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1. Global Development on Children and Human's Rights

[Communiqué de presse] Le gouvernement du Canada annonce la création d'un fonds afin de doubler les dons pour la famine et la crise alimentaire

30 mai 2017 - Le gouvernement du Canada a annoncé aujourd'hui la création d'un Fonds de secours pour la famine, s'appuyant sur son engagement à venir en aide aux personnes les plus vulnérables touchées par cette crise.

[Communiqué complet](#) (Gouvernement du Canada)

[Nouvelles] Le nombre de cas de sextorsion visant les jeunes garçons augmente

23 mai 2017 - Des spécialistes du phénomène de « sextorsion » en ligne disent avoir remarqué une hausse des déclarations de ce type d'incidents chez les jeunes garçons. Le Centre canadien de protection de l'enfance (CCPE) précise que 65 garçons ont rapporté des incidents au site Cyberaide.ca en 2015-2016, une hausse de 89 % comparativement à la période 2013-2014.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[News] Preventing Gender-Based Violence Will Help Women, Girls and Countries Thrive

May 18th 2017 - The World Bank Group has renewed its commitment to preventing violence against women and girls, investing a minimum of \$3.5 million over five years in innovations designed to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV).

[Full article](#) (World Bank)



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[Nouvelles] Afrique : la FIDH appelle les États à renforcer et promouvoir les droits des filles

12 mai 2017 - Lors de son intervention à l'occasion de la soixantième session ordinaire de la Commission Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples qui a eu lieu à Niamey du 8 au 22 mai 2017, la FIDH a encouragé la Commission à poursuivre et renforcer son action contre les discriminations et les violences à l'égard des filles en Afrique.

[Article complet](#) (FIDH)

[News] At Least one in four Children Live in Poverty in the Middle East and North Africa

May 15th 2017 - According to a recent UNICEF analysis covering 11 countries in the Middle East and North Africa [1], poverty continues to impact at least 29 million children – one in four children in the region.

[Full article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[News] Putting Child Rights at the Heart of Climate Talks

May 10th 2017 - Over the next 10 days, policymakers from 195 countries are meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss how governments should implement the 2015 Paris climate agreement. On Monday, Morocco, which holds the presidency of the climate talks, hosted an event on children's rights and climate change.

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

[News] How Can You Leave no one Behind when Millions of Children are Uncounted?

May 3rd 2017 - One night, a five-year-old boy named Sheru became separated from his older brother at a train station in central India. Somehow, he ended up on a train that took him nearly 1,000 miles away to Kolkata where he knew no one, and none of the language. Sheru inspired a book and the Oscar-winning film *Lion*, but the beginning of the story is far from



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extraordinary. The vast majority are not rescued by kind strangers. Nobody is accountable for them, and the children become some of the millions of the uncounted. The exact figure of unregistered children around the world is unknown but it is measured in millions. Now NGOs are insisting that all children are counted.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

[Nouvelles] Le nombre d'enfants réfugiés et migrants voyageant seul multiplié par cinq depuis 2010

18 mai 2017 - À l'approche du Sommet du G7 prévu en Italie la semaine prochaine, le Fond des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) exhorte les dirigeants mondiaux à adopter un plan d'action en six points pour garantir la sécurité des enfants réfugiés et migrants.

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

[News] A Strong Moral Compass: How Faith-Based Organizations Can Tackle Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

May 11th 2017 - A new guide published today aims to help religious communities worldwide harness their strengths to prevent, respond to and end online child sexual exploitation.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] Refugee and Migrant Children Stranded in European Transit Countries Suffer Psychologically in the Face of Uncertain Future

May 4th 2017 - Nearly 75,000 refugees and migrants, including an estimated 24,600 children, currently stranded in Greece, Bulgaria, Hungary and the Western Balkans are at risk of psychosocial distress caused by living in a protracted state of limbo, UNICEF warned today.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)



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[News] UNICEF Joins Tech Giants in Artificial Intelligence Group

May 17th 2017 - UNICEF joins the Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (AI) founded by Amazon, Apple, Google/DeepMind, Facebook, IBM and Microsoft. Through the partnership, UNICEF's Office of Innovation will forge collaborations to scale the use of AI for social good through innovative solutions to humanitarian challenges to benefit children.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] Children Remember Manchester Attack Victims at Vigil

May 24th 2017 - Thousands of people have gathered by Manchester Town Hall to remember the victims of Monday night's terror attack at a concert. Children and adults lit candles, put down flowers and held a minute's silence in tribute, on Tuesday evening.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

[Nouvelles] Médias audiovisuels : des règles claires pour protéger les enfants

18 mai 2017 - Le Parlement a donné un mandat à la commission de la culture ce jeudi pour négocier avec le Conseil sur la nouvelle directive pour les médias audiovisuels, qui couvrira également les plateformes en ligne.

[Article complet](#) (Parlement européen)

[Nouvelles] Manchester : les enfants étaient-ils spécifiquement visés par les terroristes ?

23 mai 2017 - Le public présent au Manchester Arena était essentiellement composé d'enfants et d'adolescents. Par le passé, les attaques terroristes ciblant des enfants ont été plutôt rares. On ignore encore le nombre d'enfants parmi les 22 morts et 59 blessés de l'attentat survenu lundi soir à Manchester. Mais c'est une certitude, le public du concert ciblé était particulièrement jeune.

[Article complet](#) (L'Express)



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[Report] A Child is a Child: Protecting Children on the Move from Violence, Abuse and Exploitation

May 2017 - Among the millions of children on the move worldwide, many – including hundreds of thousands of unaccompanied children and adolescents – undertake dangerous journeys. This report shows how the lack of safe and legal pathways for refugee and migrant children feeds a booming market for human smuggling and puts them at risk of violence, abuse and exploitation.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[Report] Counting the Invisible Girls

May 2017 - Millions of girls are 'invisible' to governments and policy makers because vital data is not being recorded about their lives. Last year, our 'Counting the Invisible' report revealed how improving the information we have about girls could have a massive impact on the quest for gender equality by 2030 as set by the Global Goals.

[Full article](#) (Plan International)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conference – Urban Planning and Children

The Urban Planning and Children international seminar will bring together children's professionals, city planners, architects, landscape architects, transport and traffic professionals, geographers and policymakers, along with researchers, academics and advocates, to explore how the planning system engages with and responds to children and young people; how it impacts on them; how it can better include them; and how it might better respond to their rights as stakeholders in the public realm.

Location: Rotterdam, Netherlands

Date: June 19th and 20th 2017

[For more information](#) (Child in the City Foundation & European Network Child Friendly Cities)



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Training – Child Rights Situation Analysis

This course is aimed at development practitioners working in the field of children's rights who are planning or considering undertaking an analysis of the situation of children's rights. The course will enable participants to understand the concepts and principles of human rights/children's rights and their application in the production of an analysis of the degree to which children realize their rights and the factors and obstacles that prevent them.

Location: Online

Date: November 1st to December 12th 2017

[For more information](#) (The Global Human Rights Education and Training Centre)

Training – Child Rights Public Budgeting

This short e-learning course introduces participants to concepts, principles, standards and practical examples of child rights public budgeting and monitoring. The course will address basics of child rights public budgeting and monitoring; the importance of budget transparency; obligations of governments; and possibilities for participation of civil society, including children.

Location: Online

Date: October 18th to November 1st 2017

[For more information](#) (The Global Human Rights Education and Training Centre)

Training – Child Safeguarding

This e-learning course aims to equip professionals who hold responsibilities for implementing child safeguarding policies within their organizations with a basic understanding of the key issues, concepts and frameworks pertaining to child protection and safeguarding.

Location: Online

Date: August 30th to October 10th 2017

[For more information](#) (The Global Human Rights Education and Training Centre)



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Training – Unlocking Children’s Rights

Unlocking Children’s Rights is an innovative training resource, which has been successfully piloted across Europe. It enables professionals and practitioners working with children to:

- Strengthen their skills and knowledge of children’s rights
- Communicate effectively and sensitively with children and young people in a professional context
- Ensure children participate meaningfully in decisions affecting them.

The modules are all available for download.

Location: Online

Date: Ongoing

[For more information](#) (Coram International)

Formation – Cours d’été international relatif aux droits de l’enfant

Le cours d’été 2017 reposera sur les articles 8 et 30 de la Convention internationale des droits de l’enfant (CIDE). Le cours traitera ainsi de la construction de l’identité chez les enfants et les jeunes, et non seulement leur identité culturelle, linguistique ou ethnique, mais aussi leur identité sexuelle et une variété d’identités appartenant à d’autres groupes minoritaires.

Emplacement : Université de Moncton, NB, Canada

Date : 25 au 30 juin 2017

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



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Training – Children at the heart of human rights

The International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) and the Centre for Children's Rights Studies (CCR - UNICE) have the great pleasure to announce the launch of the Summer School 2017 "Children at the heart of human rights". This training in English will take place at the University of Geneva from 6 June to 16 June, 2017.

Location: University of Geneva – Switzerland

Date: June 6th-16th 2017

Registration deadline: May 1st 2017

[For more information](#) (Geneva Summer School)

Appel de propositions – 8e Conférence internationale sur l'éducation aux droits humains à Montréal, Canada

La conférence internationale sur l'éducation aux droits humains (CIEDH) est le forum des praticiens, décideurs et universitaires pour explorer les solutions aux défis mondiaux par l'éducation. Cette conférence de 3,5 jours rassemblera 300 participants du monde entier pour des ateliers pratiques et des sessions de travail présentant les derniers outils, le savoir et les meilleurs pratiques en matière d'éducation aux droits humains.

Emplacement: Montréal - Canada

Date: 30 novembre – 3 décembre 2017

[For more information](#) (Equitas)

3. Sub regional and Country Updates

América Latina y el Caribe – En América Central y el Caribe, los niños y niñas representan el 62% de las víctimas de trata detectadas

18 de mayo 2017 - "Mientras el mundo mira hacia la crisis de refugiados en Europa, no debemos de olvidar que en América Latina y el Caribe hay 6.3 millones de niño, niñas y adolescentes que son migrantes o refugiados", afirmó hoy la directora regional de UNICEF para América Latina y el



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Caribe, María Cristina Perceval justo en el marco del lanzamiento global del informe: “Ante todo son niños: proteger a los niños en tránsitos de la violencia, el abuso y la explotación”.

El Informe *Ante todo son niños* presenta una visión de los niños refugiados y migrantes, las motivaciones detrás de sus viajes y los riesgos que enfrentan en el camino. Indica, además, que el número global de niños refugiados y migrantes que viajan solos se incrementó en casi cinco veces desde 2010.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF)

Argentina - Se inauguró una nueva residencia para madres en La Plata

24 de mayo 2017 - El Ministerio de Salud de la Provincia de Buenos Aires y UNICEF inauguraron una nueva Residencia para Madres en el Hospital San Martín de La Plata. La financiación de este proyecto cuenta con el aporte de varios donantes, entre ellos Farmacity, a través de su campaña Simplemente por los Niños de Simplicity y la Fundación BAF. [...]

Durante la internación conjunta en las residencias se trabaja en la promoción activa de la madre en el cuidado de su hijo, el mantenimiento de la lactancia materna y la oportunidad de ofrecer intervenciones de educación para la salud.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF)

Brazil - Brazil's Zika Threat Remains

12 May 2017 - Brazil's public health emergency related to the Zika virus is over, the country's health ministry said yesterday. But we should not declare victory over the mosquito-borne virus. The announcement came 18 months after the government first declared Zika a national emergency, as increasing numbers of infants were born with microcephaly – a condition when the head and brain are underdeveloped – and other complications, together now known as Zika syndrome. This year the number of Zika cases, and the number of infants born with disabilities linked to the virus, have dropped dramatically.

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



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Colombia - The Promises of Peace in Colombia

18 May 2017 - At the start of each school year, Colombian schoolchildren are still given specially prepared instruction manuals in the form of comic books to teach them how to avoid stepping on land mines. Despite these efforts, during 52 years of war, more than 1,000 Colombian children, usually from the poorest of our farming families working their fields, were killed or maimed by land mines. (...) In more than 203 Colombian municipalities, the dangerous work of locating, disabling and removing Colombia's land mines is being carried out by NGOs, specially trained units of the Colombian armed forces and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. The goal is to make Colombia land-mine free by 2021.

[Full Article](#) (New York Times)

El Salvador - Misión técnica internacional visita a Brasil para conocer experiencia en alimentación escolar y agricultura familiar

15 de mayo 2017 - Representantes de doce países de América Latina y el Caribe estarán en Brasil, en la ciudad de Vitória, del 16 al 18 de mayo, para conocer la experiencia brasileña del Programa de Alimentación Escolar y de compras a la agricultura familiar, durante misión internacional de intercambio promovida por el Programa de Cooperación entre la FAO y el Gobierno de Brasil.

[Artículo completo](#) (FAO)

El Salvador - FAO/MAG Y OPS/MINSAL presentan Panorama de la SAN en la región y en El Salvador

2 de mayo 2017 - Como parte de una serie de esfuerzos coordinados entre la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (FAO), la Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS/OMS) y el Gobierno de El Salvador, a través del Ministerio de Salud (MINSAL) y el Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería (MAG), recientemente autoridades de estas instancias presentaron el documento Panorama de la Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional en América Latina y el Caribe, y la situación actual en El Salvador. Este documento, que representa el informe más importante sobre el estado de la lucha contra el hambre y la malnutrición en la región, describe la situación de la seguridad alimentaria y nutricional en América Latina y el Caribe, y en El Salvador, poniendo especial énfasis en el estado nutricional y su importancia para lograr el desarrollo económico y social.



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Los resultados presentados mostraron una tendencia hacia el aumento de la obesidad y sobrepeso, afectando principalmente a mujeres, niñas y niños.

[Artículo completo](#) (FAO)

Haïti - Inauguration du Centre d'Appui et d'Accompagnement Psychosocial à la Jeunesse

25 mai 2017 - Le Centre Culturel et de Recherche pour l'Épanouissement de la Jeunesse (CECREJ) vient d'accoucher son tout nouveau projet à travers l'inauguration du "Centre d'Appui et d'Accompagnement Psychosocial à la Jeunesse (CAPJEN)" le vendredi 12 mai 2017 à Carrefour. À travers cette nouvelle structure CECREJ se propose d'accompagner les jeunes de la commune de Carrefour en situation de crises: psychologique, émotionnelle, mentale, comportementale, économique et sociale en leur offrant une assistance institutionnelle personnalisée et adaptée à leurs besoins.

[Article complet](#) (Métropole Haïti)

Haïti - Près de 32,000 enfants vivent dans des centres d'accueil

29 mai 2017 - Dans le cadre de la réforme de la prise en charge des enfants haïtiens, 30 agents de protection de l'Institut du Bien-Être Social et de Recherches (IBESR) ont débuté sur le terrain, la réévaluation du mode de fonctionnement des maisons d'enfants (Centre ou foyer d'accueil) en Haïti où vivent près de 32,000 enfants (abandonnés). Ce travail est supporté financièrement et techniquement par l'Ambassade de France, LUMOS, l'Unicef, World vision en Haïti et Rapha House.

[Article complet](#) (Haïti Libre)

Latin America – Latin America neglects human trafficking survivors – experts

23 May 2017 - Tens of thousands of women and children across Latin America are trafficked every year, yet few receive the support they need to rebuild their lives and conviction rates for the crime remain extremely low, rights experts said on Tuesday.



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They told a conference hosted by the Washington-based Organization of American States (OAS) that victims of trafficking often face severe trauma and low self-esteem, and need long-term psychological care, job skills training, and access to healthcare and education to recover.

But they said there were few government-run shelters exclusively for trafficking survivors in the region, and almost none for men and boys.

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

Latin America - Domestic violence pushes Central American women to flee for their lives - U.N.

24 May 2017- Rampant domestic violence is forcing women to flee their homes in Central America, the U.N. refugee agency said, as it urged governments to work together to address the reasons for migration in the region.

Every year hundreds and thousands of people, including women and children travelling alone, leave the 'Northern Triangle' nations of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala to escape gang violence and poverty.

Most head north to the United States to seek refuge and a better life.

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

México - UNICEF presentó hoy su informe anual 2016: retos y avances para la niñez en México

3 de mayo 2017 - El Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia en México, UNICEF, presentó esta mañana su Informe Anual 2016 en el que destaca el trabajo que este organismo internacional lleva a cabo en el país en temas como educación, salud, nutrición, protección de la niñez e impulso al cumplimiento los derechos de niñas, niños y adolescentes.

“En países como México u otros de la región, el gran desafío es, sin duda, seguir trabajando para disminuir o eliminar las brechas económicas, demográficas, sociales y de género que separan a la niñez y la adolescencia del ejercicio pleno de todos sus derechos”, comentó Christian Skoog, Representante de UNICEF México al inicio del acto que se llevó a cabo en el Papalote Museo del Niño con la presencia de colaboradores, socios y aliados de la sociedad civil, del gobierno y de la iniciativa privada.

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Panama – A strong moral compass: how faith-based organizations can tackle online sexual exploitation of children

11 May 2017 - A new guide published today aims to help religious communities worldwide harness their strengths to prevent, respond to and end online child sexual exploitation. Published by ECPAT International and Religions for Peace in partnership with UNICEF, Protecting Children from Online Sexual Exploitation recognises that religious leaders and communities can provide the moral compass that is needed to end this crime.

Information and communications technologies and the Internet are exposing children to new and evolving forms of sexual exploitation, as seen in a staggering expansion of child sexual abuse materials online. Practices such as 'sexting' (the self-production and sharing of sexual messages or images) also place children at risk of sexual abuse and exploitation.

[Full Article](#) (ECPAT International)

Perú - Niñas y niños de zonas afectadas por las lluvias e inundaciones inician tratamiento para reducir desnutrición aguda

16 de mayo 2017 - A dos semanas de haberse iniciado la entrega del suplemento nutricional 'Plumpy nut', niñas y niños en riesgo de desnutrición aguda empiezan a dar señales positivas de la administración del tratamiento.

Tras las inundaciones, niñas y niños menores de tres años no tienen una alimentación adecuada y enfrentan condiciones sanitarias inadecuadas lo que aumenta la aparición de infecciones diarreicas provocando pérdida de peso; y con ello, el riesgo de desnutrición aguda.

El 'Plumpy nut' es un suplemento terapéutico especial hecho a base de maní, leche y aceites vegetales. Está listo para consumo y aporta 500 calorías diarias. Recientemente UNICEF entregó a la Dirección regional de salud de Piura, nueve toneladas del suplemento que ya vienen siendo distribuidas en las zonas afectadas.

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Perú - 12 mil personas del Centro Poblado Villa Vicus en Chulucanas ya cuentan con agua en sus hogares

19 de mayo del 2017.- Más de 12 mil habitantes del Centro Poblado Villa Vicus en Chulucanas - Morropón recuperaron el servicio de agua potable en sus hogares, tras 40 días de desabastecimiento. Debido a las tormentas eléctricas sufridas en febrero y marzo por el fenómeno de El Niño Costero, el motor de la bomba sumergible de agua resultó dañado, dejando a más de 5,000 niñas y niños sin agua en sus casas.

Como apoyo en la emergencia por inundaciones, UNICEF financió la instalación de un nuevo motor con el apoyo de Cooperación Internacional (COOPI) para que más de 12,000 personas puedan tener agua nuevamente en sus casas.

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République Dominicaine - L'ONU alerte sur le fléau de l'exploitation sexuelle sur les mineurs

19 mai 2017 - Le Rapporteur spécial de l'ONU sur l'exploitation sexuelle des enfants, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, a recommandé au Congrès de la République dominicaine d'instaurer « l'interdiction absolue du mariage infantile, sans exception », l'objectif étant d'éradiquer cette pratique dans le pays des Caraïbes et concernant souvent les jeunes filles. Lors d'une conférence de presse à la fin de sa visite de huit jours en République dominicaine, Boer-Buquicchio a indiqué que le pays a une occasion unique de lutter contre cette pratique dans le cadre de la réforme du Code civil. Le Rapporteur spécial de l'ONU a souligné que la République dominicaine enregistre le taux le plus élevé de mariages d'enfants en Amérique latine et dans les Caraïbes.

[Article complet](#) (Actu Latino)

Venezuela - Inside Venezuela's anti-government protests

11 May 2017 - 'We're fighting for our children!' - María Alvarez, 57, breast cancer survivor (above) There's no freedom of expression here in Venezuela. There's no freedom of any kind. On top of that you have shortages of medicines, of goods. This crisis is affecting my entire family. We have gone from being middle class to being much lower down.



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Every day we're worse off and our children don't have a future. They're killing our children [at the protests].

I'm here as a mother, not just for the sake of my own children but for the sake of all Venezuelan children and youths who are being unjustly repressed because this dictatorship wants to take over the country.

[Full Article](#) (BBC)

Venezuela - Declaración atribuible a la Oficina Regional de UNICEF para América Latina y el Caribe sobre los datos de salud en Venezuela

12 de mayo - Los datos sobre las muertes infantiles y maternas divulgados la semana pasada por el Ministerio del Poder Popular para la Salud de Venezuela, son una clara evidencia del impacto de la prolongada crisis en las mujeres y los niños en el país. A pesar de los esfuerzos del Gobierno de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela y de otras instituciones y organizaciones involucradas, los datos indican que un 30 por ciento más de niños y niñas murió antes de su primer cumpleaños y un 64 por ciento más de mujeres murió durante el embarazo o dentro de los 42 días después del parto en 2016 comparado con 2015.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF)

Venezuela - Children face hunger crisis in Venezuela as malnutrition soars

16 May 2017 - Child malnutrition in parts of Venezuela is now at the level of a humanitarian crisis, warns a new report from the local Caritas agency. With the economy in freefall, shortages of food and medicine and soaring food prices, nearly half of children under five in areas monitored by Caritas are suffering from some degree of malnutrition or at imminent risk.

Caritas has been surveying child malnutrition across four states including the capital Caracas. The latest figures show that 11.4 percent of children under five are suffering either from moderate or severe acute malnutrition. The World Health Organisation's crisis threshold for child malnutrition is 10 percent.

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Venezuela - Scarcity of Vaccines

24 May 2017 - On May 21, as part as an investigation into state actions to provide health services for children, IPYS Venezuela published a detailed report documenting that vaccines are not reaching children who need them. Based on official sources and on the ground research, IPYS concludes that the government did not have enough vehicles to transport available vaccines nor adequate refrigeration for them in several locations.

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

United States - US Turning Away Asylum Seekers at Mexican Border

3 May 2017 - Two weeks ago in California, I met a 16-year-old Salvadoran boy – I'll call him Gabriel – who fled his home after gang members threatened to kill him. After traveling through Mexico, he and another boy made their way to the US border in September and tried to tell officials about the risks they faced at home.

By law, if someone arrives at the border asking for asylum or expressing fear of returning to their own country, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents are required to refer the person to a specialist asylum officer, who then assesses eligibility for protection.

That's not what happened in Gabriel's case. "They just told us to wait outside," he said. The two boys sat on the Mexican side of the border for most of the day. By chance, a lawyer taking a client to the border crossing spotted and helped them.

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