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

### **[News] Alarming Trends Face Children and Families of World's 21st Largest Country**

The world's 65.3 million forcibly displaced people—who would make up the world's 21st largest country based on population—are falling far behind others in terms of education, health, child marriage, and other key factors, a new report by Save the Children illustrates. Forced to Flee: Inside the 21st Largest Country examined indicators most relevant to the well-being of children and found results that demonstrate both the enormous challenges faced by refugees and Internally Displaced People as well as the notable contributions they could make to their host countries and communities if they were allowed to do so.

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

### **[News] California changes laws so children can no longer be prostitutes**

27<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - Children will no longer be classified as prostitutes in the U.S. state of California after a new law decriminalized prostitution for minors in a move praised by child rights campaigners. Coming on the back of a public campaign coined "There is No Such Thing" as a child prostitute, crimes of solicitation and prostitution will no longer apply to anyone aged under 18. Under-age victims of sex trafficking are to be referred to child welfare agencies.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

### **[News] Canada's child detention policy unjust, illegal: rights group**

22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2016 - Canada's practice of putting children in immigration detention centers or separating them from detained parents is causing them psychological harm and violates international law, a rights group said on Thursday. An estimated 242 children per year, from 2010

to 2014, were detained at Canadian immigration centers resembling medium-security prisons, according to a report from the University of Toronto's International Human Rights program.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

### **[Communiqué de presse] Dans les 10 pays affichant les taux de scolarisation les plus faibles, 40 % des enfants n'ont pas accès à l'éducation de base**

1er septembre 2016 – Dans les 10 pays affichant les pourcentages d'enfants n'ayant pas accès à l'éducation primaire les plus élevés, près de 2 enfants sur 5, soit 18 millions, ne sont pas scolarisés, a déclaré aujourd'hui l'UNICEF. C'est le Libéria qui enregistre le plus fort taux d'enfants non scolarisés avec près des deux tiers des enfants en âge de suivre une éducation primaire qui n'ont pas accès à l'école. Le Soudan du Sud occupe le deuxième rang : 59 % des enfants ne peuvent pas bénéficier d'une éducation primaire et 1 école sur 3 est fermée en raison du conflit.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

### **[News] Education Commission launches bold plan to get every child in school by 2030**

18<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - Bold action and radical funding could see every child in the world in school by 2030 - and avoid a looming global education catastrophe. The high-powered Education Commission today delivered a plan called The Learning Generation to give a quality primary and secondary education to every girl and boy in every country.

[Full Article](#) (A word at School)

### **[News] Girls Take Over on Day of the Girl**

29<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - On 11 October, politicians, CEOs and other leaders across the globe will have their positions taken over by girls who are calling for equality and proving they can change the world. Over 200 takeovers will take place in more than 50 countries to mark the International Day of the Girl. Leading figures in politics and business will be taken over by girls including the first female President of Nepal Bidhya Devi Bhandari. By taking over positions where they are rarely seen, girls will call on governments to remove the barriers that deny millions their rights.

[Full Article](#) (Plan International)

## **[Report] Half a million children have risked exploitation as refugee and migrant crisis turns into big business for smugglers**

2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2016 - New figures reveal that around half a million refugee and migrant children on the move are believed to have turned to smugglers since January 2015, as delays and desperation drive them into the hands of criminals quick to exploit their vulnerability. In order to shine a light on the murky underworld of migrant smuggling in Europe, and better shape the response, UNICEF has gathered information from a range of sources – including Europol-Interpol, testimonies from children themselves, publications from UN agencies, NGOs, and corroborated media reports.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

## **[News] Indian welfare cuts led to deaths of 600 children from malnutrition, activist says**

22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2016 - Funding cuts for welfare schemes by India's government have contributed to child malnutrition in Palghar district in the western state of Maharashtra, where 600 children are said to have died of starvation this year, according to activists. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued a notice to the government of Maharashtra on Wednesday, asking for a detailed report on the deaths within four weeks.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

## **[Report] Japan and UNICEF team up to strengthen protection of children and women**

21<sup>st</sup> of September 2016 - The Government of Japan has contributed with approximately US\$ 2.2 million to UNICEF to assist children and women's protection throughout Myanmar. Through this contribution, UNICEF in partnership with the Government of Myanmar, will work to both prevent and respond to cases of gender based violence, as well as contribute to the on-going development and capacity building of key government departments and civil society groups, namely through the provision of quality social work.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

## **[Communiqué de presse] Les dirigeants mondiaux doivent investir en faveur de meilleures données sur les enfants – UNICEF**

14 septembre 2016 – L’UNICEF appelle les dirigeants mondiaux à investir en faveur de meilleures statistiques sur les enfants. Une nouvelle étude du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l’enfance avertit que des données suffisantes sont disponibles pour la moitié seulement des indicateurs de mesure des objectifs de développement durable liés aux enfants.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

## **[Communiqué de presse] Près de 50 millions d’enfants « déracinés » dans le monde – UNICEF**

7 septembre 2016 – Dans le monde entier, près de 50 millions d’enfants ont été déracinés – 28 millions d’entre eux chassés de chez eux par des conflits dont ils ne sont aucunement responsables, et des millions d’autres poussés à migrer dans l’espoir de trouver une vie meilleure, plus sûre. Souvent traumatisés par les conflits et la violence qu’ils fuient, ils sont confrontés à d’autres dangers, dont les risques de noyade lors des traversées, la malnutrition et la déshydratation, la traite des êtres humains, l’enlèvement, le viol et même le meurtre.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

## **[Nouvelles] Québec exclut la gratuité scolaire pour les enfants sans-papiers**

22 septembre 2016 - La question de l’accès à l’école gratuite pour les enfants non résidents ou sans statut passe à la trappe. Car contrairement à l’ancien projet de loi 86, le nouveau projet de loi visant à modifier la Loi sur l’instruction publique, qui s’ouvrait mercredi aux consultations particulières, n’en fait plus du tout mention. Plusieurs organismes de défense des droits des réfugiés et des sans-papiers se disent excédés par le report sine die de ce dossier, y compris la protectrice du citoyen, qui a démontré plusieurs signes d’impatience.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

## **[Report] Save the Children Calls for Ambitious Action to Get All Children Reading**

8<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - 250 million primary aged children worldwide are not learning to read and write – 130 million of whom have completed four years of education. The fact that so many children are failing to learn to read is a crisis that must be reversed urgently. In a new report released on International Literacy Day, Save the Children calls for countries to prioritise and invest in efforts to ensure all children are able to read.

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

### **[Report] Situation Analysis of Children with Disabilities in Myanmar 2016**

27<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - This situation analysis is the first ever study in Myanmar to provide a systematic understanding of the experiences of children with disabilities and their families, informed by robust, qualitative evidence. Children with disabilities have the same rights as all children. Given the same opportunities to flourish as any other child, they have the potential to lead fulfilling, dignified lives and to contribute to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of their communities

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

### **[News] UN General Assembly 2016: world leaders need to deliver education for children in emergencies**

14<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - Leaders from around the world will gather in New York to attend high-level meetings at the United Nations General Assembly. In their hands is the future of millions of children who are denied an education because of humanitarian emergencies including conflicts and natural disasters.

[Full Article](#) (A word at School)

### **[Report] UN refugees meeting a wasted opportunity to improve the lives of millions of children**

19<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - As the UN high-level meeting on refugees and migrants draws to a close in New York today, World Vision has expressed serious disappointment with the outcome. "We had high hopes for children, but today displaced and imprisoned children are left with a business-as-usual approach that offers little hope," said World Vision's Helen Keogh at the Summit in New York.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

### **[Report] World Vision and ChildPact to release new tool measuring government efforts to protect children**

28<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - Today, World Vision and ChildPact, will launch the Child Protection Index in Brussels. This tool serves to prevent and end violence, child trafficking, child labour,

discrimination and other violations of a child's rights. The CPI makes use of 600 indicators drawn from child protection language in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). "The Index verifies needs and gaps in protection systems. It is often hard for governments, civil society and donors alike to decide on priorities or next steps. This product offers a way for CP actors to identify what steps should be taken next.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

## 2. Conferences, Courses and Events

### **Conference - 2nd National Child Wellbeing Conference: Access to Justice for Vulnerable Children**

Access to justice is a fundamental principle in securing, promoting, and protecting the rights and wellbeing of children. The President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society works to create safe spaces in which people can come together in an atmosphere of dialogue, participation and inclusion. The Foundation is interested in learning what it is that gives people wellbeing, in order for this to be shared and further promoted and is convinced that access to justice is a cross-cutting component of wellbeing. This conference will explore access to justice from the child's perspective, giving particular attention to children who are vulnerable. The conference is open to NGOs, academics, and practitioners.

**Location:** Valletta, Malta

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2016

**Registration deadline:** 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2016

[For more information](#) (The President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society)

### **Training - Online Certificate Course in 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:** Online

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> of October to 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

**Registration deadline:** 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2016

[For more information](#) (Human Rights & Justice Group International)



## **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:** 31<sup>st</sup> of October to 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

**Registration deadline:** 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2016

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

## **Training - Achieving education 2030 and eliminating child labour**

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, Italy

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> of October to 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

**Registration deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2016

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

## **Conference – Child in the City**

The conference, which takes place every two years, is a key opportunity for children's professionals, city planners, geographers and policy makers to share knowledge, good practice and research findings from the various disciplines that are important to the shared aim of creating child friendly cities. It aims to promote collaboration within the child friendly city movement and to promote liveable, sustainable designs, services and projects that support the well-being of children and promote their active engagement in the life of their communities.

**Location:** Ghent, Belgium

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

[For more information](#) (Child in the City Foundation)

## **Conference - Children's Rights in Alternative Care: Walk the Talk!**

The conference will serve as a platform for national and international stakeholders from the child protection area to start a dialogue on how to raise the capacity of the children's social care workforce and in particular care professionals on embedding child rights in their work. The training module produced by SOS Children's Villages together with national and international partners, as well as the experience gathered while implementing the project in eight European

countries, will serve as starting point of a discussion which we hope will inspire decision makers in setting new standards for training care professionals, ultimately improving the quality of alternative care.

**Location:** Paris, France

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

[For more information](#) (SOS Villages d'Enfants – France)

### **Conference - International Family Conference: Children's Rights and Family**

International Family Conference is a biennial international academic conference which is organized by the Women's Platform of the Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF), which holds General Consultative Status at UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Its aim is to stimulate interdisciplinary and cross-national collaboration and approach to various family issues.

**Location:** Abuja, Nigeria

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

[For more information](#) (Journalists and Writers Foundation)

### **Forum - Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law: Widening the Democratic Space: the role of youth in public decision-making**

In resolution 28/14, adopted on 26 March 2015, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a forum on human rights, democracy and rule of law. The purpose of the Forum is "to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to the relationship between these areas" and to "identify and analyze best practices, challenges and opportunities for States in their efforts to secure respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law".

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2016

**Registration deadline:** 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

[For more information](#) (United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

## **3. Sub-Regional and Country updates**

### **America Latina-Garantizar el Registro Universal de Nacimiento es fundamental para el ejercicio pleno de derechos de los niños**

30 de septiembre de 2016-Durante la Semana Interamericana del Derecho a la Identidad se reiteró la importancia del Registro Universal de Nacimiento como un primer paso para asegurar que niños y niñas tengan acceso a los demás derechos como salud, educación y protección.

[Artículo completo](#) (centro de Información de las Naciones Unidas)

### **Argentina-Al menos 1300 chicos están privados de libertad en el país**

17 de septiembre de 2016-Al menos 1300 adolescentes están privados de su libertad en unidades, comisarías de menores e institutos para jóvenes "en conflicto con la ley" de todo el país, en una coyuntura arrastrada durante décadas, que muestra pocos avances en términos de derechos para esa población de niños, la vigencia de regímenes punitivos y la falta de estadísticas confiables.

[Artículo completo](#) (Télam)

### **Bolivia-Argentina-Bolivian Children Sold for \$300 on Argentina Border**

7<sup>th</sup> of September 2016- A recent investigation provides insight into the human trafficking networks operating along the border between Bolivia and Argentina, where children have been sold for just over \$300 and trafficked into exploitative industries.

[Artículo completo](#) (InSight Crime)

### **Bolivia-Los derechos de 96.000 niños y jóvenes alteños son vulnerados**

17 de septiembre de 2016-Un estudio de Aldeas de SOS revela que los derechos de 96.000 niños y jóvenes se vulneran en El Alto; de ellos, 24.000 están a punto de dejar a su familia. Tras identificar los cinco distritos de mayor necesidad, la ONG organiza reuniones para proponer políticas de protección y proyectos.

[Artículo completo](#) (Página siete)

### **Bolivia-Concordia alumnus documents lack of human rights in Bolivia**

13<sup>th</sup> of September 2016-John Molson School of Business alumnus Fernando Barbosa spent two years in Bolivia filming a documentary about the lack of aid for both children and those with disabilities in the country. As Barbosa grew close to the communities he documented, he received threats from the Bolivian government and police, as his work shed a greater light on the country's neglect of human rights, he said.

[Full Article](#) (Theconcordian)

### **Brazil-Rio 2016: IOC called to help compensate child victims of violence**

30<sup>th</sup> of September 2016-The International Olympic Committee should be helping to compensate child victims of police violence at Rio 2016, say children's rights groups. "Indiscriminate use of force" was used by the police in the run-up to the Olympic Games in August, according to one of the organisations. In a report handed to the IOC, Terre des Hommes details a 103% increase in police killings compared to 2015. The IOC is considering recommendations made in the report.

The Rio Games saw 85,000 police staff employed around the city - double the number used at London 2012 - and it led to 90% of tourists rating security as "good" or "excellent". However, the report - Breaking Records - found evidence of a process of "cleaning" the streets of homeless children, as well as numerous effects resulting from the eviction of 22,000 families between 2009 and 2015 to clear space for the Games.

[Full Article](#) (BBC)

### **Brazil-The photo that sums up the devastating impact of the Olympics on Brazil's street children**

30<sup>th</sup> of September 2016-A photograph of a Brazilian child sleeping rough on a Rio de Janeiro street below banners for the 2016 Olympic Games symbolises the devastating impact of the sporting event on thousands of children and young people in the city, according to a rights group.

[Full Article](#) (International Business Times)

### **Brazil-Child Rights Violations During Rio 2016 Olympics**

September 2016-The message of a "New World", the official slogan of Rio 2016 Olympics, was one of optimism: this Olympics would be a showcase for new heroes, and for the transformative power of sport, in new territories and for the next generation.<sup>1</sup> Yet, when looking beyond the fireworks and glamour of the Opening Ceremony, it is not hard to see what kind of transformations the Games brought to the lives of the youngest citizens of Rio.

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

### **Colombia- Colombia: UN official welcomes start of reintegration of children from FARC-EP on Saturday**

8<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 – A senior United Nations official today welcomed the announcement by the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army (FARC-EP) that they will begin the separation and reintegration of all children under the age of 18 associated with the FARC-EP on Saturday.

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

### **Costa Rica-Unicef destaca los avances de Costa Rica pero le pide mayor esfuerzo por la niñez**

9 de septiembre de 2016-Unicef destacó hoy los avances que ha tenido Costa Rica en salud y educación para los niños, pero le instó a efectuar mayores esfuerzos para garantizarles el disfrute pleno de sus derechos.

[Artículo completo](#) (holaciudad!)

## **Honduras- Honduras registra 700 menores asesinados, según casa Alianza**

10 de septiembre de 2016-Un total de 700 menores de edad murieron de manera violenta en Honduras este año, y más de 15,000 viven en las calles des país, denunció hoy la organización humanitaria Casa Alianza en Tegucigalpa.

[Artículo completo](#) (La Prensa)

## **Mexico-Plan aims to save US-born children in Mexico from legal limbo**

20<sup>th</sup> of September 2016-A new scheme to ease bureaucratic obstacles blocking access to health and education for hundreds of thousands of American-born children living in Mexico has been launched by the US and Mexican governments.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

## **Mexico-Mothers of the Disappeared**

22<sup>th</sup> of September 2016- “We were seeking justice. We wanted to prevent disappearance, for it to end. Unfortunately, I still see girls disappearing. I don’t want to be negative, but I don’t know when this will stop,” said Paula Flores of Juárez, Mexico, on July 3, 2016, 18 years after the disappearance and murder of her daughter, María Sagrario González Flores.

[Full Article](#) (Project Syndicate)

## **Mexico- Mexico investigates role of federal police in case of 43 missing students**

13<sup>th</sup> of September 2016- Mexico has widened its investigation into the abduction and apparent massacre of 43 trainee teachers in the south-western city of Iguala in 2014 to examine the role of federal and state police, a federal prosecutor said.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

## **México- Unicef y Chiapas refrendan compromiso de garantizar derechos de niños**

23 de septiembre de 2016- Con la finalidad de elaborar el Programa Estatal de Protección a la Infancia, I DIF Chiapas, en colaboración con el Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia (Unicef) en México, organizaron el curso “Diseño de políticas públicas de infancia y adolescencia con enfoque de derechos”.

[Artículo completo](#) (20 minutos)

## **Paraguay- Paraguay defiende derechos de niños migrantes en la ONU**

19 de septiembre de 2016- El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Embajador Eladio Loizaga, participó en la Plenaria de la Reunión de Alto Nivel de la Asamblea General sobre la Respuesta para Hacer Frente a los Desplazamientos Masivos de Refugiados y Migrantes, que se llevó a cabo esta mañana en la Sala de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, en la ciudad de Nueva York, Estados Unidos de América.

[Full Article](#) (La Nación)

## **Perú-MIMP pide al Poder Judicial defender derechos de niños y adolescentes**

13 de Septiembre de 2016-La ministra de la Mujer y Poblaciones Vulnerables (MIMP), Ana María Romero-Lozada, invocó a las autoridades que imparten justicia en todo el país a trabajar por garantizar el respeto a los derechos de las niñas, niños y adolescentes, así como sancionar con severidad a quienes los agreden.

[Artículo completo](#) (Andina)

## **República Dominicana-Casa Abierta celebra "Día Nacional de los Derechos del Niño"**

29 de septiembre 2016-Casa Abierta celebra "Día Nacional de los Derechos del Niño", como parte de su filosofía y mandato social la institución defiende los derechos que tiene la niñez, establecidos internacionalmente en la Convención sobre los derechos de la infancia, de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas.

[Artículo completo](#) (El nuevo diario)

## **Venezuela -La angustiada búsqueda de leche y pañales de los padres con niños pequeños en medio de la crisis de Venezuela**

28 de septiembre de 2016-Cuando Laurely se enteró de que iba a tener trillizos, un grupo de apoyo en WhatsApp le sirvió de terapia. Superada la depresión, ahora también es su principal herramienta para conseguir pañales y leche en Venezuela.

[Artículo completo](#) (BBC mundo)

## **Venezuela-Half of Venezuelan children not getting three square meals**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2016- Half of children in oil-rich Venezuela are receiving a maximum of two meals a day, making it hard for them to attend school, a new survey has found. The findings by More Consulting, a research firm, found that 50 per cent of parents were only feeding their children one or two meals a day as a result of food shortages caused by an ongoing financial crisis.

[Full Article](#) (The Telegraph)