 2016
26 et 27 septembre 2016
5 et 6 décembre 2016

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

Training - Introduction to Children in Emergencies (credit-rated option)

This course will enable participants to explore perspectives on children's rights in emergencies and develop the critical skills to respond in a child-centred way. The course aims to develop the competencies required to effectively meet the needs of children through humanitarian programmes.

- **Location**: London - United Kingdom of Great Britain
- **Date**: 22 to 26 August 2016
- **Registration deadline**: 15 August 2016

[For more information](#) (RedR UK)



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Training – Social Norms, Social Change

This course addresses the follow questions through lectures, discussions and assignments:

- What are social norms? - Definition and cognitive foundations.
- How can social norms be measured? - From the lab to the field
- How can change and long-term social progress be achieved?
- What can we learn from UNICEF's practice? - Case studies on issues such as child marriage, gender violence and sanitation

- **Location:** Online
- **Date:** June 20th, 2016
- **Registration deadline:** June 19th, 2016

[For more information](#) (UN Children's Fund)

Training – Developing Skills and Livelihood Training Programmes for Older Children in Child Labour

This course will provide practical guidance on how to design and implement skills and livelihood training for out-of-school adolescents with a focus on older out-of-school children in child labour, or children at risk of child labour.

- **Location:** Turin Center, Italia
- **Date:** November 21st to November 25th, 2016
- **Registration deadline:** October 3rd, 2016

[For more information](#) (International Training Centre of the ILO)

Training Course on Gender-Based Violence

The overall purpose of the training programme is to increase participant's knowledge and understanding of the concept of gender, and gender-based violence, sexuality, and rights. It will further take a look at the various forms of gender-based violence and the core principles for a code of conduct, reporting mechanisms and developing a programmatic response.

- **Location:** IRES Training Centre, Kenya
- **Date:** July 4th to July 8th, 2016
- **Registration deadline:** June 27th, 2016

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



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Training – Achieving Education for all and Eliminating Child Labour

The International Training Centre of the ILO is pleased to announce the opening of registrations for the activity on “*Achieving education for all and eliminating child labour*” that will run from 25 to 30 September 2016 in Turin (Italy). Child labour is a barrier to education for all. This course explores policy measures and programmes to remove the barriers to education that working children face.

- **Location:** Turin Center, Italia
- **Date:** September 26th to September 30th, 2016
- **Registration deadline:** August 10th, 2016

[For more information](#) (International Training Centre of the ILO)

Training - WASH and Nutrition

Nutrition is a key aspect in our day to day life. Sanitation related diseases affect the nutrition status of both children and adults which may consequently lead to many deaths and yet these conditions can be managed nutritionally.

This course is designed to equip the participants with knowledge on how to manage WASH related diseases nutritionally.

- **Location :** Nairobi - Kenya
- **Date:** 31st October to the 11th November 2016
- **Registration deadline:** 24 October 2016

[For more information](#) (Network for Water and Sanitation)



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3. Vacancies

Chief of Party (COP) – Save the Children

We are currently recruiting for a Chief of Party (COP) to work on the USAID-funded Improved Wellbeing and Health Outcomes for OVC in Ethiopia (IWHO) cooperative agreement which focuses on enabling more OVC to utilize services for improving HIV/AIDS care, health, nutrition, economic security, education, protection, and psychosocial wellbeing. All posts are contingent on the issuance of USAID funding and the selection of applicants is subject to USAID approval.

- **Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Application deadline:** June 11th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Administrateur/trice de données – International Committee of the Red Cross

The data administrator manages and processes data relating to individuals and events covered by the ICRC's mandate such as prisoners of war and other detainees, missing persons, children separated from their families and violations against civilians and their property. In so doing, he/she contributes directly to the activities of the Protection department in our offices abroad. His/her main duties are the following:

- Managing database
 - Following up data collected in the field
 - Managing documents and information
 - Compiling detailed and complex analyses and statistics
 - Establishing and maintaining data update procedures
 - Supervising and training colleagues in the Protection department
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- **Location:** ICRC delegation abroad
 - **Application deadline:** 31 August 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Program Manager, Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods – Save the Children

The Program Manager provides award management support for a USAID-funded contract in Ethiopia, and other awards within the Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods award portfolio from opportunity to closeout.

S/he is accountable for following award management procedures to ensure the effective flow of resources to Save the Children International (SCI) and other Save the Children members in the food security and livelihoods technical sector. This work must ensure donor expectations are met and programs are successfully implemented.

Liaising with relevant stakeholders, particularly Country Office (CO), Finance, and technical staff, the Senior Program Coordinator keeps her/his Manager informed of important issues. S/he has a role in continuous improvement, ensuring better practices are disseminated across the award management function, and that program deliverables are met.

- **Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Application deadline:** June 11th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Associate Director, New Business Development Africa – Save the Children

New Business Development provides leadership in Save the Children's efforts to achieve greater program results at scale, especially for the most deprived, through the successful pursuit of large and strategic funding opportunities. This position helps execute the vision, strategy and operational plan to support country and technical offices in positioning the agency to successfully compete for specific opportunities, responding to those opportunities with a quality process and product, and building and maintaining an effective Business Development "system" of tools, processes and capacities across the agency.

- **Location:** Washington, USA
- **Application deadline:** June 11th, 2016

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



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Program Coordinator - Médecins du Monde

Under the supervision of the Kachin field coordinator, you will implement and supervise technically all activities regarding the “reduction of HIV prevalence among people who inject drugs (PWID) through community-led harm reduction in Kachin State”, with joint MdM/Metta program.

You will directly manage a training officer and an advocacy officer. You will also manage operationally a logistic and administrator supervisor.

You will work in close coordination with the harm reduction advisor, the medical advisor, the harm reduction advocacy coordinator and the monitoring and evaluation coordinator.

- **Location:** Myanmar
- **Application deadline:** August 22nd, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Program Manager – Relief International

Relief International (RI) seeks a dynamic, hands-on Senior Program Manager to support one or multiple Southern Syria Response projects focused on Health and Protection, based in Jordan. The Senior Program Manager will be responsible for overall project management, for ensuring that project objectives are on track, coordinate with humanitarian actors and donors to mobilize resources, remotely plan and manage the scale up of the emergency response in Syria, and to provide day to day operational backstopping support and strategic direction to the Syria country program staff in collaboration with the Jordan Country Director, Regional Director, and Regional Program Development Manager.

- **Location:** Jordan
- **Application deadline:** June 15th, 2016

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Chief of Party/PACs – International Rescue Committee

The Chief of Party (COP) will be responsible for overall technical leadership and management of the program and will serve as the principal institutional liaison to USAID and MOH. The COP will be responsible for ensuring that the program is implemented in accordance with the cooperative agreement, donor regulations, and internationally recognized community health standards. The COP will ensure that project initiatives adequately address the needs of the beneficiary population in the most cost-effective manner.

- **Location:** Monrovia, Liberia
- **Application deadline:** July 9th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

International Researcher on Procedural Rights of Children Suspected or Accused in Criminal Proceedings – Terre des Hommes Hungary

Based on the national reports that he/she will receive from the project coordinator, the successful candidate will conduct a comparative analysis of the situation of foreign children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings and how their procedural rights are effectively enforced in Europe. The international researcher is expected to produce a regional report (50 pages) focusing on the best practices that the research will have contributed to identify. Following the development of the regional comparative report, the project envisages the development of a handbook for legal practitioners with the aim to assist legal representatives of suspected or accused foreign children in upholding the rights of their vulnerable clients. The regional comparative report will lay down the basis for the development of the handbook.

- **Location:** Budapest
- **Application deadline:** June 24th, 2016

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Senior Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

Under the supervision and guidance of the Deputy Director Programs (DDP), the Senior Protection Coordinator will be responsible for providing strategic direction and vision to the IRC's Protection programming, including liaising with key Government and sector stakeholders, and will also provide guidance to the Protection Coordinator and protection managers in two locations. S/he will be responsible for overall design, supervision, management and quality implementation of all aspects of the protection program

- **Location:** Athens, Greece
- **Application deadline:** July 5th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Human Rights Officer - UN Support Mission in Libya

Within limits of delegated authority, the Human Rights Officer will be responsible for performing the following duties:

- Works directly with other components of the UN peace operation, including the political and security sector components, to integrate human rights considerations into the planning and review of their programs and operations.
 - Contributes to advocacy strategies, advocates and advises relevant authorities, including State officials, the UN Country Team (UNCT) and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), UN and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) senior management on strategies to better protect and promote human rights and mechanisms to stop impunity and redress human rights violations.
 - Contributes to the integration of gender perspectives/considerations and specific women/girls' rights issues in all activities, programmes and strategies.
- **Location:** Tunis
 - **Application deadline:** June 17th, 2016

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Deputy Director, Public Relations - US Fund for UNICEF

Reporting to the Senior Director of Public Relations, the Deputy Director will assume oversight and responsibility for the development, management and implementation of public relations activities that expand public awareness and support for UNICEF's mission, programs and priorities.

- **Location:** NY, USA
- **Application deadline:** July 31st, 2016

[For more information](#) (UNICEF)

Country Director- Save the Children

As a member of the East and Southern Africa Senior Leadership team, you will have shared accountability for Save the Children's international development and emergency programming in the region of approximately \$400 million each year through an organisation of over 5,500 people. To achieve our ambitious goals and breakthroughs for children, the leadership team will, in collaboration with Save the Children Members and in conjunction with the other regional organisations, aim to drive growth globally to \$2.7 billion by 2019.

The Country Director will lead the growth and transform program quality of the country to new standards, whilst also delivering Save the Children's strategy within the country through:

- Delivering quality programmes, including advocacy, for children;
- Ensuring world class stewardship of resources from Members and their donors

- **Location:** Malawi
- **Application deadline:** June 12th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Afghanistan – Pakistan Closes Main Border Crossing with Afghanistan

May 12th, 2016 - Pakistan has temporarily closed one of its two main border crossings with Afghanistan, but said the two sides are in contact with each other to resolve “differences” that prompted the move. Pakistani authorities began fencing the northwestern Torkhum border crossing on Tuesday to “tighten controls” and deter illegal movement. But the unilateral activity provoked strong resistance from the Afghan side and the tensions forced Pakistan to stop the work and consequently close the border.

[Full Article](#) (Voice of America)

Afghanistan – Public Statement by Chair of Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

May 12th, 2016 - At its fifty-fifth meeting, on 6 July 2015, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, in connection with the examination of the third report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Afghanistan (S/2015/336), agreed to address the following message through a public statement issued by the Chair of the Working Group.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations Security Council Press Release)

Afghanistan – Enhancing Access to Education: Challenges and Opportunities

May 26th, 2016 - In 1996, the Taliban movement, a majority of who were religious students from Deobandi madrasas (religious schools) in Pakistan and rural Afghanistan, established a short-lived Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. On arrival in Kabul, the Taliban barred women from working at public or private institutions and banned girls from schools. The Taliban regime said that the ban was because of a lack of facilities and security. This position of the Taliban on girls’ education also reflected some realities of rural Afghanistan, where girls’ education has been neglected for cultural and socio-economic reasons, and where there has been suspicion of general education (maktab) imported by the state.

[Full Article](#) (Center on International Cooperation)



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Iran - National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO) and UNICEF Hold Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Response with Focus on Children

May 8th, 2016 - A workshop on emergency preparedness and response with a focus on Children was launched in Kish Island on Sunday 8th May within the framework of a joint cooperation agreement signed between the Ministry of Interior' NDMO and UNICEF. Participants ranged from different government organizations including provincial officials from Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanzan, Gilan, Mazandaran and Qom, the Ministry of Interior's National Disaster Management Organization, Ministry of Health, State Welfare Organization, Ministry of Education, Iranian Red Crescent Society, Imam Khomeini Charity Foundation, as well as a number UN agencies namely OCHA, WFP and UNDP.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Iraq - Baseline Assessment for Education Cash Transfer Programming for IDPs in Dahuk Governorate

April 30th, 2016 - The escalation of violent conflict between Armed Groups and the Iraqi government has seen an estimated 3.2 million Iraqis internally displaced as of April 2016. This large scale internal displacement started in Anbar governorate in early 2014 and escalated in June 2014, spreading across much of northern and central Iraq.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Iraq - Let Us Learn: A Case Study of Delivering Adaptive Education and Protection in Emergency Programmes in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

May 11th, 2016 - Education in emergencies is a critical, life-saving response that works to protect children in conflict and natural disasters, and preserve their right to education. World Vision's education programmes in emergencies respond to the needs of children, parents, communities and education officials. Prior to a disaster, we work with schools and families to strengthen community based protection mechanisms through preparedness and planning, conflict education mitigation and peacebuilding.

[Full Article](#) (World Vision)



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Iraq - Briefing Security Council on Iraq, Special Representative Urges Parties to Resolve Political Impasse, Stressing Crisis Only Serves Interests if its Enemies

May 6th, 2016 – A profound political crisis engulfing Iraq was paralysing the work of the Government and Council of Representatives at a time when terrorist attacks were spiking along with civilian deaths and a grave humanitarian situation was unfolding, the chief of the United Nations mission in that country told the Security Council today.

[Full Article](#) (United Nation Press Releases)

Iraq – Save the Children Calls for Children and Families to be Freed from Besieged City of Fallujah

May 25th, 2016 - Save the Children is increasingly concerned about the fate of up to 50,000 civilians prevented from escaping the new military offensive around the besieged Iraqi city of Fallujah, and calls for safe routes to be urgently established to allow children and their families to flee. Fierce fighting is now raging around the city, which has been completely under siege for almost five months. Military checkpoints and IEDs planted along the roads by armed groups have stopped most civilians from fleeing and supply routes into the city have been completely cut off since January, with no aid allowed to enter.

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

Iraq - Pushed to Accept Marriage, Iraq's Displaced Child Brides Face Bleak Future

May 9th, 2016 - In the photo that Aziza produces on her mobile phone, her 14-year-old daughter Layla is wearing a pink satin dress and smiling meekly at the camera. "This was her engagement party," said 35-year-old Aziza. "(Her fiance) was 22 years old. His family came to us at various times to ask for our daughter. The third time we accepted."

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



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Lebanon - Sports for Dignity: UNRWA and UNICEF Launch the Palestinian Olympics for Children

May 4th 2016- The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), launched on 29 April 'Palestiniadi', a three-day sports event for children and youth living in Palestine refugee camps and gatherings in Lebanon. For the eighth year, Palestiniadi brought together more than 300 Palestine refugee children from Lebanon, Palestine refugees from Syria in Lebanon, and Lebanese children to compete in six different sports activities. Around 40 children with disabilities were among the participants.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine in the near east)

Lybia – Where is NATO now?

May 30th, 2016 - Glowering across a table in a Tripoli café, 28-year-old Mohamed* has no kind words for Western leaders or any of Libya's three governments. "In 2011, NATO said it intervened in Libya to protect the human rights of civilians," the young man, one of an estimated 50,000 people to have fled the coastal town of Sirte in the last fortnight alone, told IRIN. "We lost even our most basic human rights under the (so-called) Islamic State," said Mohamed. "And Libya's three governments have given us no support at all. So where is NATO now?"

[Full Article](#) (IRIN)

Occupied Territories of Palestine - Government of Japan and IFRC Partnership to Strengthen Community Health Capacity and Prevent Violence in Gaza Strip

May 9th, 2016 - Since mid-2015, Palestine Red Crescent Society has been improving health and preventing violence in the Gaza Strip through community-based programmes backed by the people of Japan. Recognizing the success of their efforts, the Japanese Government has renewed its support through a 240,000 US dollar contribution which will enable the Red Crescent to continue its community-based health first aid and prevention of violence programmes, in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

[Full Article](#) (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)



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Occupied Territories of Palestine - End of Mission Statement of the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices

May 6th, 2016 - The United Nations Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories met with a range of civil society organisations, UN representatives and Palestinian officials during their annual fact-finding visit to Amman (2-5 May 2016). During the visit, representations were made on a wide range of issues affecting the Palestinian and Syrian people in territories occupied by Israel.

[Full Article](#) (United Nation Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner)

Occupied Territories of Palestine - UNRWA Promotes Colours Festival in Gaza to Enhance Positive Relations Between Children and their Parents

May 6th, 2016 - Under the theme 'colour your life with rainbow colours,' 300 students from UNRWA schools in Gaza city participated with their parents in the colours festival organized by the UNRWA Community Mental Health Programme and the Education Programme at UNRWA Gaza Training College in Gaza city on Saturday, 16 April 2016. The Colours Festival aimed at enhancing and encouraging positive relationships between children and their families. It also provides a free space for students to express their feelings through creative arts while having fun.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine in the near east)

Pakistan - Comparative Analysis of Education in Gilgit Baltistan Pakistan

May 6th, 2016 - Enrollment by Gender & Type of School: Early Years education enrollment should be promoted in GB as 91% of the children of age group 3-5 year never enrolled in ECE/ECD followed by Skardu with 81%, Ghanche with 58%, Astore with 57%, Ghizer with 48% and Hunza Nagar with 29%. However overall 40% of children of GB are receiving Early Childhood Eductaion as compare to 37% at national level.

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Pakistan - SMART Survey Report: Taluka & District Umerkot, Sindh-Pakistan

May 11th, 2016 - Concern Worldwide is an international, non-governmental, humanitarian organisation dedicated to the reduction of suffering of vulnerable people. Concern Worldwide is implementing a project titled “Integrated Multi-Sector Support to Nutrition at Risk Communities in Sindh, Pakistan”. The principal objective of the project is to improve resilience of the drought affected population in Sindh province, with a special emphasis on immediate humanitarian needs of drought affected communities.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Pakistan – Vaccination of Refugees to be Ensured

May 10th, 2016 - The Coordinator of the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC), Balochistan, Dr Saifur Rehman, has said a taskforce constituted last month will ensure that every child living in Afghan refugee camps is vaccinated against polio. A meeting held here on Monday to review the taskforce’s preparation was attended by representatives of the United Nations refugee agency, the Afghan Refugee Commissioner’s Office, Taraqee Foundation, World Health Organisation and the UN children’s fund. The participants decided to hold meetings on a monthly basis and share information.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Syria - QC Continues Aiding Aleppo

May 12th, 2016 - QC continues offering its urgent relief aids to the people of Aleppo through its field team. The team identifies the needs then offers food and health relief services based on the results. In a press release, Mr. Mohammed Rashid Al Ka'bi, Director of Operation Management at QC, said, "Under the current exacerbating circumstances, QC's field team has finished preparing for the medical aids it is offering to bridge the dire shortage in the medical needs of the city".

[Full Article](#) (Qatar Charity)

Syria – Child Labour on the Rise in Opposition Areas

May 25th, 2016 - Khalid is 12 years old and works as a shepherd in the village of Kafruma in Idlib’s countryside. “My father is an opposition fighter, and he entrusted me with looking after his sheep,” he told Damascus Bureau. “I had to leave school, but I don’t regret it. Most of the schools in my village have been shut anyway.” Child labour is on the increase in Syria’s opposition-held areas. In Idlib governorate, the on-going war has forced many children to become family bread-winners.

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



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Syria - Food Security Bulletin 3: Food Insecurity and Negative Coping Reach Alarming Levels

April 30th, 2016 - The Cessation of Hostilities that came into effect on 27 February has resulted in a de-escalation of fighting in most parts of the country. There were fewer displacements in March thanks to the reduced violence. However, there continue to be intense clashes and displacement in western rural Dar'a (Sheikh Miskine) - where 12,500 people were displaced from the worst affected areas, including Sehm Al-Golan, Hit, Tassil and Jlein by the second half of March, and in northern rural Aleppo - where at least 40,000 people has been displaced from the affected areas and sought refuge in rural areas between A'zaz and Al-Raee. During the last week of April, the security situation has also quickly deteriorated in Aleppo city, where violence had gradually escalated causing significant number of casualties and widespread material damage.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Turkey – Secretary General's Special Representative on Migration and Refugees Visits Turkey

May 30th, 2016 - The Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees, Ambassador Tomáš Boček, is conducting a fact-finding mission to Turkey from 30 May to 4 June 2016 to assess the situation of refugees and migrants and identify areas where the Council of Europe could be of concrete assistance to Turkey, particularly in respect of children and unaccompanied minors.

[Full Article](#) (Council of Europe)

Turkey - Showpiece Syrian refugee camp hit by child sex assault case

May 12th, 2016 - A Turkish man has gone on trial in southern Turkey charged with sexually assaulting at least eight Syrian children at the refugee camp where he was working, reports and official sources said on Thursday. Turkey's emergencies agency AFAD, which is responsible for the camp, said in a statement it was aware of the man's arrest and was following the case closely. The crimes are alleged to have taken place at the tented camp for refugees in the district of Nizip in Gaziantep province in southern Turkey, close to the Syrian border.

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Yemen - Children can keep their childhood thanks to Red Crescent volunteers in Yemen

May 12th, 2016 - For more than a year, communities across Yemen have had to endure the turmoil wrought by the country's ongoing armed conflict. Over 6,500 people have been killed in the fighting, half of whom were civilians caught up in the clashes. Insecurity and instability has forced about 2.8 million others to flee their homes, seeking safety and the possibility of hope in the future in other towns, villages and cities, or in neighbouring countries. Schools, hospitals and infrastructure have endured severe losses - many have been completely destroyed.

[Full Article](#) (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)

Yemen - WFP Yemen Situation Report #21

May 11th, 2016 - In April 2016, WFP exceeded its monthly General Food Distribution (GFD) target of 3 million beneficiaries, reaching 3.18 million people in 19 governorates. 225,515 people in Sana'a, Aden and Taizz benefited from 2,352 mt of food assistance received through commodity vouchers. In March, WFP distributed food for 3.4 million beneficiaries in 17 governorates, surpassing its monthly GFD target of 3 million people assisted. In addition, 195,000 people received food received 2,364 mt through WFP's commodity vouchers distributed in Sana'a and Aden.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Yemen - Yemen Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 11

May 8th, 2016 - A Cessation of Hostilities (CoH) was declared in Yemen on 10 April, paving the way for the resumption of peace negotiations in Kuwait on 21 April. The prospect of a much needed respite in violence at a time of appalling suffering and trauma was welcomed by the humanitarian community. Since March 2015, the escalation of the conflict has taken a severe toll on the population; an estimated 21.2 million Yemenis (82 per cent of the total population) need some sort of humanitarian assistance.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)