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### **Afghanistan - L'UNICEF appelle à préserver l'espoir et protéger les enfants**

17 décembre 2019 - Après 40 ans de conflit, l'Afghanistan est devenu la zone de guerre la plus meurtrière du monde avec un impact dévastateur sur les enfants et les parties manquent à leur devoir de les protéger de ses conséquences, a déclaré lundi l'UNICEF lors du lancement de son dernier rapport Préserver l'espoir en Afghanistan : protéger les enfants dans le conflit le plus meurtrier du monde.

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## **Colombia - Unos 10.000 niños suspenden su educación en Colombia por conflicto en 2019**

12 de Diciembre 2019 - Más de 10.000 niños colombianos tuvieron que suspender su educación de forma indefinida entre enero y agosto de este año debido al conflicto armado en algunas regiones del país, informó este miércoles el Consejo Noruego Para Refugiados (NRC, por sus siglas en inglés).

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## **Global - Fin d'une « décennie meurtrière » pour les enfants en zone de conflit**

27 décembre 2019 - Les conflits qui sévissent à travers le monde continuent de faire d'innombrables victimes parmi les enfants, annonce aujourd'hui UNICEF. Depuis le début de la décennie, les Nations unies ont attesté plus de 170 000 violations graves commises contre des enfants lors d'un conflit, soit plus de 45 cas par jour au cours des dix dernières années.

UNICEF France - [Article complet](#)

## **Global - 2019 concludes a ‘deadly decade’ for children in conflict, with more than 170,000 grave violations verified since 2010**

29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Children continue to pay a deadly price as conflicts rage around the world, UNICEF said today. Since the start of the decade, the United Nations has verified more than 170,000 grave violations against children in conflict – the equivalent of more than 45 violations every day for the last 10 years.

UNICEF - [Full article](#)

## **Global – Military detention of children in armed conflict**

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - In a joint policy note, Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict and Human Rights Watch highlight the increasingly worrying trend of military detention of children affected by armed conflict, a trend documented in at least 15 countries affected by armed conflict.

Watchlist – [Full article](#)

## **Global - Changing the narrative: Act now to protect children in armed conflict**

30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - As the New Year begins, it is time to bring new urgency to safeguarding the rights and protecting the lives of children affected by armed conflict. Around this time last year, I reflected on the failure of the international community to protect children living through war. Today, I am writing at the end of another devastating year – and a deadly decade – for these children.

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## Iraq - Iraq's education crisis: 2.5 Million children are at risk, group warns

16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Young Iraqis in the areas liberated from the Islamic State's control face an education crisis, with more than 2.5 million school-age children needing help to access education as a result of a large shortage of teachers, overcrowded classrooms and the lack of adequate funding, according to a new report from the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Af-Fanar Media - [Full article](#)

## Mali - 105,000 children in Mali displaced by violence, Save the Children warns

17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Children in Mali are being hit hardest by the deepening crisis in the north and the centre of the country, Save the Children warned today. Some 90,000 children and their families had to flee their homes in recent months because of a flare up in the violence between communities, and between armed groups and government forces in the border area with Burkina Faso and Niger.

Save The Children - [Full article](#)

## Philippine - Use of child warriors in armed conflict deplorable: CHR exec

9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - The Commission on Human Rights has 'strongly' condemned the use of child soldiers in armed conflict, vowing to launch an investigation into reports that a minor allegedly used by the New People's Army (NPA) was reportedly killed in an encounter with government forces last week.

Philippine Canadian Inquirer - [Full article](#)

## South Sudan - Renewed commitment to protect children in conflict in Northern Liech

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 - A total of 32 representatives from government and opposition forces operating in the Greater Upper Nile region have reiterated their commitment to stop recruiting boys and girls under the age of 18 and to release any children found in their ranks.

United Nations mission in south Sudan - [Full article](#)

## Ukraine - 430,000 children continue to bear the brunt of eastern Ukraine conflict

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 - Despite recent developments intending to protect the rights of children affected by eastern Ukraine's more than five-year-long conflict, nearly half a million girls and boys continue to face grave risks to their physical health and psychological well-being, said UNICEF today.

UNICEF - [Full article](#)



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## Yémen – Les enfants yéménites souffriront de la faim pendant vingt ans

4 décembre 2019 - Après cinq années de combats, de frappes aériennes meurtrières, de maladies et de crise humanitaire, le Yémen mettra longtemps à se remettre de la guerre, si tant est qu'elle se termine. Selon un rapport d'International Rescue Committee, il faudra près de vingt ans pour ramener ce pays, le plus pauvre de la péninsule arabique, à un niveau de malnutrition moindre que ce qu'il connaissait avant le conflit.

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