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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights

[Nouvelle] Une nouvelle étude montre comment fournir à davantage d’enfants malnutris un traitement vital

08 janvier 2016 - Les résultats d’une étude publiée hier par l'American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, co-écrite par The Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) et l'Université de Copenhague (UCPH), devraient mener à une augmentation significative du nombre d'enfants malnutris bénéficiant d’une prise en charge médicale.

Article complet (Reliefweb)

[NEWS] “No to child labour in Turkey’s hazelnut gardens”

January 08th 2016 - An ILO project prioritizes education as the main instrument to eliminate child labour in the country’s seasonal agriculture. So far, more than 1,200 children have benefitted from the project.

Full Article (International Labour Organisation)

[NEWS] One in four children in conflict zones are out of school

January 12th 2016 - In 22 countries affected by conflict, nearly 24 million children living in crisis zones are out of school, UNICEF said today. The analysis highlights that nearly one in four of the 109.2 million children of primary and lower secondary school age - typically between six and 15 years – living in conflict areas are missing out on their education.

Full Article (UNICEF)


January 12th 2016 – Nearly 24 million children living in crisis zones in 22 strife-torn countries are being deprived of a school education, threatening their own future and that of their societies, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) reported today.

Full Article (United Nation News Center)
[NEWS] Yemen’s war-weary children face ‘new year of pain and suffering’ – UNICEF official

January 12th, 2016 – The ongoing deadly violence in Yemen has left nearly 10 million children facing threats of malnutrition and disease, lack of education, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) representative to the country warned today, calling for unhindered humanitarian access to all those in need and an end to the conflict.

Full Article (United Nation)

[NEWS] U.S. Supreme Court gives boost to child slave labor case against Nestle

January 13th 2016 - A U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to dismiss a lawsuit seeking to hold Nestle, the world's largest food maker, accountable for using child slaves to harvest cocoa in Africa looks set to be a landmark battle over labor used overseas, lawyers said.

Full article (Reuters)

[NEWS] Thousands of children still need care and support in wake of Ebola epidemic

January 14th 2016 – Nearly 23,000 children who lost one or both parents or their primary caregivers to Ebola in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will continue to need care and support, UNICEF said as it welcomed the declaration that there are no more cases of the disease in West Africa.

Full Article (UNICEF)

[NEWS] Why are these children representing themselves in court?

January 14th 2016 - In the United States, many children in immigration court proceedings are unrepresented and must present their case to stay in the country without the help of a lawyer. A November 2014 report analyzing U.S. immigration court data found that about 43,000 children — two-thirds of the children with pending cases — were unrepresented. Meanwhile, the opposing side, the U.S. government, is always represented by an attorney.

Full Article (Reuters)
[NEWS] Over 12 million children have better educational opportunities through IKEA Foundation, Save the Children and UNICEF partnership

January 15th 2016 – More than 12 million children in over 46 countries have better schools, teachers and learning materials, thanks to a 13-year partnership between the IKEA Foundation, Save the Children and UNICEF. Since 2003, the IKEA Foundation’s ‘Soft Toys for Education’ campaign has contributed €88 million to Save the Children and UNICEF, helping to increase school attendance for some of the world’s most marginalized and vulnerable children. Funds have also helped train teachers, provide educational materials and improve child protection systems in schools and communities.

Full Article (UNICEF)

[News] "It's Not My Problem" Is No Longer Acceptable: Child Trafficking in the United States

15th January 2016 - I was recently at a cocktail party where the issue of child trafficking in the United States came up in the course of conversation.

Full article (Huffington Post)

[NEWS] Ikea Canada customers raised more than $500,000 for save the children and UNICEF to provide quality education to children living in poverty in developing countries

January 18th 2016 – Today, IKEA Canada announces its results for its annual Soft Toys for Education Campaign where for every soft toy or children’s book sold from November 2, 2015 to December 26, 2015, the IKEA foundation donated €1 (approximately $1.56 CDN*) to Save the Children and UNICEF to provide quality education to children living in poverty in developing countries.

Full Article (SAVE CHILDREN)
[NEWS] Slovenia and UNICEF in new partnership for refugee and migrant children on the move

January 19th 2016 – With up to 3,000 refugees and migrants passing through Slovenia each day, UNICEF and the Government of Slovenia today announced a partnership aimed at improving the care and protection of children on the move.

“While the vast majority of refugees and migrants are spending a short period of time in Slovenia before moving on, humanitarian needs remain considerable – especially for vulnerable groups, including children,” said Boštjan Šefic, Secretary of State at the Ministry of the Interior and the coordinator for the refugee response in Slovenia. “That’s why we are partnering with UNICEF to strengthen support services for children and families as they continue their journeys through Slovenia and beyond.”

Full Article (UNICEF)

[NEWS] Concern over health of children on the move during harsh winter – UNICEF

January 19th 2016 – Children arriving into a harsh winter in southeastern Europe are physically exhausted, scared, distressed and often in need of medical assistance, UNICEF warned.

The recent sub-zero temperatures and sometimes snowy conditions is exacerbating the children's poor physical condition as many children on the move do not have adequate clothing, or access to age-appropriate nutrition. This has been worsened by the lack of shelter and inadequate heating in some reception centres as well as buses and trains.

Full Article (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] L'UNESCO présente un nouveau modèle de financement pour favoriser l'accès aux manuels scolaires

19 janvier 2016 – sur l'éducation (GEM) et publiée mardi, l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, les sciences et la culture (UNESCO) propose un modèle économique qui permettrait de réduire le coût des manuels scolaires et d'accroître leur disponibilité pour de nombreux écoliers du monde entier.

Article complet (Centre d'actualité de l'ONU)
**[Nouvelle] Amnesty dénonce le travail des enfants dans les mines de cobalt**
Amnesty International a publié ce mardi 19 janvier 2016 un rapport sur le travail des enfants dans les mines de cobalt. Une matière qui entre dans la fabrication des batteries des objets connectés, comme les téléphones portables et les tablettes. Ce document appelle des grands groupes à se remettre en question.

*Article complet* (RFI)

**[Nouvelle] Les agences onusiennes s'inquiètent pour les enfants et les femmes réfugiées et migrants**
20 janvier 2016 – Le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR) a exprimé mercredi son inquiétude concernant les violences sexuelles dont sont victimes des femmes réfugiées et migrantes en route vers l'Europe, tandis que le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) s'est dit préoccupé pour la santé des enfants.

*Article complet* (Centre d’actualité de l’ONU)

**[Communiqué de presse] Le Secrétaire général nomme les premiers membres du Groupe de haut niveau de l’initiative « Toutes les femmes, tous les enfants »**
21 janvier 2016 – Le Secrétaire général de l'ONU, M. Ban Ki-Moon, a annoncé, aujourd’hui, la nomination des premiers membres du Groupe consultatif de haut niveau de l’Initiative « Toutes les femmes, tous les enfants », qui aidera à guider et à inspirer l’action en faveur de la santé des femmes, des adolescents et des enfants dans la transition entre les Objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement (OMD) et les objectifs de développement durable (ODD).

*Article complet* (Nations Unies)

**[NEWS] Egyptian human rights groups criticise juvenile detention conditions**
January 21st 2016 - Human rights groups in Egypt have repeatedly criticised the poor and illegal detention conditions of minors.
They say children are held alongside adults, abused in custody and kept for months in pre-trial detention, without being referred to court.
Child rights advocates accuse the authorities of turning a blind eye to the law, which sets very tough conditions for putting a child behind bars.

*Full Article* (BBC)
[NEWS] 17 children among 43 deaths in migrant boat sinkings off Greece

January 22nd 2016 - At least 43 people, including 17 children, drowned when their boats capsized off two Greek islands near the Turkish coast on Friday, coast guard officials said, marking one of the deadliest days for migrants risking the perilous route to Europe from Turkey.

Full Article (BCB.ca)

[NEWS] Ontario Hiring More Mental Health Workers for Children and Youth, Investing $6 Million to Support Early Intervention

January 22, 2016 - Ontario is investing $6 million in local mental health services to help an estimated additional 4,000 children and youth, and their families each year

Full article (Ontario ministry of children and youth services)

[NEWS] How Children Are Forced to the Front Lines of Yemen's War

January 23rd 2016 - Throughout Yemen's turbulent history, children have been armed and sent into battle by an array of armed groups and regime forces. The international community has been trying to end the practice, and in recent years the U.N. successfully pushed the government and the rebel Houthi group to promise to stop the use of child soldiers.

Full article (Huffington post)

[NEWS] Number of obese and overweight children under five 'alarming', WHO says

January 25th 2016 – At least 41 million children under the age of five are obese or overweight across the globe, with numbers rising most rapidly in developing countries, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

Full Article (REUTERS)
[NEWS] Child watchdogs warn of European refugee 'race to the bottom'

January 25th 2016 - A "race to the bottom" on asylum policy among European Union countries is exposing more than 360,000 child migrants to greater risk of harm as the bloc struggles to cope with a surge of refugees, rights watchdogs said on Monday.
European children's agencies issued the warning in a report released in Amsterdam, where the EU's interior ministers were meeting to discuss how to deal with the influx of people fleeing war in Africa and the Middle East.

Full Article (Reuters)

[Nouvelle] Le tribunal pour enfants va juger pour la première fois des apprentis djihadistes partis en Syrie

25 Janvier 2016 - Deux adolescents toulousains ont été renvoyés, vendredi 22 janvier, devant le tribunal pour enfants pour « participation à un groupement terroriste », après avoir séjourné un peu plus de deux semaines en Syrie au début de 2014. Leur départ avait été fortement médiatisé à l'époque, notamment par les parents de l'un d'eux, qui n'avaient rien vu venir. Dans son ordonnance de renvoi, que le monde a pu consulter, la juge d'instruction du pôle antiterroriste Isabelle Couzy estime qu'« il résulte de la procédure que Y. et A. ont décidé ensemble de rejoindre en Syrie un groupe afin d’y mener le djihad armé ».

Article complet (Le monde.fr)

[NEWS] AP INVESTIGATION: Feds’ Failures Imperil Migrant Children

January 25th 2016 - As tens of thousands of children fleeing violence in Central America crossed the border in search of safe harbor, overwhelmed U.S. officials weakened child protection policies, placing some young migrants in homes where they were sexually assaulted, starved or forced to work for little or no pay, an Associated Press investigation has found.

Full Article (FXB center for health & human rights/Harvard University)
[NEWS] Girls say 'no' to being married off

January 26th 2016 – Happiness, from the Mara Region of Tanzania, was 12 when her parents decided she was old enough to marry. They pulled her out of school, planning to have her undergo female genital mutilation (FGM) and then marry her off to a man of their choosing. But Happiness took a stand. She fled her parents’ home and took refuge at the UNFPA-supported Masanga Centre. For eight months, caretakers at the center worked to convince her parents to allow her to return to school. They finally relented, and Happiness resumed her education. But she continues to live at the centre and wants other girls in her situation to have the same kind of support.

Full article (Relief web)

[Nouvelle] Libérer les enfants de l'esclavage

26 janvier 2016 - Aujourd'hui encore, la lutte contre l'esclavage est loin d'être terminée. Engagé dans ce combat avec Bachpan Bachao Andolan (Mouvement pour sauver l'enfance), l'organisation qu'il a fondé, Kailash Satyarthi se bat pour des actions concrètes qui feront la différence.

Article complet (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

[Nouvelle] Les enfants autochtones discriminés par le fédéral

26 janvier 2016 - En échouant à offrir aux enfants autochtones le même niveau de services sociaux que celui offert aux autres petits Canadiens, le gouvernement fédéral s'est rendu coupable de discrimination à leur endroit, a conclu le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne.

Article complet (Radio Canada)

[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF réagit à la décision historique du Tribunal des droits de la personne et décrit les prochaines étapes cruciales pour les enfants du Canada

26 janvier 2016 - UNICEF Canada a réagi à la décision rendue aujourd'hui par le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne à propos d'une plainte contre le gouvernement fédéral alléguant que le manquement du Canada à fournir des services de protection de l'enfance équitables et culturellement adaptés aux enfants des Premières Nations vivant dans les réserves équivaut à une discrimination en vertu de la Loi canadienne sur les droits de la personne. Le président et chef de la direction d'UNICEF Canada, David Morley, et le conseiller principal d'UNICEF Canada en matière de politiques, Marv Bernstein, étaient respectivement présents à Toronto et Ottawa.

Article complet (Newswire.ca)
[News] UNICEF launches $2.8 billion humanitarian appeal for children

26th January 2016 – The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) today announced the launch of a $2.8 billion appeal to reach 43 million children in humanitarian emergencies worldwide, with for the first time ever the largest portion of the appeal – 25 per cent – going towards their education.

Full article (United Nations News Center)

[News] Progressing towards better childcare in Cambodia

27th January 2016- In Cambodia, a great number of families living in isolated regions do not have access to educational and caregiving structures for their children.

Full article (International Catholic Child Bureau)

[News] Children Behind Bars, the Global Overuse of Detention of Children

27th January 2016 - The door of a cell at Lusaka Central Prison. Children are routinely incarcerated in Zambia for minor offenses and frequently held together with adults, putting them at increased risk of sexual violence and other abuses.

Full article (Human Rights watch)

[News] Ending Child Marriage, Meeting the Global Development Goals’ Promise to Girls

27th January 2016 - Sharon J.’s marriage at age 14 in Tanzania dashed her hopes for the future: “My dream was to study to be a journalist. Until today, when I watch news or listen to the radio and someone is reading news, it causes me a lot of pain because I wish it were me.”

Full article (Human Rights Watch)

[Nouvelle] Détention : le nombre de mineurs placés continue de reculer

28 janvier 2016 - Le nombre de mineurs placés dans des institutions pénales continue de reculer en Suisse. Le 2 septembre 2015, jour de référence, ils étaient 433 (-10% en un an). Dans l'ensemble, les effectifs de détenus sont stables. Les prisons romandes sont toujours surchargées.

Article complet (observatoire international de justice juvénile)
[News] UK to give sanctuary to unaccompanied refugee children

28 January 2016 - The UK is to accept more unaccompanied child refugees from Syria and other conflict zones - but the government has not said how many. The Home Office will work with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to identify "exceptional cases" from camps in Syria and neighboring countries

[NEWS] Migrant crisis: More than 10,000 children 'missing'

31 January 2016 - More than 10,000 migrant children may have disappeared after arriving in Europe over the past two years, the EU's police intelligence unit says. Europol said thousands of vulnerable minors had vanished after registering with state authorities. It warned of children and young people being forced into sexual exploitation and slavery by criminal gangs.

[NEWS] Telecoms industry can collaborate to tackle child rights, says Millicom.

28 January 2016 - Millicom, the emerging market telecommunications company, in collaboration with UNICEF, has developed a new tool to help conduct self-assessments using the global Children's Rights and Business Principles. Millicom believes that the tool could achieve industry-wide adoption in the future and has launched a consultation inviting wider collaboration. The new Child Rights Impact Assessment tool has been designed specifically for mobile operators. It aims to enable businesses to assess how their activities might impact children directly or indirectly, covering issues that include child online protection, child labour within the distribution of SIMs and scratch cards, extracting valuables from e-waste and safeguarding children from accessing potentially dangerous network infrastructure.

[NOUVELLES] Treize présumés pédophiles arrêtés

17 Janvier 2016 - La Sûreté du Québec ainsi que de nombreux corps policiers municipaux ont procédé à l'arrestation de treize personnes ce matin dans plusieurs villes de la province ainsi qu'en Ontario. Elles sont soupçonnées d'être des pédophiles. Les treize personnes arrêtées, âgées de 27 à 74 ans, échangeaient des informations sur Internet sur leurs expériences personnelles et partageaient des tactiques pour attirer et leurrer des enfants ainsi que des informations sur les lieux où il est le plus facile de les approcher.

Article complet (Radio Canada)
[NOUVELLES] Un enfant sur neuf vit en zone de conflit

26 Janvier 2016 - Un enfant sur neuf vit désormais dans des zones frappées par la guerre ou les conflits violents, soit près de 250 millions d’enfants à travers le monde, estime l’UNICEF. Une situation critique qui double le risque de décès de causes évitables chez les petits de moins de cinq ans, vulnérabilisés par la malnutrition, les maladies infectieuses et l’absence de soins de santé.

Article complet (Le Devoir)

[NEWS] Obama bans solitary confinement for juveniles and low-level offenders

26 Janvier 2016 - US President Barack Obama has said he will ban solitary confinement as a form of punishment for juvenile and low-level offenders in federal prisons. He said solitary confinement has the potential to cause "lasting psychological consequences" for inmates. The reforms would affect about 10,000 inmates who are serving time in isolation in the federal system.

Full article (BBC)
2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Children's Rights Behind Bars

The project *Children's Rights Behind Bars* will culminate in a **European Final Conference** to be held in the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels (Belgium) on the 15 February 2016.

**Location:** European Economic and Social Committe, Rue Belliard, 99, 1040, Brussels Belgium  
**Date:** 15th February 2016  
*For more information* (International juvenile justice observatory)

National Conference on Bullying & Child Victimization

The 2016 National Conference on Bullying and Child Victimization is the largest and most comprehensive conference focused on all the aspects bullying and child related crime. Focused on protecting children on all levels using proven best practices and innovative localized programs and efforts, this conference brings together the most knowledgeable and internationally renowned keynote presenters into one forum to provide the highest quality professional development possible in one conference.

**Location:** DoubleTree SeaWorld Orlando, 10100 International Dr, 32821, Orlando, FLorida United States  
**Date:** 21st February 2016 - 24th February 2016  
*For more information* (International juvenile justice observatory)

Child Sex Trafficking: Law Enforcement Response

This training is designed to provide law enforcement investigators, human trafficking task force members and social service providers with the information necessary to properly understand, recognize, and investigate cases involving child sex trafficking and exploitation. Modules include a focus on the survivor's perspective and changing perceptions regarding trafficking victims.

**Location:** Racine Marriott Hotel - 7111 Washington Ave, Racine, WI, 53406, Racine, WIWisconsin United States  
**Date:** 23rd February 2016 - 25th February 2016  
*For more information* (International juvenile justice observatory)
3. Vacancies

Banque de candidatures - Intervenant (e) en protection de l'enfance

Toutes demandes d’emploi soumises à cette « Banque de candidatures » seront conservées pour une période de six (6) mois. Les candidat(e)s qualifié(e)s seront considéré(e)s pour des postes vacants pour une durée moins de douze (12) mois.
Nous invitons toute personne qualifiée à mettre à jour leurs qualifications et soumettre de nouveau leur demande d’emploi dans six (6) mois dans la mesure où leur candidature n’a pas été retenue pour une entrevue.

Location : Ottawa
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Pour plus d’information (La société de l’aide à l’enfance d’Ottawa)

Banque de candidatures – Éducateur (trice) spécialisé(e)

Étes-vous en quête d’une carrière enrichissante ? Aimeriez-vous avoir la possibilité d’améliorer la vie d’un enfant ou d’un(e) adolescent(e) d’Ottawa ? La Société de l’aide à l’enfance d’Ottawa (SAE) est présentement à la recherche de personnes dynamiques et dévouées pour se joindre à l’une des plus importante Sociétés de l’aide à l’enfance en Ontario à titre d’éducateur (trice) spécialisé(e).

Location : Ottawa
Date de publication : 1er janvier 2016
Date de clôture : 31 décembre 2016
Pour plus d’information (La société de l’aide à l’enfance d’Ottawa)

Consultancy Child Protection Information Management Officer, Lodwar

Under the supervision of the Child Protection Specialist, Lodwar Zonal Office (With management oversight by Chief Lodwar Zonal Office, and technical back-up by Chief Child Protection Nairobi) the objective of the position is to improve the case management system for unaccompanied, separated and vulnerable girls and boys in Kakuma refugee camp. The incumbent will also support the case management activities in all four counties (Turkana, West Pokot, Baringo and Samburu) under the Lodwar Zonal office. This position is for Kenyan Nationals only.

Location: Kenya
Date: 14th February 2016
For more information (UNICEF)
Child Survival & Development Specialist, P-4, Maseru, Lesotho

If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you.

Location: Lesotho  
Date: 15th February 2016  
For more information (UNICEF)

Child Protection Emergency Preparedness Consultancy

If you are a passionate and committed professional and want to make a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you.

Location: East Jerusalem with travel to West Bank and Gaza  
Closing date: 22nd February 2016  
For more information

Political Affairs Officer

This post is located in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG-CAAC). The mandate and work of the Office derives from General Assembly Resolution 51/77 and subsequent General Assembly resolutions, as well as successive Security Council resolutions on children and armed conflict. The incumbent will report to the Chief of Office.

Location: New York  
Closing date: 26th February 2016  
For more information (United Nation)

Global Education Cluster Coordinator

We are currently recruiting for a Global Education Cluster Coordinator to be based in our Geneva Advocacy office.

Location: Geneva Switzerland  
Closing date: 27th February 2016  
For more information (Save children)
Senior Women's and Children's Protection Coordinator

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee is one of the most prominent international organizations working in relief, rehabilitation, protection, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression. IRC has worked in Liberia since 1996 and is one of the largest humanitarian actors in the country. The IRC implements innovative health and women and children protection programs in Nimba, Lofa, Bong, Montserrado, Maryland, River Gee, Grand Bassa, and Margibi counties in Liberia.

The IRC is recruiting an experienced Senior Women and Children Protection Coordinator to oversee a comprehensive portfolio of women and children protection projects that includes targeted, short-term emergency response actions, as well as longer-term interventions in line with IRC's WPE and CYPD strategies.

Location: Liberia
Closing date: 24th March 2016
For more information

Technical Lead - Child Protection/Children on the Move

Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children. We work in 120 countries. We save children's lives; we fight for their rights; we help them fulfil their potential. We work together, with our partners, to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Location: Greece
Closing date: Monday 28th March 2016
For more information (Save children)
4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Afrique – CPI : Ongwen, l’enfant-soldat devenu le fer de lance de la LRA

21 janvier 2016 - L’ancien chef de guerre ougandais Dominic Ongwen était « le fer de lance » de la sanguinaire rébellion de l'Armée de résistance du Seigneur (LRA), a assuré jeudi un procureur de la CPI, en présentant aux juges 70 chefs d'accusations de crimes de guerre et crimes contre l'humanité. Une vidéo montrant des huttes brûlées dans un village du nord de l'Ouganda, des morts enterrés à la hâte et des corps d'enfants abandonnés, recouverts de mouches : le procureur Benjamin Gumpert espère convaincre les juges d'ouvrir un procès contre Dominic Ongwen, environ 40 ans.

Article complet (La Presse)

Africa – Violence against Women and Girls Helpdesk

January 2016 - Although the development community has long recognised the importance of attitudes, norms, and beliefs that justify violence and gender inequality in perpetuating violence against women and girls (VAWG), there has often been a lack of clarity about the definitions of and relationships between these constructs and the practical implications for programme design and evaluation. This Guidance Note therefore aims to clarify these constructs, summarise the role of social norms in sustaining harmful behaviours and contributing to VAWG, and provide practical guidance and advice for DFID advisors and programme managers on how to identify and address harmful social norms in the context of programming to prevent VAWG.

Full Article (Relief Web)

Africa – Thousands of Children Still Need Care and Support in Wake of Ebola Epidemic

January 16th – Nearly 23,000 children who lost one or both parents or their primary caregivers to Ebola in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will continue to need care and support, UNICEF said as it welcomed the declaration that there are no more cases of the disease in West Africa. Today’s declaration that Liberia is free of Ebola transmissions, having completed a 42-day period without a case of the disease, follows Guinea’s declaration in December and Sierra Leone’s in November. The country now enters a three-month period of heightened surveillance.

Full Article (UNICEF)
Angola – Over Thousand Children Assisted in Moxico

January 20th, 2016 - More than a thousand children, aged two to five years, will be assisted this year, at the Child Community Centers scattered around the province, assigned to the directorate of Moxico Social Welfare. The children to be assisted are mostly in vulnerable social situation, covering also minors with families in rural areas with little economic power.

Full Article (All Africa)

Angola – Over 2,000 Child Rights Violation Complaints Reported in 2015

January 15th, 2016 - At least two thousand and sixty-four cases of child rights violation complaints were registered across the country in 2015, by the National Children's Institute (INAC), reported, Friday, in Luanda, the minister of Welfare and Social Reintegration, João Baptista Kussumua. The official provided the information at a multi-sectoral meeting to define the Strategy for Combating Violence Against Children, promoted by the Ministry of Social Welfare (Minars). According to the minister João Baptista Kussumua, during the year 2015 there has been a growth of 22 per cent of cases recorded, comparing to the year of 2014.

Full Article (All Africa)

Bénin – La situation des droits des enfants au Bénin évaluée par un Comité des Nations-Unies

18 janvier 2016 - Les droits de l'enfant au Bénin feront l'objet d'un examen par le Comité des droits de l'enfant (CDE) le 20 janvier lors d'une session publique qui sera retransmise en direct. Le Bénin est l'un des 196 États parties à la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant et sera, à ce titre, soumis à un examen périodique de la part de ce Comité composé de 18 experts. Un dialogue aura lieu entre les membres du CDE et une délégation du Bénin sur la mise en œuvre de la Convention des droits de l'enfant. Le Comité fera une évaluation de la situation des droits des enfants béninois sur la base des réponses de la délégation et des informations reçues de la société civile.

Article complet (OHCHR)
Burundi – Children and Armed Conflict Monthly Update

January 5th, 2016 - This month’s update highlights children and armed conflict concerns and provides recommendations for the protection of children in the situations of Burundi, Iraq, Somalia, and South Sudan. The update also reiterates key recommendations to the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict ahead of the conclusion negotiations on Afghanistan, still pending.

Full Article (Watchlist)

Burundi – Violations des droits de l’homme au Burundi : de nouvelles tendances émergents, selon Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein


Article Complet (OHCHR)

Cameroon Cracks Down on Armed Youths After Police Station Attacks

January 12th, 2016 - Cameroon has arrested hundreds of people who allegedly attacked police stations in the capital Yaoundé to protest human rights abuses, brutality and extortion. Huge stashes of locally made guns and explosives have been seized as the arrests continue. Martin Claude Forsua, the most senior police official in Cameroon’s center region, where Yaoundé is located, said the approximately 500 youths already in police custody were arrested following tips from some residents of the capital city and information from intelligence services.

Full Article (News from Africa)
Central African Republic – The Struggle to Find Missing Family Amid Increased Insecurity

January 19th 2016 - Persistent violence in the Central African Republic has separated families, leaving many anxious about the future. Increased insecurity and poor road networks remain a big challenge for those who wish to look for their loved ones. Monique, 80, a widow and mother of five lives in Kembe in the southern part of the country, a town that was destroyed at the onset of the violence two years ago. To date, no form of reconstruction has taken place,

Full Article (Relief Web)

Central African Republic – UN Whistleblower Who Exposed Sexual Abuse by Peacekeeper is Exonerated

January 18th, 2016 - The UN whistleblower who exposed the sexual abuse of children by peacekeepers in Central African Republic has been completely exonerated after an internal investigation. Anders Kompass, the director of field operations for the office of the high commissioner for human rights in Geneva, was suspended and faced dismissal after he passed confidential documents detailing the abuse of children by French troops in CAR to the authorities in Paris because of the UN’s failure to stop the exploitation.

Full Article (The Guardian)

Côte d’Ivoire – Les populations de Bondoukou sensibilisées sur la santé de la mère et de l’enfant

21 janvier 2016 - La direction régionale de la santé et le district sanitaire de Bondoukou en collaboration avec le Programme national de santé de la mère et de l’enfant ont initié, de mardi à mercredi, une campagne de sensibilisation sur la santé de la mère et de l’enfant dans deux localités du département à savoir Yérékaye et Ouakiala. Cette campagne qui a bénéficié de l’appui financier du Fonds des Nations unies pour l’enfance (Unicef), vise selon Dr Yeboua Amoikon, médecin au Programme national de santé de la mère et de l’enfant, à rapprocher les services de santé des populations en vue de réduire la mortalité maternelle et infantile.

Article complet (Abidjan net)
Côte d'Ivoire – Trafic d’enfants en Côte d’Ivoire : dans l’enfer des plantations de cacao


[Article complet](Géopolis)

Democratic Republic of Congo – Taking Rape Allegations Seriously

January 12th, 2016 - A Democratic Republic of Congo official says the country is taking seriously allegations that several of its soldiers deployed as peacekeepers in the Central African Republic committed rape. The United Nations says the DRC battalion in the C.A.R. will be withdrawn and not replaced. It is not clear how important the rape allegations are in the U.N. decision the DRC troops should withdraw from the Central African Republic. U.N. officials have said the troops failed an internal assessment based on equipment, vetting procedures and preparedness.

[Full Article](News from Africa)

Democratic Republic of Congo – Children as Young as Seven Mining Cobalt Used in Smartphones, says Amnesty

January 19th, 2016 - Children as young as seven are working in perilous conditions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to mine cobalt that ends up in smartphones, cars and computers sold to millions across the world, by household brands including Apple, Microsoft and Vodafone, according to a new investigation by Amnesty International. The human rights group claims to have traced cobalt used in lithium batteries sold to 16 multinational brands to mines where young children and adults are being paid a dollar a day, working in life-threatening conditions and subjected to violence, extortion and intimidation.

[Full Article](The Guardian)
Ethiopia – 350,000 Babies Expected to be Born Across Drought-affected Parts of Ethiopia as Food Crisis Peaks

January 22nd, 2016 - Save the Children is calling on the United Nations to urgently raise the global alarm on Ethiopia’s worst drought in 50 years as global leaders, including UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, prepare to arrive in the nation’s capital for the 26th African Union Summit starting on January 25th. The call comes as new figures reveal an estimated 350,000 newborns are expected in drought-affected communities in the six months to August 2016 when Ethiopia’s ‘hunger season’ peaks, according to Save the Children.

Full Article (Save the Children)

Guinée – Difficile réapprentissage de la vie pour les orphelins d’Ébola

14 janvier 2016 - Plus de 22.000 enfants ont perdu au moins un de leurs parents dans les trois pays les plus touchés, a rappelé jeudi l'Unicef, le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance, dans un communiqué après l'annonce par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) de l'arrêt de "toutes les chaînes connues de transmission en Afrique de l'Ouest". "Les enfants ont vraiment souffert tout au début. Parce que quand on se rend compte qu'il y a l'épidémie dans une famille, automatiquement ces enfants-là sont stigmatisés. Les voisins, les enfants voisins qui avaient l'habitude de jouer avec eux, d'aller à l'école avec eux, sont empêchés par leurs parents", selon Yaya Diallo, un responsable de l'ONG Plan International en Guinée.

Article Complet (Relief Web)

Kenya – Maternal and Child Health Key to Kenya’s Economic Growth

January 18th, 2016 - Mandera’s maternal mortality ratio stands at 3 795 deaths per 100 000 live births, almost double that of wartime Sierra Leone at 2 000 deaths per 100 000 live births. Two out of every three cases of maternal deaths occur in areas affected by a humanitarian crisis or in volatile conditions, such as the North-Eastern region of Kenya where increasing focus is being put on giving pregnant mothers a real chance of surviving childbirth. Some 6 out of every ten maternal deaths occur in this region. Poor education, little use of contraceptives, traditions such as marriage, that tend to derail women’s self-determination, together with inadequate health services have kept led to these very poor health indicators. What we realized was that almost every child born in the region is really a throw of the dice, a hit-or-miss proposition that local communities face with stoicism, but a situation that development agencies are increasingly determined not accept.

Full Article (Inter Press Service)
Kenya – Top Marks for Girl Student in Kakuma Refugee Camp

January 12th, 2016 - The dust has finally settled and top performing Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) class of 2015 candidates have had a week celebrating their achievements. Some are even gracing national TV stations to tell the whole world what it took for them to excel in the examinations. Others had parties in their honour as parents, siblings, former teachers and schoolmates seek to share in the glory. However, in far away Kakuma Refugee Camp, Turkana County, 17-year-old Margaret Awak Aguer is still coming to terms with her performance. Margaret defied all odds to score an amazing 400 out of a possible 500 Marks in the examinations and thus became the best student in the entire refugee camp where 2,939 (607 female) candidates from 19 primary schools managed by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) sat the examinations.

Full Article (The Lutheran World Federation)

Kenya – UN Committee to review Kenya’s Record on Children’s Right

January 19th, 2016 - Children's rights in Kenya will be reviewed by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on 21 January in sessions that will be webcast live. Kenya is one of the 196 states that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child and so is required to undergo regular examinations of its record by the Committee of 18 independent experts. The CRC members will hold discussions with a delegation from the Kenyan Government on how the Convention is being implemented. The Committee will base its evaluation on the delegation’s replies, as well as information from other sources, including civil society groups

Full Article (OHCHR)

Malawi – Massive Food Crisis Threatens 500,000 Children

January 6th, 2016 - Drought and erratic rainfall in late 2014 and early 2015 damaged crop production in Malawi. “The government has estimated that corn production has fallen by 27 percent compared to last year, and is down by 20 percent compared to the average of the past five years,” said Lucia Prieto, Action Against Hunger’s program officer for Malawi. Then a bad situation got worse. Severe floods in 2015 caused by unusually heavy rainfall ruined crops, damaged homes, and killed livestock. These extreme weather events have taken a huge toll on communities that depend on farming for survival: the food stocks of vulnerable families have been depleted or lost.

Full Article (Action Against Hunger)
Malawi meets WHO Standards on Reducing Child Mortality Rate

January 21st, 2016 - Government Wednesday said Malawi has managed to meet World Health Organization (WHO) standards on reducing child mortality rate. Minister of Health, Dr Peter Kumpalume disclosed this in Lilongwe during a dissemination workshop on Muuni wa Uchembere Wambino, an initiative on sexual and reproductive health by Care Malawi. "We started taking closer interest in maternal death and child mortality rates since the onset of Malawi Development Growth Strategy (MDGSs) in 2000 and in 2004, 76, 000 children died per 100, 000 children which were quite high," Kumpalume explained.

Full Article (All Africa)

Mali – Gao : le rôle des jeunes femmes dans la mise en œuvre de l’Accord de Paix

19 janvier 2016 - La Direction Régionale de la Jeunesse de Gao a accueilli les 16 et 17 janvier un atelier de formation sur l’implication et le rôle des jeunes et des femmes dans la mise en œuvre de l’Accord pour la Paix et la Réconciliation au Mali, une initiative des Mouvements de résistance civile de Gao (Jeunes Patrouilleurs, Patriotes, Nous Pas Bouger) en collaboration avec la MINUSMA. « Cette formation nous offre l’opportunité de mieux comprendre et interpréter le contenu de l’Accord de Paix. Nous sommes tous associés à son application et j’invite mes collègues jeunes à saisir cette opportunité pour mieux cerner le contenu de cet accord et pourquoi pas pour sensibiliser ceux qui n’ont pas eu la chance d’être ici avec nous. Que cet accord soit pour notre pays une opportunité pour la paix et la stabilité, » a déclaré Moussa Boureima Yoro, représentant des Mouvements de résistance civile et facilitateur, lors de la cérémonie d’ouverture.

Article complet (Relief Web)

Mali – Instability Casts Long Shadow Over Children as Aid Efforts Thwarted

January 21st, 2016 - Aid agencies have warned that security issues are harming the health, education and nutrition of children in Mali, where the unchecked spread of Islamic extremist violence has left many schools and health centres beyond the reach of humanitarian programmes. The targeting of hotels has raised international awareness of attacks in the Sahel region by groups affiliated to al-Qaida – last week’s massacre in Burkina Faso, for which al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb claimed responsibility, followed an attack on the Radisson Blu hotel in the Malian capital Bamako last November in which 21 people died. But the main obstacle to humanitarian efforts is in rural areas, according to World Food Programme (WFP) country representative Sally Haydock.

Full Article (The Guardian)
Nigeria launches new investigation of 2014 kidnap Chibok girls

January 14th, 2014 - Nigeria's president Muhammadu Buhari has ordered a new investigation into the kidnapping of 219 schoolgirls by Islamist group Boko Haram in April 2014 from the town of Chibok, the presidency said on Thursday. A statement said a panel would be announced soon by the National Security Advisor. The decision comes after parents of the girls and the Bring Back Our Girls (BBOG) movement marched to the presidential villa to demand a meeting with Buhari earlier on Thursday.

Full Article (Reuters)

Nigeria – UN Experts to Assess Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Women and Children form Boko Haram

January 13th, 2016- Three United Nations human rights experts will visit Nigeria from 18 to 22 January 2016 to examine the measures to assist in the rehabilitation and reintegration of the women and children who escaped or were liberated from Boko Haram captivity. “All measures taken or intended to be taken to ensure the right to care, recovery and reintegration of these women and children should comply with international human rights norms and standards,” said the UN Special Rapporteurs on sale of children, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, on slavery, Urmila Boola, and on right to health, Dainus Pūras.

Full Article (OHCHR)

Nigeria – Nation Faces Major Challenge to Vaccinate Children

January 13th, 2016 - As we look back on the public health issues that caught the world's attention in 2015, immunization stands out. Whether it was the measles outbreak in the US or the Ebola vaccine trials in Guinea, vaccines were top of mind throughout the year. The annual Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) Assessment Report, which was released at the end of the year, recaps some of these key moments and highlights some critical gaps in immunization coverage worldwide.

Full Article (All Africa)

Nigeria – Woman Develops App to Reduce Mortality Rate in Africa

January 3rd, 2016- Miss Kesandu Nwokolo, a young Nigerian, has developed a mobile phone application to help reduce infant and maternal mortality in Africa. In a statement obtained by the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Sunday in Lagos, the innovative healthcare app would revolutionize the health sector in Nigeria and Africa.

Full Article (All Africa)
République centrafricaine – L'OIM aide à inscrire les enfants déplacés à l'école en République centrafricaine

15 janvier 2016 - L'OIM facilite l'inscription d'enfants déplacés à l'école primaire dans le cadre de ses activités de gestion du site de déplacement de l'église luthérienne à Bangui, en République centrafricaine (RCA). Les enfants sont enregistrés par les facilitateurs de l'OIM, puis renvoyés vers REMOD, une ONG locale qui a organisé leur inscription dans une école primaire financée par l'UNICEF. « En raison de l'insécurité, plusieurs familles ont trouvé refuge sur le site en décembre. Le personnel de l'OIM a rapidement inscrit les enfants à l'école primaire en milieu de mois. L'instruction des enfants n’a donc pas été interrompue », a déclaré Vangulé Angele, membre du comité du site.

Article complet (Relief Web)

République Démocratique du Congo – Grâce à son programme Amani et Afia de lutte contre le VIH/SIDA en milieu scolaire, Caritas Goma soutient les clubs d’élèves


Article complet (Caritas Congo ASBL)

Senegal – Committee on the Rights of Child Considers Report of Senegal

January 12th, 2016 - The Committee on the Rights of the Child concluded today its consideration of the combined third to fifth periodic report of Senegal on its implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Presenting the report, Mame Baba Cisse, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations Office at Geneva, stated that in 1989 Senegal had been one of the first States to accede to the Convention without reservations. Over the years, Senegal had been steadfastly seeking to improve indicators in the field of children’s rights. Children were established as primary beneficiaries under the national social protection programmes. The National Child Protection Strategy was a sign of the revolution in the protection and promotion of children’s rights in Senegal.

Full Article (OHCHR)
Sierra Leone – Deputy Health Minister Launches Haikal Strategic Plan 2016-2020 for the Girl Child

January 20th, 2016 - Deputy Health and Sanitation Minister II, Madam Madina Rahman has launched the Haikal Strategic Plan 2016-2020 for the Health and Education of the Girl Child at the Ramsey Hall, Liverpool Street in Freetown on Tuesday 19, January, 2016. Launching the Strategic Plan, Madam Madina Rahman commended Haikal for supporting the Ministry of Health throughout the Ebola outbreak in the country. She maintained that Haikal did not only support the country on health issues but also in making sure that the vulnerable people have food and other items that were required during the Ebola outbreak.

Full Article (All Africa)

Somalia – Lone Children Fleeing war in Yemen Seek Safety in Somaliland

January 11th 2016 - Yemeni teen Khayria Abdel Wahab was making the beds in the home where she was a housekeeper when a shattering blast signaled a heavy bombardment. Panicked by the explosion, the 17-year-old ran out into the crowds fleeing towards the port in her hometown, all the while searching for her mother and her seven brothers and sisters. For three days, Abdel Wahab tried to find her family.

Full Article (UNHCR)

South Africa: The Trevor Noah Phenomenon: Young, Black, South Africans are Standing up

January 18th, 2016 - Last year was a tumultuous one for South Africa and the country faces an uncertain 2016. This prevailing mood does not bode well for South African society. But there are undercurrents that suggest otherwise - budding signs of a deepening democracy. One of these is the Trevor Noah comedic phenomenon. Noah is a comic export to the American global television market as successor to the famous satiric host, Jon Stewart, on the highly rated Daily Show. The show draws its comedy and satirical content from trending political news, cutting-edge debates and interviews with top politicians and influencers. Noah's acclaimed hosting debut had 3.471 million viewers. In rising through the comedy ranks he has drawn on material from his turbulent childhood and ethnic experiences.

Full Article (All Africa)
South Africa: South African School Bars Foreign Pupils Report

January 19th, 2016 - A number of foreigners - mainly Zimbabweans staying in Johannesburg in South Africa - are stranded after a principal at Muzomuhle Primary School barred them from enrolling their children for the 2016 academic year. The school is located in Diepsloot West. The actual number of affected children could not be established but sources in that country said over 50 parents were turned away by the school's principal last week on Thursday.

Full Article (All Africa)

South Africa: Government Urges Communities to be Vigilant and Protect Children

January 21st, 2016 - Government expresses great sadness at the tragic death of seven children in two separate incidents in the country this week. According to media reports, five of the children suffocated whilst playing in a freezer in Kakamas in Northern Cape and two after suffering from extreme heat when they were trapped inside an abandoned car in Clairemont in KwaZulu-Natal. Whilst the respective law enforcement authorities are investigating both incidents, government urges communities to work together to keep children safe and for parents and care-givers to be more vigilant about their children's whereabouts and activities at all times.

Full Article (All Africa)

South Sudan – Very, Very Severely Malnourished: South Sudan’s Children on the Brink

January 14th, 2016 - The baby lies limply in its mother’s arms. It is listless and feverish, its eyes half closed. A pile of medical cards, documenting the weight and health of each child brought to this outdoor screening clinic for malnourished children, blows away in the wind. No one notices except for a boy, who runs to retrieve them. As the baby’s mother takes a seat on the plastic rug under the tree that acts as a waiting room, a healthcare worker notices the seriously ill baby and pulls the mother aside. He tells her the baby urgently needs to be referred for medical treatment as this is a nutrition and screening clinic. The mother refuses. “No, I want this medicine,” she insists, pointing at the boxes on the desk.

Full Article (The Guardian)
South Sudan’s Future Rests on its Children’s Education

January 14th 2016 - On Tuesday this week, UNICEF told the world the inevitable: that South Sudan has the “…highest proportion of out of school children in the world” – and this is attributable to the fact that up to 51% of primary and lower secondary school children are not accessing education. As things stand today, we have 1,813,000 out of school children – 413,000 of them having been forced out of school by the two years conflict that also led to the destruction of over 800 schools.

[Full Article](Relief Web)

South Sudan – From Lost Boys to Leaders

January 8th 2016 - In the late 1980's and early 1990's, more than 20,000 boys and girls who fled Sudan's second civil war lost their families along the way. For years the international community has called them the "Lost Boys", but today they are no longer boys nor are they lost. They are remarkable men and women, many of whom have returned home as skilled professionals to build South Sudan from the ground up. As children, the "Lost Boys" struggled to survive – many falling sick or becoming victims of war. Most were recruited to fight as child soldiers. The fortunate few made it to Kakuma refugee camp in northeastern Kenya, first established in 1992 to house Sudanese refugees.

[Full Article](Relief Web)

South Sudan – Education is our right, South Sudanese children say

January 25th, 2018 - At least 2,000 children in South Sudan’s Unity state started their primary leaving examinations, two years after war broke out in the world’s youngest nation, killing tens of thousands and displacing more than two million people. Nyagoa Kai, a pupil, said getting back to school was a new beginning in life. “I believe today [Monday] as we kick off our exams we are in a new world. We need education more than anything to change this country,” said Kai. According to the pupil, some of his colleagues who left school when war broke in the country, called on the leaders to put aside their grievances to end fighting.

[Full Article](Sudan Tribune)
Sudan – Improving Education in Sudan to Empower Future Generations

January 7th, 2016 - For the past two years, Fatima Ibrahim has been making the arduous one-hour trek from her home in Hay Al-Arab in Kassala State to teach at a school in one of the most remote areas in Sudan. While she admits the commute is challenging, Ibrahim said she considers it a small price to pay in exchange for being able to teach some of the neediest children in the country. “I travel a long distance to and from home every day and water is scarce here, but it is a good school and the kids are great,” she said.

Full Article (The World Bank)

Uganda – Four Million Children for Polio Immunisation

January 7th, 2016 - Ministry of Health is targeting to immunise about four million children against polio in 57 high risk districts along Uganda’s borders. The three-day door-to-door campaign will be carried out in districts mainly bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, ministry Communications Officer, Rukia Nakamatte said on Thursday. The exercise that begins January 22 is targeting children from zero to five years, she said. “There are some polio cases that have been reported in South Sudan and this puts Uganda at risk because we share a border,” she explained.

Full Article (New Vision)

Uganda – Youths Seek Jobs at Karuma

January 20th, 2016 - More than 200 unemployed youths stormed the offices of the human resource manager at Sinohydro, the Chinese company building the 600MW Karuma power dam, expressing their plight of being unemployed. Severino Opiyo Olunya, who led the youths to the offices, says since the beginning of the construction of the Karuma hydro power project, the youth within the surrounding areas are not given first priority when it comes to employment.

Full Article (All Africa)
West Africa – U.S. Supreme Court Gives Boost to Child Slave Labor Case Against Nestle

January 13th, 2016 - A U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to dismiss a lawsuit seeking to hold Nestle, the world's largest food maker, accountable for using child slaves to harvest cocoa in Africa looks set to be a landmark battle over labor used overseas, lawyers said. The ruling sends the case back to federal court in California and brings closer the possibility of a trial, said Terrence Collingsworth, executive director at International Rights Advocates who is involved in the lawsuit. The lawsuit was filed against Nestle, Archer Daniels Midland Co and Cargill Inc. by former child slavery victims originally from Mali in West Africa. The case dates back to 2005.

Full Article (All Africa)

Zambia – UN Child Rights Committee to Review Zambia on January 22nd

January 19th 2016 - The review of Zambia by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child will now take place on Friday 22 January, not on Wednesday 20 January as originally scheduled. Zambia is one of the 196 states that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child and so is required to undergo regular examinations of its record by the Committee of 18 independent experts.

Full Article (OHCHR)

Zimbabwe – Constitutional Court Ruling on Child Marriages

January 20th, 2015 - The Zimbabwe Association of Doctors for Human Rights (ZADHR) applauds the Constitutional Court of Zimbabwe for handing down a progressive judgment today, the 20th of January 2016, in which marriage of children under the age of 18 years has been outlawed. The judgement will go a long way in preserving the sexual reproductive health and human rights of minors who are below the age of 18.

Full Article (Relief Web)

Zimbabwe – UN Committee to Review Zimbabwe’s Record on Children’s Rights

January 15th, 2016 - Children’s rights in Zimbabwe will be reviewed by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on 19 January in sessions that will be webcast live. Zimbabwe is one of the 196 states that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child and so is required to undergo regular examinations of its record by the Committee of 18 independent experts. The CRC members will hold discussions with a delegation from the Zimbabwean Government on how the Convention is being implemented.

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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights

[Nouvelle] Plus de 10 000 enfants migrants portés disparus

31 janvier 2016 – Plus de 10 000 enfants migrants non accompagnés ont disparu en Europe sur les 18 à 24 derniers mois, a affirmé dimanche l'agence de coordination policière Europol, craignant que nombre d'entre eux soient exploités, notamment sexuellement, par le crime organisé.

Article complet (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Des scientifiques autorisés à manipuler des embryons humains au Royaume-Uni

1er février 2016 – Des scientifiques ont été autorisés à manipuler, pour la première fois au Royaume-Uni, des embryons humains à des fins de recherche, a annoncé lundi l'autorité britannique de la fertilisation humaine et de l'embryologie, la HFEA.

Article complet (La Presse)

[News] EU police issue warning on lost child refugees

February 1st, 2016 – More than 10,000 child refugees are missing in the EU, with authorities fearing criminal gangs may be exploiting a large number for sex work and slave labour. The EU's police agency Europol on Sunday (31 January) told British newspaper The Observer that thousands vanished after having been registered with state authorities.

Full Article (EU Observer)

[Nouvelle] Virus Zika : une urgence de santé publique de portée mondiale

1er février 2016 – L'organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) a qualifié lundi d'« urgence de santé publique de portée mondiale » l'épidémie du virus Zika, soupçonné de causer des malformations congénitales, le Brésil déconseillant dans la foulée aux femmes enceintes de venir aux JO cet été.

Article complet (La Presse)
[Nouvelle] Club de pédophiles : un 14e suspect arrêté

2 février 2016 – Un 14e suspect a été arrêté dans le cadre de l'opération « Malaise » de la Sûreté du Québec, qui visait le démantèlement d'un club de pédophiles la semaine dernière. Richard Lévesque, 57 ans, a été cueilli samedi par les policiers, à son retour de Cuba, où il était en voyage. Originaire de la région de Québec, son adresse officielle dans les documents de cour indique qu'il habiterait présentement à Gatineau, près de deux écoles secondaires.

Article complet (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] L'OMS crée une unité de réponse globale contre le virus Zika

2 février 2016 – L'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) a annoncé mardi la création d'une « unité de réponse globale » au virus Zika, présent pour l'instant en Amérique du Sud, mais qui pourrait s'étendre rapidement à l'Afrique et à l'Asie.

Article complet (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Migrants : de plus en plus d'enfants arrivent par la mer

2 février 2016 – Les enfants constituent aujourd'hui plus d'un tiers des migrants passant par la mer de Turquie en Grèce, une proportion en forte hausse, s'est alarmé l'UNICEF mardi.

Article complet (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Neuf migrants, dont deux enfants, se noient au large des côtes de la Turquie

2 février 2016 – ANKARA, Turquie – Au moins neuf migrants, dont deux enfants, se sont apparemment noyés mardi quand leur embarcation a coulé au large des côtes de la Turquie. L'agence de presse privée Dogan rapporte que la tragédie s'est produite près de la ville côtière de Seferihisar, sur la mer Égée et à proximité de l'île grecque de Samos. Deux migrants ont été secourus et 11 autres auraient réussi à rejoindre la rive par leurs propres moyens. Aucune confirmation officielle n’était disponible.

Article complet (Métrie)
[Nouvelle] Sanofi Pasteur veut développer un vaccin contre le virus Zika

2 février 2016 – PARIS – La firme pharmaceutique française Sanofi Pasteur a annoncé mardi qu’elle s’attaque dès maintenant au développement d’un vaccin contre le virus Zika, au lendemain de l’annonce par l’Organisation mondiale de la Santé que la propagation exponentielle de la maladie représente une urgence sanitaire mondiale.

Article complet (Métro)

[News] Taliban Gun Down 10-Year-Old Militia Hero in Afghanistan

February 2nd, 2016 – The Afghan government declared Wasil Ahmad a hero for leading a militia’s defense against a Taliban siege last year, parading him in front of cameras in a borrowed police uniform too big for him. On Monday, the Taliban triumphantly announced that they had assassinated him with two bullets to the head.

Full Article (NY Times)

[Nouvelle] En prenant la pose du petit Aylan, Ai Weiwei prend position

3 février 2016 – Réalisé par un photographe d’India Today, repris partout, le cliché d’Ai Weiwei étendu sur les galets d’une plage de Lesbos (Grèce) suscite depuis sa publication, le 1er février, un flot de réactions. Certaines, indignées, accusent Ai Weiwei de chercher à être en permanence au premier plan de l’actualité. Il l’est, en effet, comme l’est Banksy quand il prend position pour les migrants de Calais. Il l’est parce que c’est là tout l’enjeu de son acte, dont la violence est proportionnée à l’horreur de la situation.

Article complet (Le Monde)

[News] Sweden under pressure to vet age of young refugees with medical tests

February 3rd, 2016 – Under huge strain from an influx of unaccompanied children seeking asylum, the Swedish government faces political pressure to undertake medical tests like X-rays to vet the age of young refugees despite opposition from doctors and lawyers.

Full Article (Globe and Mail)
[Nouvelle] Fugueuses exploitées – Ce sont des filles qui en recrutent d’autres

4 février 2016 – Oubliez le cliché du beau gars appartenant à un gang de rue qui stationne sa voiture de luxe devant le centre jeunesse pour recruter des prostituées mineures : ce recrutement se fait de plus en plus par des filles qui, par le truchement de Facebook, peuvent être présentes absolument partout.

Article complet (La Presse)

[Opinion] Its Genital Genocide

February 4th, 2016 – Like many young girls, Leyla Hussein didn’t learn that she was going to have to undergo female genital mutilation until the day she was cut. She was born in Somalia and raised in Saudi Arabia and Italy but moved back to her homeland, where cutting is common, at age seven. “It was actually my next door neighbor’s daughter that told me when I realized there was a big party taking place in the house,” Leyla says. “She was telling me part of my vagina was going to be taken away. While she’s explaining I could hear this screaming inside of the house, which was my sister being cut.”

Full Article (Kristof blogs, NY Times)

[Nouvelle] La France, mauvaise élève des droits de l’enfant


Article complet (Le Monde)
[News] Zika virus sexual transmission case in U.S. raises concern of World Health Organization

February 4th, 2016 – The World Health Organization (WHO) is concerned about a report that the Zika virus had been sexually transmitted in the United States, and has called for further investigation into the mosquito-borne virus linked to birth defects.

Full Article (CBC News)

[Nouvelle] Entre bénévolat et système D, une école pour les migrants inaugurée dans la jungle de Calais


Article complet (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] L’ONU demande aux pays touchés par le virus Zika d’autoriser l’accès à l’avortement

6 février 2016 – L’Aedes aegypti, moustique vecteur du virus Zika suspecté d’être responsable de graves malformations cérébrales chez les fœtus, impose un débat politique et moral. Faut-il ou non autoriser les femmes confrontées à ce drame à avorter ? Vendredi 5 février, l’ONU a demandé aux pays touchés par le virus, en majorité en Amérique latine, d’autoriser l’accès des femmes à la contraception et à l’avortement.

Article complet (Le Monde)
[News] Priest Abuse Victim Is Suspended From Vatican Panel

February 6th, 2016 – A high-profile Vatican commission on the prevention of child sexual abuse voted on Saturday to temporarily suspend one of its members, an outspoken victim of clerical abuse who accused the church of failing to deliver on its promises of reform and accountability.

Full Article (NY Times)

[Nouvelle] Des étudiants demandent 3,3 milliards pour rendre l’éducation gratuite

8 février 2016 – La plus importante organisation canadienne d'étudiants demande au gouvernement fédéral de financer l'éducation post-secondaire de la même façon que la santé, par des transferts aux provinces, et d'enchaîser formellement cette contribution dans une loi. La Fédération canadienne des étudiants (FCE, hors Québec) demande un projet de loi sur l'éducation post-secondaire qui donnerait au fédéral un rôle accru dans un domaine de compétence provinciale. L'organisation étudiante affirme qu'Ottawa devrait réaffecter l'argent de programmes tels que les régimes enregistrés d'épargne-études dans un transfert annuel aux provinces de 3,3 milliards $, afin que l'éducation post-secondaire soit gratuite.

Article complet (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Prison à vie pour avoir tué sa fille en l'affamant ou en la noyant

8 février 2016 – Un père de Toronto qui a affamé ou noyé mortellement sa fille il y a deux décennies a été envoyé en prison à vie lundi, après que la Cour eut entendu les déclarations d'impact de trois membres de la famille de la victime. Everton Biddersingh, 60 ans, n'a presque rien dit avant que le juge de la Cour supérieure, Al O'Marra, n'impose la peine pour son crime « horrible ».

Article complet (La Presse)
[Nouvelle] Zika nouveau fléau des pauvres

8 février 2016 – Autrefois jeune fille pétillante de la favela, Gleyse Kelly a fait sa première dépression en apprenant sa quatrième grossesse, cinq mois seulement après la naissance de son petit dernier, Nicolas. La seconde dépression est survenue quand la jeune femme a découvert que cet enfant non désiré souffrait de microcéphalie. « Au début, j’ai cru que ce ne serait qu’un bébé avec une toute petite tête. Et puis j’ai regardé sur Internet, et j’ai compris. »

Article complet (Le Monde)

[News] 10 quotes on the power of human rights education

February 10th, 2016 – 10 times human rights defenders and activists around the world have reminded us how human rights education makes a difference in protecting people’s rights: 1. "Human rights education is much more than a lesson in schools or a theme for a day; it is a process to equip people with the tools they need to live lives of security and dignity. On this International Human Rights Day, let us continue to work together to develop and nurture in future generations a culture of human rights, to promote freedom, security and peace in all nations."

Full Article (Amnesty international)

[News] 10,000 Child Refugees Are Missing

February 10th, 2016 – According to the European police agency Europol, more than 10,000 children who entered Europe during the last two years have disappeared, vanishing through the gaping cracks in Europe’s chaotic system for dealing with refugees and migrants. The fear is that many of the missing children have been trafficked into the sex trade by the same organized criminal groups that are profiting handsomely by ferrying refugees into and across Europe.

Full Article (NY Times)
[News] Tracing the Bishops’ Culpability in the Child Abuse Scandal

February 11th, 2016 – Pope Francis’ commission on the clergy’s sexual violation of children had a timely private screening in Rome last week of “Spotlight,” the Oscar-nominated film about the pedophilia scandal in Boston. The film offers the Vatican, if it will listen, an emphatic lesson in accountability. It dramatizes the decision by The Boston Globe to do more than enumerate the scope of the scandal by reporting on cases involving scores of abusive priests.

[News] Economic Community of Central African States creates a special fund for health to strengthen its response to AIDS

February 12th, 2016 – Meeting in Libreville, Gabon, on 12 February, the ministers of health of the Economic Community of Central African States launched an ambitious programme to strengthen regional cooperation by establishing a community health fund to reinforce the region’s AIDS response. The ministers also decided to improve coordination by setting up a specialized unit to enhance cross-border HIV prevention strategies and by developing a regional mechanism to source antiretroviral medicines on a larger scale. They also adopted a plan to increase the proportion of pregnant women and children receiving antiretroviral medicines.

[News] Inuit women want police, justice officials to offer more protection

February 12th, 2016 – In an effort to ensure recognition of Inuit-specific needs, Inuit women meeting in downtown Ottawa this week say the Liberal government’s upcoming national inquiry on missing and murdered Indigenous women must focus on policing, the justice system, the protection of crime victims and the need across all of Inuit Nunangat for family violence services. And for Pauktuutit, the national Inuit women’s organization that’s organizing the gathering, this still includes immediate adoption of an action plan to provide for violence prevention and healing in the four regions of Inuit Nunangat.

February 15th, 2016 – Access to justice is a human right, but it is also what makes other rights a reality. For children’s rights to be more than a promise, there must be a way for those rights to be enforced. Access to justice for children means that children, or their appropriate advocates where applicable, must be able to use and trust the legal system to protect their human rights.

Full Article (CRIN)

[Nouvelle] Des milliers de demandeurs d'asile emprisonnés au Canada

16 février 2016 – Alors que des milliers de réfugiés syriens sont accueillis à bras ouverts au Canada, d'autres demandeurs d'asile reçoivent un accueil bien différent. Chaque année, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) emprisonne plus de 4000 demandeurs d'asile, dont des centaines d'enfants. L'Organisation des Nations unies (ONU) demande au Canada de changer cette façon de faire, parce qu'elle est souvent contraire au droit international.

Article complet (Radio-Canada)

[Nouvelle] Un nouveau rapport fait écho aux problèmes vécus par les enfants et les jeunes en établissement et en milieu résidentiel

17 février 2016 – Beaucoup de jeunes qui vivent en établissement et en milieu résidentiel éprouvent des sentiments d'isolement, de crainte et de manque d'ancrage ou d'absence de racines, et ont l'impression de ne pas être pris en considération dans les décisions prises au sujet de leur vie, selon un nouveau rapport publié par le Bureau de l'intervenant provincial en faveur des enfants et des jeunes.

Article complet (News Wire)

February 23rd, 2016 – The final edition of the Gender Chart details how women were faring in global progress in 2015, as the MDGs wrap up and the Sustainable Development Goals begin to take their place. The 2015 Gender Chart, an addendum to the UN Secretary General's 2015 Millennium Development Goals Report, tracks how gender equality is impacted across all the MDGs. By looking at the other goals from a gender perspective, the Gender Chart also emphasizes the inter-linkages between the goals and gender equality and women's empowerment, in making progress on development and in achieving the MDGs.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

[Nouvelle] Un camp pour filles s’attire les foudres de parents

23 février 2016 – « Tu feras tourner les têtes ! » Un camp de jour de la région de Québec a réussi à enflammer les réseaux sociaux en proposant aux fillettes dès l'âge de 8 ans un camp intitulé « 100 % look », destiné à « donner du style à leur personnalité » grâce à la coiffure et au maquillage, à « découvrir ce qui est in et out » et à « améliorer leur démarche et leur maintien ».

Article complet (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelle] Pédophilie : 11 ans de prison en Indonésie pour le Canadien Neil Bantleman

25 février 2016 - La Cour suprême d'Indonésie a annulé l'acquittement d'un enseignant canadien, Neil Bantleman, qui avait été accusé de crimes sexuels sur trois écoliers. L'Ontarien, qui a aussi travaillé à Calgary, et un adjoint, Ferdinant Tijong, qui travaillaient dans la prestigieuse École internationale de Jakarta, devront passer 11 ans en détention, selon ce qu'a aussi décidé la Cour suprême. C'est un an de plus que leur condamnation initiale. Les deux hommes ont de plus été condamnés à payer une amende de 7400 $ chacun. Neil Bantleman et Ferdinant Tijong avaient été reconnus coupables et condamnés à une peine d'emprisonnement en avril 2015, mais avaient été acquittés par un tribunal supérieur en août dernier. Les procureurs du ministère public avaient peu après fait appel de ces acquittements.

Article Complet (Radio Canada)
[Nouvelle] Parents soupçonnés à tort de maltraitance : les droits de certains enfants auraient été lésés

22 février 2016 - Sur 13 plaintes déposées il y a plus de 2 ans, le comité des enquêtes de la Commission identifie 8 lésions de droits dans 6 dossiers. La Commission cite plusieurs articles de la Loi de la protection de la jeunesse « enfreints » par le personnel de Sainte-Justine ou par la Direction de la protection de la jeunesse (DPJ). Dans au moins trois cas, la Commission précise que le personnel de Sainte-Justine a outrepassé sa juridiction en effectuant une partie du travail d'évaluation des signalements, une responsabilité pourtant exclusive à la DPJ.

Article complet (Radio Canada)

[News] Indian children trafficked to United States is a reality, says U.S. diplomat

12 February 2016 - SILIGURI, India, Feb 12 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Cases of Indian children being smuggled to the United States are a reality, a U.S. diplomat said on Friday, reacting to a media report that police had busted an international child trafficking racket operating in the southern city of Bengaluru. Police on Tuesday said they had arrested 16 members of a gang suspected of sending at least 25 children from the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat illegally to the United States using fake documents in order to acquire visas.

Full article (Thomas Reuters)

[News] Online Platform For NGOs Provides Real-Time Information To Help End Human Trafficking

18 February 2016 - An online service platform launched Wednesday promises to help combat human trafficking by connecting NGOs and advocates worldwide so they can collaborate and share information in real-time. The Freedom Collaborative lets registered organizations and individual users connect with each other through a news feed, searchable database and private messaging service. “[T]echnology now allows users to strengthen their community and we wanted to bring that to the anti-trafficking sector,” said Julia Macher, platforms product manager at Liberty Asia, the Hong Kong-based anti-slavery charity behind the Freedom Collaborative.

Full article (Forbes)
[Nouvelle] Libération conditionnelle d'Omar Khadr : Ottawa retire son appel

18 février 2016 - Le gouvernement fédéral abandonne son appel de la libération sous caution d'Omar Khadr. L'ex-prisonnier de Guantanamo Bay avait été placé en liberté conditionnelle l'an dernier, en attendant le résultat de son appel pour sa condamnation pour crimes de guerre aux États-Unis. « Le gouvernement du Canada respecte la décision de la Cour du Banc de la Reine de l'Alberta, qui a jugé que M. Khadr devait être mis en liberté sous caution au Canada dans l'attente de l'appel de ses déclarations de culpabilité et de sa peine aux États-Unis », a indiqué Ottawa dans un communiqué diffusé mercredi. Le gouvernement libéral se démarque ainsi du précédent gouvernement conservateur, qui s'était opposé à cette libération conditionnelle. Omar Khadr a passé 13 ans derrière les barreaux, dont deux en Alberta, avant d'être libéré sous caution en mai 2015.

Article complet (Radio Canada)

[Nouvelle] L'ONU dénonce le recours aux enfants-soldats en Afghanistan

L'ONU a condamné mercredi l'utilisation d'enfants-soldats par toutes les factions du conflit afghan, en soulignant que les insurgés continuent à utiliser de nombreux combattants âgés de moins de 18 ans au moment où la pratique est en déclin dans les rangs gouvernementaux. La représentante spéciale pour les enfants et les conflits armés des Nations unies, Leila Zerrougui, a reconnu les progrès du gouvernement afghan. Elle a toutefois rappelé que la police locale afghane - des groupes alliés au gouvernement qui fonctionnent comme des milices indépendantes, et qui sont souvent perçus comme étant incompétents et corrompus - compte parmi les principaux coupables.

Article complet (Radio Canada)

[News] Love conquers all? Not for child brides unable to choose sweetheart or spouse

14 February 2016 - As a girl in school, I loved Valentine's Day. I'd make a card, with a boy, my best friend, my mum, or my grandparents in mind, and pop the question: “Will you be my valentine?” As an adult, Valentine’s Day is a popular and romantic moment to ask an even bigger question, one with implications and consequences meant to last a lifetime: “My valentine, will you marry me?” At any age, what these sweet rituals share is the freedom to think of one’s beloved, and the autonomy to choose them. But on 14 February, about 37,000 girls will have their bodily integrity and sexual autonomy shattered. They won’t be valentines. They will be child brides.

Full article (The guardian)
Mineures vendues sur Internet

10 février 2016 - Les sites d'annonces sur Internet contribuent à faire de l'exploitation sexuelle une activité criminelle très payante. Les policiers constatent que de nombreuses adolescentes en sont victimes, mais sans pouvoir intervenir rapidement. Le reportage de Tamara Alteresco.

Article complet (Radio Canada)

En Turquie, des grandes marques embauchent des réfugiés mineurs syriens

01 février 2016 - Des migrants mineurs syriens ont été identifiés lors d'inspections dans les usines des compagnies de vêtements H&M et Next, en Turquie, écrit le journal Independent. Les deux sociétés sont pour l'instant les seules à reconnaître avoir embauché des réfugiés mineurs syriens, mais il n'est pas exclu que d'autres cas d'embauche de mineurs syriens soient découverts. En effet, certaines sociétés se sont abstenu de répondre à la question de savoir s'ils employaient des migrants syriens dans leurs usines.

Article complet (Sputnik France)
2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conférence « Déclaration des Bourgmestres de lutte contre la pauvreté infantile : Les villes et communes se mobilisent »

La conférence tentera de proposer de nouvelles pistes de solutions. Par quel biais ? Les bourgmestres feront part de leur expérience, leur approche de la lutte contre la pauvreté infantile au sein de leur ville/commune. Ensuite, les chercheurs de l'UMons et de l'UGent dévoileront les premiers résultats d'une recherche « Pauvreté urbaine » commandée par la Politique des Grandes Villes avec un focus sur le public cible des enfants. L’après-midi, les participants se réuniront dans 3 ateliers pour réfléchir aux politiques mises en place au sein des villes pour lutter efficacement contre la pauvreté infantile.

Ces différentes politiques sont :

- La politique concertée et structurée de lutte contre la pauvreté infantile
- La politique d'accès aux services abordables et de qualité
- La politique du droit des enfants à la participation

Lieu : Résidence Palace 155 rue de Loi à 1040 Bruxelles.
Date : Jeudi 10 mars 2016 – 9h00 à 16h30.
Pour plus d'information (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Matinées d’information – Précarité infantile : Des moyens... pour lutter ?

Le Service provincial Social et Santé - Études et documentation sociales a pour mission de collecter et de diffuser des informations dans le domaine psycho-médico-social. Ce « Vendredi du Social » aura pour but de mieux faire comprendre aux travailleurs sociaux cette problématique qui touche de trop nombreux enfants ainsi que ses enjeux et ses conséquences. Il permettra aussi de leur faire découvrir certains moyens et projets mis en place.

Lieu : Rue Saint-Gilles 12 - B-6870 Saint-Hubert, Belgique.
Date : Vendredi 11 mars 2016.
Pour plus d'informations (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)
3ème Colloque Jeunes Chercheurs sur la privation de liberté


**Lieu** : Centre hospitalier Sainte-Anne, Amphithéâtre Raymond Garcin, 1, rue Cabanis Paris 14ème (métro Glacièr), Paris, France.

**Date** : Vendredi 11 mars et samedi 12 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d’information](Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

### Education for Emergencies: Concepts and Practices

Professor Toh Swee-Hin (S. H. Toh) This course seeks to clarify theoretical and conceptual frameworks for understanding the role of education in times of emergencies as well as educational strategies and practices essential in helping to prevent and/or overcome such emergencies, including armed conflicts and “natural” disasters. It is now recognized that although basic needs (e.g. water, food, shelter, physical security) are vital for emergencies-affected peoples and communities, education is likewise crucial.

**Location**: Online.

**Date**: March 14th to April 22nd, 2016.

[For more information](ReliefWeb)
Formation – Droits de l’enfant : contrôle national et international

Ce mardi 15 mars 2016, une formation sur le thème « Droits de l’enfant : contrôle national et international » aura lieu. Cette formation s’adresse à des travailleurs sociaux, juristes, avocats, etc. qui souhaitent mieux comprendre les mécanismes de contrôle des droits fondamentaux existant au niveau international et en particulier le mécanisme de plainte individuel au Comité des droits de l’enfant et qui souhaitent pourvoir identifier les situations pouvant faire l’objet de tels recours. Cette formation vise à :

- Informer, sensibiliser les participants à l’existence de l’ensemble de ces mécanismes
- Le situer dans l’ensemble des mécanismes internationaux existants pour garantir le respect des droits fondamentaux des enfants
- Comprendre la procédure et la manière de saisir le Comité et les autres mécanismes
- Évaluer la pertinence de saisir le Comité des Nations Unies ou une autre instance internationale.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.
Date : Mardi, 15 mars 2016.
Pour plus d’information (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l’enfant)

Monitoring & Evaluation Training Workshop

Monitoring and evaluation are essential to improving the effectiveness of any project. Careful project monitoring allows managers to make appropriate decisions on a day-to-day basis and ensures that projects are carried out as designed and modified when necessary. Evaluation enables project managers to understand and demonstrate the results of their work, determine the best strategies for achieving their goals and document lessons learned to improve future programs.

Location: Kabul, Afghanistan.

Date: March 22nd to March 24th, 2016.
Registration deadline: March 15th, 2016.
For more information (Green Alternative Social and Welfare Development Organization)
Presenting the evidence: Young people's impact on peacebuilding

This event showcases the results of the evaluation and facilitates an exchange of views on how young people's involvement in peaceful change can be promoted, and how this can best be operationalized in EU programming. The discussions will be framed by the major global policy frameworks concerning young people's active participation in peacebuilding, especially the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 adopted 16th December 2015.

**Location:** 4 - 10 Avenue de Cortenbergh, 1040, Brussels, Belgique.
**Date:** March 15th, 2016.
[For more information](Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care L Systems, Policies and Practices

Udayan Care is excited to announce second biennial international conference on the theme "Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care: Systems, Policies and Practices", again with special focus on South Asia, in March 2016.
This conference will be an opportunity for the delegates from SAARC Countries, experts from the western world, civil society representatives, delegates from organisations and governmental bodies working on child protection and alternative care, to gather together to learn from and with one another.

**Location:** AMITY UNIVERSITY, Sector-125, Noida - 201313 (U.P.) Adjoining New Delhi.
**Date:** March 18th and 19th, 2016.
[For more information](Udayan Care)
Formation – Harcèlement entre jeunes : intervention (niveau 2)

Objectifs :

- Se construire une représentation du phénomène de harcèlement en le distinguant des autres formes de violences
- Distinguer les différents types de prévention notamment pour éviter l'effet inverse des actions menées pour prévenir les faits de harcèlement
- Identifier et expérimenter des actions pour intervenir dans les situations de harcèlement.
- Découvrir et élaborer des dispositifs de prévention spécifique du harcèlement entre pairs
- Expérimenter des outils de prévention du harcèlement et autres formes de discriminations entre pairs :
  - Prendre conscience de la dynamique du phénomène d'exclusion basée sur la différence
  - Comprendre le concept de stéréotype et se questionner sur ceux que je colle à des groupes et/ou à des personnes
  - Mieux comprendre ce que vivent les personnes exclues ou discriminées
  - Constituer un groupe qui apprivoise les différences et apprend la coopération.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.
Date : Vendredi 18 mars et mardi 22 mars.
Pour plus d'information (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Formation – Droit familial

Cette formation aborde les thèmes du tribunal de la famille, de la filiation, des conséquences de cette filiation : autorité parentale, hébergement, droit aux relations personnelles et obligation alimentaire, de la tutelle, du mariage et la cohabitation légale et du divorce. Ce module vise à donner une grille de lecture à chaque intervenant social lui permettant d'identifier les liens familiaux propres à chaque jeune, d'en comprendre les enjeux et d'orienter adéquatement les jeunes et les familles quand la situation le requiert.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.
Date : 22 et 24 mars 2016.
Pour plus d'information (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)
Management of Refugees & Displaced Populations

This course aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills and critical understanding needed to adopt an evidence-based and reasoned approach to strategic planning, needs assessment and management of refugee and displaced populations across the spectrum from emergency relief to sustainable development.

Location: Liverpool, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
Date: March 29th to April 8th, 2016.
Registration deadline: March 25th, 2016.
For more information (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)

Practical tools for promoting positive change in complex contexts

This 4-day introductory course combines lessons learned and practical tools from CDA’s conflict-sensitivity and peacebuilding programs: Do No Harm (DNH), and Reflecting on Peace Practice (RPP). It offers an introduction to each, demonstrating the complementarity and application of the tools and analytical processes. (download course description).

Location: Barcelona, Spain.
Date: May 23rd to May 26th, 2016.
Registration deadline: March 28th, 2016.
For more information (CDA)

The 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference

Our 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC will be held from 28 August – 1 September 2016 in Davos, Switzerland. This will be the 10 year anniversary of our biennial IDRC Davos, gathering global leading risk and disaster scientists and expert practitioners. Building on the strength of its previous editions IDRC Davos 2016 features a broad scope of topics, disciplines, and stakeholders.

Location: Davos, Switzerland.
Date: August 28th to September 1st, 2016.
Registration deadline: March 31st, 2016.
For more information (IDCR)
Workshop on Desistance Processes among Young Offenders following Judicial Interventions – Bridging the Gap between different theoretical and methodological Approaches

The purpose of the workshop organized by the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law (MPICC) is to give some insight into the subjective ways young offenders experience judicial interventions and their transition into a life towards desistance. Thereby different theoretical and methodological approaches are being considered and discussed. The workshop covers three interdisciplinary topics. In each thematic area experts will address current issues and set the tone for in-depth discussion; social approaches, subjective approaches, interaction models.

Location: Freiburg, Germany.
Date: March 31st and April 1st, 2016.
For more information (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Committee on Rights of the Child: Call for Submissions on General Comment on the Rights of Adolescents

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has decided to develop a General Comment (GC) on the rights of adolescents. The experiences, opportunities and challenges facing adolescents clearly varies widely across different regions and between different groups of adolescents. The Committee is therefore seeking submissions from interested bodies and States, in all regions and from a wide range of perspectives, to inform the drafting process.
If you have relevant research evidence, findings from consultations with adolescents, examples of laws, policies or programmes, or evidence of good practice that would contribute to the drafting process, please submit the documentation to: crc@ohchr.org.

Deadline for submissions: 1st April 2015. Submissions must be in one of the working languages of the Committee: English, French or Spanish.
For more information (CRIN)
Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM)

The Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM) is a part-time executive program for humanitarian professionals. The program is designed to bridge the gaps that exist between strategy and tactics, and tactics and operations. Participants learn to optimize supply chains, improve processes, think strategically, and manage projects more successfully. The program welcomes humanitarian practitioners with at least 3 years of relevant experience. Students attend five sessions in Lugano, Switzerland.

Location: Lugano, Switzerland.
Date: April 18th 2016 to March 1st 2018.
Registration deadline: April 1st, 2016.
For more information (CDA)

Training Course on Manager's Role in Capacity Building

Capacity development is a series of strategies, a variety of tools and techniques which, when applied in a systematic way, promote both organizational capacity building and institutional development. This workshop will offer managers and interested participants with the tools needed to promote capacity development in organizations. The workshop will focus on strategic human resource development competencies and equip you with knowledge to draft a capacity development plan for your unit, with specific actions as well as new questions for the unit to explore.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.
Date: April 18th and 19th, 2016.
Registration deadline: April 11th, 2016.
For more information (Indepth Research Services)
Conférence annuelle du LRIDE : Les droits de l’enfant au service de l’éducation

Conférencières et conférenciers (en ordre alphabétique) : Angela AUÇOIN, Université de Moncton ; Virginia CAPUTO, Carleton University ; Dr Gilles JULIEN, Fondation du Dr Julien ; Vincent KAZMIERSKI, Carleton University ; Richard MACLURE, Université d’Ottawa ; Cornelia SCHNEIDER, Mount Saint Vincent University. Cette conférence est reconnue comme activité de formation continue par le Barreau du Québec et la Chambre des notaires. Nombre d'heures : 4.

Lieu : Pavillon Fauteux, 57, rue Louis-Pasteur, pièce 302, Université d’Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.
Date : Mercredi 13 avril 2016, de 8h30 à 14h.
Pour plus d’information (Université d’Ottawa)
3. Vacancies

Executive Assistant to COO – Save the Children

We are looking for an energetic and organised Executive Assistant to develop and provide a proactive and comprehensive administration, information and support service to the Chief Operating Officer (COO). In this crucial role you will provide a comprehensive support service to the COO in line with internal and external priorities by proactively and efficiently managing her time. You will be expected to become an informed key contact for the department in relation to all activities within the responsibilities of the COO.

Location: London.
Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.
For more information (Save the Children)

Humanitarian Deployment Officer – Save the Children

We are looking for a flexible and adaptable individual to join us as Humanitarian Deployment Officer. This role is instrumental in ensuring the rapid deployment of HSTs (Humanitarian Surge Team) to humanitarian crisis around the world. As Humanitarian Deployment Officer you will facilitate communications between country programmes, HSTs and their line managers and take the lead on the deployment paperwork and security briefings. You will also be responsible for maintaining accurate records of each deployment on the deployment database.

Location: London.
Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.
For more information (Save the Children)

Humanitarian Evidence, Effectiveness and Accountability Advise – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Evidence, Effectiveness & Accountability Adviser and improve the effectiveness and accountability of Save the Children’s emergency response programmes, through developing and supporting consistent, coherent and practical Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) tools and approaches.

Location: London.
Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.
For more information (Save the Children)
Senior Conflict & Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser – Save the Children

We are looking for a motivated and experienced Senior Conflict & Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser to lead our advocacy and development of policy on international conflict and humanitarian issues. With an initial focus on the crisis in Syria, you will directly influence government and UN policy and practice.

Location: London.
Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.
For more information (Save the Children)

Team Coordinator, Wales – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Team Coordinator and provide proactive and comprehensive administration, information and support service to our Wales team and UK core team based in Wales. As Team Coordinator you will lead the effective operations of our Welsh programme by working alongside the programmes and campaigns teams and becoming an informed key contact handling internal and external enquiries in a professional manner. In addition, you will work with the Head of Country to foster better cross-departmental and cross-organisational ways of working and information sharing.

Location: London.
Application deadline: March 11th, 2016.
For more information (Save the Children)

Logistics Manager Emergency Health Unit – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Logistics Manager– Emergency Health Unit to facilitate the delivery of emergency public health services for children and their families who have been affected by a humanitarian disaster. It is an essential role of the Emergency Health Unit ensuring that critical supplies and expertise are ready to respond to health emergencies. As Logistics Manager you will provide expertise and leadership to the deployment of one of the three PHT modules with particular focus on preparedness and prioritisation of the supply chain and set-up.

Location: Internationally Mobile.
Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.
For more information (Save the Children)
Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser, Country Support – Save the Children

As our charismatic, organised and influential Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser – Country Support you’ll make a huge difference to vulnerable children’s lives as you lead the operational arm of our Humanitarian Health Team, ensuring quality technical support at field level and acting as a focal point for the team’s emergency health operations. In this key, senior role you will oversee the work of approximately 15 country-facing health staff, directly line managing 4 – 6 individuals. You will ensure an effective response to new, large-scale emergencies and support the ongoing development of the Emergency Health Unit model of self-contained emergency health capacity.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

For more information (Save the Children)

Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser, Thematic Support – Save the Children

As our charismatic, organised and influential Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser – Thematic Support you’ll make a huge difference to vulnerable children’s lives, as you oversee policy and thematic support work relating to humanitarian health at Save the Children UK, and provide thematic leadership for humanitarian health programmes across the Save the Children movement. In this key, senior role you will direct the work of approximately 8 – 12 staff, directly line managing around 5 individuals, and assuming responsibility for a budget portfolio of up to £5m. You will lead and co-ordinate thematic guidance, policy development and innovation initiatives, ensure the team deliver on the agreed work plan, and that they follow organisational guidelines and are well motivated and supported.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

For more information (Save the Children)
Education Technical Lead – Relief International

RI is looking to expand its educational programming in emergency, protracted relief and recovery, and development settings in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. The main focus of the Education Technical Lead will focus on program design (including work in supporting new business development); technical advising during program implementation (including on activities and M&E); and facilitating learning within the organization from lessons learned on RI projects and best practices within the Education sector globally.

**Location:** Kenya, Philippines, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

**Application deadline:** March 18th, 2016.

[For more information](ReliefWeb)

Reproductive Health Manager – International Rescue Committee

The Reproductive Health Manager will be responsible for overseeing the Reproductive Health (RH) program in the field locations and supervising the implementation of the three core aspects of reproductive health: 1° Safe motherhood and Family Planning; 2° Post Abortion Care (PAC) and; 3° Emergency Obstetrical Care in, under supervision of the Field Coordinator.

**Location:** Chad.

**Application deadline:** March 19th, 2016.

[For more information](ReliefWeb)

Child Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Child Protection (CP) Coordinator will be responsible for all aspects of strategy development, program development and design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of all CP related activities within the IRC Jordan country program. The CP Coordinator will also ensure that those interventions are technically sound, taking into account international best practices, and are appropriately meeting the needs of the beneficiaries in target communities.

**Location:** Jordan.

**Application deadline:** March 21st, 2016.

[For more information](ReliefWeb)
Agresso Developer – Save the Children

We are looking for an Agresso Developer to embark on a significant business change project which will involve replacing the current aging legacy finance systems currently used for budgeting, reporting, fixed assets and financial grant management with a single integrated finance management system (Agresso). You will be responsible for designing, building, testing and delivering developments in accordance with agreed Agresso development plans.

Location: London.
Application deadline: March 23rd, 2016.
For more information (Save the Children)

Finance Controller – International Rescue Committee

The Financial Controller has overall policy and management responsibility for the finance and accounting functions for the country program. The Finance Controller's responsibilities include general controllership, staff training, management, treasury and budget functions.

Location: Greece.
Application deadline: March 24th, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)

Senior Women's and Children's Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The IRC is recruiting an experienced Senior Women and Children Protection Coordinator to oversee a comprehensive portfolio of women and children protection projects that includes targeted, short-term emergency response actions, as well as longer-term interventions in line with IRC's WPE and CYPD strategies.

Location: Liberia.
Application deadline: March 24th, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)
Technical Advisor, Health Programs, Francophone & Countries – International Rescue Committee

The Technical Advisor, Health serves as the primary source of health technical support for designated IRC country programs and interfaces between the field staff in the designated countries and the health unit. The position works in collaboration with the Technical Advisor, Environmental Health in the designated countries as one country support team.

Location: New York, United States of America.
Application deadline: March 25th, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)

Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Protection Coordinator will be responsible for providing strategic direction and vision to the IRC’s Protection programming in North Kivu. He/she will be responsible for the overall quality implementation of all aspects of the Emergency Protection Rapid Response project as well as potential new Protection programming. As such, the Coordinator will ensure components such as training, coordination, advocacy, community action and information dissemination that are common to all sub-sectors are targeted, meet needs, do not duplicate efforts and complement the overall IRC emergency Protection response. The Protection Coordinator will oversee a Protection Manager, a Child, Youth and Protection Development Manager, Gender Based Violence (GBV) Manager, as well as a Health Manager.

Location: Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Application deadline: March 27th, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)

Senior Program Associate Central Asia – Freedom House

The Senior Program Associate will provide programmatic support including finance, logistical, administrative, research, writing and data analysis assistance to Central Asia and other Eurasia programmatic portfolios, as required. This position is based in Washington, DC and reports to the Program Manager for Eurasia. NOTE: This position assignment will last until September 2016 and is renewable, contingent upon funding.

Location: Washington, United States of America.
Application deadline: March 28th, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)
Chief of Party, Development Food Assistance Program – Mercy Corps

The Chief of Party will provide overall leadership, management and strategic vision to the implementation of a five-year, multi-million dollar USAID/Food for Peace funded Development Food Assistance Program. S/he will manage staff, resources and partnerships to ensure that the program meets its targets and deliverables on-time and within budget. The CoP will supervise program staff and ensure accountability to Mercy Corps’ policies and donor rules and regulations. S/he will be the primary program representative to donors, relevant government entities, partners, other implementers and external stakeholders.

**Location:** Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**Application deadline:** March 30th, 2016.

[For more information](ReliefWeb)

Grants Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

Based in Antakya, the Grants Coordinator will work with the Deputy Director of Programs (DDP) to maintain quality grants and sub-grants coordination for all country program grants. Reporting to the DDP, this position will work closely with all departments and staff including program coordinators, finance and operations on compliance, donor regulations, business development and reporting. The Grants Coordinator will supervise a team of four including two expatriate staff: Sr. Grants Manager and Grants Manager.

**Location:** Antakya, Turkey.

**Application deadline:** March 30th, 2016.

[For more information](ReliefWeb)

A Deputy Head of Mission Programme Implementation in Lebanon – Première urgence Aide médicale internationale

As part of our activities in Lebanon, we are looking for a Deputy Head of Mission Programme Implementation. Under the supervision of the Head of Mission (HoM), the Deputy Head of Mission for Program Implementation (DHOMP) ensures the follow-up of qualitative and operational aspects of the mission’s programs. He/She guarantees the effective, efficient and qualitative implementation of all activities from a comprehensive project cycle management perspective.

**Location:** Lebanon.

**Application deadline:** March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](ReliefWeb)
Chief of Party – FHI 360

As Chief of Party (COP) of the USAID-funded Integrated Service Delivery and Health Behavior Project (ISD-HB), holds primary responsibility for the achievement of project objectives and intended results, the effective management and development of project staff, award compliance, and fulfillment of requirements and deliverables specified by USAID, the government of Senegal, and FHI 360’s regional and headquarters offices.

Location: Dakar, Sénégal.
Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)

Director, Finance and Operations – FHI 360

FHI 360 is seeking qualified candidates for the positions for an anticipated USAID-funded opportunity: Health-Social and Behavior Change Communication (Health-SBCC) in Malawi. The activity will support the Government of Malawi efforts to expand access to sustainable health services and products, and increase understanding, acceptance, and demand for health services and resources. As USAID/Malawi’s health communication flagship, Health-SBCC will build national capacity to design, implement, and evaluate coordinated, evidence- and theory-based, and innovative communications interventions related to reproductive health and family planning (FP/RH); malaria; maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH); nutrition; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.
Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)
Director, Monitoring and Evaluation – FHI 360

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Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.
Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)

National Director – ChildFund International

The National Director (ND) is responsible for providing overall vision and strategic leadership to the Kenya program. The ND is also responsible for the operational health and performance that supports the mission and strategic direction of the organization and acts as a resource to other national offices, the regional team and the organization as a whole based on areas of expertise.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.
For more information (ReliefWeb)

Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator will ensure that the IRC Turkey country program implements the monitoring and evaluation commitments as set out in its Strategic Action Plan -SAP 2020. Core to that will be ensuring that suitable monitoring and evaluation system are in place, implemented as intended, and reporting in a comprehensive and timely manner to facilitate program coordinators and managers deliver programs that achieve the desired outcomes / impacts.

Location: Hatay, Turkey.
Application deadline: April 30th, 2016.
For more information (ReliefWeb)
4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Africa – El Niño drought leaves 1 million African children severely malnourished

February 17th, 2016 – Nearly 1 million children need treatment for severe malnutrition in eastern and southern Africa due to drought that is putting millions more at risk of hunger, water shortages and disease, the U.N. children's agency said on Wednesday. Even though the powerful El Niño weather phenomenon blamed for the drought is forecast to dissipate in the coming months, its impact on people in affected countries will last far longer, the United Nations has warned.

Full Article (Reuters)

Africa – Despite gains in access, 1 in 5 African children go without lifesaving vaccines

February 23rd, 2016 – A new report issued today by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean Region shows that despite considerable progress in expanding access to vaccines in Africa, one in five children on the continent still do not receive life-saving immunizations. Africa’s routine immunization coverage of 80% is the lowest of any region in the world.

Full Article (World Health Organisation)

Afrique: Haussedécès d'enfants en mer - Les agences de l'ONU appellent à renforcer la sécurité des réfugiés et des migrants

19 février 2016 - Genève, 16 février 2016 - En moyenne, deux enfants par jour sont morts noyés depuis septembre 2015 - durant la tentative de traversée de l'est de la Méditerranée par leurs familles - et le nombre de décès d'enfants continue de croître, ont déclaré le HCR, l'UNICEF et l'OIM. Les agences appellent à renforcer la sécurité des personnes qui fuient le conflit et la misère.

Article complet (All Africa)
Afrique: Vaccination infantile - L’Afrique, le continent le moins protégé

28 février 2016 - La première conférence ministérielle africaine sur la vaccination a ouvert ses travaux, le mercredi 24 février 2016 à Addis Abeba en Éthiopie. Des ministres de la Santé, des Finances, des experts, des décideurs, des bailleurs de fonds et de la société civile réfléchissent aux moyens les plus efficaces afin de parvenir à une couverture vaccinale de tous les enfants du continent. Étendre la vaccination afin de parvenir à une couverture universelle est le nouveau challenge que les dirigeants africains et leurs partenaires veulent se donner en matière de santé.

Article complet (All Africa)

Afrique – Le prix des vaccins, un "obstacle majeur" à la généralisation de la vaccination en Afrique (MSF)

24 février 2016 – L'inflation du prix des vaccins est un "obstacle majeur" à la généralisation de la vaccination en Afrique et devrait être au cœur des débats d'une Conférence interministérielle sur l'immunisation sur le continent à Addis Abeba, a dénoncé mercredi l'ONG Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). "Médecins Sans Frontières est consterné que la flambée des prix des vaccins ne soit pas une problématique inscrite à l'agenda (de la conférence), alors que cette inflation est un obstacle majeur dans la protection des enfants face aux maladies mortelles", a écrit MSF dans un communiqué publié mercredi.

Article complet (ReliefWeb)

Afrique – L'ADEA et le Rwanda lancent le Pôle de qualité inter-pays sur l'enseignement et l'apprentissage pour stimuler une éducation de qualité

29 février 2016 – « Le présent Protocole signé entre le Gouvernement du Rwanda et l’ADEA vise à améliorer la qualité de l'éducation au Rwanda et sur le continent africain, en particulier la promotion de l'enseignement et l'apprentissage » a déclaré, dans son discours, l'Honorable Dr. Papias Musafiri Malimba. L'organisation, par la Fondation MasterCard et le gouvernement du Rwanda, d'une rencontre de deux jours des responsables mondiaux de l'éducation sur le thème « habilitation des enseignants, habilitation des jeunes : renforcer la qualité des enseignants dans les écoles secondaires d’Afrique subsaharienne », a fourni une excellente plateforme pour l’ADEA et le ministère rwandais de l’Éducation pour le renforcement de leur partenariat stratégique par le biais du nouveau PQIP-EA.

Article complet (Banque africaine de développement)
Bénin: Apatridie - Des actes de naissance sont délivrés dans une zone frontalière contestée

25 février 2016 - Juliette, 10 ans, exhibe avec fierté l'extrait d'acte de naissance que lui a délivré le Président du tribunal de Natitingou, une ville située à 700 kilomètres de Cotonou, la capitale du Bénin. « Je vais désormais pouvoir aller à l'école ! J'espère pouvoir un jour, devenir institutrice », explique Juliette. Tout comme Juliette, John vient également de recevoir le précieux document : « C'est la première fois de ma vie que je reçois un document d'identité.

Article complet (All Africa)

Burkina Faso – Dairy Supply Chains and School Meals Benefit from WFP’s Pilot Yogurt Initiative in Burkina Faso

February 15th, 2016 – Through its school feeding programme in Burkina Faso, WFP provides daily meals for 132,000 students. In May 2015, a new item was added to the menu: yogurt, a nutritious, locally-produced product which is well-liked among students. The yogurt is part of a new project in Burkina Faso, which builds upon WFP’s expertise in school feeding and supporting market access for small-scale staple crop farmers under Purchase for Progress (P4P).

Full Article (World Food Programme)

Burkina Faso – Combining education and provision of nutritious food to tackle malnutrition in Burkina Faso

February 28th, 2016 – It is warm and dusty in Diépergou, a village located about 15 kilometers from Bogandé in the eastern region of Burkina Faso. Habibata Thiombiano is nursing Youmanli, her 10-month old daughter, in the family courtyard. “I’m 45-years-old and Youmanli is my eighth child. If you had come here five months ago, you would have seen my daughter in a different state. She would nurse at night, but when she didn’t get enough milk, she would cry and cry, and I wasn’t able to get any sleep. She started to have diarrhea and lose so much weight that we started to lose hope," says Habibata.

Full Article (World Food Programme)
Burkina Faso: Lutte contre l'excision - Et pourquoi pas les «Kogl-koamba» ?

28 février 2016 - « Je n'exciserai pas ma fille, et toi ? » « Stop à l'excision », « je n'exciserai pas ma fille, et toi ? », « je dénonce gratuitement l'excision au 80 00 11 12 », voilà, entre autres, les messages transmis par le Parlement des Enfants, à travers cette mobilisation de près de 500 jeunes venus des établissements scolaires (le Lycée Nelson Mandela ou le Centre d'Education social de Sig-Nonghin). Soulignons que cette activité entre dans le cadre de la célébration de la 13e Journée internationale « tolérance zéro » aux Mutilations génitales féminines (MGF).

Article complet (All Africa)

Burkina Faso: Droits de l'enfant - Un nouveau projet pour renforcer la protection des mineurs


Article complet (All Africa)

Burkina Faso - Soutien Aux Femmes Et Enfants Vulnérables: L’ACDF Évalue Son Action À Ouagadougou

28 février 2016 - (…) Depuis environ 5 ans, ACDF, en partenariat avec leur association sœur basée à Ouagadougou, La Cour des femmes (ACF-Burkina), vient en aide aux femmes et aux enfants vulnérables. Leur objectif « est de sortir les femmes de l'analphabétisme et leur donner la force de pouvoir investir dans des activités rémunératrices ». L’aide se décline en octroi de micro crédit et en formation.

Article complet (Fasozine)
Burundi – Grenade attack kills child, wounds his father in Burundi's capital

February 14th, 2016 – A grenade attack on a military base in Burundi's capital killed a child and wounded his father and one other person, an official and witnesses said on Sunday, as violence linked to the president's disputed re-election persists. More than 400 people have been killed since April last year when President Pierre Nkurunziza announced he would run for a third term. That sparked weeks of street protests led by the opposition which said his bid was unconstitutional.

Full Article (Reuters)

Cameroon – Community radio spreads peace education in Cameroon

February 9th, 2016 – Terrorist attacks have led to deteriorating humanitarian and security conditions in these regions of the country with thousands of Cameroonians fleeing their homes. The radio project aims to improve conflict prevention and inter-community dialogue between refugees and host communities and sensitize young girls and boys who are vulnerable to recruitment for terrorist attacks. UNESCO and partners have mobilized community and four local radios stations in the process of peace building and education, chosen because of their power to reach the remotest area with information and education in local languages.

Full Article (UNESCO)

Central African Republic – Magic, militias and rare redemption: reintegrating CAR's child soldiers

February 12th, 2016 – When a boy in Central African Republic fell under the spell of a militia leader supposedly endowed with magical powers, he felt invincible. With his mentor's death, he realised he had wasted four years – but a rehabilitation programme is helping him, and other former child soldiers like him, to resume his studies.

Full Article (The Guardian)
Central African Republic – UNICEF calls upon presidential candidates to make a strong commitment to children

February 12th, 2016 – Bangui - As Central African voters prepare to cast their ballot on Sunday to elect their next President and members of Parliament, UNICEF is asking the candidates to place the interests of children at the heart of the political agenda by making strong commitments and investing in survival, education and child protection. “The only way for the next President of the Central African Republic to break the cycle of violence for good will be to invest in children,” said Mohamed Malick Fall, UNICEF Representative in CAR.

Full Article (UNICEF)

Central African Republic – School is a sanctuary for displaced Central African kids

February 14th, 2016 – In the sprawling tent city near Bangui airport, even the children's grammar lessons are a reminder of what pupils have been through. "Jean is 12," reads the teacher's example. "He was kidnapped by bad men to become a child soldier." Sunday's presidential election in the Central African Republic has raised hopes of a fresh start for a country torn by nearly three years of deadly sectarian bloodshed. But more than 20,000 people displaced by the conflict are still scraping by in the capital's Mpoko camp -- including thousands of traumatised children who have witnessed murderous brutality.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

Côte d’Ivoire – Les États-Unis soutiennent l’accès à des milliers d’enfants aux repas scolaires pour construire l’avenir de la Côte d’Ivoire


Article complet (Programme alimentaire mondial)
Democratic Republic of Congo – International Red Hand Day, MONUSCO committed to ending the recruitment of child soldiers into armed groups

February 12th, 2016 – Kinshasa - Maman Sambo Sidikou, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in the DRC, points out that the objective of the celebration of this day is to raise public awareness on the suffering faced by child soldiers around the world and in the Democratic Republic in particular.

Full Article (MONUSCO)

Democratic Republic of Congo – Simple innovation keeps girls in school, away from child marriage, in DRC

February 17th, 2016 – Bukavu - The mountains of Itombwe are home to some of the rare gorillas of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. An area about the size of Rwanda and Burundi put together, the Itombwe Plateau is one of the poorest parts of one of the poorest countries in the world. It is also home to 23,785 adolescent girls, according to Maman Shujaa, a women’s empowerment organization based in the South Kivu capital of Bukavu. And 85 percent of these girls, who are under 20 years old, says the organization, have children—up to five children each.

Full Article (Women’s Media Center)

Democratic Republic of Congo – Congo to let 150 adopted children leave country after two-year wait

February 22nd, 2016 – Democratic Republic of Congo will allow some 150 children adopted by foreign parents, mostly Americans, to leave the country after spending more than two years in legal limbo, the interior ministry said on Monday. In 2013, Congo imposed a moratorium on exit visas to children adopted by foreign parents, citing fears that the children could be abused or trafficked. The government has also voiced concerns about adoptions by gay couples.

Full Article (Reuters)
Democratic Republic of Congo: Children who survived measles are now suffering from malnutrition and malaria

February 24th, 2016 – As the measles epidemic gradually fades in the Tanganyika province of the Democratic Republic of Congo, malaria and malnutrition often form a deadly combination for children. In order to face this situation, MSF – in collaboration with the Congolese Ministry of Health – continues to support the Manono health zone for the management of severe acute malnutrition and pediatric emergencies and is opening a similar project in Kabalo.

Full Article (Doctors Without Borders)

Ethiopia – School or water - The difficult choice of Ethiopian children

February 2nd, 2016 – Driving through Boset in Ethiopia, the sight of donkeys, too many of them, carrying jerricans full of water, dot the landscape. The search for water is a full-time job, and one that isn’t always fruitful. Failed rains mean that water points were not replenished and people have to travel long distances in search of water for drinking, household use and their animals. World Vision has trucked water over 100 kilometers to help save lives and reduce animal deaths.

Full Article (World Vision International)

Ethiopia – $21 million in aid urgently needed to help children in drought-stricken Ethiopia

February 8th, 2016 – A severe shortfall in aid funding is putting thousands of children at risk in Ethiopia as the country deals with its worst drought emergency in decades. The drought and resulting food shortage are expected to continue well into 2016. ChildFund International is in urgent need of millions of dollars in additional funding to provide emergency food rations for 300,000 people over the next six months.

Full Article (ChildFund International)

Ethiopia – Gov't Carrying Out School Feeding Program in Drought Affected Areas

February 24th, 2016 - School feeding program is underway in drought affected areas with over 230 million birr so that citizens can attend schools without interruption, Government Communication Affairs Office (GCAO) disclosed. In order to prevent the problem to be happened in the health sectors, early prevention activities are also being carried out in the areas by establishing mobile health posts.

Full Article (Ethiopian News Agency)
Guinée – Une contribution de la JICA permet au PAM de venir en aide à des enfants et des femmes en Guinée


Article complet (Programme alimentaire mondial)

Kenya : Unending Toll for Rape Survivors - Provide Reparations, Justice for Post-Election Violence Victims

February 15th, 2016 – (Nairobi) - Hundreds of women and girls raped during Kenya’s 2007-2008 post-election violence struggle with devastating physical and psychological health conditions, poverty, and social exclusion, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. The Kenyan government has failed to provide basic assistance and redress for the rape survivors.

Full Article (Human Rights Watch)

Kenya – In Kenya’s Arid Lands, WFP Hands Over School Meals To The Government

February 29th, 2016 – The World Food Programme and the Government of Kenya are providing school meals to 1.5 million children every school day. These are children drawn from some of the most food insecure places - arid or semi-arid lands, and the informal settlements around Nairobi.

Full Article (World Food Programme)

Madagascar : Scoutisme – La gent féminine de plus en plus ciblée

22 février 2016 - L’éducation du scoutisme est non formelle. Il permet aux jeunes de devenir responsables, sans crainte de l’avenir et d’acquérir la débrouillardise face aux problèmes quotidiens. « Notre vision, en 2020, est que toutes les filles soient valorisées et agissent pour changer le monde », rajoute la responsable.

Article complet (L’Express Madagascar)
**Madagascar - Protection – Un quatrième village d’enfants à Fort-Dauphin**


*Article complet* (L’Express Madagascar)

**Mali – Un projet pionnier pour la relance de l’éducation dans une zone vulnérable**

4 février 2016 – Les violences entre 2011 et 2013 dans la région de Gao, au Mali, ont eu pour conséquence l’effondrement du système éducatif… Comment relancer une politique éducative, essentielle à l’amélioration des conditions de vie et à la lutte contre l’exclusion sociale, lorsque les écoles sont en partie détruites et les professeurs partis et que les services de l’Etat, eux-mêmes, sont démunis ?

*Article complet* (Agence française de développement)

**Mozambique – Water source improves school performance of children in Zambezia**

February 23rd, 2016 – 15 year old Jordão Miguel, a pupil in the sixth grade, is the oldest son of a couple, with whom he lives, along with his six siblings, in Muitxala, in Gurue district. Jordão’s family, like any other family in that community, had many difficulties in finding water. They had to walk long distances to fetch the precious liquid from the Namuresse river, which is 3 km from their house.

*Full Article* (UNICEF)

**Niger – MSF Study in Niger Shows No Significant Benefit from Routine Use of Antibiotics to Treat Malnutrition**

February 3rd, 2016 – The routine use of antibiotics in the treatment of severe acute malnutrition has minimal impact on the likelihood of recovery, according to a major study of more than 2,000 children by the medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and its research arm Epicentre, published today in The New England Journal of Medicine.

*Full Article* (Doctors Without Borders)
Nigeria – Boko Haram: children among villagers burned to death in Nigeria attack

February 1st, 2016 – Scores of people, including children, have been killed in a Nigerian town by Boko Haram fighters who shot at villagers and set fire to their homes in the latest deadly attack by the Islamist militant group. The attack took place on Saturday in the village of Dalori, which lies about 12km (seven miles) from the northern city of Maiduguri, the birthplace of Boko Haram and the biggest city in Nigeria’s north-east.

Full Article (The Guardian)

Nigeria – Girls released from Boko Haram captivity rejected by society - new report

February 16th, 2016 – "These findings show a pressing need to do more to re-integrate those returning from captivity by Boko Haram," says Alert's peacebuilding adviser in Nigeria, Kimairis Toogood. "Many of these girls already face lasting trauma of sexual violence and being separated from their families, so we must ensure they get all the support they need when they finally return."

Full Article (International Alert)

Nigeria – “Feed and Read” offers alternative to Boko Haram for Nigerian boys

February 22nd, 2016 – For the first time in his life, 17-year-old Muhammed Sani can identify the letters of the English alphabet, read simple sentences in English, such as: “I want to eat” and “I want to go home”. He can also work out simple mathematical sums. All this he has learnt over the past six months of attending the "Feed and Read" programme of the American University of Nigeria (AUN) in the northeastern Nigerian city of Yola.

Full Article (Reuters)

République Centrafricaine – Des responsables de l'ONU désignent des pays dont les troupes sont accusées d'abus sexuels en Centrafrique

29 janvier 2016 – Illustrant le fait que la transparence est un élément important de la lutte contre ce « fléau incroyablement difficile », M. Banbury a nommé certains des pays dont les troupes – toutes placées sous le drapeau de l'ONU – sont impliquées : le Bangladesh, la République démocratique du Congo (RDC), le Maroc, le Niger et le Sénégal. Il a noté que dans ces affaires, toutes les victimes étaient mineures au moment des prétendus abus, lesquels ont été perpétrés par un total de 10 personnes originaires de ces 5 pays.

Article complet (Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)
République centrafricaine : quatre nouvelles victimes présumées d'abus sexuels par des Casques bleus

16 février 2016 – M. Haq a précisé que les informations concernant ces nouveaux cas avaient été transmises à la MINUSCA par des partenaires humanitaires de l'ONU, le 11 février dernier. Les quatre victimes présumées, toutes mineures au moment des faits, résidaient dans le camp pour personnes déplacées de Ngakobo, dans la préfecture d'Ouaka, et auraient été victimes d'exploitation et d'abus sexuels entre 2014 et 2015, a précisé le porte-parole adjoint.

Article complet (Centre d’actualité de l’ONU)

République démocratique du Congo – Soins de santé à faible coût pour les femmes et les enfants à Miabi

5 février 2016 – Mamu Mushiya est une mère de famille de 38 ans qui vit à Miabi, territoire situé à 35 km de la ville de Mbuji-Mayi, dans la province du Kasai Oriental en République Démocratique du Congo. Mère de 9 enfants, Mushiya est mariée à un creuseur de diamant. La vie n’a pas été facile pour elle et sa famille après la faillite de la MIBA dont les activités constituaient l’ossature de la vie économique et sociale du Kasaï-Oriental.

Article complet (UNICEF RDC)

République démocratique du Congo – Je dessine et j’écris contre toutes les violences : 400 jeunes participent à un concours de dessins et de poèmes


Article complet (PNUD)
République Démocratique du Congo : Le Comité de suivi des recommandations du Forum national II à pied d’œuvre

29 février 2016 - La deuxième édition du Forum national des Ministres et Chefs de divisions provinciaux en charge du Genre a vécu à Kinshasa. Et, à l’issue de cette rencontre de trois jours, qui s’est clôturée le jeudi 25 février dernier, les participants ont adopté une vingtaine des recommandations susceptibles de booster la situation de la Femme à travers la RD. Congo. Indiquant que le Comité de Suivi est déjà effectif, Lucie Kipele AKu Azua, Ministre Nationale de la Femme, Famille et Enfant a annoncé que la prochaine édition se tiendra à Kisangani, Chef-lieu de la nouvelle province de la Tshopo. Aussi, affirme-t-elle avoir des moyens pouvant faire aboutir la feuille de route qui a été mise en œuvre. Ce forum s'est inscrit dans le cadre de la mise en œuvre de la Politique Nationale Genre qui vise à traduire les engagements du Gouvernement en faveur de la promotion des droits de la Femme en particulier, et du genre en général.

[Article complet](All Africa)

Sénégal: Lutte contre la maltraitance des enfants - La Raddho pour l'application stricte de la loi

20 février 2016 - Après l'enchaînement d'enfants talibés à Diourbel, la Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme (Raddho) est montée au créneau pour demander l'application de la loi interdisant la maltraitance des enfants. Dans un communiqué parvenu à la Rédaction de Sud Quotidien, hier, vendredi 19 février, le secrétaire général de ladite organisation, Aboubacry Mbodj, a demandé au procureur de la République de veiller à l'application stricte de la loi pour mettre un terme à l'exploitation et au mauvais traitement des enfants talibés.

[Article complet](All Africa)

Sénégal: zero cas de grossesses précoces en milieu scolaire - La mairie de golf sud s'engage dans le combat

23 février 2016 - Les grossesses précoces sont devenues très récurrentes dans le milieu scolaire. En 2012, il a été dénombré 3000 cas au niveau national. Pis, dans le courant de l’année 2014, 228 cas ont été recensés dans les départements de Sédhiou, Fatick, Pikine et Guédiawaye. Suffisant pour le Projet d’éradication des grossesses en milieu scolaire (Pecmis) d’organiser le week-end dernier, dans la Commune de Golf Sud, une journée de sensibilisation afin de mieux sensibiliser les potaches et de dégager des pistes de réflexion pour éradiquer définitivement ce fléau galopant.

[Article complet](All Africa)
Sénégal - L’UNFPA préconise une attention particulière pour les jeunes filles

19 février 2016 - Le Directeur du Bureau régional du Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population (UNFPA), Mabigué Ngom a préconisé, vendredi à Dakar, des "actions d’envergure" et une "attention particulière" pour les jeunes afin que leurs préoccupations, notamment dans le domaine de leur santé de la reproduction soient mieux prises en compte. "Il est temps de mener des actions d’envergure avec une attention particulière pour les jeunes en général et les jeunes filles en particulier", a soutenu Mabigué Ngom, Directeur Bureau régional de l’Afrique de l’Ouest et du Centre de l’UNFPA.

Article complet (APS)

Sierra Leone : Moms And Their Babies Are Returning To The Health Centres

February 2nd, 2016 - Use of basic health services drastically reduced at the height of the Ebola outbreak. The population was hesitant to approach the health centres due to fears of either contacting Ebola or being labelled as someone affected by it. Getting mothers and children back to the health centres to access critical maternal and child health services has been challenging.

Full Article (World Food Programme)

Sierra Leone – In Sierra Leone, Pregnant Girls Don’t Have to Miss Out on Education

February 25th, 2016 – Freetown - In an attempt to deal with a rise in sexual violence and teenage pregnancies in Sierra Leone during the Ebola crisis, the country’s government has moved to address the issue through an alternative education initiative. Under a program started in October, many pregnant girls previously barred from attending school now have classes available to them. The classes are also available to lactating mothers.

Full Article (Voice of America)
Somalia – “If no help comes, drought will push Somalia/Somaliland further into chaos; children and women will be the worst affected” - warns Save the Children Somalia/Somaliland

February 24th, 2016 – More than half a million people are affected by drought in Puntland and Somaliland. Hassan Noor Saadi, Country Director, Save the Children Somalia/Somaliland said that “water sources have dried up in many places, agricultural land resembles desert, many animals have died in parts of Somaliland and Puntland following the failure of the last two rainy seasons”. He further added “We are seeing the situation get worse by the day and we fear for the welfare and protection of the children”.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

South Sudan : A pregnant mother’s long walk to a safe birth

January 26th, 2016 – Giving birth in South Sudan is often dangerous and difficult. Medical care can be long distances away, forcing pregnant women to give birth at home or to travel on foot late in their pregnancy to a health facility – a hardship endured by 17-year-old Nyachang Banguot. Traditional birth attendants in Nyachang's village of Thuok were worried that the girl's small stature – the teenager is just 1.5 metres tall – could turn a routine childbirth deadly for both mother and child.

Full Article (International Committee of the Red Cross)

South Sudan – Back to Learning Campaign targeting 5,500 school age children launched in Bentiu

February 10th, 2016 – The Ministry of Education with the support of UNICEF, launched a “Back to Learning Campaign” in Bentiu targeting the enrollment of 5,500 school age children. Speaking during the launch, deputy top authority in Unity, John Juor Yoach said children are the future of tomorrow in any nation and the state government and its partners will work together as partners to promote educational activities.

Full Article (UNMISS)
South Sudan – Children left injured and homeless after violence in Malakal

February 22nd, 2016 – UNICEF is responding to the needs of children in the aftermath of the violence that occurred inside the Protection of Civilians (PoC) site in Malakal this week. At least 18 people were killed, with children injured, distressed and separated from their parents. UNICEF and partners have provided tents and health supplies for mobile medical clinics, established emergency latrines, and created a child helpdesk to reunite unaccompanied children and mothers.

Full Article (UNICEF)

Sudan – Children starve high in Darfur's Jebel Marra

February 5th, 2016 – Eleven children reportedly died of malnutrition while taking shelter in one of the highest peaks in Jebel Marra, at the end of January. Three women died at childbirth. Returning militiamen spark fear among residents in western Jebel Marra. A medical assistant who said he managed to visit the area with activists, told Radio Dabanga on Wednesday that the children and women died in Balbal area between 19 and 27 January. “We found about 5,000 civilians who have fled their villages because of the aerial bombardments in Jebel Marra.”

Full Article (Dabanga)

Sudan – Bombing kills baby, influx of displaced into Darfur towns

February 12th, 2016 – A Sudanese aircraft dropped three barrel bombs near Golo in Jebel Marra, killing one baby and seriously wounding its mother, on Wednesday. The aerial bombardments continued the next two days. In fear of bombardments, civilians are fleeing the mountains to the relative safety of camps in North Darfur and towns in Central Darfur.

Full Article (Dabanga)

Sudan – Sudan clashes sends tens of thousands of children into flight: UN

February 18th, 2016 – Tens of thousands of children fleeing clashes in the Jebel Marra mountains of Sudan's conflict-torn Darfur have faced traumatic escapes, the United Nations children's agency UNICEF told AFP on Thursday. In the isolated area's biggest civilian displacement in a decade, clashes between ethnic minority rebels and troops in Jebel Marra that erupted on January 15 have forced 82,727 civilians to seek shelter, 60 percent of them children, according to UN estimates.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)
Sudan – In Sudan's Darfur, displaced children battle to learn

February 24th, 2016 – Abuobeida Ali was a toddler when militiamen stormed his village in Sudan's Darfur in 2003, murdering his father and driving his family out, ending his hopes for a normal childhood and education. Now aged 17 and out of school for nine years, he is one of the more than 870,000 Darfuri children living in camps for the displaced who struggle to balance their studies with the need to survive.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

Swaziland – Global Fund Backs Swaziland’s Innovative Partnership for Adolescent Girls and Young Women

February 16th, 2016 – Mbabane - The Kingdom of Swaziland launched an ambitious program with partners to invest in education and socioeconomic needs of adolescent girls and young women, strongly supported by the Global Fund. The new approach combines innovative measures that improve health by removing barriers to education among girls, supporting access to sexual and reproductive services, addressing gender-based violence, and improving the wellbeing of girls and their families.

Full Article (TheGlobalFund)

Tanzania – Girls say 'no' to being married off

January 26th, 2016 – Dar Es Salaam - Happiness, from the Mara Region of Tanzania, was 12 when her parents decided she was old enough to marry. They pulled her out of school, planning to have her undergo female genital mutilation (FGM) and then marry her off to a man of their choosing. But Happiness took a stand. She fled her parents’ home and took refuge at the UNFPA-supported Masanga Centre.

Full Article (UN Population Fund)

Tchad : Viol d'une jeune Tchadienne: arrestations et marche en noir et blanc

17 février 2016 - Au Tchad, la justice a annoncé mardi 16 février avoir arrêté les huit présumés violeurs de la jeune fille, un viol filmé et posté sur les réseaux sociaux qui a provoqué de grandes indignations au sein de la population. Des indignations qui ne sont pas prêtes de retomber, malgré les propos apaisants des autorités.

Article complet (RFI)
Togo – Meningite : la campagne de vaccination débute mercredi

23 février 2016 – L'épidémie de méningite a fait à ce jour 29 morts. Près de 500 personnes sont atteintes dans la région Centrale et dans celle des Savanes. L'épidémie est d'origine bactérienne. Une campagne de vaccination sera organisée du 24 au 28 février par les équipes du ministère de la Santé en partenariat avec l'UNICEF et l'OMS.

Article complet (République Togolaise)

Uganda – Child killed in Uganda by suspected old grenade: police

February 17th, 2016 – A child was killed and eight others wounded Wednesday in Uganda when a suspected old grenade detonated as they played football, police said, insisting it was not a new bomb. The blast in the capital Kampala came on the eve of presidential and parliamentary polls on Thursday, but no connection was made with the explosion and the election. The blast occurred next to a primary school, but also opposite a former military barracks, and police said it was possibly old ordnance that was set off when the children discovered and played with it.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

Uganda – Uganda refugees: what happens when the world looks away?

February 22nd, 2016 – “Many of the children here, they will have only one outfit to wear,” Jerom, a child protection specialist who manages our work in the camp, tells me. But dirty clothes are far from the most pressing concern for staff working in the ten early education centres Save the Children supports in the camp. One caregiver tells me about children who arrive here knowing only how to fight each other. “We have to teach them that they shouldn’t treat their fellow children badly,” he says. “They do not realise that they shouldn’t fight them – they should care for them.”

Full Article (Save The Children)

Uganda – Children sacrificed to bring luck in Uganda elections: charity

February 29th, 2016 – KAMPALA - Six cases of the mutilation and murder of children as "good luck" sacrifices were reported during the recent Ugandan elections, a children's charity said. "Child sacrifice cases are common during election time as some people believe blood sacrifices will bring wealth and power," said Shelin Kasozi of Kyampisi Childcare Ministries (KCM), a charity that cares for survivors of attempted child sacrifice.

Full Article (Reuters)
Newsletter on Children’s rights in Sub-Saharan Africa

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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights

[News] Children as young as 10 arrested for offences involving firearms and knives

April 3rd, 2016 – What’s happening with our youth? Guns and knives are carried regularly by young people in Britain today, including children as young as 10, according to reports released last week. An inquiry by a committee of MPs found that knife-carrying, mostly by males in their late teens and early 20s, is becoming normal in poorer parts of the big cities, where street violence is on the increase. The murder rate in the UK is not high in comparison to many countries — latest figures show there were 537 homicides in 2013. But more than a third are by stabbing.

[Press release] EU to support over 2,300,000 children in 42 countries with education in emergency situations

April 5th, 2016 – EU quadruples its humanitarian financing to education in emergencies worldwide. Today the European Commission has announced a €52 million humanitarian aid package aimed specifically at educational projects for children in emergency situations in 2016. The package reflects the Commission's prior commitment to allocate 4% of its humanitarian aid budget to education.

[News] – Children: The Forgotten Aspect of the EU-Turkey Deal

April 6th, 2016 – While policymakers nervously assess the number of migrants and asylum seekers daily arriving in Greece, adding to the population of those already stranded, the situation of children has been overlooked. And yet they comprised 40 percent of the 57,000 arrivals in Greece in February, and nearly half of all Syrian asylum seekers. Meeting their needs and respecting their rights, particularly those who face potential return to Turkey under the just-implemented EU-Turkey deal, which has proven quite controversial with humanitarian organizations, will be no easy undertaking.
[News] Worrying Trend Shows Increased Number Of Child Torture Victims

April 6th, 2016 – GENEVA – An increasing number of child and adolescent victims of torture has been reported by the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT) and the organizations it funds. In 2016, 5,279 child and adolescent victims of torture are estimated to be given assistance by organizations funded by the UNVFVT. By contrast, in 2015, the organizations reported assisting 3,995 child victims up to the age of 18.

[News] UNICEF urges full hearings for refugee and migrant children stranded in Greece

April 6th, 2016 – GENEVA – With the process of returning refugees and migrants from the Greek islands to Turkey underway as part of the EU-Turkey agreement, UNICEF reminds States of their duty to care and protect all children and give them a full and fair hearing when deciding on their future. UNICEF welcomes a new Greek law, which came into force on 4 April, exempting certain vulnerable groups, including unaccompanied and separated children, children with disabilities, victims of distress and trauma, pregnant women and women who recently gave birth, from “exceptional border procedures” or returns.

[Nouvelle] Haïti – Des policiers québécois épinglés pour inconduite sexuelle

7 avril 2016 - Le problème des inconduites sexuelles des Casques bleus touche aussi le Québec. Deux policiers du Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) ont été sanctionnés après avoir eu des enfants avec des Haïtiennes, alors que l’ONU proscrit toute relation sexuelle avec des résidants. Les deux fautifs faisaient partie de la Mission des Nations unies pour la stabilisation en Haïti (MINUSTAH), dans laquelle près de 90 policiers canadiens sont déployés.
[News] India street children back new campaign to find missing youngsters

April 8th, 2016 – A group of street children is the face of a new citizens’ campaign demanding better policing and community programs to track missing children in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, where at least two children are reported missing every day. The campaign, which launched this week, aims to spread awareness among the homeless, help police understand the challenges of street children and push the Tamil Nadu government to address safety issues of those living on the streets.

Full Article (Reuters)

[Opinion] Encore mieux rendre justice aux enfants victimes et prévenir les agressions

10 avril 2016 – Beaucoup a été fait ces dernières décennies pour mieux protéger les enfants contre les violences qui, non seulement les menacent, mais les frappent. En 1981 le Dr Pierre Strauss a su réveiller une France endormie sur sa bonne conscience et convaincue que, sans avoir éradiqué la maltraitance, elle la contenait et savait y répondre.

Article complet (Le Monde Blog – Jprosen)

[Nouvelle] Allemagne : près de 6 000 réfugiés mineurs disparus en un an


Article complet (France 24)

[Nouvelle] Les enfants, premières victimes de Boko Haram


Article complet (Radio-Canada)
Suicides chez les jeunes : Kuujjuaq veut des solutions à long terme

12 avril 2016 – Le suicide est un phénomène malheureusement répandu depuis des décennies dans le Grand Nord du Québec. Même s'ils demandent de l'aide de Québec pour faire face à la crise des derniers mois, les Inuits estiment qu'ils sont les mieux placés pour prendre les bonnes décisions.

[Nouvelle] Shootings in 1990

[Report] Executions of juveniles since 1990

April 13th, 2016 – The use of the death penalty for crimes committed by people younger than 18 is prohibited under international human rights law, yet some countries still execute child offenders. Since 1990 Amnesty International has documented 129 executions of child offenders in 9 countries: China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the USA and Yemen.

Full Report (Amnesty International)


April 13th, 2016 – This protocol outlines plans for conducting an evidence synthesis on child protection. This synthesis will ask the overarching research question: What is the impact of protection interventions on unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), during the period of separation, in humanitarian crises in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs)?

Full Article (Oxfam)

[News] Nigeria: Two years after Chibok abductions it is time to #BringBackOurGirls

April 14th, 2016 – All those abducted by Boko Haram must be released and those whose lives have been devastated by the armed group must receive support and justice, said Amnesty International on the second anniversary of the armed group’s abduction of more than 270 Chibok schoolgirls.

Full Article (Amnesty International)
[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF publie de nouveaux chiffres sur l'inégalité croissante chez les enfants dans les pays à revenu élevé


[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF et la Banque mondiale appellent à investir dans le développement de la petite enfance


[Nouvelle] Pourquoi autant de suicides chez les jeunes Autochtones ?

15 avril 2016 – La communauté autochtone d'Attawapiskat, dans le nord de l'Ontario, fait à nouveau les manchettes pour de tristes raisons. Au cours du dernier mois, une quarantaine de résidents de la communauté de 2000 habitants ont tenté de s'enlever la vie. Cette vague de suicides ne surprend pas Gerald McKinley, professeur et chercheur à l'Université de Western Ontario, qui se penche sur la problématique depuis plusieurs années. « Malheureusement, ce n'est rien de nouveau, affirme-t-il. C'est une crise qui perdure dans un certain nombre de communautés. »
[Press release] Guatemala Builds Capacity to Assist Migrant Children

April 15th, 2016 – IOM, in coordination with Guatemala’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this week launched a course to train government officials and representatives of civil society institutions in assistance to migrant children, especially unaccompanied minors and children separated from their families. “The course, which is funded by the US Department of State, seeks to strengthen Guatemala’s capacity to protect the rights of vulnerable, young migrants,” said Walter Arreaga, local coordinator of IOM’s Mesoamerica Program.

Full Article (IOM)

[Press release] UNHCR and GPE Agree on Closer Collaboration to Ensure Children’s Education During Crisis

April 15th, 2016 – Washington, D.C. – The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) signed a milestone agreement today that will strengthen their collaboration to support education for refugee children and youth.

Full Article (UNHCR)

[News] An estimated 75% of child refugees stranded alone in Greece do not have a safe place to stay, warns Save the Children

April 16th, 2016 – Vulnerable lone children are being left out in the cold in Greece as the demand for safe shelters and adequate services far outstrips the supply, Save the Children said ahead of Pope Francis’ visit to Lesvos today with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and Archbishop Ieronymo. An estimated 2,000 unaccompanied children who travelled alone to Europe or lost their families along the way are now stranded in Greece following recent border closures, while only 477 shelter spaces are available for these children countrywide.

Full Article (Save the Children)

[News] As economy booms, children toil in Myanmar

April 19th, 2016 – When a boat stacked with gravel moors at a jetty in Yangon, 14-year-old Aung Htet Myat fills a basket he then carries on his back to trucks that whisk the load to construction sites springing up across Myanmar's booming biggest city. For each basket a labor broker rewards the boy with a stick he puts in a plastic bottle tied to his belt.

Full Article (Reuters)
[News] “Hopelessly inadequate.” Why child refugees are still being failed

April 19th, 2016 - Yesterday we heard tragic reports that hundreds of people had drowned in the Mediterranean after the boats they were travelling in capsized. This news comes almost exactly one year after hundreds of people lost their lives just outside of Libyan waters when their boat sank during the night.

Full Article (Save the Children)

[News] Court delay 'huge blow' to poor children in India's Rajasthan-activist

April 20th, 2016 – A court in the Indian state of Rajasthan refused on Wednesday to hear a petition against a state government order that could deny tens of thousands of children their right to free education, dealing a blow to activists' efforts to reverse the order. Rajasthan state issued an order last month that only children from families classified as Below the Poverty Line, and those belonging to backward castes and tribes, could apply to study in a private school under the Right to Education Act.

Full Article (Reuters)


April 20th, 2016 – In the summer of 2014, the Obama Administration had a problem. As Congress was debating comprehensive immigration reform, tens of thousands of children, and in many cases their mothers, fleeing gang violence in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala were turning up at the border.

Full Article (Human Rights Watch)

[News] Child brides sometimes tolerated in Nordic asylum centers despite bans

April 21st, 2016 – Some child brides are living with older husbands in asylum centers in Scandinavia, triggering a furor about lapses in protection for girls in nations that ban child marriage. Authorities have in some cases let girls stay with their partners, believing it is less traumatic for them than forced separation after fleeing wars in nations such as Afghanistan or Syria. Some girls have also passed themselves off as adults.

Full article (Reuters)
[Nouvelle] Les Restaveks, enfants esclaves en Haïti

21 avril 2016 – « Ma maman ne pouvait plus s'occuper de moi » raconte Franceline, petite haïtienne de huit ans. « Elle n’avait plus d’argent. J’ai donc été placée comme Restavek. La famille qui m’a accueillie ne me laissait jamais jouer, j’avais toujours du travail à faire. Quand je sortais, c’était pour aller puiser de l’eau ou pour aller au marché. Si je restais trop longtemps dehors, on me frappait à mon retour. »

Article complet (Terre des hommes)

[Nouvelle] Migrants : situation "préoccupante" des mineurs isolés à Calais (institution française)

21 avril 2016 – Les migrants mineurs arrivés seuls dans la région de Calais (nord) dans l’espoir de passer en Angleterre sont dans une "situation de très grande vulnérabilité" et doivent être mieux protégés, alerte le Défenseur des droits en France. Évoquant des "conditions de vie extrêmement misérables" des mineurs isolés, le Défenseur des enfants, institution indépendante qui défend les personnes dont les droits ne sont pas respectés, appelle l'État et les autorités locales à mettre en place un suivi spécifique de ces jeunes.

Article complet (Reliefweb)


April 22nd, 2016 – Almost two thirds of children who have not been immunized with basic vaccines live in countries that are either partially or entirely affected by conflict, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) said today, ahead of World Immunization Week. Of countries in conflict, South Sudan has the highest percentage of unimmunized children, with 61 per cent not receiving the most basic childhood vaccines, followed by Somalia (58 per cent) and Syria (57 per cent), UNICEF said in a press release.

Full Article (UN News Centre)

April 24\textsuperscript{th}, 2016 – With Nepal still struggling to recover from a massive earthquake one year ago, child rights and humanitarian development organisation Plan International is calling on the international community, governments, and donors to take immediate action to institute key protections for children from exploitation, child labour, and trafficking, while also meeting urgent health, educational, and counselling needs.

Full Article (Reliefweb)

[Nouvelle] Au Népal, les enfants craignent que la terre tremble à nouveau.


Article complet (Terre des hommes)

[News] Dispatches: Burma’s Rohingya Muslims in Desperate Straits

April 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2016 – Last week’s tragic boat accident off the coast of Burma’s Arakan State killed an estimated 20 Rohingya Muslims, including nine children, and left another 20 missing. The government-controlled newspaper, Global New Light of Myanmar, made a rare admission that the tragedy, in which a packed boat capsized in heavy seas, resulted from government travel restrictions that prevent Rohingya from traveling overland, forcing them to travel by boat even when conditions are dangerous.

Full Article (Human Rights Watch)

[News] "We have the power": UNEP Awards Winners of the International Children's Painting Competition

April 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2016 – The winning works of Gloria Yang from the United States, Salya Richita Susanto from Indonesia and Sataporn Thitiprasert from Thailand were selected from among nearly 63,000 submissions from 66 countries around the world. The theme of this year’s competition - "We have the power!" - inspired thousands of young artists around the world to share their visions of how renewable energy can be harnessed for the wellbeing of people on the planet.

Full Article (UNEP News Centre)
Ecuador: quake damage to schools impacts 120,000 children – UNICEF

April 27th, 2016 – More than 280 schools have been damaged by the earthquake that hit Ecuador on 16 April, leaving up to 120,000 children temporarily without education, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has said. “Education is a lifeline for children going through the trauma of chaos and destruction,” said Grant Leaity, UNICEF Representative in Ecuador. “It helps give them a daily routine and a sense of purpose and puts them on track for psychological recovery.” UNICEF said that a total of 250,000 children have been affected by the earthquake.

Full Article (UN News Centre)

États-Unis – Les grossesses adolescentes au plus bas

28 avril 2016 – Les grossesses chez les 15-19 ans ont diminué de 61 % entre 1991 et 2014 aux États-Unis, où les campagnes d'informations et un meilleur accès à la contraception ont conduit au plus bas taux de grossesses adolescentes jamais enregistré, ont annoncé jeudi les autorités sanitaires.

Article complet (Le Devoir)

Le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne interpelle Ottawa

28 avril 2016 – Le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne rend une nouvelle décision au sujet de la protection de la jeunesse dans les communautés autochtones. Il reproche au gouvernement canadien son manque d’empressement à agir et exige qu’il agisse immédiatement, tout en précisant ses actions.

Article complet (Le Devoir)

Népalaises à vendre

28 avril 2016 – Des trafiquants s’emparent de femmes et fillettes poussées à l’exil par le séisme d’avril 2015. Un an après le tremblement de terre qui a fait près de 9000 morts et ravagé le pays, le Népal peine à se reconstruire, faisant craindre aux ONG une hausse du trafic de femmes et d’enfants vers l’Inde.

Article complet (Le Devoir)
Press release] Secretary-General, Condemning Aleppo Hospital Attack, Says All Parties in Syria Must Renew Focus on Political Process Instead of Bombing Civilian Areas

April 28th, 2016 – The Secretary-General condemns yesterday’s aerial strikes against Al Quds hospital in Aleppo. Civil society groups report at least 20 people killed as a result of the attack, including three children and the area’s last paediatrician. The Secretary-General expresses his deep condolences to the bereaved families.

Full Article (UN Press Centre)

[News] XPRIZE And UN Announce Global Partnership To Empower Children’s Learning Through Technology

April 29th, 2016 – The XPRIZE Foundation with the United Nations’ Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) today announced a new partnership for the US$15 Million Global Learning XPRIZE – a five-year competition challenging teams to develop open-source software that will enable children with limited access to schooling to teach themselves basic reading, writing and arithmetic. XPRIZE, a non-profit organization, is the world’s leader in designing and managing incentive prize competitions for the benefit of humanity.

Full Article (World Food Programme)
2. Conferences, Courses and Events

16ème Colloque de formation sur les enfants disparus ou exploités (CEDE)

Organisé par le Centre canadien de protection de l’enfance, le CEDE est l’un des plus grands colloques sur les enfants disparus ou exploités au Canada. Le CEDE offre trois jours de formations données par des experts sur divers sujets, dont les indices et les enquêtes de maltraitance d’enfants et la cyber exploitation.

**Lieu** : The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre, 222, Broadway, Winnipeg (Manitoba)
**Date** : 17-19 mai 2016 de 08h00-16h00
**Pour plus d’informations** (CEDE)

Research Scholarships – Humanitarian Leadership & related themes

With over 60 million people displaced around the world due to conflicts and disasters, and with the severity and frequency of humanitarian emergencies increasing, the sector is facing significant challenges. The Centre for Humanitarian Leadership (CHL) is seeking to address some of these challenges through our Teaching, Research and Innovation work, and we are now able to offer a limited number of research scholarships.

**Location**: Melbourne – Australia  
**Date**: 20 May 2016 to 20 May 2019  
**Registration deadline**: 20 May 2016  
**For more information** (Reliefweb)

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 – The Rights of the Child Summer School

This exciting programme will consider legal, political and societal debate, both internationally and comparatively, on issues concerning the rights of the child. These issues include child participation, child poverty, children in conflict and child rights monitoring and advocacy.

Location: Nottingham – United Kingdom of Great Britain
Date: 27 June to 01 July 2016
Registration deadline: 01 June 2016
For more information (University of Nottingham)

Human Rights Education – University for peace

As proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous succeeding covenants, conventions, treaties and declarations, the concept of human rights constitutes an indispensable pillar in the building of peace at all levels of life. Furthermore, the role of formal and non-formal education in promoting human rights (or human rights education) is also recognized as vital and complementary to the vision and goals of peace education.

Location: Online
Date: 6 June to 5 July 2016
Registration deadline: 5 June 2016
For more information (Reliefweb)

Training – IPT Specialisation Course Child Protection

This IPT Specialisation Course equips participants with specialised knowledge and skills to become effectively involved in monitoring, advisory and executive functions to protect children in crisis areas. Children are subject to abductions, military recruitment, killing, maiming, and numerous forms of exploitation. The multiple distresses affecting children in armed conflicts call for a multiple track approach and well trained experts to safeguard their rights.

Location: Barcelona - Spain
Date: 28 October to 6 November 2016
Registration deadline: 1 July 2016
For more information (Reliefweb)
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.

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

Pour plus d'informations (Université de Moncton)
3. Vacancies

Chief Education, P-4, Tunis, Tunisia, #97279 - UN Children’s Fund

If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you. For 70 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection and development. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS.

**Location:** Tunisia  
**Application deadline:** 13 May 2016  
[For more information](Relief web)

Logistics Coordinator Syria (M/F) – Secours Islamique France

Secours Islamique France (SIF) is a Non-Governmental Organization of international solidarity based in France. Founded in 1991, SIF is a non-profit and non-political organization that intents to help, to bring relief and to protect the lives of those threatened by natural disasters, armed conflicts or by economic collapse. SIF intervenes around the world through operations of emergency relief, rehabilitation and development. SIF provides its help in respect of the cultural diversity, without any distinction of origin, religion or gender.

**Location:** Syrian Arab Republic  
**Application deadline:** 13 May 2016  
[For more information](ReliefWeb)
Supporter Retention And Development Manager – Plan UK

It is the role of the Supporter Retention and Development Manager to manage a portfolio of fundraising products that engage people and community groups in Plan’s work and to maximise that engagement through appropriate communication strategies across all media.

For this key role, you will need to have significant experience of working in a fundraising/marketing environment and of using direct marketing techniques. You’ll be able to lead a team, have experience of managing agencies and budgets and of working strategically with a customer service team.

You will also have the ability to distil Plan’s work and approach to development and present in an engaging way to a variety of audiences and present structured and cohesive arguments both verbally and in writing.

Location: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Application deadline: 15 May 2016
For more information (ReliefWeb)

Regional Project Manager, “Increased Accountability of ASEAN and SAARC to the Realization of Children’s Right to Protection” – Plan

The post holder is responsible for the management, coordination, and resource mobilisation for the “Increased Accountability of ASEAN and SAARC to the Realization of Children’s Right to Protection” project under the supervision and guidance by the Regional Head of Child Protection.

Given the distinct focus of the Project on child protection advocacy by CSO coalitions towards regional bodies for collaboration ASEAN and SAARC, daily management, coordination and support throughout all stages of the Project cycle, including planning, budgeting, documenting and reporting, constitute key responsibilities via a robust M&E framework.

Location: Asia Regional Office Bangkok and other country in Region
Application deadline: 18 May 2016
For more information (Reliefweb)
Communication Specialist (Media and Emergencies), P-3, Geneva, Switzerland, #57000 – UN Children’s Fund

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The purpose of the post is to provide communication support to National Committees and country offices with a private sector fundraising role on media relations and emergencies.

**Location:** Switzerland  
**Application deadline:** 20 May 2016

For more information (ReliefWeb)

**Human Resources Systems – Goal**

GOAL is an international humanitarian agency established in 1977 and currently operational in 19 countries world-wide. GOAL has an annual budget of approximately €160m and is supported by a range of donors including the Irish Government, UK Government, USAID and the European Union.

- To function as the system owner and subject matter expert for a global HRIS implementation, ensuring the solution supports ‘best-practice’ processes and requirements for the long term.
- To assess impact, facilitate change and engage buy-in to ensure the effective delivery and user acceptance of the solution throughout the organisation.

**Location:** Ireland  
**Application deadline:** 31 May 2016

For more information (ReliefWeb)
4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Africa – Young People Converge to Discuss African Youth Charter

April 11th, 2016 – In commemorating the 10th year anniversary of the adoption of the African Youth Charter, 52 young people from different African countries converged to dialogue at a local hotel during the weekend. The event was organised by the Human Right Institute of South Africa (HURISA), a coalition of African civil society organisations, in collaboration with the African Youth Panel, National Youth Council of The Gambia, Youth Alliance in The Gambia, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS) and UN.

Full Article (All Africa)

Africa – Nigeria regional conflict: 10-fold increase in number of children used in ‘suicide’ attacks

April 12th, 2016 – DAKAR/NEW YORK/GENEVA – The number of children involved in ‘suicide’ attacks in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Niger has risen sharply over the past year, from 4 in 2014 to 44 in 2015, according to a UNICEF report released today. More than 75 per cent of the children involved in the attacks are girls.

Full Article and Report (UNICEF)

Africa – Why Africa is lagging behind in child vaccination

April 25th, 2016 – Charles Wiysonge Correspondent Africa has made incredible improvements immunising children against preventable diseases such as polio, pneumonia, diphtheria, measles and tuberculosis. By 2014, 77 percent of the continent’s children were immunised. Compared to 1980, when only 5 percent of African children were vaccinated, this is a drastic improvement. Despite these achievements, the immunisation agenda in Africa remains unfinished.

Full Article (The Herald)

Angola hit by yellow fever outbreak

April 14th, 2016 – Hospitals in Angola's capital Luanda have been overwhelmed by yellow fever patients. At the David Bernadino Children's Hospital, five hundred children are admitted every day. Fever, muscle pains, nausea, bleeding: These are the signs of yellow fever. For months now, Angola has been hit by the yellow fever scare.

Full Article (DW)
Burkina Faso – Ouagadougou : Des élèves ont manifesté pour de meilleures conditions d’études

7 avril 2016 – L’Association des élèves et scolaires de Ouagadougou (AESO) a manifesté ce mercredi 6 avril 2016 dans la capitale pour exiger la prise en compte de leur plate-forme revendicative qui avait été soumise au mois de février à leur ministère de tutelle. Pour se faire entendre, des centaines d’élèves ont bloqué la circulation sous l’échangeur de l’Est.

[Article complet](LeFaso.net)

Burkina Faso – Gratuité des soins de santé maternelle et infantile : Des chercheurs s’interrogent

24 avril 2016 – À la lumière d’expériences récentes dans d’autres pays, des chercheurs s’interrogent sur les perspectives de la mesure de gratuité des soins de santé maternelle et infantile. S’il est un motif de célébration, il faut néanmoins avoir à l’esprit les leçons venues d’ailleurs, disent les chercheurs du projet FEMHealth.

[Article complet](LeFaso.net)

Burkina Faso – Forced and early marriage puts thousands of girls at risk

April 26th, 2016 – Early and forced marriage in Burkina Faso is robbing thousands of girls as young as 13 of their childhood, while the cost of contraception and other barriers prevent them from choosing if and when to have children, Amnesty International said in a report published today.

[Full Article](Amnesty international)

Burundi – Aurora Prize Awarded To Burundi Hero Marguerite Barankitse, Who Sheltered 30,000 Children From Conflict

April 25th, 2016 – ‘A reminder of the impact that one person can have’. George Clooney has presented a humanitarian worker from Burundi, who sheltered around 30,000 children from conflict, with a million dollar prize. Marguerite Barankitse, known as Maggy, was one of four finalists nominated for The Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity. She will now donate the money to three organisations working to end child poverty.

[Full Article](The Huffington Post)
Cameroon – Yaounde Central Prison: Minors' Reception Facility Equipped

April 11th, 2016 – Within the backdrop of offering a convivial family set-up for detained children and their parents as well as detained mothers and their children, the association, Relais Enfants-Parents du Cameroun (REPCAM) last Friday April 8, 2016 at the Yaounde Central Prison officially opened a home meant to provide comfort to mothers and children under detention.

Full Article (Cameroon Tribune)

Cameroon – Solar power, text messages fight maternal deaths in rural Cameroon

April 12th, 2016 – Julianna Senze, 40, had been in heavy labour for eight hours when she arrived at the Idenau Health Centre in Limbe, on the southwest coast of Cameroon. Like many women in the country, she had had no prenatal care, so what should have been a routine delivery was now a high-risk medical procedure. The nurses, looking worn and tired, rushed her to the delivery room.

Full Article (Thomson Reuters Foundation News)

Côte d'Ivoire – Droits de l'enfant : d'importants progrès, mais aussi des défis à relever en Côte d'Ivoire


Article complet (Reliefweb)

Democratic Republic of the Congo – Exclusive report: General Baraka’s one hundred children

April 5th, 2016 – Daniel Tamene, our Programme Finance Manager, recently travelled to the Democratic Republic of Congo to visit our partner Centre Resolution Conflits (CRC). He accompanied CRC into the bush to see first-hand the negotiation process they manage every time they rescue and resettle child soldiers. Here is Daniel’s exclusive report from the field.

Full Article (Peace Direct)
Democratic Republic of the Congo – Uganda / DRC: Ten children to be reunited with their families in DRC

April 21st, 2016 – The ICRC in Kampala has successfully handed over ten minor children to the ICRC delegation in the DRC at Bunagana point on the Uganda-DRC border for reunification with their families. The children, whose ages range from one to seventeen years, were separated from their families due to the ongoing conflict in the North Kivu region of the DRC.

Full Article (ICRC)

Ethiopia – Six million children in Ethiopia are hungry and without clean water. It’s in all of our interests to help Ethiopia overcome the worst drought in 50 years

April 14th, 2016 – When four-year-old Malou first arrived at the Save the Children stabilisation centre in the small community of Fedeto, she was severely underweight and limp, her feet swollen. But having been treated for the effects of malnutrition, and it seemed starting on the road to recovery, she now has a second battle on her hands – to overcome pneumonia.

Full Article (Save the Children)

Éthiopie – L’armée éthiopienne entre au Soudan du Sud à la recherche d'enfants kidnappés


Article complet (RFI)

Gambia – Schools meals - a step towards zero hunger in The Gambia

April 7th, 2016 - School meals are a lifeline for more than 100,000 vulnerable children and their families across The Gambia. The European Union (E.U.) is one of the biggest supporters of WFP's school meals programme across the country.

Full Article (World Food Programme)
Gambia – Home Affairs - the Plight of Street Children

April 15th, 2016 – The reasons children go to the streets are unique to their individual situations. Often there is not one simple reason why a child is on the street. According to research, a combination of multiple factors such as poverty, neglect, breakdown of a family, losing one or both parents, and verbal, physical and sexual abuse drive children to a life on the street.

Full Article (All Africa)

Guinea – UN Report Reveals Increasing Incidents of Female Genital Mutilation in Guinea, Including On Infants

April 25th, 2016 – Despite being forbidden by national and international law, according to a new United Nations report, female genital mutilation shows no sign of abating in Guinea - with more infants and very young girls undergoing the excisions than before. "Although female genital mutilation appears to be decreasing worldwide, this is not the case in Guinea, where this practice is widespread in every region and among every ethnic, religious and social group," said UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein in a press release on the report.

Full Article (All Africa)

Guinée – Les femmes et les enfants, victimes collatérales d’Ebola

18 avril 2016 – « La dernière fois que j’ai accouché à la maison, j’ai eu une tension du placenta. J’ai tellement saigné que j’ai failli perdre la vie », raconte Mariama, 35 ans, allongée à côté de son enfant, né il y a quelques minutes. Affaiblie par le travail, elle doit forcer sur sa voix pour couvrir les pleurs du nouveau-né : « C’est mon septième enfant. Maintenant, j’accouche au dispensaire. Parce que si tu accouches seule et qu’il y a un problème, il n’y a personne pour te secourir... »

Article complet (Le Monde Afrique)

Ivory Coast – Leaving Cote d'Ivoire

April 1st, 2016 – After nine years of assisting refugees and internally displaced people in Cote d'Ivoire, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has closed down its operations in the country. "Our programme has had a positive impact on the population of Côte d’Ivoire and our achievements make me proud," says Cheick Ba, NRC’s Country Director in Cote d'Ivoire.

Full Article (Norwegian Refugee Council)
Ivory Coast – Ivorians use schools to cut child labour

April 28th, 2016 – Since 2011, 17,829 classrooms have been built or restored. “At five years old, I went to work in the fields with my dad. Today, my children go to school,” said Peter, a cocoa farmer in Bonikro in the centre of Cote d’Ivoire. Peter is one of a generation of farmers at the heart of a drive to keep the country’s children in school and away from its vast plantations.

[Full Article](https://www.dailynation.co.ke) (Daily Nation)

Kenya – It’s time to stop these preventable deaths of mothers and children

April 21st, 2016 – One in 38 Kenyan women is at risk of dying from childbirth complications. The day of a child’s birth should be a day filled with joy, but for many Kenyans, it is a day of fear. For the most unfortunate, it is a day of tragedy.

[Full Article](https://www.dailynation.co.ke) (Daily Nation)

Kenya – 160 girls show the way for victims of rape

April 24th, 2016 – The High Court of Kenya ruled that police must enforce defilement laws and investigate, apprehend, and arrest perpetrators. In Kenya, one out of every three girls will be sexually assaulted before she turns 18. It is even worse when a survivor of sexual violence does not see their rapist face justice.

[Full Article](https://www.dailynation.co.ke) (Daily Nation)

Liberia – Justice Holds Child Protection Training

April 26th, 2016 – The Ministry of Justice through its Child Protection Section in collaboration with the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) has conducted a two-day training for officers of the Liberia National Police Women and Children Protection Section. The training was being held under the theme, "Protecting children's rights to diversion within the child justice system".

[Full Article](https://www.allafrica.com) (All Africa)
Madagascar – Comment Madagascar s’emploie à lutter contre le fléau des retards de croissance et à améliorer le développement du jeune enfant

6 avril 2016 – À Analamanga, des jeunes femmes attendent leur tour, leur bébé dans les bras, au centre du Programme national de nutrition communautaire (PNNC). Un agent de santé vérifie le poids et l’âge d’une petite fille de six mois et note minutieusement ces informations. Pour la plupart des nouvelles mères, c’est le poids de leur bébé qui détermine avant tout l’état de santé de l’enfant.

Article complet (Banque Mondiale)

Madagascar – Éducation – Des enfants remis à la scolarité

27 avril 2016 – Le projet initié par l’association Asmae, Manda et Hardi, financé par l’Union Européenne ont fait la joie des enfants devenus scolarisés. Quatre cent quarante enfants issus de familles très vulnérables, résidant dans les quartiers d’Antananarivo, sont appuyés par le projet d’Appui à la réinsertion des enfants exclus du système scolaire.

Article complet (L’Express Madagascar)

Malawi – Malawi’s fearsome chief, terminator of child marriages

March 31st, 2016 – Chief Kachindamoto has broken up 850 child marriages in three years, and banned the sexual initiations of young girls. The mild-mannered woman who zips around a farmhouse packed with knick-knacks and insists her guests eat a meal before any introductions, presents a character at odds with her fearsome reputation of being Malawi’s top marriage terminator.

Full Article (Al Jazeera)

Malawi – Malawi empowers children to fight sexual abuse

April 19th, 2016 – Rape is Malawi’s most reported crime. Ujamaa initiative is helping schoolkids defend themselves against perpetrators. Small fists fly towards throats, knees jerk from under pinafore dress hems up to groin level and two-pronged fingers shoot for the eyes as high-pitched shrieks of "No!" echo through the playground at Makankhula primary school.

Full Article (Al Jazeera)
Malawi – People with albinism risk "extinction" in Malawi, says UN official

April 29th, 2016 – People with albinism in Malawi are at risk of "systemic extinction" due to relentless attacks fueled by superstitions, the United Nations' top expert on albinism said on Friday on her first official visit in her new role. At least 65 cases of violence against people with albinism including killings and dismemberment have been recorded by police in Malawi since late 2014…

Full Article (Thomson Reuters Foundation News)

Mali – Travail des enfants : Le combat d’une ONG pour l’application des textes

19 avril 2016 – Le Grand Hôtel de Bamako a abrité, les 05 et 06 Avril 2016, un atelier de renforcement des capacités des acteurs de protection en maîtrise des instruments juridiques sur le travail des enfants. Placé sous la présidence de la ministre du Travail et de la Fonction Publique, la formation s’inscrit dans le cadre de la mise en œuvre du projet « Protection des droits et amélioration du statut des jeunes filles aide-ménagères mineures de Bamako ».

Article complet (Mali Actu)

Mali – UNICEF condamne le retrait d'enfants des écoles de Kidal


Article complet (Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)

Mauritius – Inauguration of the Correctional Youth Centre for Girls

April 28th, 2016 – The Correctional Youth Centre (CYC) for Girls, a safe and secure correctional facility for 16 delinquent juveniles up to the age of 18, was inaugurated yesterday by the Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions, Mrs Fazila Daureeawoo, in the presence of the Acting Commissioner of Prisons, Mr J. Rungadoo.

Full Article (Government of Mauritius)
Mozambique – In Mozambique, the children too poor to learn

April 9th, 2016 – Early on a bright Monday morning in downtown Beira, Mozambique's second largest city, 13-year-old Beitu Candrinho washes oranges beneath the shadow of a statue of Samora Machel - the country's founding father. He places the fruit in a basket and walks on to the busy, palm tree-lined streets of the city to sell them. Candrinho has followed this routine for the past three years, six days a week.

Full Article (Al Jazeera)

Mozambique – Mozambique Launches National Plan to End Child Marriage

April 11th, 2016 – Mozambique, which has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world, unveiled a national plan on Monday to end the practice which affects nearly half of the country's girls. "(This is) a cause for celebration, and should inspire our African neighbours to do the same," said Albino Francisco, coordinator of Girls Not Brides Mozambique which helped the government draw up the strategy.

Full Article (All Africa)

Nigeria – Chibok two years on: Remembering all Boko Haram’s victims

April 13th, 2016 – In September 2014, a 19-year-old woman whom I will call Aisha was celebrating a friend’s wedding in a small village in north-eastern Nigeria when Boko Haram attacked. The fighters killed the groom and many of the male guests. They abducted Aisha, along with other women, including her sister and the bride.

Full Article (Amnesty International)

Nigéria – Les lycéennes de Chibok sont-elles en vie ? Boko Haram l’affirme

14 avril 2016 – Boko Haram a envoyé une « preuve de vie » des lycéennes, enlevées il y a exactement deux ans à Chibok, alors que leur disparition sera commémorée aujourd'hui par des prières et des manifestations à travers tout le Nigeria.

Article complet (Jeune Afrique)
Nigéria – « Qui veut devenir kamikaze ? » : témoignage d’un otage de Boko Haram


Article complet (Courrier international)


April 28th, 2016 – The issue of girl-child education has been the subject of debate in many fora in Nigeria; from the drafting of policy papers to setting up women right groups. Ugo Aliogo re-examines an issue which has not received the desired attention and support.

Full Article (This Day)

République centrafricaine – Des dizaines d'enfants victimes présumées d'abus sexuels par des Casques bleus en Centrafrique, selon l'ONU

5 avril 2016 – Lors d'une réunion de l'Assemblée générale de l'ONU, le Chef de cabinet du Secrétaire général de l'Organisation, Edmond Mulet, a réaffirmé mardi la détermination des Nations Unies à mettre fin aux actes d'exploitation sexuelle et aux atteintes sexuelles commis par son personnel dans le cadre des missions de maintien de la paix.

Article complet (Centre d’actualités de l’ONU)

République démocratique du Congo – RD Congo : Des enfants sont détenus dans une prison militaire d'une région reculée

4 avril 2016 – L'armée nationale congolaise détient illégalement au moins 29 enfants dans de rudes conditions dans le nord-ouest de la République démocratique du Congo (RD Congo). Les autorités affirment que ces garçons, âgés de 15 à 17 ans, étaient membres d'un groupe rebelle armé et les détiennent dans une prison militaire à Angenga depuis leur capture dans l'est de la RD Congo en 2015.

Article complet (Human Rights Watch)
République démocratique du Congo – Participation des enfants à la résolution des conflits en RDC


Article complet (UNICEF RDC)

Rwanda – NGOs raise red flag over abuse of refugee children in camps

April 9th, 2016 – The increasing cases of gender-based violence among child refugees in Rwanda has raised concern on efforts by government and non-governmental organisations on finding new ways to stop the crime in refugee camps. Plan International Rwanda, a UNHCR partner charged with child protection in the current refugee emergency response programme has revealed that most of the children in camps face physical abuse and there has been silence over the incidences.

Full Article (The EastAfrican)

Rwanda – New Women council committee pledges to tackle street children problem

April 10th, 2016 - The new National Women Council committee has pledged to increase efforts to effectively deal with street children issues. This was during the swearing-in of the new 7-member committee yesterday in Nyandungu Kigali. Francoise Uwumukiza, the new president of NWC, said that by working with religious leaders and other stakeholders, the council will talk to street children, know where they came from and make efforts to resettle them in their families.

Full Article (The NewsTimes)

Rwanda – Publishers in drive to promote Kinyarwanda children’s books

April 27th, 2016 – As part of the new competency-based curriculum, the government of Rwanda seeks to ensure that Rwandan children are taught in Kinyarwanda from their early years of basic education to help them grasp concepts better. Needless to say, books written in Kinyarwanda go a long way towards achieving this particular goal.

Full Article (The NewsTimes)
Senegal – Child beggar to hero: videogame shows suffering of Senegal street children

March 31st, 2016 – Barefoot, a bucket under one arm, Senegalese child beggar Mamadou dodges cars, taxis and buses on the chaotic streets of Dakar as he searches for his parents in the hope of going home. Mamadou is the fictional star of "Cross Dakar City", a mobile videogame which aims to raise awareness of the plight of tens of thousands of children in Senegal who are exploited and forced to beg in the streets by teachers at Koranic schools.

Full Article (Reuters Africa)

Sierra Leone – Clubs, books and tape: The low-tech solutions saving children’s lives in Sierra Leone

April 13th, 2016 – In Sierra Leone, nearly one third of children under the age of 5 are chronically malnourished. One community is using mothers’ support groups to address child malnutrition. It’s eight o’clock on a Saturday morning, and the Rogbonko village centre fills with cheerful song and laughter as women gather around a simple picture book. This is the weekly meeting of the Rogbonko mothers’ support group, where pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and mothers with young children from the community come together to learn about nutrition.

Full Article (UNICEF)

Sierra Leone – Sierra Leone 'helped deploy ex-child soldiers to Iraq', academic says

April 19th, 2016 – Sierra Leone's government helped British private security service firms recruit former child soldiers to work as guards in Iraq from 2009, said a Danish academic who has spent years investigating the issue. Thousands of children were forced to fight in Sierra Leone's 11-year civil war, which ended in 2002. More than 50,000 people were killed in the fighting and many tens of thousands more mutilated or raped by rebels.

Full Article (Reuters)
Sierra Leone – A second chance at schooling for pregnant teenagers in Ebola-affected Sierra Leone

April 28th, 2016 – In Sierra Leone, a new initiative offers classes and resources to pregnant teenage girls, who are otherwise prohibited from attending school. Meet Adama, who became pregnant during the Ebola crisis but refuses to give up on her education.

Full Article (UNICEF)

Sierra Leone – The forgotten child prisoners of Sierra Leone

April 29th, 2016 – Child inmates are left to languish in prison with no visitors or legal assistance as many wait years for a trial. Sorie's last day of freedom was a few weeks before his 14th birthday, when the well-to-do father of a girl he liked got word that his daughter had been hanging around with a street boy.

Full Article (Al Jazeera)

Somalia – Child Malnutrition Soars in Northern Somalia Due to Severe Drought

April 18th, 2106 – Child malnutrition rates are soaring in northern Somalia, where the harshest drought in decades has ravaged crops and livestock, and aid workers fear hunger will worsen with further poor rains predicted.

Full Article (All Africa)

Sudan – Displaced boy scores top marks in North Darfur exams

April 18th, 2016 – A displaced child from Abu Shouk camp near El Fasher, capital of North Darfur, has scored top marks in the basic school examination in North Darfur. Mudesir Abdul Hakim Ali El Tahir, who scored a total of 279 marks, has become a source of inspiration, hope, and joy in the hearts of all displaced.

Full Article (Dabanga)
Tanzania – Supporting Refugee Children Is Crucial

April 24th, 2016 – It is clear that during crisis children are hugely affected. In these difficult circumstances, they find themselves without their parents' protection at a time when they need it the most. Many children have lost track of their parents and relatives in such upheavals and become desperate to find out what happened to them. Violence and civil unrest escalated in Burundi last year and deteriorated children's conditions drastically.

Full Article (All Africa)

Tanzania – Surgeons to screen children with hydrocephalus

April 29th, 2016 – Acute shortage of neuro surgeons in the country could cause a serious public health concern as the few available have launched a mission to save lives of children with hydrocephalus problems. Such a campaign was launched here where a team of ten neuro surgeons will attend and perform operations on about 50 children with the problem out of around 200 children to be screened.

Full Article (Daily News)

Uganda – Government launches child friendly justice handbook to protect rights of children in contact with the law

April 27th, 2016 – The Government of Uganda and UNICEF have today launched a child-friendly justice handbook to guide prosecutors and other actors in the criminal justice system, in handling child-related cases in a child-friendly and gender responsive manner.

Full Article (UNICEF)

Zimbabwe – Ending Child Marriage in Zimbabwe

March 31st, 2016 – Last week, Zimbabwe’s Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa announced that the government is developing laws to make it a criminal offense to pay lobola (bride wealth) for girls under age 18. It was the latest hopeful sign that the country is moving in the right direction on ending child marriage.

Full Article (Human Rights Watch)
Zimbabwe – Impact of Some Social, Cultural Practices On Children in Zimbabwe

April 27th, 2016 – A report prepared by the Zimbabwe Youth Council (ZYC) under the African Union theme for 2013, "Eliminating harmful social and cultural practices affecting children: our collective responsibility", provides empirical evidence that children in Zimbabwe are affected by harmful cultural and social practices. These practices consist of early marriages, child prostitution, drug abuse, child labour and border jumping.

Full Article (The Herald)
Newsletter on Children’s rights in Sub-Saharan Africa

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[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


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)
[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)


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)


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, 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)


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 man made 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)


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.

Full Article (WHO)

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


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)
Training – Social Norms, Social Change

This course addresses the following 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)
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 au 11th November 2016
- **Registration deadline:** 24 October 2016

For more information (Network for Water and Sanitation)
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

- **Location**: ICRC delegation abroad
- **Application deadline**: 31 August 2016

For more information (ReliefWeb)
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)
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

[For more information](ReliefWeb)
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

For more information (ReliefWeb)
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, inducting 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

For more information (ReliefWeb)
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

Angola – Explaining the Importance of Birth Registration in Angola

May 4th, 2016 - Registering a child in Angola is sometimes a real challenge. The lack of information, the weaknesses of the services and the bureaucracy of the system are among the main constraints. These problems caught the attention of a group of 40 students of Law at the Mandume Ya Ndemufayo Public University who decided to create what they called ‘Citizens Information Posts’ in Lubango, capital of Huila, one of the eighteen provinces of Angola.

Full Article (UNICEF)

Burkina Faso – Takes a Step Closer to Universal Health Coverage

May 17th, 2016 - In Burkina Faso, we have recently achieved important steps forward in health. I’ve been working with advocates for women and children’s health to campaign for the removal of user fees. The coalition’s campaign, ‘Ma Voix, La Santé des Enfants’ (My Voice, Children’s Health) brought together a wide range of partners to lobby for the introduction of this policy and resulted in the passing of a law on the removal of fees.

Full Article (Save the Children)

Burkina Faso – Les mesures de gratuité des enfants de moins de cinq ans et des femmes enceintes lancées


Article complet (Gouvernement du Burkina Faso)
Burundi – Rapport de la délégation de la Commission africaine des droits de l'Homme et des peuples

17 mai 2016 - Le présent rapport fait l'analyse et rend compte des conclusions de la Délégation de la Commission africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples sur la situation qui prévaut en République du Burundi, dans le domaine des droits de l'homme, depuis le déclenchement de la crise actuelle, en avril 2015. Le présent rapport et la mission dont il rend compte s'inscrivent dans le cadre de l'application de la décision de la 551ème réunion du Conseil de Paix et de Sécurité (CPS) de l'Union africaine (UA), dans le Communique IV, PSC/PR /COMM.(DLI) qui demandait à la Commission africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples (la Commission) de procéder d'urgence à une enquête approfondie sur les violations des droits de l'homme et autres exactions à l’encontre des populations civiles au Burundi.

Article complet (Commission Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples)

Burundi – Les jeunes donnent l’exemple

13 mai 2016 - En apparence, la ville de Rumonge ressemble à n’importe quelle autre cité portuaire pittoresque. Située sur les rives du lac Tanganyika, elle est principalement connue pour ses activités de pêche et de commerce. Mais, comme pour de nombreuses autres localités du Burundi, une autre histoire se dessine. Depuis son indépendance, le pays a connu des cycles de violences ethniques et politiques, une nouvelle crise politique ayant éclaté en 2015, cela seulement dix ans après la fin officielle de la précédente.

Article complet (UN Children’s Fund)

Burundi – Gatumba : Un camp en construction pour des personnes affectées par les inondations

28 mai, 2016 - Les volontaires de la Croix-Rouge s’activent pour ériger des tentes pour les personnes affectées par les inondations dans la Zone Gatumba. Cette zone de la commune Mutimbuzi dans la province Bujumbura est actuellement sous effets de débordement de la rivière Rusizi. 755 ménages sont actuellement sans abris soient 4179 personnes dont 1488 écoliers et 990 enfants de moins de 5 ans.

Article complet (Croix-Rouge du Burundi)
Cameroun – Une approche de la santé tournée vers les Camerounais les plus vulnérables

9 mai 2016 - Depuis quelques années, les efforts conjugués du gouvernement et des organisations internationales ont permis d’enregistrer des progrès importants dans la lutte contre la malnutrition et la mortalité maternelle et infantile au Cameroun. Ces progrès masquent cependant de fortes disparités entre les régions du Sud et celles du Nord, plus pauvres, où près de 20 % des enfants décèdent avant d’atteindre leur cinquième année.

Article complet (Banque mondiale)

Cameroun – Le nord du Cameroun bénéficiera d’un financement de 127 millions de dollars axés sur les besoins sanitaires pressant des femmes et des enfants

3 mai 2016 - Les administrateurs de la Banque mondiale ont approuvé aujourd’hui un financement d’un montant total de 127 millions de dollars pour accroître le recours aux services de santé et améliorer la qualité de ces services au Cameroun, en particulier les services de santé de la procréation, de la mère, du nouveau-né, de l’enfant et de l’adolescent et les services de nutrition. Le financement comprend un crédit de 100 millions de dollars de l’Association internationale de développement (IDA)* et un don de 27 millions de dollars du Fonds fiduciaire du Mécanisme de financement mondial (GFF).

Article complet (Banque mondiale)

Central African Republic – Health is a Bridge From Crisis to Sustainable Development

May 20th, 2016 - Three years of conflict have left a heavy toll on the people of the Central African Republic – a country among the 10 poorest in the world. Nearly one million people are still uprooted from their homes and communities. Half of the total population of 4.6 million people lack access to essential health services. Whilst a peace process slowly takes hold, the people need support to recover and rebuild, and health plays an essential role.

Full Article (WHO)
Central African Republic – Children Dream of Education and Peace

May 19th, 2016 - The four boys and two girls listening to Eric Mamboue’s pep talk in Bangui, the capital of a country condemned to decades of conflict by geography, misgovernance and malice, might be forgiven for feeling a little overwhelmed, but they do actually cherish big hopes and dreams, and know that staying in school is the first step to achieving them.

Full Article (The Guardian)

Centrafrique– Une jeunesse face à des grands défis

17 mai 2016 - Mariée à 16 ans, peu éduquée et peu formée, sans emploi ou sous-employée, voire exploitée, enceinte très tôt et première victime des violences : le portrait-robot d’une jeune centrafricaine montre à quel point les défis sont grands. La situation des jeunes garçons n’est guère plus enviable. Également touchés par la pauvreté et le manque d’éducation, ils travaillent la terre ou ont des métiers peu qualifiés, comme aide-mécanicien, apprenti menuisier, gardien, vendeur à la sauvette ou conducteur de taxi moto.

Article complet (MINUSCA)

Chad – No Right Age for School

May 23rd, 2016 - In Chad, the Daresalam refugee camp hosts more than 5,000 refugees from Nigeria and Niger. Here, every individual has fled atrocities and violence that plague their countries. The camp’s school is the only place where Yande Tchari, 17 years old and in first grade, feels safe. “Only in class am I able to take my mind off things. School gives me the opportunity to learn always something new,” she says. Yande carries her baby in her arms. Her white scarf with purple stripes covers her head completely, but reveals a pretty face marked by the hardships of life. Sitting on the floor next to her friend Yekaka Mahamadu and her baby Mariam, the two classmates and mothers seem much older than the others.

Full Article (UNICEF)
Côte d'Ivoire – L'UNICEF salue l'engagement de la Côte d'Ivoire en faveur de la nutrition

20 mai 2016 - D'importantes étapes ont été franchies par la Côte d'Ivoire depuis son adhésion au mouvement mondial Scaling-Up Nutrition en juin 2013. La validation du Plan Stratégique Multisectoriel de Nutrition ainsi que la décision récente en Conseil des Ministres de l’organisation d'une table ronde des Partenaires Techniques et financiers pour la mobilisation des ressources nécessaires au financement de ce plan reflètent l’engagement du Gouvernement pour la nutrition.

[Article complet](https://www.unicef.org) (UN Children’s Fund)

Ethiopia – Humanitarian Requirements for Ethiopia is up From US$1.4 Billion to US$1.5 Billion Following Re-Prioritization of Needs

May 20th, 2016 - Following a joint prioritization exercise by the Ethiopia Government and its partners, Ethiopia’s humanitarian requirements have increased to US$1.5 billion. Of this, $702.6 million is urgently required to address prioritized humanitarian needs for the remainder of the year. This review serves as a complement to the 2016 Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD), which is the joint common plan and implementation framework of the Government and humanitarian partners to address humanitarian needs in Ethiopia.

[Full Article](https://www.unocha.org) (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Éthiopie – Une vingtaine d'enfants kidnappés en Éthiopie ont été libérés au Soudan du Sud

10 mai 2016 - Dix-neuf enfants, enlevés le mois dernier en Éthiopie par des hommes armés venus du Soudan du Sud, ont été libérés "sans combats" grâce à la médiation des autorités sud-soudanaises, a annoncé mardi le gouvernement éthiopien. Des négociations sont en cours pour secourir les autres enfants captifs.

[Article complet](https://www.jeuneafrique.com) (Jeune Afrique)
Guinée – Le PAM encourage les agricultrices à produire plus pour nourrir et éduquer leurs enfants

13 mai 2016 - Plus de 17% des enfants en âge d’aller à l’école en Guinée n’y va pas, les trois-quarts d’entre eux sont des filles à cause des croyances culturelles, de l’ignorance et de la pauvreté. Pour encourager les parents à envoyer leurs enfants à l’école et à lutter contre la pauvreté rurale, le PAM met en place depuis 2015 un projet pilote de « repas scolaires utilisant les produits régionaux » dans 281 écoles en Guinée forestière.

Article complet (PAM)

Kenya – Comprehensive Refugee Programme 2016

April 30th, 2016 - 2016 is set to be an important year for a programming shift in the Kenya refugee operation. Reorientation from traditional care and maintenance in the camps, towards truly solutions-oriented programming, is starting to take root in response to the new circumstances and unprecedented global challenges. Against this backdrop, the third Kenya Comprehensive Refugee Programme (KCRP) document presents a consolidated view of all refugee-related programmes implemented in Kenya that will be delivered by all actors, including UNHCR, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), United Nations Agencies and the Government of Kenya in 2016.

Full Article (UN High Commissioner for Refugees)

Mali – Marche de l’opposition à Bamako contre la mauvaise gouvernance


Article complet (Jeune Afrique)
Mali - Former des sages-femmes pour sauver des vies

5 mai 2016 - Les premières heures, qui suivent l’accouchement sont considérés comme les plus dangereuses pour la mère et l’enfant. Trop nombreux sont les décès qui surviennent pendant l’accouchement et immédiatement après, principalement à cause de complications de la grossesse. Au Mali et en Afghanistan, nos spécialistes forment des sages-femmes pour qu’elles identifient les risques de façon précoce et prennent en charge l’enfant et sa maman.

[Article complet](Terre des hommes)

Mali – Le Ministère de la Justice et des Droits de l’Homme du Mali crée une Coordination Nationale pour la Justice juvénile


[Article complet](Terre des hommes)

Malawi – Drought Leaves Millions High and Dry

May 27th, 2016 - It’s Saturday, market day at the popular Bvumbwe market in Thyolo district. About 40 kilometers away in Chiradzulu district, a vegetable vendor and mother of five, Esnart Nthawa, 35, has woken up at three a.m. to prepare for the journey to the market. The day before, she went about her village buying tomatoes and okra from farmers, which she has safely packed in her dengu (woven basket).

[Full Article](Inter Press Service Agency)

Nigeria – Boko Haram Violence Creates Education Crisis in NE Nigeria

May 27th, 2016 - More than two years after being attacked by Boko Haram, piles of blackened furniture, iron bed frames and computers still litter the burnt-out shell of the Federal Government College in Buni Yadi. The corrugated iron roofing has caved in and the eerily silent school compound in Yobe state, northeast Nigeria, is overgrown with shrubs and grass. Boko Haram fighters stormed the boarding school on February 25, 2014, killing at least 43 students as they slept, and destroying classrooms, offices, laboratories and dormitories.

[Full Article](ReliefWeb)
Nigeria – Reaching the Most Vulnerable?

May 20th, 2016 - The Lake Chad Basin is today’s Africa’s fastest growing displacement crisis with approximately 2.6 million people displaced as a result of Boko Haram related violence. The region is also experiencing acute humanitarian challenges with approximately 9.2 million people in need of urgent assistance.

Full Article (Norwegian Refugee Council)

Nigeria – Second Chibok Girl Found as Nigerian President Meets First Rescued Student

May 19th, 2016 - A second Chibok schoolgirl has been rescued, Nigeria's army said Thursday, after President Muhammadu Buhari met the first student to be found and voiced fresh hope for the recovery of the more than 200 others still being held. Army spokesman Colonel Sani Usman said the student was found by troops and civilian vigilantes at about 11:00 am (1000 GMT) on Thursday in the Damboa area of Borno state, northeast Nigeria, during military operations.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

Niger – Le chef de l’aide humanitaire de l’ONU appelle à une attention globale sur le sort des populations du Niger touchées par les violences de Boko Haram


Article complet (ReliefWeb)

République démocratique du Congo – Au moins 30 civils tués en une semaine dans la région de Beni

11 mai 2016 - Trente civils au moins ont été tués en l'espace d'une semaine dans des massacres attribués à des rebelles ougandais dans l'est de la République démocratique du Congo, a indiqué mercredi la Mission de l'ONU dans ce pays.

Article complet (ReliefWeb)
République démocratique du Congo – Les enfants pygmées et bantous font la paix à l’école

24 mai 2016 - Jeannette, 14 ans, a intégré avec plusieurs de ses camarades de classe le comité de paix de l’école il y a quelques mois. Ensemble, ils organisent des activités de sensibilisation sur la consolidation de la paix entre les enfants pygmées et bantous. Sous un grand manguier à quelques mètres de la cour de son école, Jeannette termine une représentation de théâtre sous les applaudissements des membres de la communauté du village de Ngombe Nwana. La pièce met en scène une résolution pacifique de conflit entre deux jeunes du village qui s’étaient violemment opposés suite à un vol.

Article complet (Ponabana)

République démocratique du Congo – Un célèbre chirurgien s’alarme d’une augmentation du nombre de viols d’enfants en RDC

25 mai 2016 - Le célèbre chirurgien congolais Denis Mukwege s’est inquiété mercredi d’une augmentation des violences sexuelles contre les enfants, certains en bas âge, en République démocratique du Congo (RDC), y compris hors des zones de conflit. "A l'hôpital, nous soignons de plus en plus d'enfants, même des bébés", a déclaré à l'AFP "l'homme qui répare les femmes" --titre d'un documentaire qui lui a été consacré-- dans l'hôpital de Panzi qu'il a fondé en 1999 dans la province du Sud-Kivu (est de la RDC).

Article complet (ReliefWeb)

Rwanda – 20 mors, en majorité des enfants, lors de pluies torrentielles dans le nord

8 mai 2016 - Au moins 20 personnes, en majorité des enfants, sont morts dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche dans le nord du Rwanda dans des glissements de terrain provoqués par des pluies torrentielles, a-t-on appris de source officielle. "Jusqu'à maintenant, on compte au moins 20 morts dans des glissements de terrain qui ont enseveli des maisons d'habitation dans le district de Gakenke (nord)", a déclaré à l’AFP Frédéric Ntawukuriryayo, responsable de la communication du ministère rwandais en charge de la gestion des catastrophes naturelles.

Article complet (ReliefWeb)
South Sudan – Cash-Based Programming to Address Hunger in Conflict-Affected South Sudan: A Case Study

May 16th, 2016 - For some time aid agencies and donors have recognised the benefits of utilising markets to deliver food assistance. And for almost as long, cash-based programming has been effective in doing this by improving people’s ability to purchase sufficient nutritious food. Addressing hunger through cash and voucher programmes removes the cost of transporting and storing food for implementing organisations, boosts the local economy, provides a wider choice and variety of food for beneficiaries, and restores a level of control and dignity for those receiving food assistance.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

Sierra Leone – Ebola Crisis Left Sierra Leone Schoolgirls Facing Abuse and Pregnancy

May 12th, 2016 - Dizzy and sweating, 15-year-old Isatu Koroma sits with her eyes closed in the maternity ward in Sierra Leone where she has spent the last 10 days, as her tiny little daughter begins to cry. Koroma badly needs blood after a complicated delivery - relatives are expected to donate here but none has visited, also leaving the nurses to pay for her to eat.

Full Article (A World at School)

Swaziland – Salesian Shelter Provides Education, Social Services to At-Risk Girls

May 12th, 2016 - Young girls in Swaziland are among those most at-risk for dropping out of school and being victims of sexual exploitation and prostitution. Salesian missionaries in the country provide education and social development programs to help youth, particularly girls, have access to the shelter, healthcare, and nutrition they need to complete their education.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

Uganda – A Mother’s Death is a social Calamity

May 19th, 2016 - In an attempt to plug the gap in midwives in Uganda to reduce maternal deaths and injuries, 90 new midwives trained with UNFPA’s support have been commissioned to work in hard-to-reach, under-served regions. The commissioning ensures the midwives are deployed so that they put their skills to immediate use and don’t need to sit and wait for jobs, said UNFPA Country Representative Esperance Fundira.

Full Article (UNFPA)
Newsletter on Children’s rights in Sub-Saharan Africa

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[News] Wars and Disasters Threw us out of School and into Child Labour

June 10th, 2016 – When wars and natural disasters erupt, one of the first casualties is education. Children are forced out of their schools and many of them end up in child labour - working to help their families survive. World Day Against Child Labour is held each year on June 12 to highlight the plight of 168 million children, many of them working in hazardous conditions.

[Full Article] (A Word at School)

[Nouvelle] L’analyse novatrice de l'alimentation scolaire lancée pour aider les pays à mettre en place des programmes durables

10 juin, 2016 – Une analyse contemporaine importante de la pratique de repas scolaires mondial, conçue pour aider à renforcer ces investissements sociaux cruciaux, a été publiée aujourd'hui par le Partnership for Child Development de l'Imperial College de Londres (PCD), le Programme alimentaire mondial des Nations Unies (PAM) et la Banque Mondiale. Le guide de référence de l'alimentation scolaire mondial : Leçons provenant de 14 pays a été fait en réponse à la demande des gouvernements et des partenaires de développement pour obtenir des informations sur la conception et la mise en œuvre des programmes d'alimentation scolaires nationaux durables à grande échelle qui peuvent répondre à des normes approuvées au niveau mondial.

[Article complet] (Programme alimentaire mondial)

[Report] 2015 International Annual Report

June 10th, 2016 – The 2015 International Annual Report describes how SOS Children’s Villages around the world supported children and strengthened families and communities in 2015 through community-integrated responses in care, education, health and emergency services. The 573 SOS Children’s Villages around the world in 2015 are described as ‘care and protection hubs’ for their local communities, as they provided a range of locally-tailored services to support vulnerable children.

[Full Article] (SOS Children’s Villages International)
[News] Male Victims of Sexual Violence: War’s Silent Sufferers

June 10th, 2016 – Sexual violence is a tactic of war, used to humiliate, dominate and instil fear. It is also increasingly being used as a tactic of terrorism. While the focus has largely been on women and girls as victims of sexual violence, boys and men are equally at risk. As Zainab Hawa Bangura, the United Nations Secretary-General’s special representative on sexual violence in conflict, pointed out: ‘The crippling repercussions of rape in war are devastating for women, but our sons and brothers who are victims also suffer in silence.’

Full Article (Institute for Security Studies)

[News] The Education Deficit: Failures to Protect and Fulfill the Right to Education Through Global Development Agendas

June 9th, 2016 – Discriminatory laws and policies and a lack of political will to carry out basic human rights obligations by countries around the globe are keeping millions of children and adolescents out of school, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. Senior government education officials, global policymakers, and funding agencies will meet in Norway on June 13-16, 2016, to adopt measures to improve access to quality education globally.

Full Article (Human Rights Watch)

[News] Content of Report on Conflict-Affected Children will not change, asserts Ban

June 9th, 2016 – Standing by his decision to remove the Saudi-led Coalition in Yemen from his latest report on conflict-affected children, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today said it was one of the most ‘painful and difficult decisions’ he has ever had to make, and that it is ‘unacceptable’ for Member States to exert undue pressure as scrutiny is necessary part of the work of the UN. “The report describes horrors no child should have to face,” said Mr. Ban speaking to the press outside of the UN Security Council chamber, where he acknowledged the “fierce reaction to my decision to temporarily remove the Saudi-led Coalition countries from the report's annex.”

Full Article (UN News Centre)
[News] Secretary-General, in Message for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Urges Shifting Shame, Social Stigma Faced by Victims to Perpetrators

June 9th, 2016 – Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message on the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, observed on 19 June: The world continues to witness appalling levels of sexual violence in wartime. No region is immune to this scourge, which continues to affect women, girls, boys and men. There has also been clear progress and unprecedented political momentum to address these crimes.

Full Article (United Nations)

[News] Breaking the Silo: Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women to Access Integrated Health-Care Services

June 9th, 2016 – At the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, taking place in New York, United States of America, the Organisation of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA) has called for the stronger integration of services to improve health outcomes among adolescent girls and young women.

Full Article (UNAIDS)

[Research Article] Early Childhood Developmental Status in Low-and Middle Income Countries: National, Regional, and Global Prevalence Estimates Using Predictive Modeling

June 7th, 2016 – The development of cognitive and socioemotional skills early in life influences later health and well-being. Existing estimates of unmet developmental potential in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are based on either measures of physical growth or proxy measures such as poverty. In this paper we aim to directly estimate the number of children in LMICs who would be reported by their caregivers to show low cognitive and/or socioemotional development.

Full Article (PLOS)

[News] UNAIDS and PEPFAR Announce Dramatic Reductions in New HIV Infections Among Children in the 21 Countries Most Affected by HIV in Africa

June 8th, 2016 – UNAIDS and the United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) announced today that there has been a 60% decline in new HIV infections among children since 2009 in the 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa that have been most affected by the epidemic.

Full Article (UNAIDS)
[Nouvelle] La FAO et l’OIT unissent leurs efforts pour lutter contre le travail des enfants dans l’agriculture

8 juin, 2016) – La FAO et l’Organisation internationale du travail (OIT) s’adressent aux professionnels du secteur agricole en vue de les sensibiliser à l’importance des questions relatives au travail des enfants. Les deux organisations ont lancé un nouveau cours de formation en ligne destiné aux décideurs en matière de politique agricole, aux concepteurs de programmes, aux responsables de leur mise en œuvre, aux chercheurs et aux statisticiens afin de garantir l’inclusion de mesures visant à combattre le travail des enfants dans les programmes de développement agricole et rural, en particulier ceux ciblant les petits exploitants agricoles disposant de faibles revenus.

Full Article (Food and Agriculture Organization)

[News] Children with Disabilities not protected from violence

June 16th, 2016 – Children with disabilities are experiencing extremely high levels of violence, compared to those without disabilities. In fact, 84% of children with disabilities questioned in our research study, Protect Us! reported having experienced some form of violence at school in the previous week. The research commissioned by Plan International was carried out in Uganda and Malawi by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Full Article (Plan International)

[News] Human Rights Council concludes interactive dialogue with special rapporteurs on the right to health and on trafficking in persons

June 15th, 2016 – The Human Rights Council this afternoon concluded its clustered interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to health and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons. In his concluding remarks, Dainius Puras, Special Rapporteur on the right to health, said that traditions and values, while often useful, could also be used as a pretext to violate rights. In terms of measures to improve the health of adolescents, the common denominator was the recognition of their rights: the right to information, freedom of expression and opinion, protection from violence, the right to dignity, and the right to bodily integrity.

Full Article (Office of the High Commissioner United Nations Human Rights)
[Report] Danger Every Step of the way

June 2016 - They risk detention, rape, forced labour, beatings or death. Yet, tens of thousands of children, many of them unaccompanied or separated, are making the dangerous refugee and migrant journey in the hope of finding safety or a better life in Europe. They are fleeing brutal violence, abject poverty, drought, forced early marriage, untold hardship or lack of prospects and hope in dozens of countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Full Article (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] Pas toujours facile de suivre ses parents aux quatre coin du monde

9 juin 2016 - “Maman, maman, je veux devenir chanteuse. Je veux faire des chansons.” Quand Manika croit découvrir sa vocation, elle vit à Shanghai avec sa famille, qui se prépare à déménager pour un séjour de six mois à Bali avant de rejoindre Singapour. Or, de Shanghai à Singapour, Manika, 6 ans, a un peu grandi et beaucoup changé. Sa mère, Rashmi J. Dalai, se contente d’abord de sourire, raconte-t-elle sur le site du Wall Street Journal.

Article complet (Courrier Expat)

[News] Conflict and Crisis in Africa: Protecting all Children’s Rights

June 16th, 2016 - The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) in collaboration with the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and its partners commemorates the 16th Day of the African Child (DAC) on the theme ”Conflict and crisis in Africa: Protecting all children’s Rights”. Along side UN agencies and international organizations, the Day is marked with various activities organized with children, and aims to shed light on the plight of children that are subjected to the consequences of conflicts including armed conflicts, and crises, as they are one of the most vulnerable groups of society.

Full Article (African Union)

[News] Unequal Portions: Ending Malnutrition for Every Last Child

June 16th, 2016 - Last year leaders from around the world committed to ending child malnutrition within a generation – by 2030 – as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. We welcome their ambition. But is the world anywhere close to meeting it? The mountainous Intibucá district in Honduras can help provide an answer. At a global level, there has been real progress in tackling malnutrition in recent decades – child undernutrition rates have dropped by a third since 1990.

Full Article (Save The Children)
[News] Children Face Beatings, Rape, Death Trying to Reach Europe: UNICEF

June 14th, 2016 - Migrant children making the perilous journey to Europe to escape war and poverty face possible beatings, rape and forced labor in addition to risk of drowning in the Mediterranean, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Tuesday. Minors account for a growing percentage of migrants and refugees, particularly those trying to reach Italy by sea from Libya, it said in a report, "Danger Every Step of the Way". Of the roughly 206,200 people who arrived in Europe by sea this year to June 4, one in three was a child, it said, citing figures from the U.N. refugee agency.

Full Article (Reuters)

[News] Spike in Numbers of Migrant Children Arriving Alone in Europe Raises Exploitation Risks

June 14th, 2016 - More than nine out of ten refugee and migrant children arriving in Europe through Italy this year are traveling alone, the U.N. children's agency UNICEF said on Tuesday, warning of "appalling" risks children face while escaping conflict and poverty. In the first five months of 2016, more than 7,000 unaccompanied children made the crossing from North Africa to Italy, following a route that in recent weeks has become the busiest and the deadliest for migrants to Europe, UNICEF said.

Full Article (Reuters)

[News] Internet Providers Urged to Tackle Live-Streaming of Child Sex in the Philippines

June 6th, 2016 - Poor families in the Philippines are pushing their children into performing live sex online for paedophiles around the globe in what one senior UNICEF official called a form of "child slavery". "There's no limits to how cruel and gross this business is - and it's a billion, billion-dollar business," said Lotta Sylwander, head of the U.N. children's agency UNICEF in the Philippines.

Full Article (Reuters)

[Nouvelle] Travail des enfants : quand papa aura retrouvé du boulot

15 juin 2016 – Giovanni est en retard. Très en retard. C'est normal, c'est de sa faute, après la sortie de l'école il a voulu jouer au foot avec deux copains. Non, pas ceux de sa classe, ces feignasses qui le traitent de mendiant. Deux autres du quartier « qui sont comme moi, enfin tu vois ce que je veux dire quoi, qui ne vont pas juste à l'école ». Il est déjà treize heures trente, Giovanni a une bonne demi-heure de retard, alors il trottine vers la maison en espérant que sa mère Monica ne lui crie pas dessus.

Article complet (Le Monde)

15 juin 2016 – Jean-Baptiste Salvaing et sa compagne, Jessica Schneider (les noms ont été donnés par la police nationale avec l'accord des familles), un couple de fonctionnaires du ministère de l'intérieur, ont été assassinés par Larossi Abballa, dans la nuit du lundi 13 au mardi 14 juin à leur domicile de Magnanville (Yvelines). Leur enfant de 3 ans et demi a été retrouvé « sain et sauf » sur les lieux. Mais « en état de sidération, il a été pris en charge et hospitalisé », a indiqué mardi le procureur de la République de Paris, François Molins.

Article complet (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] L’UNICEF dénonce l’exploitation des migrants mineurs dans les jungles françaises

16 juin 2016 – Violés, contraints de se prostituer, de voler, d’accomplir des corvées quotidiennes dans les camps ou d’aider à faire monter des migrants dans les camions… Les mineurs non accompagnés qui campent à Calais (Pas-de-Calais), Grande-Synthe (Nord) et dans cinq petites jungles voisines sont la proie des passeurs. Signataire de la Convention internationale des droits de l’enfant, la France leur doit pourtant assistance et protection.

Article complet (Le Monde)

[News] Should Save the Children Take Money from This Donor?

June 14th, 2016 – A foundation set up by Saudi Arabia’s Prince Alwaleed bin Talal is donating £20 million ($29 million) to British NGO Save the Children to train a “next generation” of emergency aid workers from developing countries. The six-year pledge was first announced on 19 May, weeks after the UN accused a Saudi-led military coalition of killing 510 children in Yemen last year. Critics say Save the Children should not take the money on ethical grounds and that it weakens respect for international humanitarian law.

Full Article (Irinnews)

[Nouvelle] ONU : le lanceur d’alerte Anders Kompass démissionne


Article complet (Le Monde)
[Nouvelle] Exploitation sexuelle lors du Grand Prix : deux visions s’affrontent

10 juin 2016 - L’organisme Stella dénonce la campagne de groupes féministes qui décrivent une augmentation de l'exploitation sexuelle des femmes durant des événements sportifs majeurs comme le Grand Prix. Selon l’organisme montréalais de défense des travailleuses du sexe, aucune preuve n’appuie ces affirmations, lesquelles, au contraire, mettent en danger les travailleuses du sexe. Qu’en est-il vraiment ?

Article complet (Radio Canada)

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Article complet (Le Monde)
2. Conferences, Courses and Events

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)

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 – 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)
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 au 11th November 2016  
**Registration deadline**: 24 October 2016  
[For more information](Network for Water and Sanitation)

UNHCR tells us that 50% of today’s refugees are children. As one of the most vulnerable groups that we encounter in refugee status determination it is critical that their claims are dealt with in an appropriate manner and that they are given the best opportunity to get their accounts across accurately. Children’s claims should only be dealt with by those with specialist training in managing claims from children and who have an understanding of child protection, signs of abuse and of human trafficking.

**Location**: Gaziantep, Turkey  
**Date**: August 29th to 31st, 2016  
**Registration deadline**: July 20th, 2016  
[For more information](ReliefWeb)

The conference will be held at Daystar University, Nairobi Kenya on 17th to 19th August 2016. The conference is organized by among other Ministry of Labor and East Africa Affairs (Department of Children Services); UNICEF East Africa Regional Office, African Institute for Children Studies and Daystar University. Appreciating your organization’s work on children’s matter, we invite you to submit an abstract or paper on any of the following themes and subthemes.

**Location**: Kenya  
**Date**: August 17th to 19th, 2016  
**Registration deadline**: July 31st, 2016  
[For more information](African Institute for Children Studies)
Training – International Standards for Protecting in Responding to the Needs of Refugees

Overall objective of the training is to ensure the rights of refugees/asylum seekers are protected through the process of their identification. In detail, the trainees will gain understanding on the principles of international protection, international human rights standards and principles of humanitarian response to the refugee influx. Upon the training they will be equipped with basic skills of identification of vulnerabilities and their protection in line with above mentioned human rights standards and related, national legal framework.

Location: Turkey
Date: August 18th to 20th, 2016
Registration deadline: July 20th, 2016
For more information (Center for Resource & System Management)

Training – Achieving Education for all and eliminating Child Labour

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Location: Italy
Date: September 26th to 30th, 2016
Registration deadline: August 10th, 2016
For more information (International Training Centre for the ILO)

Training – Introduction to Children in Emergencies

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.

In addition, participants will be able to explore two thematic areas to further develop skills required to address the key programming issues in relation to: Child Protection in Emergencies and Education in Emergencies.

Location: London
Date: August 22nd to 26th, 2016
Registration deadline: September 27th, 2016
For more information (RedR Uk)
Training– Obstetrics Unplugged

The course "Obstetrics Unplugged" is designed to provide non-specialist humanitarian actors with theoretical and practical knowledge in an experience oriented manner enabling them to gain confidence on the topic of SRH and to secure the best possible outcome for mother and child.

**Location**: Germany  
**Date**: October 7th to 9th, 2016  
**Registration deadline**: September 27th, 2016  
[For more information](PlanP GbR)
3. Vacancies

Call for proposal for the selection of an Inclusive Education Expert - Terre des Hommes

TDH It works in Palestine since 2000, and it has implemented several educational, health and psycho-social interventions together with its National Partners and with Local Authorities in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Within the frame of its activities, TDH It is implementing a 3-year project called *Valuing diversity: inclusive education intervention for East Jerusalem children*, which focuses on 10 Awqaf schools located in East Jerusalem that expressed the willingness of adopting a more inclusive approach, and of opening their premises to all children of the neighbourhood to provide them structured inclusive activities and safe places to play.

**Location:** East Jerusalem  
**Application deadline:** July 9th, 2016  
[For more information](ReliefWeb) (ReliefWeb)

Program Director: Integrated Child Health - Clinton Access Initiative

The Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) seeks a full-time Director of Programs to lead the Integrated Child Health program cluster in Uganda. The Program Director will be responsible for working with the Government of Uganda and national and international stakeholders to develop and implement innovative, catalytic strategies to strengthen a holistic approach to the treatment of Diarrhea, Pneumonia and Malaria.

**Location:** Kampala  
**Application deadline:** July 16th, 2016  
[For more information](ReliefWeb) (ReliefWeb)
Finance & Grants Manager - Save the Children

This role will provide the primary financial and grants management inputs into emergency response programmes, and ongoing support to develop best practice emergency financial and grants management procedures and processes. The main aspects of the role are: Responding to emergencies as the finance & grants focal person in the emergency response team, working with other emergency departments in country to ensure that there is a co-ordinated response in line with best practices; In an emergency environment, assist in transition and work with existing country finance teams to ensure that best practices are adopted after emergency activity is completed.

**Location:** Italy  
**Application deadline:** July 16th, 2016  
[For more information](http://reliefweb.int) (ReliefWeb)

Finance and Awards Manager - Save the Children

The Finance and Awards Manager is responsible for overseeing all aspects of financial management and other operational duties for this grant funded by USAID in Kenya. The job holder will manage the implementation of financial systems, budgeting, expenditure tracking, and financial reporting and accounting for both the prime recipient and any sub-awards. S/he will also handle all grant management and reporting on program performance as well as provide financial and technical management to ensure the best use of resources by preparing sound budgets, monitoring project expenses, and ensuring timely preparation of donor financial reports.

**Location:** Kenya  
**Application deadline:** July 11th, 2016  
[For more information](http://reliefweb.int) (ReliefWeb)

Chief of Party (COP) - Save the Children

The COP will liaise closely with USAID/Kenya, Government of Kenya representatives, Save the Children’s Headquarters and Country Offices, and partner organizations. The COP will be the principal representative of the project and will ensure adherence to overall technical and programmatic quality in implementation, compliance with USAID rules and regulations, and the timely submission of all deliverables to USAID, including annual work plans, performance monitoring plans, semi-annual reports and annual reports as may be required. The COP will be responsible for overall direction and coordination of the activities of any sub-recipient partners under this grant.

**Location:** Kenya  
**Application deadline:** July 11th, 2016  
[For more information](http://reliefweb.int) (ReliefWeb)
National Family Strengthening Advisor - SOS Children’s Villages International

Main responsibilities:
✓ Actively contributes to putting the Children's Villages Programme Policy and related policies into practice taking into consideration national legislation and context.
✓ Participates in the development of concept notes and programme proposals.
✓ Develops detailed psycho-pedagogical concepts for new types of interventions in the country jointly with programme staff in the locations for approval by Programme department of SOS Children Village International CEE/CIS.
✓ Provides technical expertise to the Programme Director when setting up new programme units and interventions in a location.

Location: Ukraine
Application deadline: July 31st, 2016
For more information (ReliefWeb)

Midwife Activity Manager - Médecins Sans Frontières

Define, implement and follow-up all midwife and maternity related activities in a project area, according to MSF policies, analyzing statistics and reports and ensuring the proper implementation of protocols and management of staff involved, in order to provide a high quality Mother and Child Health (MCH) care to the population. Manages staff involved in the midwife and maternity related activities.

Application deadline: July 10th, 2016
For more information (ReliefWeb)

Pediatric/PMTCT Advisor - International Center for Aids Care and Treatment Programs

Under the direct supervision of the Technical Director, the Pediatric/ Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) Advisor will be responsible for the technical design, planning and implementation of activities aiming at increasing access and quality of HIV Pediatric and PMTCT services in South Sudan. S/he will provide direct technical assistance to health care facilities supported by ICAP for the provision of comprehensive quality HIV services, focusing on PMTCT and HIV pediatric care and treatment.

Location: South Sudan
Application deadline: July 31st, 2016
For more information (ReliefWeb)
Child Protection Manager Boma H/F - Terre des Hommes Foundation Child Relief

In his/her capacity of Foundation representative, the CP Coordinator reports to the Country Representative and provides multi-base, multi-sponsor and multi-partner supervision and follow-up for the projects in his/her sector. S/he is responsible for the implementation of the strategy and the development and managerial coordination of the project teams, and s/he has a major responsibility for the project strategies, steering and outcomes.

**Location:** South Sudan  
**Application deadline:** July 8th, 2016  
[For more information](ReliefWeb)

Child Protection Manager - International Rescue Committee

The Child Protection (CP) Manager will be responsible for all aspects of program implementation, including monitoring and evaluation of all CP activities within the Jordan program. The CP manager will also ensure that the interventions are in line with international best practices, and are appropriately addressing the needs of beneficiaries in targeted communities. The CP Manager reports directly to the Field Coordinator and technically to the Children Protection Coordinator.

**Location:** Jordan  
**Application deadline:** August 9th, 2016  
[For more information](ReliefWeb)

A base Program Coordinator - Première Urgence – Aide Médicale Internationale

The Program Coordinator (de-facto Deputy Field Coordinator) is a key member of the base coordination team (with Field Co, Field Log Co and Admin Manager) responsible for the success of the base’s program strategy and the quality of current and future programs at the definition, implementation and evaluation phases.

**Location:** Lebanon, Beirut  
**Application deadline:** August 31st, 2016  
[For more information](ReliefWeb)
Chargé de projet suivi de la mise en œuvre du plan stratégique H/F - Terre des hommes Lausanne

Spécifications :
✓ Vous participez à la mise en place du pilotage du plan stratégique
✓ Vous participez au suivi de la mise en œuvre du PS (participation à la construction d’outils, de dispositifs, processus, réunions, etc. permettant un suivi optimal)
✓ Vous coordonnez la logistique et l’organisation des différents travaux relatifs au suivi de la mise en œuvre du PS
✓ Vous participez à l’analyse et la synthèse et rédaction de divers documents en lien avec le suivi de la mise en œuvre.
✓ Vous participez à la gestion de la communication orale et écrite sur le suivi auprès des collaborateurs et de la gouvernance.

Localisation : Lausanne
Date limite : Jusqu’à ce que le poste soit pourvu
Pour plus d’information (Terre des hommes)

Child Protection Manager - Global Communities

Duties and responsibilities
✓ Work closely with the Program Director, country team and Child Protection Program Officers to understand program goals and to meet expectations
✓ Lead the child protection activities, including the management of Child Friendly Spaces and Youth Empowerment Program in the camp setting
✓ Work with Human Resources (HR) to build the child protection team.
✓ Work closely with operations, finance and grants to ensure efficient and effective implementation of child protection activities, including monitoring of budgets, indicators and procurement.

Location: Turkey
Application deadline: August 1st, 2016
For more information (ReliefWeb)
**Deputy Director for Programs - International Rescue Committee**

The Deputy Director for Programs plays a leading role in ensuring overall program quality and impact. The DDP also ensures that programs are evidence and needs driven, monitored closely and funded appropriately. Reporting to the Country Director and a member of the Senior Management Team, the DDP supervises a total of six staff including five technical program coordinators and the grants coordinator.

**Location:** Lebanon  
**Application deadline:** August 1st, 2016  
*For more information* (ReliefWeb)

**Conseillère et conseiller technique en participation citoyenne des jeunes - OXFAM**

Sous la responsabilité de la coordinatrice ou du coordonnateur du PAI dans le pays d’intervention et en étroite collaboration avec ses collègues d’Oxfam (pays, région, siège d’Oxfam-Québec), la conseillère ou le conseiller en participation citoyenne des jeunes effectue son mandat afin d’assurer l’atteinte des résultats du PAI et l’appui aux partenaires dans son champs d’expertise.

**Localisation :** Pérou  
**Date limite :** 15 août 2016  
*Pour plus d’information* (OXFAM)
4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

**Burkina Faso – Improving Mother and Child Health in Burkina Faso**

June 15th, 2016 – In Mangodara, a department located 500 kilometres from Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, local communities are facing various challenges. It is a malaria prone area and access to health care facilities is difficult. People also do not have access to clean water. Women wash clothes in the same backwaters and streams they depend on for cooking and drinking, making adults and children sick.

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

**Burundi: Le scandale du trafic de jeunes Burundaises**


[Article complet](All Africa)

**Burundi – D’autres élèves exclus pour avoir gribouillé des photos de Nkurunziza**

14 juin, 2016 – Plus de 230 collégiens ont été provisoirement exclus de leur école, dans la commune de Gisuru, dans l'est du Burundi, pour de nouveaux griffonnages sur la photo du président Pierre Nkurunziza dans des manuels scolaires, a-t-on appris mardi de source administrative. Des cas similaires avaient déjà été officiellement recensés dans deux autres écoles et sévèrement punis, dans le centre du Burundi et la capitale Bujumbura.

[Article complet](ReliefWeb)

**Burundi’s Forgotten Crisis**

June 24th, 2016 - We are living in an era of unprecedented need for humanitarian aid. A million refugees pouring across borders into Europe; horrendous, mysterious diseases that make air travel seem like a game of Russian roulette; massive earthquakes destroying hundreds of thousands of houses in an instant. These are the kinds of emergencies that make headlines, but there are many smaller, lesser known crises that often fly under our radar. Their lack of visibility makes it harder for humanitarian organizations to garner support, leaving millions of people without desperately needed aid.

[Full Article](Concern Worldwide)
Cote d'Ivoire: Conseil régional du Goh - Le président offre 18 millions aux jeunes et aux femmes

06 juin 2016 - Le vendredi 24 juin dernier restera à jamais gravé dans le cœur des femmes de 14 associations féminines, réunies au sein de la Fédération des associations de Diégonefla (Fad). Au nombre de 211, ces femmes viennent de bénéficier de financement de la part du Conseil régional du Goh. Et ce, dans le cadre de la politique d'autonomisation des femmes et des jeunes de la région initiée par le président Djédjé Bagnon, à travers l'appui et le financement de leurs activités génératrices de revenus. Elles ont reçu au total un chèque de 10,5 millions de francs CFA des mains du président.

Article complet (All Africa)

Cote d'Ivoire: Alépé - Des kits alimentaires pour des enfants malades et hospitalisés

05 juin 2016 - Cent cinq (105) enfants malades et hospitalisés à l'hôpital général d'Alépé, âgés de 1 à 15 ans ont reçu des kits alimentaires le 4 juin. La cérémonie s'est déroulée dans l'enceinte de l'établissement sanitaire. Ces kits sont composés de riz, d'eau minérale, de boîtes de conserve et aussi des produits d'entretien. Ce don, estimé à 400.000 Fcfa, a été offert par « la jeunesse battante » de Grand-Alépé, localité située à 10 km d'Alépé. Pour Aboa Wilfried, président la structure donatrice, il s'agit par ce geste, d'exprimer leur solidarité et soutien affectif aux enfants malades, hospitalisés et en détresse physique. Qui, a-t-il poursuivi, doivent faire l'objet d'attention particulière en matière de soins de santé.

Article complet (All Africa)

Congo-Brazzaville: Santé de la reproduction - La Carmma sensibilise à la prise en charge des adolescents

14 juin 2016 - L'ambassadrice de bonne volonté de la Campagne pour l'accélération de la réduction de la mortalité maternelle en Afrique (Carmma), Philomène Fouty Soungou, organise depuis plus d'une semaine des activités de sensibilisation à la prise en charge des mineurs et adolescents en vue de les prévenir et protéger des violences sexuelles, grossesses précoces, infections sexuellement transmissibles et VIH/sida. En effet, après sa descente dans les établissements scolaires publics, la Carmma organise du 14 au 16 juin, un atelier des acteurs publics, responsables des confessions religieuses et de la société civile sur la prévention, la protection des mineurs et adolescents affectés par différentes formes de violences, à la maison de bleue à Brazzaville.

Article complet (All Africa)
**Congo-Brazzaville: Droits des enfants - L'UE finance le projet de deux ONG au Congo**

15 juin 2016 - L'Apprentis d'Auteuil, une ONG française œuvrant en partenariat avec le Réseau des intervenants sur le phénomène des enfants en rupture (Reiper), une organisation congolaise, lance ce jeudi 16 juin à Brazzaville, le projet intitulé : « Promotion, respect et mise en œuvre des droits de l'enfant en République du Congo.

[Article complet](All Africa)

**Democratic Republic of Congo – Malaria out of control in Congo with sick children dying at home**

June 9th, 2016 – Malaria in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is "out of control" with many parents letting their sick children die at home because they cannot afford treatment, a medical charity said as it ramps up its emergency response. Children under 13 made up 80 percent of the 45,000 malaria outpatients Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) has treated in the last four weeks in Haut Uele Province in northeastern DRC.

[Full Article](Thomson Reuters Foundation News)

**Ethiopia – Rural Mother Changes Lives with Better Chickens**

June 28th, 2016 - Married for half of her life, Beseatu Mofida, 30, became the sole breadwinner for her family when her husband was paralyzed in a car accident. Living in the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples’ Region of Ethiopia, Mofida and her young children survived on eating enset—a fruit locally known as “false banana” that is a staple food of low nutrient quality—flavored with chili. Mofida knew her children were poorly fed and had difficulty concentrating in school, but she lacked opportunities to increase her income in her rural village.

[Full Article](The US Government’s Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative)

**Guinée – Moi, Ashley, 17 ans, rappeuse à Conakry et ennemie des pédophiles**

17 juin 2016 – Nattes tressées sur le crâne sans mèche ni postiche, Aïcha Bah, alias Ashley, rappe à l’arrière de la Mercedes-Benz C280 Elegance que conduit son manager et producteur guinéen, Ouspé. La Sierra-léonaïse de 17 ans s’échauffe avant sa battle avec Leïla, l’autre rappeuse qui fait du bruit à Conakry. La confrontation aura lieu sur les ondes d’Espace FM dans l’émission « Showbizz Police » animée par Maka Traoré, icône de la production culturelle en Guinée.

[Article complet](Le Monde)
Guinée: Recrudescence de viol - Des nouvelles dispositions prises par la justice

13 juin 2016 - Ces derniers temps, plusieurs cas de viol sur mineures ont été enregistrés tant à Conakry qu'à l'intérieur du pays. Pendant la dernière quinzaine du mois de mai dernier deux cas ont été notifiés dans la commune de Dixinn. Le plus éloquent fut le viol d'une orpheline de 3 ans par un jeune mécanicien de 26 ans dans le quartier Dixinn Port1. A celui-là s'ajoute le viol d'une fille autre fille de 6 ans. L'autrefois, en conférence de presse, le ministre de la Justice, garde des sceaux a évoqué ce phénomène qui prend de l'ampleur en Guinée.

Article complet (All Africa)

Ile Maurice: Enfants vulnérables - La rue, leur autre maison


Article complet (All Africa)

Kenya – Education Helped me to Overcome the Horrors of Child Labour

June 13th, 2016 – This year’s World Day Against Child Labour looked at how to tackle child labour in supply chains. And nowhere is it more relevant to break down the systematic engagement of children in child labour than in Africa, where - according to the International Labour Organization - around 59 million children and adolescents are engaged in hazardous work.

Full Article (A World at School)

Niger – Girls’ Education for Viable and Sustainable Development in Niger

June 13th, 2016 – The UNESCO Regional Office for West Africa Sahel successfully concluded a pilot project, implemented with the financial support of the Government of Japan, aimed to contribute to tackling gender inequalities in Niger’s education system. A closing ceremony to share achievements, lessons and findings with high-level officials of Niger’s education ministries and local actors was organized in Niamey, Niger, on June 2, 2016.

Full Article (Unesco office in Dakar)
Niger – Trente-quatre migrants retrouvés morts dans le désert

16 juin 2016 – Trente-quatre migrants, dont vingt enfants, sont morts la semaine dernière dans le désert nigérien en tentant de se rendre en Algérie voisine, devenue une destination privilégiée des migrants subsahariens. « Trente-quatre personnes dont cinq hommes, neuf femmes et vingt enfants ont trouvé la mort dans leur tentative de traverser le désert », a indiqué le ministère nigérien de l'intérieur dans un communiqué transmis à l'AFP mercredi 15 juin. « Ils sont probablement morts de soif, comme c'est souvent le cas, et ils ont été retrouvés près d’Assamaka », un poste frontalier entre le Niger et l’Algérie, a confié à l’AFP une source sécuritaire.

Article complet (Le Monde)

Nigeria – Nigeria’s Child Terror Suspects: no easy answer

June 13th, 2016 – While the use of suicide bombers is in itself an alarming phenomenon, Nigerian extremist group Boko Haram has added a dimension of shock and horror to its arsenal of terror tactics by using children to plant bombs and commit suicide attacks.

Full Article (Institute for Security Studies)

Nigeria – Lac Tchad : Pas un seul jour ne passe sans qu’un enfant meure de malnutrition

9 juin 2016- Selon le Comité international de la Croix-Rouge (CICR), plus de 9 millions de personnes ont besoin d'une aide d'urgence dans la région du lac Tchad en Afrique. Dans quatre pays (Niger, Tchad, Cameroun et Nigéria), plus de 2,4 millions de personnes ont été chassées de chez elles par le conflit qui oppose, depuis six ans, les forces gouvernementales et l'opposition armée.

Article complet (CICR)

Nigeria – Floating School in Lagos Lagoon Collapses Under Heavy Rains

June 8th, 2016 – A floating school built to withstand storms and floods at a lagoon in Nigeria's commercial capital Lagos and educate children from a nearby slum has collapsed only seven months after its official opening. The aid-funded Makoko Floating School offered free education to children from nearby huts on stilts. Most of their parents fish for a living and, like most of the megacity's 23 million residents, lack a reliable electricity and water supply.

Full Article (Thomson Reuters Foundation News)
Nigeria - As People Flee Violence, Malnutrition and Measles seen in Children

June 8th, 2016 – Thousands of people have fled to the Nigerian town of Damboa following violent clashes. The town was already hosting a number of displaced people in several makeshift camps scattered around the area.

Full Article (ICRC)

République Démocratique du Congo - le travail des enfants en RDC : Chiffres clés

12 juin 2016 – Le travail des enfants fait référence à tout travail ou activité qui les prive de leur enfance. En effet, ce sont des activités qui portent préjudice à la santé physique et mentale des enfants et qui entravent leur bon développement. C'est un droit pour chaque enfant d'être protégé et c'est la Convention relative aux Droits de l'Enfant (CDE) qui le garantit.

Article complet (Ponaba)

Rwanda – Crime on the Rise in Rwanda Refugee Camps

June 25th, 2016 - Burundian refugees may have fled violence in their own country, but they are facing abuses in their Rwanda-based camps, lawmakers have said. MPs who toured seven camps in March found that sexual violence and exploitation within and outside the camps was rampant, as well as drug and child abuse. In the Mahama Camp, which houses over 50,000 refugees, the perpetrators are said to be both fellow refugees and Rwandan nationals outside the camp.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

Sénégal: Promouvoir le droit des enfants pour une education de base - Association «les oliviers», avocate des enfants vulnérables

06 juin 2016 - L'association «Les oliviers» a lancé son programme de lutte pour la promotion du droit des enfants vulnérables. C'était en marge d'une conférence de presse tenue le samedi 4 juin à la maison de la culture Douta Seck que l'organisation a saisi l'occasion pour dénoncer les conditions de traitement non humaines que les maîtres coraniques exercent sur des enfants. Ceci après un changement d'approche de l'État annoncé pour le conférencier Khalia Haydara. Elle a annoncé la mise en place d'un village pour les enfants à Sindia.

Article complet (All Africa)
Sénégal: Journée de mobilisation sociale contre le mariage des enfants, jeudi

15 juin 2016 - Dakar — Le Réseau SOS Equilibre organise, jeudi, à Dakar, une journée de mobilisation sociale, sous le thème "Non aux mariages des enfants au Sénégal" dans le cadre de la célébration de la Journée internationale de l'Enfant africain, annonce un communiqué reçu à l'APS. La manifestation aura lieu, à partir de 10h, au CEM Mamadou Ndiaye de Ouakam (vers la gendarmerie de Ouakam), selon les organisateurs. La journée de mobilisation a pour objectifs de "contribuer à la lutte contre les mariages d'enfants" et de "faire un plaidoyer auprès des autorités pour renforcer les mesures de protection en faveur des enfants".

Article complet (All Africa)

Sudan: Children Fleeing South Sudan Struggle in CAR refugee villages

June 9th, 2016 – At home in South Sudan, priests cared for Semo and Seto Abu, disabled 10-year-old twins who struggle to walk and look after themselves. But civil war swept through their home, forcing them to flee to the Central African Republic (CAR), where they face a desperate plight.

Full Article (UNHCR)

South Sudan – Children are not soldiers campaign launch in Kuajok

June 13th, 2016 – A campaign aimed at empowering children through education has been launched in Kuajok, Gogrial State. The awareness-raising exercise dubbed “Children are not soldiers” was launched by Gogrial State Minister of Education, Chan Achiul under theme “yes to child education, no to child soldier”. As part of the awareness-raising, 70 SPLA senior personnel are undergoing a four-day workshop on the danger of recruiting children as soldiers and remind the participants of South Sudan’s government recommitment to the action plan prohibiting recruitment of children as soldiers.

Full Article (United Mission in South Sudan)

South Africa – Seeks to End Epidemics Among Women and Girls

June 24th, 2016 - South Africa's deputy president Cyril Ramaphosa today launched a national campaign to transform the health of young women and girls in the country. The new program led by the government and supported by global health partners will go beyond biomedical approaches that seek to prevent young women and girls from HIV and treat those infected with the virus. It will encompass long-term measures that address structural barriers, which predispose young women and girls to diseases.
Somalie – D’enfants soldats à enfants espions

2 juin 2016 – Pendant des années ils ont été des gamins armés et entraînés par des groupes soutenus par Al-Qaïda, et envoyés en première ligne dans le conflit qui ensanglante le pays. Beaucoup avaient été kidnappés dans les écoles et sur les terrains de foot et sommés de se battre. Les Nations unies ont demandé qu’on les retire du front, tandis que les Etats-Unis ont accusé les combattants islamistes de se servir d’eux pour poser des bombes et commettre des assassinats. Mais, quand ces enfants ont fini par être désarmés – les uns faisant défection, les autres étant arrêtés –, ce qui les attendait était un nouveau rôle à haut risque dans le conflit armé : cette fois, ils étaient astreints à […]

Article complet (Courrier international)

Somalia – Number of Child Soldiers in Somalia May Top 5,000 UN Reports

June 16th, 2016 – A top official with the U.N. Children’s Fund says there could be 5,000 child soldiers in Somalia as al-Shabab continues its recruiting campaigns. In an interview with VOA Somali, Susannah Price, UNICEF chief of communication, said the recruitment and use of young children as soldiers was documented, and at surprisingly high numbers.

Full Article (Voice of America)

Somalia - AMISOM Officers Urged to Protect Vulnerable Groups During Military Operations

June 13th, 2016 – Military officers of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) have been urged to always take precautionary measures while conducting operations, to protect civilians especially women and children. Col. Shadrack Othieno Mutacho, the Acting AMISOM Chief of Staff was speaking during the closing ceremony of the three-day training workshop for AMISOM focal persons for the human rights cluster, last Saturday.

Full Article (AMISOM)
Somalia – UNICEF Calls for Rights of all Somali Children to be Respected Following 2015 Convention on the Rights of the Child Ratification

June 28th, 2016 - UNICEF has called for work on implementing human rights for all Somali children to be prioritized after Somalia ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child last year. This comes as UNICEF publishes its annual flagship report The State of the World’s Children which this year focuses on the plight of the most disadvantaged children in the world. “We call on everyone in the country who cares about the future of Somalia - governments, donors, civil society organisations, community leaders, mothers and fathers- to unite their efforts for the most vulnerable children and those children most difficult to reach,” said Jeremy Hopkins, UNICEF Representative.

Full Article (ReliefWeb)

Togo – Making Schools Inclusive for Deaf Children

June 27th, 2016 - Standing at the front of the class, Moussifa patiently recites the words written in chalk on the blackboard, words familiar to every child who is learning to read: “This morning, Aliou went to school. In his bag there is a pen, a notebook, a pencil, a slate, a pencil, and a book. His mother is happy.” But Moussifa doesn’t utter a word. Instead, she makes precise, rapid signs with her hands, and when she stops signing, her classmates wave their hands in the air to congratulate her.

Full Article (Handicap International)

Uganda: Soldier Kills Four Women, Three Children at Barracks: Army

June 17th, 2016 - A soldier shot dead four women and three children in a barracks in Uganda’s capital Kampala on Thursday, a military spokesman said. Sergeant Isaac Obua "has just gone bonkers" and was himself killed, military spokesman Paddy Ankunda said in a Twitter post. Another unidentified soldier told a local television station the killer, part of a medical team, had been trying to attack his wife under the "influence of alcohol and possibly marijuana".

Full Article (Reuters)
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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights


One in four of the world’s school-age children - nearly 500 million - live in countries affected by humanitarian crises such as conflicts, natural disasters and disease outbreaks. About 75 million of them are either missing out on their education, receiving poor quality schooling or at risk of dropping out of school altogether.

Full Article (A word at School)

[News] Poorest African children ‘being left behind’ says nutrition and development scorecard

Every child deserves the best start in life. Growing up with a healthy body and mind - backed by care and learning through play and at pre-primary school - are vital if they are to fulfil their potential. But
in many of the poorest parts of the world, huge numbers of girls and boys are being "left behind" because of factors like stunted growth and inadequate childcare in their early years.

Full Article (A word at School)

[Nouvelles] 7 faits sur l'allaitement et son rôle dans la lutte contre la malnutrition chez les enfants

La semaine mondiale de l'allaitement a eu lieu du 1er au 7 Août 2016 et a coïncidé avec le lancement d'un projet financé par le Programme alimentaire mondial et la Banque allemande de développement sous le slogan "1000 jours d'une vie" et mis en œuvre à travers des transferts de fonds, l'éducation et la sensibilisation aux femmes enceintes et les femmes qui allaient dans les communautés vulnérables.

Article complet (Programme alimentaire mondial)

[News] Ban announces new initiatives to enhance UN's work with and for world's youth

12 August 2016 – Bolstering the commitment of the United Nations to work with and for the world's youth, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced several key initiatives towards that end, including the formation of an expert group on 'youth, peace and security,' and naming a new envoy on youth employment.

Full Article (UN News Centre)

[News] On International Day, UN says youth can lead global drive for a more sustainable future

12 August 2016 – The world's young people – who make up the largest generation of youth in history – can lead a global drive to break the patterns of the past and set the world on course to a more sustainable future, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said youth, with their creativity and idealism are the key to delivering the goals of the new UN sustainability agenda.

Full Article (UN News Centre)

[News] ‘If you want to protect your image, protect children,’ Ban tells debate on war-affected children

2 August 2016 – With children continuing to be tortured, maimed, imprisoned, starved, sexually abused and killed in armed conflict, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today called on
all countries to back their words with concrete actions to end such violations. “In places such as Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen, children suffer through a living hell,” the UN chief said as he opened the Security Council’s debate on children and armed conflict.

Full Article (UN News Centre)

[News] Young People’s ‘Fresh Ideas’ Can Forge Solutions to Global Challenges, Secretary-General Tells International Leaders Assembly

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message, delivered by Edmond Mulet, Chef de Cabinet, to the ninth International Young Leaders Assembly, in New York today: I am pleased to welcome all participants to the ninth International Young Leaders Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters. I thank the Permanent Mission of Paraguay for bringing more than 1,000 young leaders to the United Nations. Last September, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — our global plan for people, the planet and prosperity.

Full Article (United Nations)

[Nouvelles] La détention des enfants réfugiés est en baisse dans 12 pays étudiés, selon le HCR

18 août 2016 – Selon deux rapports publiés jeudi par le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR), 12 pays, participant à une stratégie pour mettre fin à la détention de demandeurs d'asile et de réfugiés, ont réalisé des progrès importants visant à cesser la détention des enfants ces deux dernières années.

Article complet (Centre d’actualité de l’ONU)

[Nouvelles] Journée des peuples autochtones : l’ONU appelle à répondre à leurs besoins en matière d’éducation

9 août 2016 – À l’occasion de la Journée internationale des peuples autochtones célébrée chaque année le 9 août, le Secrétaire général de l’ONU, Ban Ki-moon, a invité les gouvernements à remédier aux problèmes d'accès à une éducation de qualité des autochtones conformément au Programme de développement durable à l'horizon 2030.

Article complet (Centre d’actualité de l’ONU)
[Report] Capacity statement: Early childhood care and development in emergencies

Early childhood care and development (ECCD) in emergencies is a key cross-sectoral area of work for Plan International. This publication explains our ECCD in emergencies work - from preparedness to response, recovery and resilience building in conflict and natural hazard situations. Plan International supports girls and boys from conception to 8 years and their parents/caregivers through education and early learning, child protection, health and nutrition support.

Full Article (Plan International)

[Nouvelles] Deux tiers des jeunes de plus de dix-huit pays affirment avoir été victimes de harcèlement

À l’occasion de la Journée mondiale de la jeunesse, un nouveau sondage met en relief la prépondérance du harcèlement et ses effets dévastateurs chez les jeunes. NEW YORK, 12 août 2016 - Plus de neuf jeunes sur dix considèrent que le harcèlement est un problème omniprésent dans leurs communautés et les deux tiers affirment avoir été directement victimes de harcèlement, révèle un nouveau sondage mené par l’UNICEF et ses partenaires.

Article complet (UNICEF)

[Nouvelles] Prêts à tout pour fuir la violence des gangs et la pauvreté

NEW YORK, 23 août 2016 – Chaque mois, des milliers d’enfants d’Amérique centrale courent le risque d’être victimes d’enlèvement, de trafic, de viol ou de meurtre en tentant de se rendre aux États-Unis pour se mettre à l’abri de la brutalité des gangs et de la pauvreté extrême. Aucun ralentissement de cette tendance ne semble par ailleurs se profiler, comme l’explique l’UNICEF dans un rapport publié ce jour.

Article complet (UNICEF)


Addis Ababa, 8 August 2016: On the 12th of August 2016, the African Union Commission will join the world in celebrating International Youth Day (IYD). Since the year 2000, August 12th has provided key stakeholders with the opportunity to focus on the views, initiatives and challenges that affect young people across the globe.

Full Article (African Union)
[News] Young African thinkers from all over the continent come together to celebrate International Youth Day at the African Union Headquarters

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 12th August 2016: The African Union Commission hosted the International Youth Day celebrations under the theme, “Youth Leading Sustainability towards the Realization of Agenda 2063.” The celebrations were organized by the Human Resource Science and Technology’s Youth Division in collaboration with Beza International. The celebrations were preceded by a two day Young African Thinkers Convention which brought together young people from all the five regions of Africa, including the Diaspora.

Full Article (African Union)

[News] RPT-In Iraq, Nigeria and now Turkey, child bombers strike

Aug 22 The boy looked scared and younger than 16 when Iraqi police grabbed him on the street in the northern city of Kirkuk. Pulling off his shirt, they found a two-kilogram bomb strapped to his skinny frame. That was last Sunday. Less than a day earlier, Turkey was less fortunate: a teenage bomber detonated his suicide vest among dancing guests at a Turkish wedding party, officials say, killing 51 people, nearly half of them children themselves.

Full Article (Reuters)

[News] Food advertisements may work on children’s brains

(Reuters Health) - Children make quicker decisions to eat “tasty” food and reward centers in their brains light up after watching food commercials on television compared to nonfood commercials, a small study finds.

Full Article (Reuters)

[News] Many children's heart health not up to standards

(Reuters Health) - Babies are generally born with healthy hearts that should be cared for during childhood to ensure good health later in life, according to the American Heart Association. Yet many U.S. children don't meet seven basic standards of good heart health, the AHA says in a statement in the journal Circulation.

Full Article (Reuters)
[News] Child hunger here to stay unless world 'dramatically changes course': charity

ROME (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Major progress has been made in curbing the number of children going to bed hungry, but a deadly combination of discrimination and poverty means some groups are being left behind, an international children's charity said on Thursday. In September last year the United Nations adopted global development goals to end hunger and poverty by 2030.

Full Article (Reuters)

[News] 244,000 hungry children

After his father, a welder from Bama, died in a camp for internally displaced people in Nigeria’s northeastern city of Maiduguri, 17-year-old Dauda began to cater for the two wives and eight other children who had survived him. Aided by the little money donated by one of the locals bringing food to the Dalori camp, home to 18,000 people rendered homeless by the Boko Haram insurgency, he now sells caps to provide two square meals a day for his family.

Full Article (Irinnews)

[Nouvelles] Tourisme humanitaire : la vraie fausse pitié

Profiter de ses vacances pour aider les populations locales, l'idée est plutôt louable. Mais l'amateurisme et le cynisme de ce secteur en vogue inquiètent les ONG sérieuses.

Article complet (Libération)

[News] Protecting the Rights of the LGBTQ Child

The second article of the Convention on the Rights of the Child ensures children the right not to be discriminated against – in any way. This includes the right to not be discriminated against for one’s sexual orientation or gender preference. Children identifying as LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning), growing up in households with LGBTQ parents, or even perceived to be, are subject to many forms of discrimination in most countries around the world.

Full Article (Humanium)

[Nouvelles] L’UNICEF appelle à épargner les civils après la mort de 10 écoliers

Dix écoliers ont été tués dans une zone rebelle du Yémen par des frappes de la coalition militaire dirigée par l’Arabie saoudite, qui est régulièrement accusée de commettre des « bavures » contre des
nous exhorté dimanche les belligérants à épargner les civils au Yémen, où les violences ont repris de plus belle en début de semaine après l’échec des négociations de paix entre pouvoir et rebelles.

[Nouvelles] Une « nouvelle génération » de crises humanitaires


2. Conferences, Courses and Events

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 - 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 au 11th November 2016
Registration deadline: 24 October 2016
For more information (Network for Water and Sanitation)
Training – Analysing Disrupted Health Systems in Countries in crisis (ADHS)
Ethopia, NFP Scholarship

This 10 days residential training programme for health professionals is focused on the analysis of health systems of countries affected by, or recovering from, protracted crises. It is organised jointly with the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Save the Children and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Location: Ethiopia
Date: November 22nd to December 09th 2016
Registration deadline: September 28th 2016
For more information (World Health Organization)

Training – Hygiene & Sanitation Promotion Training using PHAST, CLTS and CHAST approaches

Hygiene & Sanitation promotion plays a key role in changing collective and individual behaviours together with fostering ownership and sustainable use of water and sanitation facilities. It is upon this premise that IDEAL Public Health and Development Consultancy (IPHDC) has planned to conduct a PHAST, CLTS and CHAST training of trainers. This training is intended to help sector practitioners to accelerate their progress towards achieving the newly adapted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) especially Goal 6.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya
Date: September 12th to September 23rd 2016
Registration deadline: September 07th 2016
For more information (IDEAL Public Health and Development Consultancy)

Workshop - From evidence to advocacy - child rights based tools for protecting kids from alcohol marketing

This one-day workshop aims to provide tools for sound and innovative advocacy to promoting children’s well-being, for example through regulating alcohol marketing. Harmful use of alcohol, especially fueled by the wide availability of alcohol, its easy affordability and omnipresent marketing, puts a burden on children and adolescents. Exposure to alcohol marketing increases the likelihood that children will start using alcohol, and that they will consume more, if they are already using alcohol. The earlier children start using alcohol, the higher is the risk for developing alcohol problems later in life.

Location: Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom
Date: September 14th to September 16th 2016
Registration deadline: September 14th 2016
For more information (IOGT International)
Conference - Changing Global Perceptions: Child Protection & Bodily Integrity

Genital Autonomy exists as a charity to promote, preserve and protect the health and well-being of male, female and intersex children by protecting them from unnecessary genital surgery or modification; and to promote the human rights of children in relation to genital surgery or modification as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights Of the Child throughout the world.

Location: Bratislava, Slovakia
Date: September 2nd 2016
Registration deadline: September 2nd 2016
For more information (Genital Autonomy)

Conference - International Alternative Care Conference

How we respond to children without, or at risk of losing, parental care affects millions of children globally, for a wide variety of reasons. Getting it wrong can result in long-term – even permanent – damage for a child when alternative care is provided unnecessarily or in an unsuitable setting. Getting it right prevents unwarranted family separation and ensures that a child requiring alternative care is looked after in ways that protect his/her human rights and meet his/her individual needs.

Location: Geneva, Switzerland
Date: October 3rd to October 5th 2016
Registration deadline: September 19th 2016
For more information (International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) - Centre for Children's Rights Studies at the University of Geneva (CIDE))

Conference - Family separation: Exploring the Causes and Consequences of Children Separated From Their Families Across International Borders

ISS-USA’s 6th Annual Conference, The Ties That Bind: Exploring the Causes and Consequences of Children Separated From Their Families Across International Borders, will focus on the legal and human rights of children separated from their biological families across international borders. From long-standing methods including international adoption and international parental abduction, to emerging issues like international surrogacy and the movement of unaccompanied minors, the impact of denying children access to their biological families will be examined within the context of an increasingly global world. More importantly, the conference will concentrate on how legal, judicial and social service stakeholders can provide appropriate resources and share best practices to protect the safety, permanency and well-being of children.

Location: Baltimore, USA
Date: October 13th 2016
Registration deadline: September 19th 2016
For more information (The ties that binds - University of Maryland School of Social Work)

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: October 21st to 22nd October 2016
For more information (The President’s Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society)

Right to work: Eliminating child labour and promoting decent work in agriculture

This course provides theory and practice concerning strategies, policies and programmes to combat child labour in agriculture. Special attention is paid to older children (15 - 17 years).

Location: Turin, Italy
Date: November 14th to November 18th 2016
Registration deadline: September 26th 2016
For more information (ITCI)

3. Sub-Regional and Country updates

[News] Africa: The Senseless Death Of Children Is Not Something We Can Ignore

September 5, 2016 – Just over a year ago you will have seen a photograph of the lifeless body of Alan Kurdi on an Aegean beach. It was said that the photograph “shook the world”, but more than 3,000 more people have died, or are missing, in the Mediterranean this year alone. We, and our politicians, might disagree about many things but we should all agree that the senseless death of children - on any scale - is not something that we can ignore. The politics may be complex and in the hands of others, but basic human empathy is something we can all feel and do something about.

Full article (Huffington Post)
**[News] Africa: Africa’s children to account for 40 per cent of world’s poorest people by 2030: Thinktank**

August 25, 2016 – African children will account for more than 40 percent of the world’s poorest people in 2030, almost double the current share, unless more is done to improve education and healthcare, a UK-based thinktank said on Thursday.

[Full article](The Indian express)

**[News] Africa: From teenage headmaster to building the 'Harvard' of Africa**

At just 18 years old, Fred Swaniker became a head teacher. Since then he's built an empire that he hopes will enrich and empower the entire continent. "The greatest equalizer in life is education," Swaniker told CNN. "If you can give people a chance to get this education, then we can actually get people out of poverty, and into the middle class, and then eventually creating wealth for others." The Stanford Business School graduate, who has been commended by Barack Obama, founded the African Leadership Academy, a residential school for 16 to 19 year-olds in Johannesburg, South Africa.

[Full article](CNN)

**[News] Africa: Children out of school: 9 of top 10 countries in Africa**

September 1, 2016 – Nine out of 10 countries with the highest rates of children missing out on primary education are located on the African continent, a UNICEF report revealed on Thursday.

[Full article](World Bulletin)

**[News] Africa: Sub-Saharan African children left behind amid global poverty fall**

August 24, 2016 - Sub-Saharan Africa’s children are being left behind amid global progress in poverty reduction and will account for nearly half of the world’s poor people by 2030, raising the risk that the continent’s young population could become a “time bomb”, a new study has found.

[Article complet](Financial Time)

**[Nouvelle] Afrique : 1, 3 million d'enfants risquent de ne pas bénéficier de repas scolaires cette année, selon le PAM**

31 août, 2016 – Alors que les cours reprennent cet automne, plus de 1,3 million d'enfants en Afrique de l'Ouest et en Afrique centrale risquent de ne pas bénéficier des repas scolaires du Programme alimentaire mondial (PAM) étant donné les contraintes financières que connaît l'agence onusienne.

[Article complet](Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)
[Nouvelle] Cameroun : Miracle à Dzawandai

25 août, 2016 – En recueillant trois jeunes filles déplacées à la suite de l’attaque de leur village par Boko Haram, François Sakotai ne se doutait pas que ce geste généreux serait à l’origine d’un miracle : la réunion d’une mère avec ses enfants.

Article complet (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] Malawi : le PAM lève des fonds pour des repas scolaires grâce à une application sur smartphones

4 août 2016 – Le Programme alimentaire mondial (PAM) a commencé à lever des fonds grâce à son application sur smartphones 'ShareTheMeal' pour apporter une aide alimentaire à des écoliers au Malawi touchés par les effets de la sécheresse provoquée par le phénomène météorologique El Niño.

Article complet (Centre d’actualités de l’ONU)


22 mars, 2016 – Quand nous avons rencontré Gambo Ali sur le site de regroupement spontané pour personnes déplacées d’Abounga, elle était incapable de dire son âge. Mais elle nous a raconté comment elle a vendu pendant un an des produits alimentaires dans les rues de son village, Tam, pour subvenir aux besoins de sa famille.

Article complet (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] Niger : Sauvetage d’urgence à la maternité de Dakoro, dans le Sud nigérien

30 août, 2016 – C’est l’histoire d’une urgence quotidienne. Une femme est venue de l’Ouest désertique à pied et en charrette. Enceinte, en difficulté, elle a parcouru plusieurs dizaines de kilomètres pour donner la vie au risque de perdre la sienne sur la route.

Article complet (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] Nigeria : Des lycéennes de Chibok apparaissent dans une vidéo

14 août, 2016 – Angoisse et espoir chez les familles de Chibok après la diffusion par Boko Haram d’une vidéo de jeunes filles présentées comme les lycéennes enlevées il y a plus de deux ans.

Article complet (BBC)
[Nouvelle] Nigéria : La vie reprend dans certaines parties de l'État de Borno, déchiré par les conflits

Avec l’ouverture de zones auparavant inaccessibles dans le nord-est du Nigéria, 750 000 personnes peuvent maintenant recevoir de l’aide. L’UNICEF fournit des services de santé et de nutrition vitaux, ainsi qu’un appui dans le domaine de l’éducation et de la protection de l’enfance afin d’aider les enfants à se remettre des horreurs qu’ils ont vécues.

Article complet (UNICEF)


September 6th 2016 – Nigeria- The federal government monday painted a rather unflattering picture of the state of nutrition in the country, saying about 53 percent of Nigerian children under the age of five die of malnutrition annually.

Full article (All africa-This Day)

[Nouvelle] République Centrafricaine : L’UNICEF et ses partenaires répondent à l’épidémie de choléra

12 août 2016 — Au moins 16 personnes sont décédées de la première épidémie de choléra enregistrée depuis 2011 en République Centrafricaine. L’épidémie a été déclarée par les autorités centrafricaines le 10 août. 66 cas, parmi lesquels 7 impliquant des enfants, ont été enregistrés le long de la rivière Oubangu.

Article complet (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] Sénégal : Mamadou Diédhou, l’ange gardien des enfants fantômes

3 août 2016 — Pas un rire, pas un bruit. De la cour aux salles de classe, il règne dans cette école un silence spectral que seul le chant du muezzin interrompt pour la prière de la mi-journée. « Tous les élèves sont partis en vacances », s’exclame Mamadou Diédhou quittant son bureau où est empilé en vrac un nombre impressionnant de cahiers d’exercices qu’il doit corriger. « 84 », précise Mamadou. Soit le nombre d’élèves de CE2 qui garnissent les bancs élimés de cette vaste salle de classe étendue sous des arches poussiéreuses. « C’est beaucoup pour un enseignant, surtout dans des conditions aussi précaires que celles-ci », souffle-t-il ennuyé. Mais ce n’est pas le défaut de matériel ou la vétusté des bâtiments qui préoccupent cet enseignant de 32 ans. « Si je ne fais rien, dans deux ans, 40 de mes élèves seront expulsés du système scolaire sénégalais, car ils n’ont pas d’acte de naissance prouvant leur existence aux yeux de l’Etat. »

Article complet (Le Monde)
[Nouvelle] Soudan du Sud : des centaines d'enfants recrutés par des groupes armés, selon l'UNICEF

19 août 2016 – Le Fond des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) a appelé vendredi les acteurs armés au Soudan du Sud à cesser immédiatement le recrutement de tous les enfants ainsi que les violences sexuelles à l'encontre de la population.

Article complet (Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)

[Nouvelle] Soudan du Sud, les enfants traumatisés par les combats reçoivent de l'aide

21 juillet, 2016 — Les enfants qui ont vécu les affrontements violents du début de ce mois à Juba, au Soudan du Sud, sont angoissés et ont peur. Beaucoup d'entre eux ont besoin d'une aide psychosociale pour les aider à réduire le risque d'aggravation de leur détresse psychologique et de perturbation de leur bien-être.

Article complet (Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)


Article complet (Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)

[Nouvelle] Tchad : Au Tchad, comment se reconstruire après les dégâts d'une grossesse précoce

6 septembre, 2016 - Aïcha Hamid est née il y a vingt-huit ans sur une île isolée du lac Tchad dans le département de Dagana. Une enfance de village comme tant d’autres, avant une adolescence difficile. « Ma famille m’a donnée en mariage à 14 ans et je suis tombée enceinte juste après, confie-t-elle. A l'accouchement, le travail a été très compliqué. Je suis restée plusieurs jours à la maison sans réussir à mettre au monde malgré les contractions. Au bout d'une semaine, on m’a amenée à l'hôpital de Dagana en charrette. J’y suis restée en travail pendant trois jours encore. Les médecins disaient que mon bassin était trop petit. Quand l'enfant est finalement sorti, il était mort-né. »

Article complet (Le Monde)
[News] South Africa: ‘Stateless’ child in South Africa can get citizenship – Court

September 6, 2016 - A court in South Africa has cleared the way for children who find themselves without a nationality because they were born in the country where their parents are foreign nationals, to acquire South African citizenship.

Full article (Today)

[News] South Africa: Teacher, don't teach me nonsense: How schools use language to exclude children

Schools and universities in post-colonial contexts still operate within the logic of coloniality. This is illustrated by their language policies.

Full article (Mail & Guardian Africa)
Newsletter on Children’s rights in Sub-Saharan Africa

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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights


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

27th 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

22nd 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

18th 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

29th 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

2nd 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

22nd 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

21st 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.
[Communiqué de presse] Les dirigeants mondiaux doivent investir en faveur de meilleures données sur les enfants – UNICEF


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’ouvrira 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
8th 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)


27th 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

14th 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

19th 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)

28th 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

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: 21st to 22nd of October 2016
Registration deadline: 14th 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.
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 of October to 11th of November 2016
Registration deadline: 24th 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: 31st of October to 4th of November 2016
Registration deadline: 31st 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: 7th to 8th 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: 8th to 9th 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: 19th to 20th of November 2016
For more information (Journalists and Writers Foundation)

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: 21st to 22nd of November 2016
Registration deadline: 16th of November 2016
For more information (United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)
3. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Afrique du Sud - Afrique du Sud : la nationalité accordée aux enfants apatrides
6 septembre 2016 - Un tribunal sud-africain a ouvert la voie à la régularisation des enfants nés
en Afrique du Sud de parents étrangers. Ce mardi 6 septembre, la Cour suprême d'appel du pays
a rendu une décision ordonnant l'octroi de la nationalité à une fille apatride, au terme d'une
bataille judiciaire qui a duré deux ans.

Article complet (BBC)

Afrique du Sud - Lissage obligatoire et autres maltraitances racistes pour des
lycéennes d'Afrique du Sud
9 septembre 2016 - Traces de l'apartheid, scandale raciste pour la rentrée scolaire 2016 en
Afrique du Sud. Un lycée huppé de Pretoria, capitale administrative du pays, principalement
fréquenté par des enfants de la bourgeoisie blanche, interdit aux rares filles noires de venir les
cheveux au naturel, en coiffure "afro", c'est à dire non lissés artificiellement.

Article complet (TV5 Monde avec AFP)

South Africa - “We Are Still Fighting For A School For My Child"
21st of September 2016 - Children and adolescents with disabilities face huge challenges to
access education in South Africa. One year on from the release of Human Rights Watch’s report
documenting barriers to a quality education for children with disabilities, the government has
made little progress in addressing systemic barriers and introducing stronger reforms to
guarantee inclusive education in South Africa.

Full article (HRW)

Comores - Rentrée scolaire et importantes réformes de l'éducation aux Comores
20 septembre 2016 - Aux Comores, c'est l'heure de la rentrée scolaire. Les élèves ont
commencé, ce lundi 19 septembre, à retrouver le chemin de l'école. Le ministère de l'Education
nationale a clôturé, ce week-end, sa conférence annuelle nationale de l'Education, pendant
laquelle d'importantes réformes ont été décidées et un plan de transition du secteur de
l'Education 2017-2020 adopté.

Article complet (RFI)

Congo- Congo-Brazzaville Brazzaville: exode de populations du Pool
30 septembre 2016 - Voisine de Brazzaville, la région du Pool connaît un exode de ses
populations en raison des accrochages enregistrés ces derniers jours entre la force publique et
les anciens miliciens ninjas du pasteur Ntumi. La situation sécuritaire du Pool va mal depuis le mois d'avril 2016.

Article complet (RFI)

Côte d'Ivoire et Ghana - Côte d'Ivoire et Ghana signent un accord contre le travail des enfants
13 septembre 2016 - Dominique Ouattara et Lordina Mahama, premières dames de Côte d'Ivoire et du Ghana, ont signé mardi à Abidjan un accord de coopération engageant leur deux pays, premiers producteurs mondiaux de cacao, à lutter contre la travail des enfants dans la cacaoculture.

Article complet (AFP)

Ethiopia - SOS Children’s Villages moves to help drought-hit Ethiopia and Malawi
27th of September 2016 - Emergency programmes to deliver nutritional and other care for vulnerable children and families. SOS Children’s Villages is working to help vulnerable families in Ethiopia and Malawi with nutritional and other emergency assistance in response to one the worst droughts to hit eastern and southern Africa in decades.

Full article (SOS Children’s Village International)

Ghana - 'My kids hate me … I sold them': slavery and child labour in Ghana – in pictures
30th of September 2016 - Child labour is a major problem in Ghana, affecting more than one-fifth of young people. The figure can be much higher in coastal areas, where poverty-hit families send their children to work or sell them into labour. Research by volunteering organisation Ubelong suggests more than 80% of children in the town of Senya are trafficked into hazardous work in the fishing industry

Full article (The Guardian)

Ghana - National Justice for Children Policy Launched
27th of September 2016 - A policy aimed at improving the conditions of children who come into contact with or at the risk of coming into contact with the law has been launched in Accra yesterday.

'The Justice for Children Policy' has come at the heels of the government's continued commitment and efforts to put people, especially, children first.

Full article (AllAfrica)
Kenya - Kenyan children learn ballet at Kibera slum
14th of September 2016 - Classical music, colourful clothes and teachers' voices mix to turn the grey cold room into a real ballet studio. With more than 2.5 million people in some 200 settlements, the slum dwellers in Nairobi represent more than half of the city's population and occupy merely 6 percent of the land, according to a report released in 2014 by the African Population and Health Research Center.

Full article (AlJazeera)

Mali - Halting school meals in Mali could keep thousands of children out of class: U.N.
27 of Septembre 2016 - Taking away school meals from 180,000 pupils going back to class in Mali, where insecurity has closed schools in the north, may deprive even more children of an education, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) said on Tuesday.

Full article (Reuters)

Namibia - In Namibia, ‘Little Bugs’ brings early childhood development to the desert
12th of September 2016 - Jeanette Swartbooi was forced to sacrifice education opportunities for her children when she moved her family to the Namib Desert – where essential social services like schools and health facilities are hard to come by. But now, 13 years later, her youngest children are finally getting access to early childhood development thanks to a newly opened centre called Little Bugs.

Full article (UNICEF)

Niger - Malnutrition : le dépistage par les mères, une stratégie prometteuse
20 septembre 2016 - C’est une étude qui ouvre des perspectives prometteuses dans la lutte contre la malnutrition, un fléau qui tue près de 3 millions d’enfants de moins de 5 ans sur les 6,3 qui meurent chaque année dans le monde. Former les mères au dépistage de la malnutrition chez leur enfant favorise une détection et une prise en charge plus rapides, et réduit le besoin d’hospitalisation : la démonstration vient d’en être faite par une enquête de terrain, menée au Niger par l’ONG Alliance for International Medical Action (Alima) et présentée dans la revue Journal Archives of Public Health du 6 septembre »
Nigeria - Rise in Nigerian Sex Slavery in Italy Fueled by Violence and 'Juju' Magic
28th of September 2016 - When Nigerian teenager Beauty arrived in Sicily after crossing the Mediterranean from North Africa last year, she had only hours to phone the man who trafficked her - or risk lethal repercussions for loved ones back home.

Full article (NY Times)

Nigeria - What next for Nigeria’s children?
23rd of September 2016 – Ajija is as frail as you possibly can be when alive. The four-year-old should be actively playing with friends but she can barely stand. When she is checked by a health worker, she is unsurprisingly registered as severely malnourished.

Full article (UNICEF)

Ouganda - Ouganda: une école pour les enfants réfugiés du Sud-Soudan
18 septembre 2016 - En Ouganda, environ 250 000 Sud-Soudanais ont trouvé refuge dans le pays. Parmi eux essentiellement des femmes et des enfants. Certains sont dans les camps de réfugiés du UNHCR, d'autres vont à l'école. Trouver une formation n'est pas toujours facile pour ces jeunes. Ayant traversé des évènements traumatisants, ils sont souvent considérés comme des élèves difficiles. Dans la Kisubi School, ils sont accueillis en grand nombre et une association dédiée aux élèves sud-soudanais les aide à affronter les moments difficiles. Voici le 2e volet de notre rencontre avec ces élèves.

Article complet (RFI)

RDC - RD Congo : à Kinshasa, la rentrée scolaire rime toujours avec galère
10 septembre 2016 - La rentrée scolaire a eu lieu il y a quelques jours à Kinshasa mais "seul le dernier de mes quatre enfants va à l'école", regrette Hortense Kabalira. « Les trois autres restent à la maison, faute d'argent pour payer les frais, acheter les sacs, les chaussures, les tenues », explique cette ménagère, qui fait face aux mêmes difficultés que des milliers de familles de la capitale de la République démocratique du Congo.

Article complet (Jeune Afrique)

DRC - In the Democratic Republic of Congo, protecting and empowering children with albinism in schools
26th of September 2016 - Children living with albinism in the Democratic Republic of Congo often face discrimination and exclusion from their peers, causing some of them to skip school or drop out altogether. Learn how UNICEF is working with the Ministry of Education to make sure that children with albinism and other vulnerable students get the support they need to stay in school.
RDC - RDC : 45 magistrats formés sur la protection de l’enfant
15 septembre 2016 - Quarante-cinq juges pour enfants et officiers du ministère public près les parquets venus de toutes les provinces de la RDC suivent, depuis mardi 13 septembre à Kinshasa, une formation sur l’application de la loi portant sur la protection de l’enfant en RDC promulguée depuis 2009. Cette formation s’étend jusqu’au 17 septembre.

Soudan - Le Soudan libère 21 enfants-soldats
22 septembre 2016 - Le Soudan a libéré 21 enfants-soldats capturés l’année dernière au Darfour lors de combats entre troupes gouvernementales et rebelles, a indiqué jeudi l’ONU. Cette nouvelle intervient quelques jours après que le président soudanais Omar el-Béchir a déclaré au Darfour qu’il ordonnerait la libération de tous les enfants détenus appartenant à la rébellion.

South Sudan - Educating girls in South Sudan
28ème du septembre 2016 - Meet the girls who must overcome conflict, hunger, stigma and sexual abuse just to go to school. Fierce fighting in her village in Unity State, kept 18-year-old Susan away from her school in Juba for more than a year. But even those girls who are able to attend often have to travel for hours to reach school.

Tchad - Au Tchad, comment se reconstruire après les dégâts d’une grossesse précoce
6 septembre 2016 - Aïcha a trouvé la paix et le silence dans le quartier le plus bruyant de la ville. A Dębé, où se tient le grand marché de N’Djamena, capitale du Tchad, les commerçantes agitent leurs poissons boucanés ou leurs mangues rousses. Elle est calmement assise dans sa tanière de tentures. De flamboyants tissus décorent du sol au plafond cette petite pièce au fond d’une cour où elle vit avec sa fille de 10 ans, Fatime. Quand elle ne passe pas du temps avec elle, Aicha coud des pagnes, des draps, des chiffons dans un atelier de réinsertion des femmes victimes, comme elle, d’une fistule.

Zimbabwe - Hello Hunger
September 2016 - “How is your hunger?” Marita greets you. For Zimbabweans, hit by drought, failed crops and no food, the answer is almost always “bad”. Marita, 28 years old, lives in a rural
part in the Hwange area of eastern Zimbabwe. It’s close to both the animal splendour of the Hwange National Park and to Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

Full article (Caritas)

Zimbabwe - El Nino: Parents leave children in drought hit area
22nd of September - The Ndebele family has been waiting to hear from their main breadwinner for months; but nothing has been heard. The family is one of the many families living in Bulilima districts in the Matebeleland south province affected by a severe drought. Hundreds of young people have fled increasing hardship to seek employment outside the country, as farm labourers in neighbouring South Africa and Botswana

Full article (Africa News)
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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights

[News] Five Athens Arrests in International Child Sex Trafficking Bust

18th of October 2016 - Five people were arrested in Athens last week as part of an international effort to crack down on child sex trafficking. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with representatives from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and several law enforcement partners, announced 82 minors were rescued and 239 traffickers and their associates were arrested as part of Operation Cross Country X. The operation, which ran Oct. 13-15, was an international effort focusing on underage human trafficking. This is the 10th iteration of FBI-led initiative which took place across the United States and, for the first time, in several countries around the world. Law enforcement partners from Cambodia, Canada, the Philippines and Thailand had operations in their respective countries.

Full Article (Athens Patch)

[News] ‘Island of despair’: Australia intentionally torturing refugees on Nauru, says major Amnesty International report

18th of October 2016 - The Australian government is responsible for the deliberate and systematic torture of refugees on Nauru and should be held accountable under international law, according to a major new report informed by unprecedented access to the secretive island. Amnesty International said it had interviewed 62 refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru, and more than a dozen current or former contract workers who delivered services on behalf of the Australian government, to compile a report it titled: Island of Despair.
Canada violating international law by jailing hundreds of migrant children, advocacy groups say

4th of October 2016 - Canada’s incarceration of hundreds of migrant children is a violation of Canadian and international law, and a stain on the country’s reputation, according to 46 medical and legal advocacy groups who are pressing the government to stop it. Data obtained by the group show an average of 242 children were detained in each of the past four years, often after failed refugee claims. Canada’s government says public safety is a main concern, along with flight risk and uncertain identity, but the group’s research shows virtually all detentions, almost 90 per cent, are to prevent people fleeing in advance of deportation or not showing up to a tribunal. In some cases, these people’s children have been born in Canada and are therefore citizens, but must be detained as well to avoid leaving children alone. That means the 242 number is lower than the true number, as it only includes formal foreign child detainees.

UK steps up support to end modern slavery and child exploitation globally

16th of October 2016 – UK will prioritise ending modern slavery and child exploitation around the world. To mark the national day against slavery on October 18, International Development Secretary Priti Patel outlined an increase in support for women and girl refugees in Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon, and for vulnerable people at risk of trafficking on migration routes in North Africa and Europe. The International Development Secretary echoed Prime Minister Theresa May at the United Nations General Assembly, as she called on the global community to go further and work faster to stop modern slavery and child exploitation.

Clampdown on child labour in developing world to target UK firms

15th of October 2016 - The government is to intervene to encourage companies to scrutinise their supply chains for evidence of worker exploitation or child labour, the international development minister will announce this coming week. Detailing a £1m grant from the aid budget towards a campaign to lobby businesses to take more responsibility for the labour practices within their
supply chains, international development secretary Priti Patel, said she wanted to clamp down on global child exploitation.

Full Article (The Guardian)

[News] Syrian girls are being pushed into child marriage in Lebanese refugee camps

17th of October 2016 - Each year, 15 million girls are married before the age of 18. In developing countries, one in every three girls is married before 18; one in nine is married before 15. If the present trend continues, 150 million girls will be married before their 18th birthday over the next decade. That is an average of 15 million girls each year. Child marriage is a fundamental violation of human rights. According to reports from both UNFPA and Human Rights Watch, child marriage is associated with many harmful consequences. Child brides face a higher risk of contracting HIV; are much more likely to experience domestic violence; and pregnancy remains among the leading causes of death for girls aged 15 to 19 worldwide.

Full Article (Huffington post)

[News] Bangladesh’s ‘Wedding buster’ takes on illegal child marriage

11th of October 2016 - As the UN marks the International Day of the Girl Child on Tuesday, activist Radha Rani Sarker is meeting with European leaders to highlight the plight of girls in her native Bangladesh, where 73% are illegally married off while still in childhood. Radha, 21, met French Women’s Rights Minister Laurence Rossignol and reporters in Paris on Monday as part of a tour that will also take her to Brussels. With her baby face and sparkling black eyes, she did not appear to be intimidated in the presence of the minister and her entourage, telling the story of her life with disarming calmness.

Full Article (France 24)

[News] Yemeni child marriage film submitted to Oscars

12th of October 2016 - Yemen is submitting its first ever full-length movie entry to the Oscars this year, with a film telling the story of a 10-year-old girl fighting to divorce her much older husband. *I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced* will compete alongside films from 84 other countries for the prize of Best Foreign Language Film at the 2017 Oscars. The film is based on the real-life story of Nujood Ali, now 18, who was married to a man in his 30s when she was nine years old. Based on a book by
Ali, it tells the story of her escape two months after the arranged marriage, and her struggle to get a local judge to grant her a divorce in the absence of laws against child marriage.

Full Article (Middle East Eye)

[Petition] Child bride faces execution by hanging in Iran
13th of October 2016 - Zeinab Sekaanvand Lokran comes from a poor, conservative Iranian-Kurdish family, and ran away from home to marry Hossein Sarmadi in the hope for a better life. She was 17 when her husband died. Zeinab was arrested and “confessed” that she killed her husband after he’d abused her for months and refused her requests for divorce. She was then held at the police station for the next 20 days and repeatedly tortured by police officers. After a grossly unfair trial, in which she was denied access to a lawyer during her entire pre-trial detention, Zeinab was sentenced to death by hanging

Full Article (Amnesty)

[News] Shattered dreams: Dim future for the refugee child in Malaysia
16th of October 2016 – IN Malaysia, a country that has positioned itself as a go-to destination for migrants escaping war and persecution in their homes, access to education is a luxury for refugee children. Malaysia is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention, but according to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), there were 246,270 “people of concern” in Malaysia last year, a figure that included registered refugees, asylum seekers, as well as other categories of stateless people and those in “refugee-like” situations.

Full Article (Asian Correspondent)

[News] Pope issues SOS for ‘invisible and voiceless’ refugee children
14th of October 2016 – In his annual message for the Vatican’s refugee day, Pope Francis focuses his attention on child migrants, saying they’re the most vulnerable group among the refugees because they are “invisible and voiceless.” Quoting Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew - “whoever receives a child in my name receives me” - the pope notes how Jesus goes on to warn those who cause a child to sin: “It is better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

Full Article (Crux Now)
[News] Saving Bangladesh's children

27th of October 2016 - In our increasingly interdependent world, malnutrition that causes stunted growth in poor children should be of concern to the community of nations. After all, prosperity and good health are the building blocks of a more stable and less violent world. Bangladesh, formerly known as East Pakistan, separated from the rest of Pakistan and became a sovereign nation-state in 1971. According to the World Bank, "Bangladesh emerged from the ashes of a War of Independence in 1971 as the world's second poorest nation."

Full Article (The Whig)

[News] Investing in early childhood development essential to helping more children and communities thrive, new Lancet Series finds

5th of October 2016 - An estimated 43 percent—249 million—of children under five in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs) are at an elevated risk of poor development due to extreme poverty and stunting, according to findings from The Lancet’s new Series, Advancing Early Childhood Development: from Science to Scale. The Series reveals that early childhood development interventions that promote nurturing care—health, nutrition, responsive caregiving, security and safety, and early learning—may cost as little as 50 cents per child per year, when combined with existing services such as health. WHO, the World Bank, and UNICEF contributed to and offered guidance to the Series.

Full Article (World Health Organization)

[News] An investigation found Syrian child refugees in Turkey producing clothes for major brands

24th of October 2016 - Nearly 5 million people have now fled the violence in Syria. More have gone to Turkey than any other country. Desperate for income, many have sought employment illegally in the country’s garment industry. As many foreign brands making garments in Turkey know, factories often exploit the availability of this cheap labor. A report by BBC Panorama lends weight to critics who argue brands aren’t doing enough to safeguard against the practice. “Undercover: The Refugees Who Make Our Clothes,” scheduled to air tonight (Oct. 24) on BBC One, found Syrian child refugees in Turkey making clothing for popular British brands Marks and Spencer and Asos. It also found adult refugees working illegally at factories distressing jeans for Spanish brands Zara and Mango.
[News] Underage, underpaid and unwelcome

26th of October 2016 - As ever increasing numbers of Syrians flee their homes in search of refuge in Turkey, employers in their adoptive country have taken advantage of their destitution. In sweatshops in Istanbul, the Telegraph found children as young as five working for a pittance to help their families survive.

[News] Refugee parents must be involved in children's education, experts say

23th of October 2016 - Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum was in Winnipeg last week to meet with his provincial counterparts. At the meetings, McCallum admitted he was surprised at the size of Syrian refugee families resettled to Canada and the number of Syrian children was more than anticipated. With this, media coverage turned to the challenges for schools that a large new student population brings and the need for language and support workers.

[News] Syria: UN education envoy urges International Criminal Court probe into Idlib school attack

27th of October 2016 - The United Nations envoy for education today called for an immediate investigation by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) into what he called a war crime in Syria – the latest attacks on a school compound in the western province of Idlib that left at least 20 pupils and teachers dead.

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conference – With Children, for Children: From Ideas to Action
On the occasion of 2016 International Children’s Day, a symposium will bring together members of the European Parliament, European Commission officials and 12 children and young people from across Europe who have participated in local, national or international child participation
projects. The objective is to demonstrate how Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and officials from the European Commission (EC) can engage with children around Europe in a meaningful way.

**Location:** Brussel, Belgium  
**Date:** 17th of November 2016  
**For more information** (EuroChild)

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**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:** 19th to 20th of November 2016  
**For more information** (Journalists and Writers Foundation)

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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:** 21st to 22nd of November 2016  
**Registration deadline:** 16th of November 2016  
**For more information** (United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)
Conference - PICCWERD-Putrajaya International Conference On Child, Women, Elderly And Disabled
The conference will bring together scholars and practitioners who are interested to present their papers in a diverse range of areas pertaining to Children, Women, Elderly And Disabled People and other related fields.

Location: Putrajaya, Malaysia
Date: 3rd to 4th of December 2016
For more information (Piccwed)

Conference – International Conference «Early Childhood Care and Education»
The idea of the child as innocent, as pure, the ‘little angel’ in need of protection from the harsh realities of life and the corrupting influences of the world around us has come to dominate our thinking, language, values, social policies and educational philosophies in the past few decades.
Children are seen as ‘little people’, ‘blank slates’, works in progress who are loved, nurtured and guided as they grow to become mature, rational and responsible adults.

Location: Moscow, Russian Federation
Date: 10th to 13th May 2017
For more information (ECCE)

3. Sub-regional and Country updates
Afrique- Sommet de l’UA : des organisations des droits de l’enfant demandent un meilleur budget pour la protection des enfants
11 octobre 2016- Un groupe des organisations de promotion des droits de l’enfant au Togo a saisi lundi l’ouverture officielle des activités parallèles (side-events) au sommet de l’Union africaine sur la sécurité et la sûreté maritime et le développement en Afrique, pour demander une budgétisation favorable aux enfants du continent. Le groupe est composé de six organisations, notamment WAO-Afrique, FODDET, Plan international Togo, Terre des Hommes, BorneFonden et l’UNICEF.
Article complet (Abijan.net)

Afrique- La mendicité forcée, face cachée du travail des enfants en Afrique
Article complet (Afrik.com)
Afrique- Journée des droits de la fille : le mariage forcé freine l’alphabétisation en Afrique
11 octobre 2016- En cette journée des droits de la fille, les ONG rappellent que les mariages forcés empêchent toujours les jeunes Africaines d’accéder au même niveau d’éducation que les garçons. Ils freinent aussi le développement du continent.

Article complet (Jeune Afrique)

Africa- A troubled decade for Africa's children
15th of October 2016-Over a decade after world leaders gathered at the 1990 World Summit for Children to set ambitious targets for improvements in child health and welfare, life for tens of millions of Africa's youngest and most vulnerable inhabitants remains difficult, dangerous and, all too often, tragically short. Despite the unprecedented global prosperity of the 1990s, and modest advances for children in some African countries, children in sub-Saharan Africa are more likely to be ill, less likely to be in school and far more likely to die before the age of five than children in any other region. Trapped in a downward spiral of war, disease and deepening poverty, African children and their parents were, by some measures, worse off at the end of the decade than they were at the beginning.

Full Article (Big News Network)

Africa- Former First Lady of Two African Nations, Graça Machel Launches New Women’s Network
28th of September 2016- In an effort to transform the narrative and negative perceptions of African women and children, Graça Machel, the former first lady of two African nations, recently established a first of its kind Pan African Women in Media Network (WIMN).

Full Article (Los Angeles Sentinel)

Afrique du Sud- Afrique du Sud : les « enfants » de Mandela veulent «décoloniser» la fac
9 octobre 2016- "Nous voulons une éducation gratuite et décolonisée". La contestation qui agite les campus sud-africains autour des droits de scolarité prend un tour de plus en plus politique pour les étudiants noirs, qui en profitent pour dénoncer la persistance des inégalités raciales vingt-deux ans après la fin de l’apartheid.

Article complet (Jeune Afrique)

Burkina Faso- Problématique des droits humains et égalité des sexes : Les acteurs de mise en œuvre du projet SWEED renforcent leurs compétences
26 octobre 2016- Ouagadougou abritait du 25 au 28 octobre 2016, un atelier régional de renforcement des capacités en droits humains et égalité entre les sexes, du projet d’autonomisation des femmes et de dividende démographique au Sahel (Swedd). L’initiative qui est portée par le secrétariat technique régional et l’Unité adolescent and Young Advocacy and Policy, est soutenue par la Banque mondiale.

Article complet (Le Faso)
**Burkina-Faso - Droits des enfants au Burkina Faso: La COBUFAD interpelle le gouvernement**

3 octobre 2016 - La coalition au Burkina Faso pour les droits de l’enfant (COBUFAD) a animé une conférence de presse autour du projet d’appui à la société civile en matière de plaidoyer et de suivi des droits de l’enfant au Burkina Faso. L’objectif de ce plaidoyer est la prise de mesures conséquentes afin que les droits de l’enfant soient respectés au Burkina Faso.

[Article complet](Burkina24)

**Kenya - Kenya launches child-friendly Tuberculosis drugs**

4th of October 2016 - Kenya becomes the first of 18 countries to start dispensing child-friendly Tuberculosis medication in an effort to better treat children infected by the disease. Jillian Kitchener reports.

[Full Article](Reuters)

**Madagascar- Des jeunes filles de 12 ans se marient déjà**

4 octobre 2016 - Lors d’une séance d’information concernant la grossesse précoce, le 27 septembre 2016 à Toamasina, le Réseau de Protection des Enfants (RPE) a rendu public les résultats de leurs enquêtes dans la Région Atsinanana de Madagascar durant ces deux derniers trimestres. Le RPE a constaté que le mariage précoce est maintenu et accepté par la tradition dans les familles malgré qu’il va à l’encontre de la loi. Rappelons que la loi 2007-022 sur le mariage et les régimes matrimoniaux a fixé l’âge minimum des deux sexes à 18 ans, pour le contrat de mariage.

[Article complet](Tribune Madagascar)

**Niger- Revealed: The Best and Worst Countries to be a Girl**

10th of October 2016 - Niger is the worst country to be a girl, according to a world-first index by a leading children’s charity that has revealed the biggest global struggles faced by women and their female offsprings.

[Full Article](Newsweek)

**Nigeria - Dans les zones de conflit du Nigeria, c’est la passion qui motive les enseignants**

4 octobre 2016 - « Sans vraie passion pour votre travail, la passion du don de soi et de sortir pour donner le meilleur de soi chaque jour, même dans des circonstances difficiles, vous ne pouvez pas être un bon enseignant » a déclaré Madame Aisha Kadiri, formatrice qui travaille aux côtés des enseignants engagés auprès des élèves déplacés des zones du Nigeria où l’éducation a été perturbée par l’insurrection de Boko Haram.

[Article complet](UNESCO)
Nigeria- President pledges to stop violence against children by 2030
25 October- President Muhammadu Buhari has kicked off the movement to end violence against Nigerian children by 2030. The President launched the campaign on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at the State House conference centre in Abuja. The initiative, which is backed by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), had the President promising to protect children in Nigeria and Africa from violence.

Full Article (Pulse)

Nigeria- Les enfants oubliés du Nigeria
18 octobre 2016- Deux ans et demi après l'enlèvement de 219 lycéennes de Chibok par Boko Haram au Nigeria, qui avait suscité un tollé international et généré la campagne #BringBackOurGirls, une bonne nouvelle arrive enfin.

Article complet (Amnesty International)

Nigeria- Dans le nord-est du Nigeria, plus de 10 000 garçons manquent à l’appel
6 octobre 2016- Dans l’État de Borno dévasté par les actions terroristes du groupe djihadiste nigérian Boko Haram, les humanitaires font état de milliers de disparitions chez les enfants de sexe masculin : « Nous savons que plus de 10 000 garçons ont été enlevés par Boko Haram au cours des trois dernières années », affirme Oxfam.

Article complet (Le Monde)

République Centrafricaine - Violations graves commises à l’encontre des enfants en situation de conflit armé
4 octobre 2016 - Quelques jours après la rentrée scolaire 2016-2017, alors que la majorité des enfants reprennent le chemin de l’école, plus de 10 000 enfants en Centrafrique voient leur scolarisation interrompue en raison de la présence de groupes armés au sein des établissements ou à proximité.

Article complet (Reliefweb)

République démocratique du Congo- Voitures électriques : polluées par le travail des enfants ?
30 septembre 2016- Les grands constructeurs de voitures électriques doivent dire la vérité à leurs clients sur les mesures qu’ils prennent pour ne pas recourir au travail des enfants via leurs chaînes d’approvisionnement, et dénoncer ouvertement tous les abus qu’ils constatent, a déclaré Amnesty International le 30 septembre, la veille de l’ouverture du Mondial de l’automobile de Paris, où seront exposés de nouveaux modèles de voitures électriques.

Article complet (Amnesty International)
République démocratique du Congo- Derrière les voitures électriques… des enfants dans les mines de RDC

Article complet (Agora vox)

République démocratique du Congo- RDC: des enfants-soldats stigmatisés à vie
11 octobre 2016- Les anciens enfants-soldats forcés à combattre dans une milice congolaise il y a une dizaine d’années restent stigmatisés, éprouvent des sentiments suicidaires et vivent dans une peur constante, ont souligné mardi des experts devant la Cour pénale internationale.

Article complet (La Presse)

République démocratique du Congo- Nord-Kivu : plus de 135 000 enfants privés de scolarité à cause de l’insécurité, selon OCHA
14 octobre 2016- Environ 135 000 enfants en âge d’aller à l’école primaire n’ont pas accès à l’enseignement, a alerté mercredi dans son bulletin d’information le Bureau de coordination des affaires humanitaires (OCHA). Ces enfants sont essentiellement des enfants déplacés vivants dans les territoires de Lubero, Beni, Masisi et Rutshuru, précise le document.

Article complet (Radio Okapi)

Sénégal- Mariages forcés: ces Sénégalaises qui ont dit «non»
12 octobre 2016- Au Sénégal, comme dans toute la sous-région, les autorités tentent de freiner les mariages forcés. Une fille sur trois se marie pourtant avant l’âge de 16 ans. La loi est néanmoins claire : « Le mariage forcé est interdit et personne ne doit donner son enfant en mariage en usant de la force ou en le menaçant. » Une loi qui est loin d’être respectée.

Article complet (RFI)

South Africa- SA’s children need their own commissioner, says UN
12th of October- Last week, the government was given clear direction by the United Nations: South Africa needs a dedicated children’s commissioner to ensure their rights are protected and promoted. It should also adopt an interministerial approach to child rights governance. The commissioner, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child said, should be appointed by the Human Rights Commission, in line with its legal obligations.

Full Article (Mail & Guardian)
South Africa- Children’s rights under the spotlight
7th of October 2016- The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) will issue its Concluding Observations, a set of recommendations to the Government of South Africa to better protect and realise children’s rights, today (7 October).

Full Article (IT-Online)

South Sudan- 145 children released by armed groups in South Sudan
25th of October 2016- A total of 145 children were today released by armed groups in South Sudan, UNICEF has announced. This is the largest number of children freed since 2015, when 1,775 children were released in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area.

Full Article (African Business)
Newsletter on Children’s rights in Sub-Saharan Africa

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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights

[News] Indigenous children 10 times more likely to be removed from families – report

9th of November 2016- Indigenous children are more than 10 times more likely to be removed from their families by child protection authorities than other Australian children, a new report says, prompting calls
for urgent action. A report launched on Wednesday by the Family Matters coalition, which comprises more than 150 Indigenous organisations and academics, has found the number of children removed from their families will triple over the next 20 years. The figure has led a Family Matters co-chair, Gerry Moore, to call for the commonwealth and state governments to develop a program to address the causes of family removals.

Full article (The Guardian)

[News] Child trafficking victims disappearing from UK care at 'alarming' rate
14th of November 2016 - Child trafficking victims and unaccompanied children are going missing from local authority care at an “alarming” rate according to a new report, which reveals that in one year, nearly 30% of all UK child trafficking victims and 13% of unaccompanied children disappeared from care services. New research by child trafficking NGO Ecpat UK and the charity Missing People has found that 167 of the 590 children suspected or identified as child trafficking victims in the year from September 2014 to 2015 vanished from foster and care homes across the country. An additional 593 of the 4,744 unaccompanied children placed under the protection of local authorities also went missing at least once in the same time period. Of the 760 trafficked or unaccompanied children who disappeared from care, 207 have never been found.

Full article (The Guardian)

[Nouvelles] Journée mondiale de l’enfance: deux cents écrivains de renommée mondiale s’unissent autour des droits de l’enfant

Article complet (UNICEF)

[Nouvelles] La pneumonie et la diarrhée tuent 1,4 million d’enfants chaque année, plus que toutes les autres maladies infantiles cumulées
11 novembre 2016 – La pneumonie et la diarrhée tuent chaque année 1,4 million d’enfant, vivant pour la très grande majorité dans des pays à revenu faible et intermédiaire. La mort de ces enfants survient malgré le fait que ces deux maladies sont largement évitables grâce à des solutions simples et rentables comme l’allaitement exclusif, la vaccination, des soins de santé primaires de qualité et la réduction de la pollution de l’air à l’intérieur des habitats. Ces conclusions sont rassemblées dans un nouveau rapport de l’UNICEF, Un décès, c’est déjà trop : en finir avec les décès d’enfants par pneumonie et par diarrhée, publié aujourd’hui.

Article complet (UNICEF)
[Nouvelles] Un mois après le passage de l'ouragan Matthew, près de 600 000 enfants attendent toujours de l'aide

4 novembre 2016 – Un mois après que l'ouragan Matthew a frappé Haïti de plein fouet, près de 600 000 enfants ont toujours besoin d'aide humanitaire et sont tenaillés par la maladie, la faim et la malnutrition, déclare aujourd'hui l'UNICEF. « Un mois après le passage de l'ouragan, la vie n'a toujours pas repris son cours normal pour plus d'un demi-million d'enfants haïtiens », affirme le Représentant de l'UNICEF en Haïti, Marc Vincent. « Trop d'enfants souffrent de la faim et sont sans abri, incapables d'aller à l'école et en danger. Nous renforçons notre réponse et sommes résolus à en aider le plus grand nombre possible, dans les plus brefs délais ».

Article complet (UNICEF)

[News] Fears for 6,000 children as some camps on Greek islands soar to triple their capacity

14th of November 2016 - An estimated 6,000 children living in detention centres and camps on the Greek islands are at risk with facilities on four out of five islands overflowing, Save the Children warned ahead of US President Barack Obama’s visit to Athens on 15 November. With most new arrivals detained on the islands since the European Union’s deal with Turkey in March this year, 16,229 refugees and migrants – including 6,000 children – are living in facilities designed to hold only 8,204 people.

Full article (Save the Children)

[News] Save the Children prepared to respond to children’s need in New Zealand earthquake

13th of November 2016 - Aid workers from Save the Children will mobilise staff to meet the needs of children and their families affected by last night’s earthquake in New Zealand if there is a need for a humanitarian response. The powerful 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck approximately 50kms north-east of Christchurch and was felt across the country. A tsunami warning is in place and residents in low-lying areas have been urged to evacuate.

Full article (Save the Children)

[News] After abuse as a girl, U.N. albinism expert aims to end ritual murders

16th of November 2016 - When Ikponwosa Ero was five years old, she couldn't walk down the street in Nigeria without being abused for having albinism -- a lack of pigmentation in the skin, hair and eyes. "(In) five minutes, almost 50 people have said something, pulled your skin, pulled your hair or sung (abusive songs) to you," the United Nations' first independent expert on albinism said in an interview with the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "I was wondering why was I born ? ... How will I get to my adult years and survive this? I don't think I can make it. "People with albinism are frequently shunned, attacked and even killed across Africa. In many countries, their body parts are believed to bring wealth and good luck and are prized in witchcraft for use in charms and magical potions.

Full article (Reuters)
[News] Africa's charter on children’s rights: Turning words into action
7th of November 2016 - With more than 500 million people under the age of 18, Africa has one of the world’s youngest populations. As birth rates decline in other regions, the number of African children is expected to double by mid-century and gradually overtake Asia as home the largest number of young people. Thanks to a landmark agreement that took effect 17 years ago this month, this growing population of African children enjoys more rights and significantly more protections than earlier generations. The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), agreed by African leaders in 1990 and which went into force on 29 November 1999, has helped enshrine the rights of children and their welfare in laws across the continent. The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, which was created under the Charter, deserves credit for promoting children’s rights and monitor implementation of the ACRWC.

Full article (Thomson Reuters Foundation)

[News] Governments from Asia-Pacific meet to advance children’s rights
14th of November 2016 - Governments from across Asia-Pacific recently held a meeting to discuss ways to advance children’s rights in a number of critical areas. The event, ‘A Billion Brains: Smarter Children, Healthier Economies’, was hosted by the Government of Malaysia. It brought together heads of state and senior leaders from 28 countries across Asia-Pacific, which is home to more than one billion children, or nearly half the world’s under 18s. The meeting sought to foster ‘South-South cooperation’ – countries learning from others that have faced similar challenges, in order to make progress for children.

Full article (Inquirer.net)

9th of November 2016 - Unrest in Myanmar's northwest is taking a "terrible toll" on children, the U.N. children's agency UNICEF said and called for full humanitarian access to the Muslim-majority north of Rakhine state. Tens of thousands of people have been cut off from food and other aid normally provided by international agencies since deadly attacks on police guard posts along the border with Bangladesh on Oct. 9. "While some aid has been delivered in recent days, UNICEF calls for full resumption of essential services and the urgent lifting of all restrictions of movement of health and other professionals so they can safely reach children and families," UNICEF said in a statement from New York on Tuesday. Troops have poured into the region in response to the attacks, in which assailants believed to be from the mostly stateless Rohingya group killed nine policemen.

Full article (Thomson Reuters Foundation)

[Nouvelles] Calais : les droits de l'enfant oublisés selon l'ONU
[News] Ikea gets the world playing to support Children’s Rights
20th of November 2016 - Play is a fundamental right for all children. That’s why IKEA and IKEA Foundation are teaming up with six leading children’s rights organisations and putting play at the heart of a new good cause campaign: Let’s Play for Change, starting on Children’s Rights Day 20 November. The campaign will support children’s development and learning, equal participation, sports, and of course, play. For every children’s book and toy sold between 20 November and 24 December, the IKEA Foundation will make a donation of €1 to support children’s right to play and develop in some of the world’s most vulnerable communities.

Full article (Save the Children)

[News] Kyrgyzstan Ups Fight against Child Marriage
21st of November 2016 - “[E]veryone knows mullahs marry [people] at an early age,” the head of a community elders court told me when I was in southern Kyrgyzstan researching domestic violence in 2014. Although child and forced marriage are illegal in Kyrgyzstan, an estimated 12 percent of girls marry before age 18. One percent are married before age 15. These girls are typically wed in religious ceremonies and their marriages remain unregistered.

On Friday, Kyrgyzstan’s President Almazbek Atambayev took an important step in the fight against child marriage by signing a new law introducing criminal sanctions, including imprisonment, for people who conduct or facilitate religious marriages of children under 18.

Full article (Human Rights Watch)

20th of November 2016 – Highlighting the plight of millions of children around the world, the head of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has called on everyone to recommit themselves to protect the rights of every child. "When we protect their rights, we are not only preventing their suffering. We are not only safeguarding their lives. We are protecting our common future," said the UNICEF Executive Director, Anthony Lake, in his message on Universal Children's Day. Established on 20 November 1954, UN Universal Children's Day promotes international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.
2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Course – Master of advanced studies in children’s rights (including child labour)
The Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR) is a part-time international and interdisciplinary postgraduate programme, which takes place over a two-year period. The Programme is designed for professionals who work with children’s rights issues, including lawyers, psychologists, sociologists, judges, social workers, government officials, staff of non-governmental organisations, academics and journalists.

Location: Geneva
Date: February 2017

For more information (Université de Genève)

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Location: Online
Date: 12 July 2017 – 22 August 2017

For more information (Human Rights Center – University for Peace)

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Pour plus d’information (Institut Bioforce)

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**Location**: Online

**Date**: 1 February 2017 – 14 March 2017

*For more information* (European Rights Education Associates)

**Training - Training course on Gender-based Violence**
This course is aimed at building the capacity and commitment of participants to undertake programs targeted at eradicating gender-based violence and to develop a new movement for gender equality. The course also features a number of exercises and reflective activities designed to examine the concepts of gender, gender-based violence, sexuality, and rights. It will further explore the impact of gender-based violence on education, health and development.

**Location**: Nairobi, Kenya

**Date**: 16 January 2017 – 20 January 2017

*For more information* (Indepth Research Services)

**Course - Protection of Human Rights in the Contemporary World: Practices, Challenges and Prospects**
This 9 week specialized certificate course consciously adopts a contemporary focus for unpacking the diverse dimensions of international human rights law, practice and advocacy. It begins with a juxtaposition of human rights in theory and in practice, and situates the very concept on a spectrum of competing approaches adopted by contemporary thinkers. Having thus set the tone for a critical and realistic analysis of contemporary human rights issues, the course examines the notion of universality of human rights with the use of case studies from recent global events.

**Location**: Online

**Date**: 18 January 2017 – 21 March 2017

*For more information* (Human Rights Center – University for Peace)
3. Sub-regional and Country updates

**Africa: Enough Is Enough - Oxfam Seeks to End Violence Against Women and Girls Once and for All**
Gender inequality is both the cause and the consequence of violence against women and girls, said Oxfam today, as the agency launches a new global campaign called "Enough: Together We Can End Violence Against Women and Girls" to stop one of the most prolific human rights violations.

[Full article](Allafrica.com)

**Afrique : Éducation : public, privé, même constat**
09 novembre 2016 - Malgré les efforts des États et la multiplication des établissements privés, l’école africaine n’est toujours pas au niveau. À la recherche de main-d’œuvre qualifiée, des entreprises prennent le relais.

[Article complet](Jeuneafrique.com)

**Côte d’Ivoire : Jennifer Hofmann: en Afrique, «les enfants ne connaissent pas leurs droits»**

[Article complet](RFI.fr)

**Ethiopia: Court Says Child Justice System Improving**
November 26th 2016 - The Federal Supreme Court said all round efforts made so far in accessing justice for children are indicative of the country's stride towards improved child justice system. Speaking at event organized to mark International Child Day on its premises yesterday, Court President Dagne Melaku said it has been making various efforts to improve child justice administration focusing on their protection and benefit.

[Full article](Allafrica.com)

**Liberia: Student Activist Wants Increased Protection for Children**
November 27th 2016 - A student activist has called on governments around the world to step up their action against all forms of child abuse. Mr. Martin Kollie made the call last weekend during the observance of the 27th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It was organized by the National Children and Youth Advisory Board of Liberia (NCYAB) with support from Defense for Children International.

[Full article](Allafrica.com)
Nigeria: 'Nigeria Has Highest Prevalence of Obstetric Fistula'
November 28th 2016 - The United Nation Children Fund (UNICEF) at the weekend revealed that over 0.4 to 0.8million women suffer from obstetric fistula (OF) in Nigeria, ranking the country as highest prevalence of Obstetric Fistula in the world. The UNICEF gender and development specialist, Venera Zakirova made this known while delivering a presentation on child marriage in Abuja.

Full article (Allafrica.com)

République centrafricaine : près d'un enfant sur cinq est réfugié ou déplacé interne
15 novembre 2016 – Alors qu'une fragile reprise se poursuit en République centrafricaine, plus de 850 000 personnes, dont la moitié sont des enfants, sont encore loin de chez elles, qu'elles soient déplacées internes ou réfugiées dans les pays voisins, a expliqué aujourd'hui l'UNICEF. L'insécurité qui perdure depuis le conflit a empêché la plupart des 920 000 personnes déplacées début 2014 de retrouver leur foyer.

Article complet (Unicef.org)

Senegal: Include Older Children in Malaria Prevention Treatment to Cut Transmission - Experts
November 22nd 2016 - Providing preventive drugs to children up to age 10 during the high malaria season in Senegal more than halved cases in that age group. Giving malaria prevention drugs to older children, not just to those under five, during the rainy season in sub-Saharan Africa can massively cut cases and transmission of the deadly disease, health experts said on Tuesday.

Full article (Allafrica.com)

South Africa : Violence Against Children Costs South Africa $16.85 Billion Annually, Researchers Say
November 24th 2016 - Violence against children in South Africa cost the nation R238.58 billion (equivalent to $16.85 billion in U.S. dollars) in 2015, Save the Children South Africa revealed at a press conference today (Nov. 23). A study commissioned by the children’s rights organization found the long-term effects of emotional, physical and sexual abuse have direct impact on the country’s economy.

Full article (Newswise.com)

Sub- Saharan Africa: Child labour is part of most of what we buy today: what can we do?
November 24th 2016 - Child labour is not something any business wants in its supply chain. Yet with an estimated 168 million children in some form of labour globally, 98 million of them working in agriculture and 12 million in manufacturing and industry, it is an uncomfortable reality of globalised commodities that businesses cannot afford to avoid.

Full article (Theguardian.com)
Sudan: Rebels, UN Vow to Act Against Child Recruitment
November 25th 2016 - The Sudan People’s Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) has signed an Action Plan with the United Nations to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children in conflict. Its rebel fighters came under attack in South Kordofan on Wednesday. The chairman of the SPLM-N, Malik Agar, signed the Action Plan in a ceremony taking place at the United Nations' Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on Wednesday.

Full article (Allafrica.com)

Tanzanie : D’exciseuse traditionnelle à éducatrice en santé des femmes
28 novembre 2016 - Norkiramati Kurandai a travaillé la majeure partie de sa vie en tant qu’exciseuse traditionnelle ou « ngariba » dans le district de Ngorongoro, en Tanzanie. Après avoir entendu parler d’un projet de l’UNESCO qui aide les communautés à modifier les pratiques culturelles néfastes et suivi des ateliers de formation, elle travaille toujours avec les femmes locales mais en tant qu’éducatrice en matière de santé sexuelle et reproductive (SSR).

Article complet (Unesco.org)

Tanzania : New mobile phone system 'mBirth' registers Tanzania's invisible children
November 28th 2016 - At Lunyanywi village in Tanzania's southern highlands, local residents gather to welcome a new member of their community. Antonia Kisena and her husband Moses are celebrating the birth of a baby boy they have named Arnold with drumming, food and a specially prepared local brew. But unlike her three older children, who do not have birth certificates, Arnold got his soon after he was born.

Full article (news.trust.org)
Newsletter on Children’s rights in Sub-Saharan Africa

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1st of December 2016- As the fall of Aleppo looms amid untold humanitarian catastrophe, over 220 civil society organizations from 45 countries, including over 25 from the UK, have issued a declaration saying that the UN Security Council has “failed to uphold its responsibility to protect the Syrian people”.

Full article (Save the children)

[News] Across the Middle East and North Africa, conflict threatens decades of progress for children
11th of December 2016 - Nearly one in five children across the Middle East and North Africa is in need of immediate humanitarian assistance, according to UNICEF. Over the past 70 years, countries across the region have made major strides in protecting children’s rights and wellbeing. But, today, as UNICEF marks its 70th anniversary, violent conflict, poverty and displacement have created dire conditions for children, pushing almost 29 million boys and girls to the brink, and reversing decades of steady progress.

Full article (UNICEF)

[News] UNICEF commemorates 70 years of tireless work for the world’s most vulnerable children
11th of December – On the 70th anniversary of its founding, UNICEF celebrates the immense progress made for the world’s children – and renews the urgent call to reach millions of children whose lives and futures are endangered by conflict, crisis, poverty, inequality and discrimination.

Full article (UNICEF)

[News] Nearly a quarter of the world’s children live in conflict or disaster-stricken countries: UNICEF
9th of December 2016 – An estimated 535 million children – nearly one in four – live in countries affected by conflict or disaster, often without access to medical care, quality education, proper nutrition and protection, UNICEF said today. Sub-Saharan Africa is home to nearly three-quarters – 393 million – of the global number of children living in countries affected by emergencies, followed by the Middle East and North Africa where 12 per cent of these children reside.

Full article (UNICEF)

[News] School “as vital as food and medicine” for children caught up in conflict and other emergencies: EU & UNICEF
6 of December 2016 – Braving the consequences of war, natural disaster and other emergencies, nearly 2 million children in 20 countries around the world have been able to continue their schooling over the past four years as a result of a partnership between the European Commission's department for humanitarian aid and civil protection and UNICEF.

Full article (UNICEF)
[News] New film featuring UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham highlights urgent need to end violence against children
5th of December 2016 - A powerful new film featuring UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham was released today to illustrate the brutal reality that physical and psychological abuse can mark children forever. During the new 60-second UNICEF film, scenes of violence against children appear as animated tattoos on David Beckham’s body.

Full article (UNICEF)

[News] New HIV infections among adolescents projected to rise by nearly 60 per cent by 2030 if progress stalls – UNICEF
1st of December 2016 - New HIV infections among adolescents are projected to rise from 250,000 in 2015 to nearly 400,000 annually by 2030 if progress in reaching adolescents stalls, according to a new report released by UNICEF today.

Full article (UNICEF)

1st of December 2016 - A recent study "discovered" millions of missing girls lost to China's one-child policy, and the results also shine a light on China’s propensity to favor sons over daughters. Over the last few years, China’s problem of gender imbalance has been widely reported by media outlets. Experts determined that anywhere from 30 to 60 million girls were missing from the population, thanks to the country's one-child policy originally introduced in 1979.

Full article (Broadly)

[Nouvelles] Singapour, un modèle pour faire réussir les élèves ?
13 décembre 2016 - Singapour, champion de la réussite scolaire, est-il pour autant un exemple à suivre ? La cité-Etat du sud-est asiatique obtient le plus haut score de la grande enquête PISA sur les acquis des élèves de 15 ans, publiée la semaine dernière, qui porte sur les sciences, les mathématiques et la compréhension de l’écrit. Alors qu’en moyenne, dans les soixante-douze pays de l’OCDE, un élève sur dix obtient de très bons résultats en sciences, c’est le cas d’un élève sur quatre à Singapour...

Article complet (Le Monde)

[News] France’s Le Pen Calls for Foreign Children to be Denied Free Education
9th of December 2016 - On Thursday, Marine Le Pen took her xenophobic and discriminatory discourse a step further – espousing anti-equality and anti-rights positions that reject core values of the French constitutional and political system.

Full article (Human rights watch)

[News] Ending Child Marriage Everywhere—Including in the West
7th of December 2016 - Did you know that a 14-year-old child can legally marry in New York State? Ending child marriage is urgent, because it is deeply harmful to children, wherever they live. Married children often drop out of school, and are locked in poverty as a result.

Full article (Human rights watch)
[News] Lost lives: the battle of China’s invisible children to recover missed years
14th of December 2016 - Ending the one-child policy has left millions scrambling to make up for lost years. Living in Beijing for 23 years, Li Xue has never attended school, not even for a day. China provides a free, nine-year education to every child but Li was not included. For the past 23 years, she has had no access to any form of social welfare. She has not been allowed to get married, find a job, or open a bank account. For Li was the second child born to her parents and, due to the nation’s one-child policy that ran from around 1978 until 2015 to curtail population growth, she didn’t exist in the Chinese government’s database.

Full article (Thomson Reuters Foundation)

[News] Children take the lead in cyclone early warnings in Bangladesh
15th of December 2016 - As Cyclone Roanu approached the coast of Bangladesh last May, 10-year-old Mohammad Hossain worried about his father, a fisherman out at sea in the Bay of Bengal. But the schoolboy, who lives in the Kutubdia Para neighbourhood of Cox’s Bazar, a town on the southeast coast of Bangladesh, knew what to do. He sent his father, Ramzan Ali, a text message, asking him to return to shore and take shelter.

Full article (Thomson Reuters Foundation)

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For more information (European Rights Education Associates)

Conference - World Congress on family law and children rights

The area of family law and children’s rights remain exciting, challenging and fast moving areas of legal scholarship and practice and this Congress has established itself as the leading international forum for discussion and deliberation on these issues. The main streams that will feature at the Congress include:

- Justice and Equality (including juvenile justice, race and gender, courts administration)
- Child Protection (including abuse and neglect, violence and exploitation, immigration and separated children, children in conflict situations)
- Child Participation (including court proceedings, private family disputes, ADR)
- Changing Family Forms (including marriage equality, civil partnership, surrogacy)
- International Families (including recognition and enforcement of judgments, international adoption, international child abduction)
- Family Property

Location: Dublin, Ireland

Date: 4 to 7 June 2017

For more information (WCFLCR)
3. Sub-regional and Country updates

Afrique - Afrique: Journée internationale du SIDA ce 1er décembre - Le drame des femmes et enfants porteurs du VIH

01 décembre 2016 - La communauté internationale célèbre ce jeudi 1er décembre, la journée internationale du Sida au moment où de nouvelles infections sont devenues inquiétantes surtout chez les enfants et les nouveaux nés où plus de 4000 vivants avec le Vih/Sida sont enregistrés. La stratégie de dépister la mère au cours de la grossesse permet du coup, de prendre en charge très tôt, les enfants infectés mais aussi de sauver la mère à travers le programme transmission mère enfant (Ptme). Cependant, sur la prise en charge pédiatrique de ces malades des difficultés ne manquent pas. Si pour les enfants, la disponibilité des molécules pose problème, chez les adultes, c'est la prise en charge nutritionnelle qui s'avère difficile.

Article complet (allAfrica)

Afrique - Nouvelles technologies : « Mia Moké », première application ludo-éducative qui parle de l’Afrique

10 décembre 2016 - Le directeur associé de la structure Advise, Karim Gadjigo, a conçu la première application ludo-éducative « Mia Moké » qui parle de l’Afrique. Ce programme se veut une ouverture d’esprit vers le monde et éveille les enfants à la diversité en tant que richesse culturelle et matérielle. «Construire, pour les enfants africains, des héros plus proche de leur culture et de leur identité ! ». C'est l'idée maîtresse de la première application ludo-éducative, « Mia Moké », que Karim Gadjigo a conçu pour les jeunes africains de moins de 10 ans. « En voyant nos petits têtes crépues partir à l'école avec des cartables « Dora, l’exploratrice » « Hello Kitty » ou « Barbie » ... on est en droit de se poser la question sur la place qu’occupent les personnages africains dans l’univers imaginaire de nos enfants. La réponse est vite trouvée : aucune ! », s'exclame le directeur associé de la structure Advise.

Article complet (Le Soleil)

Burundi - Les enfants, premières victimes de la crise

14 décembre 2016 - Le plaidoyer de l'agence des Nations unies chargée de la protection des enfants (UNICEF) et de ses partenaires locaux a permis de faire libérer 87 enfants de 14 à 17 ans des prisons du Burundi, où ils croupissaient depuis des mois pour certains, en lien avec la profonde crise que traverse le pays depuis la décision du président Nkurunziza de briguer un troisième mandat. Une bonne nouvelle qui met encore plus en lumière le sort cruel que subissent les enfants depuis plus de 18 mois. Ces 87 adolescents ont été libérés entre septembre et octobre. Agés de 14 à 17 ans, ils étaient détenus pour « participation dans des bandes armées » ou « à un mouvement insurrectionnel ». Des termes qui désignent ceux qui sont soupçonnés d’appartenir à l’une des rébellions naissantes du Burundi ou d'avoir participé aux manifestations contre le troisième mandat du président Pierre Nkurunziza, au tout début de la crise. Il n'y avait apparemment pas de preuves solides contre eux et un plaidoyer de l'UNICEF et de ses partenaires locaux a permis d'obtenir leur libération.

Article complet (allAfrica)
Congo-Brazzaville - Droits humains - Le Reiper célèbre la journée de la convention internationale des droits de l'enfant
03 décembre 2016 - Le Réseau des intervenants sur le phénomène des enfants en rupture (Reiper) Pointe-Noire a organisé, le 30 novembre à l'occasion de cette journée, une rencontre d'échanges des enfants en rupture familiale avec les responsables des administrations publiques de la place. Les échanges ont porté sur la protection des droits de l'enfant, les dispositions et mécanismes mis en place par l'État congolais pour prévenir et lutter contre le phénomène des enfants de la rue et favoriser leur réinsertion sociale. Plate-forme nationale regroupant des associations œuvrant pour les droits de l'enfant, le Reiper dont la coordination est assurée par le Samu social Congo regroupe 22 associations du pays. La rencontre a réuni les autorités de la ville avec les enfants en situation de rue reçus dans les centres d'accueil des sept associations membres du Reiper Pointe-Noire.

Guinée - Droit de l’enfant : La COLTE/CDE fait des plaidoyers
01 décembre 2016 - La Coalition des ONGs de Protection et de Promotion des Droits de l’Enfant Luttant contre la Traite (COLTE/CDE) a animé une conférence de presse ce 30 novembre 2016 à Conakry. Il était question pour la structure de faire un plaidoyer pour la mise en œuvre des recommandations faites à la Guinée pour le respect des droits des enfants. Créée depuis 2007, la COLTE/CDE se donne comme mission d’influencer les politiques et les décideurs de l’État pour la mise en œuvre des recommandations faites à la Guinée pour le respect des droits des enfants en Guinée.

Ile Maurice - Abus sexuel sur les enfants - «Un cas repertorié par jour à Maurice»
14 décembre 2016 - La situation est alarmante. Chaque jour, un enfant est victime d'abus sexuel à Maurice. C'est ce qu'a déclaré Rita Venkatasawmy, Ombudsperson for Children, à Quatre-Bornes, mercredi 14 décembre. Elle participait à un atelier de formation visant à permettre aux enseignants du primaire d'identifier les cas d'abus sexuels chez les enfants et la grossesse précoce chez les adolescents. «Ces chiffres qui proviennent de la police parviennent à mon bureau quotidiennement», confie Rita Venkatasawmy. Selon elle, malgré le Child Protection Act, la justice est différée. «Je connais le cas d'un enfant qui avait été abusé à l'âge de huit ans mais qui a eu justice que dix ans après. La cour tarde trop lorsqu'il s'agit des cas d'abus sur enfants».

Liberia - Save The Children Launches Campaign To End Child Marriage
4th of December 2016 - In spite of all of the interventions and protocols that commit Africa to ending child marriage, figures coming out of the continent continue to be at an alarming rate and Liberia is of no
exception. To end this menace in Liberia, Save The Children International-Liberia program has launched a campaign dubbed, “Every Last Child Campaign” under the theme: “End Child Marriage.” Speaker of the Children Parliament Satta Sheriff said that it is not only important but also demanding that actions are taken to end the practice of child marriage in Liberia.

Full article (Front Page Africa online)

**Nigeria - Nigeria joins African Union campaign to end child marriage**

1st December 2016 - Women's rights activists on Wednesday urged Nigeria to accelerate efforts to end child marriage after it joined an African Union (AU) campaign to eliminate the practice. Nigeria launched this week a nationwide drive to end child marriage by pushing for policies that protect girls' rights and help the justice system to punish perpetrators, becoming the 16th country to join the AU's campaign. The government made child marriage illegal in 2003, but only two-thirds of the country's 36 states have implemented the law. At least four in 10 girls in Nigeria are married off before they turn 18, while almost a fifth are wed before they reach 15, according to the United Nations children's agency (UNICEF). Early marriage deprives girls of an education, increases the likelihood of sexual violence and HIV, and puts them at risk of serious injury or death during childbirth, experts say.

Full article (CNBC Africa)

**Nigeria - 400,000 children could suffer from malnutrition – UN**

14th of December 2016 – With about two-thirds of health facilities in parts of Nigeria’s restive north-east region either completely destroyed or partially damaged, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has estimated that 400,000 children there could suffer from severe acute malnutrition over the next year. “If they do not receive the treatment they need, 1 in 5 of these children will die. Cases of diarrhoea, malaria and pneumonia are on the rise, further endangering children’s lives,” said UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake in a statement today. “These figures represent only a fraction of the suffering. Large areas of Borno state are completely inaccessible to any kind of humanitarian assistance. We are extremely concerned about the children trapped in these areas,” he added. According to UNICEF, in the worst affected states of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa, farming has been disrupted and crops destroyed, food reserves depleted and often pillaged, and livestock killed or abandoned.

Full article (UN News)

**RDC - Projet suédois UNFPA-MDM/France, Selembao - Jeunes et adolescents sensibilisés sur les IST**

05 décembre 2016 - L’ambiance était festive dans la matinée du vendredi 2 décembre 2016, au quartier Badiadingi, dans la commune de Selembao où jeunes et adolescents ont été sensibilisés sur l'infection sexuellement transmissible et la planification familiale. C'est au cours d'une visite conjointe de terrain, organisée par le centre de santé Sainte Anne, que le représentant ad intérim de l'UNFPA, M. Keita OHASHI ; le délégué de la coopération suédoise en RDC, M. Daniel ; le Chef de mission du Médecin du
Monde/France, Mme Hélène Menard et le Coordonnateur provincial du PNSA, M. Jonas Kapetshi, sont venus visiter l'effectivité de leur appui dans le projet d'amélioration de la santé sexuelle et reproductive des adolescents, jeunes et femmes en âge de procréation dans la zone de santé de la commune de Selembao.

Sénégal: Élimination des pires formes de travail des enfants - Le ministère du travail veut relever le défi
07 décembre 2016 - Les autorités entendent protéger les enfants et éliminer en éliminant les pires formes de travail. C'est ce qui ressort de la session du conseil consultatif national du travail et de la sécurité organisé par le ministère du Travail, du Dialogue Social, des Organisations Professionnelles et des Relations avec les Institutions ouverte hier, lundi 5 décembre, à Dakar pour une durée de trois jours. "La session qui débute ce matin sera exclusivement réservée aux projets de textes de travail des enfants dont la trame de fonds reprend la vision du plan cadre national de prévention et d'élimination du travail des enfants relative à la création d'un environnement protecteur des enfants du et au travail", a déclaré Mansour Sy, ministre du travail, en présidant la rencontre.

Sénégal – Kolda : Des enfants marchent pour plus de respect de leurs droits
04 décembre 2016 - Une centaine d’enfants a battu le macadam, dimanche à Kolda (Sud), pour demander aux autorités de renforcer la lutte contre les mariages forcés et grossesses précoces mais aussi la promotion de leurs droits, a constaté l'APS. Organisée et encadrée par le village d’enfants "SOS" qui célèbre ses 40 ans de présence au Sénégal, la marche des enfants a été une occasion pour les différents acteurs impliqués dans leur protection de renouveler leur engagement à œuvrer pour la lutte contre toutes les formes de violences faites aux enfants.

Sénégal -La Semaine nationale des jeunes contre le VIH/SIDA lancée à Bantako
13 décembre 2016 - La Semaine nationale de mobilisation des jeunes contre le VIH/sida sera lancée, lundi à 10h, à Bantako, un site d'orpaillage situé dans la région de Kédougou. La manifestation, placée sous la présidence effective du ministre de la Jeunesse, de l'Emploi et de la Construction citoyenne, Mame Mbaye Niang, se déroulera en présence de la secrétaire exécutive du CNLS, Dr Safiétou Thiam. Des autorités administratives, des partenaires techniques et financiers, des acteurs locaux de la riposte au VIH et des mouvements et associations de jeunes y prendront également part. La Semaine nationale de mobilisation des jeunes contre le VIH/Sida est organisée par le Projet "Promotion des jeunes" (PPJ), en partenariat avec le Conseil national de lutte contre le Sida (CNLS), l'ONUSIDA et l'UNFPA.
Soudan du Sud - Conflit au Soudan du Sud: des milliers d’enfants trouvent refuge en Ouganda

05 décembre 2016 - Au Soudan du Sud, les combats opposants les hommes de Kiir et de Machar se poursuivent, poussant des milliers de personnes à fuir leur pays. Aux derniers décomptes du UNHCR, ils sont plus de 300 000 à avoir trouvé refuge en Ouganda depuis début juillet (marquant la reprise de la crise). Dans ce flux incessant, 60% sont des enfants de moins de 18 ans, plus de 90 000 sont en âge d’aller à l’école. Un public qui demande une attention toute particulière. Reportage dans les camps de réfugiés du nord du pays.

Article complet (RFI)

South Africa - Mandela Children’s Hospital opens in Johannesburg

2nd of December 2016 - Nelson Mandela’s dream of a hospital to provide specialized care for children has opened in Johannesburg on Friday. The 200-bed Nelson Mandela Children’s Hospital cost $70 million to build. It was conceived by Mandela more than a decade ago, will employ 150 pediatric doctors and 450 nurses. “There are only four other hospitals in Africa to serve nearly 450 million children,” said Sibongile Mkhabela, chief executive of the Nelson Mandela Children’s Hospital Trust. “Millions of these children suffer from life-threatening illnesses and have little or no chance of receiving the care they need.” Mandela’s “love for children was deep,” Mkhabela said. “When you brought a child in to the room, his eyes lit up. This hospital will be part of his legacy.” The hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and will provide child-centered treatment for cancer, kidney, brain, lung and heart ailments. Video equipment has been installed in the operating rooms to send live broadcasts of surgeries to educate doctors in remote areas across southern Africa.

Full article (The Washington Post)

Tanzania - Bodies Promoting Children's Rights 'Need Govt Support'

1st of December - African delegates to the Ending Child Prostitution, Pornography and Anti-trafficking of Children International Coalition (Ecpat) yesterday urged governments and other stakeholders to establish financial and intellectual schemes to support organisations that fight child abuse. Speaking during a three-day workshop in the city that brought together Ecpat members from 21 countries to discuss ways to eliminate sexual exploitation of children, the National Executive Director of Child Welfare in South Africa (CWSA), Mr Peter Cloete, said funding and building the capacity of such organisations would enable them to increase advocacy and awareness and encourage the public to report child abuse.

Full article (allAfrica)