



# Newsletter on Children's rights – Children in armed conflicts

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## **Afghanistan - Afghanistan: An Additional 1.5 Million Children Need Help to Survive in 2020, warns Save the Children**

18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - The number of children in Afghanistan who will need humanitarian assistance in 2020 has jumped by 40 percent compared to last year, warns Save the Children[i], meaning an extra 1.5 million children need support to survive

Save the Children – [Full article](#)

## **Africa - One in four African children live in conflict zones – Report**

14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - About 170 million children live in conflict zones across Africa – equivalent to one in every four African children – the highest absolute number of any region in the world, according to a report by Save the Children, a non-governmental organisation.

Africa – [Full article](#)

## **Cameroun - Violences au Cameroun : l'ONU appelle le gouvernement à protéger les civils**

21 février 2020 – « Nous sommes profondément préoccupés par les informations faisant état de violences, notamment l'attaque du 14 février contre le village de Ngarbuh, dans la région du Nord-Ouest, qui a fait 23 morts, dont 15 enfants », ont déclaré la Représentante spéciale du Secrétaire général pour les enfants et les conflits armés, Virginia Gamba ; la Représentante spéciale du Secrétaire général sur la violence sexuelle dans les conflits, Pramila Patten ; la Représentante spéciale du Secrétaire général sur la violence contre les enfants, Najat Maalla M 'jid ; et le Conseiller spécial pour la prévention du génocide, Adama Dieng.

ONU Info – [Article complet](#)

## **Global - Children are Bearing the Bitter Brunt of Counter-Terrorism Efforts: Report**

5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Counter-terrorism efforts adopted by governments around the world in response to threats of terrorism are affecting children negatively in numerous ways, a report by Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict (Watchlist) claimed last week. The policy note claimed a lot of these counter-terrorism measures “lack adequate safeguards for children” and lose sight of how they’re detrimental to children against the bigger picture of fighting terror threats.

Inter Press Service – [Full article](#)

## **Global - UN chief: 250 million children in conflict-affected nations**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Some 250 million children live in countries affected by conflict, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday. And he said 2018 saw more than 12,000 children killed or injured as a result of those conflicts, the highest number since



1996. Speaking on the International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, the U.N. chief said children below age 18 “constitute more than 50% of the population of most countries affected by war, and are among the most vulnerable, unable to protect themselves from its impact.”

The State – [Full article](#)

## **Irak - La ONU denuncia que los niños iraquíes siguen teniendo problemas para volver a la escuela tras la derrota de EI**

18 Febrero 2020 - La ONU denuncia que los niños iraquíes siguen teniendo problemas para volver a la escuela tras la derrota de EI Naciones Unidas ha denunciado este lunes que todavía sigue habiendo niños en Irak que no pueden acceder a la educación desde hace más de dos años en las zonas del país que habían sido controladas por el grupo terrorista Estado Islámico (EI).

Europa Press – [Artículo completo](#)

## **Iraq - 355,000 displaced children in Iraq not attending school, warns UN – children and armed conflict**

20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - A report issued by the UN on Monday states that an estimated 355,000 internally displaced children were not attending school in Iraq at the end of 2019. The UN is calling on the Iraqi government to revise regulations and practices concerning education for children who were prevented from going to school during the years their areas were under Islamic State (ISIS) control.

Info Migrants – [Full article](#)

## **Iraq - 'I'm forever branded IS': Uncertain future awaits Iraq's jailed children**

9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Struggling with the trauma of a past they did not choose, young former Islamic State recruits yearn for a regular life.

Middle East Eye – [Full article](#)

## **Niger - Millions of children and families in Niger struggle as humanitarian needs mount – UNICEF**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Malnutrition, disease, floods, droughts and displacement in Niger have put nearly three million people, more than half of them children, in need of humanitarian assistance, UNICEF said on Wednesday, calling for increased attention to their plight.

UN News – [Full article](#)



## **Pakistan - Children's right: One-year jail and Rs50,000 fine for beating a child in Pakistan**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - In a landmark decision, a Pakistani court has banned corporal punishment for children by parent, guardians or teachers across the country. According to the new law, any person including parent involved in beating a child under 12 may face one-year jail or Rs50,000 fine or both

World Asia – [Full article](#)

## **Palestine - Fears grow for Palestinian children enduring new wave of instability following Middle East 'peace proposal'**

4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Save the Children expresses deep concern for the Middle East proposal presented by the US Administration and the impact it will have on children's rights, including their rights to life, survival and development, education and protection. It runs contrary to an inclusive approach to a comprehensive resolution that holds the greatest prospect for serving the interests of all children in the region.

Save The Children – [Full article](#)

## **Philippines - UNICEF urges Philippines to attend to Filipino children trapped in armed conflicts**

12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Thirty years since the world adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, children, including those in the Philippines, remain trapped in armed conflicts, a situation that governments should promptly address, a United Nations official said Wednesday.

ABS-CBN News – [Full article](#)

## **South Sudan - Critical support for former child soldiers in South Sudan at risk from lack of funding**

12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Critical programmes providing support for children released from armed forces and groups in South Sudan may be forced to end next month if urgently needed funds are not provided, UNICEF warned today to mark Red Hand Day (International Day against the use of Child Soldiers).

UNICEF – [Full article](#)

## **Syria - Investigation a Crucial Tool for Preventing Child Rights Violations in Armed Conflicts**

11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - There has been a disturbing increase in violence perpetrated against children in conflicts worldwide, coupled with almost total impunity. A crucial step towards stemming this deplorable trend is to strengthen accountability for child rights violations and to deter would-be



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perpetrators. This requires specialized child rights investigations, established and backed by the international community.

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