

# Newsletter on Children's rights - Sub-Saharan Africa

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## I. Subregional and Country Updates - Sub-Saharan Africa

### Congo - Du sang dans nos cellulaires

12 mai 2019 - Des montagnes belles à couper le souffle. Mais des enfants meurent dans ces collines à force de travailler dans des conditions dignes du Moyen Âge. Bienvenue au pays du coltan, le minerai qu'on retrouve dans nos cellulaires, nos ordinateurs portables, nos consoles de jeux, nos voitures électriques.

Radio-Canada - [Article complet](#)

### Congo - Tens of Thousands Forcibly Displaced by Surge in Violence- Humanitarian Organizations Call for Urgent Assistance

3 May 2019 - Urgent action is needed to help tens of thousands of people forced to flee their homes following armed attacks in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, 18 humanitarian organizations warned today. Those who remain are trapped between the border of Uganda and an area of DRC that is being terrorized by armed groups and close to the Ebola outbreak which has claimed over 950 lives.

Save the Children - [Full article](#)

### Cote d'ivoire - Le Comité des droits de l'enfant examine le rapport de la Côte d'Ivoire

21 mai 2019 - M. Assane Thiam, Conseiller technique au Ministère de la femme, de la famille et de l'enfant de la Côte d'Ivoire, a indiqué que le Président de la République de la Côte d'Ivoire, M. Alassane Ouattara, avait érigé la promotion et la protection des droits de l'enfant au rang de priorité de l'action gouvernementale; cette vision est traduite en actions concrètes par des réformes et la mise en place de politiques, programmes et projets sensibles à la cause des enfants, a-t-il souligné.

Réveil FM international - [Article complet](#)

### Democratic republic of Congo - Girls' Lives Shattered by Attacks on Schools

20 May 2019 - Girls suffered sexual violence and other abuses when armed groups attacked hundreds of schools during the 2016-2017 Kasai conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo, said the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA) in a report released today. The violence affected all children, but girls were particularly harmed, used as "magical" forces that would ward off bullets despite being unarmed, and raped and forcibly "married" to troops.

Human Rights Watch - [Full Article](#)

## Kenya - Kenya first African country to connect to the International Child Sexual Exploitation database

20 May 2019 - Kenya has become the first African country to connect to INTERPOL's International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) database, bringing the total number of connected countries to 60.

Interpol - [Full article](#)

## Mozambique - la santé des femmes et des filles au coeur de la réponse humanitaire de l'ONU

1<sup>er</sup> mai 2019 - Le Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population (UNFPA) est mobilisé au Mozambique pour assurer la santé et la sécurité des femmes et filles devenues plus vulnérables après le passage des cyclones Idai et Kenneth.

ONU Info - [Article complet](#)

## Nigeria - Domesticating, Enforcing Global Plan to Protect Nigerian Children From Abuse

23 May 2019 - Reika Musa is 13-years old. Reikia is six months pregnant. Reikia, married, is out-of-school and has to hawk items on the streets to survive. Eno Obi is nine-years-old. She is a house girl to a rich family in Calabar. Eno was taken from her parents when she was just six. Eno was violated at the age of eight by her 'uncle'.

The Guardian - [Full article](#)

## République centrafricaine - L'envoyée de l'ONU pour les enfants et les conflits armés en République centrafricaine

1<sup>er</sup> mai 2019 - La Représentante spéciale du Secrétaire général de l'ONU pour les enfants et les conflits armés, Virginia Gamba, a entamé mardi à Bangui une mission de six jours en République centrafricaine (RCA).

ONU Info - [Article complet](#)

## West Africa - West Africa's Fine Line Between Cultural Norms and Child Trafficking

3 May 2019 - On a bus in Cotonou, Benin's commercial capital, four Nigerian girls aged between 15 and 16 sit closely together as they are about to embark on the last part of their journey to Mali, where they are told that their new husbands, whom they never have met, await them.

Inter Press Service - [Full article](#)



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## Zimbabwe - Add Key Protections to Education Bill: Address Needs of Children Most Likely to Be Out of School

10 May 2019 - [Zimbabwe](#)'s parliament should strengthen the Education Amendment Bill of 2019 to fully adhere to every child's right to a quality primary and secondary education, Human Rights Watch said today in an [open letter](#) to Priscilla Misihairabwi-Mushonga, chairperson of the parliament's Portfolio Committee on Primary and Secondary Education.

Human Rights Watch - [Full Article](#)