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Afghanistan – FEATURE-Coronavirus forces Afghanistan’s child workers off the streets

07th April – KABUL, April 7 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Standing on his rooftop, Massoud pulled the string hard, letting his kite soar high above the colourfully-painted houses of his Kabul neighbourhood.

Reuters – Full article
Colombia – COVID-19: Grupos armados reclutan a 14 mil niños en 20 años

25 de abril – Bogotá. El Alto Comisionado de Paz de Colombia, Miguel Ceballos, reportó este sábado que en los últimos 20 años los grupos armados irregulares y del narcotráfico reclutaron forzosamente a casi 14 mil menores de edad en diferentes partes del país, y pidió la liberación de los que aún están en manos de algunos de esos grupos activos.

La Jornada – Artículo completo

Global – COVID-19: Global ceasefire would be a gamechanger for 250 million children living in conflict-affected areas

17th April – NEW YORK – “Today there are 250 million children around the world living in areas under conflict. Each of these children needs warring parties to heed the call of the UN Secretary General to lay down their weapons as part of a global ceasefire to confront the COVID-19 pandemic. Each of these children needs to finally be safe from the violence.

Unicef – Full article

Global – La pandémie de Covid-19 se poursuit ; les enfants déracinés ont plus que jamais besoin d’aide

20 avril – GENÈVE / NEW YORK – « Des milliers d’enfants à travers le monde ont été chassés de chez eux et au-delà des frontières par les conflits, la violence et d’autres formes de préjudice, dont 12,7 millions de réfugiés et 1,1 million de demandeurs d’asile. »

UNHCR – Article complet

Israel – Israel holds 200 child prisoners with minimum healthcare provision

06th April – The Ministry of Prisoners’ Affairs and Ex-Prisoners in Gaza reported yesterday that there are 200 Palestinian children held by Israel in prison who do not receive sufficient healthcare provision. They even lack the necessary protection to help curb the spread of the coronavirus Covid-19 at a time when many security officials and prisoners are infected.
Middle East Monitor – Full article

Middle East – This virus makes it a double burden' for children in Libya, Yemen and Syria

21rd April – The UN children's agency has called for an extra €85 million to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic in the Middle East and North Africa.

Euronews – Full article

Middle East – NGOs Urge UN to Blacklist US, Russia for Children's Deaths

20th April – UNITED NATIONS — A coalition of 13 human rights and humanitarian organizations urged U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to put the U.S.-led coalition and government-backed forces in Afghanistan and Russian ground and air forces in Syria on a U.N. blacklist of warring parties responsible for killing and injuring children last year.

The New York Times – Full article

Middle East – UNICEF seeks more aid for Middle East children at risk of virus

20th April – The United Nations children's agency has appealed for an additional $92.4m to help fight the coronavirus pandemic in the Middle East and North Africa, parts of which are conflict-ridden and home to the highest number of children in need.

Al Jazeera – Full article

Syria – Despite school closures, children in Syria find ways to continue learning

05th April – Deir Ez Zor and Ar-Raqqa cities - Three weeks ago, school was suspended for almost 3.8 million children across Syria as a precautionary measure against the spread of COVID-19. With no clear date for when school will resume, children in Syria and across the globe are finding ways to continue learning despite the challenges.

Unicef – Full article

Syria – In Syria, puppets show displaced children how to deal with coronavirus

15th April – MAARAT MASRIN, Syria (Reuters) - Standing in colourful hula hoops carefully spaced to illustrate social distancing, young children in a camp in war-torn Syria give an enthusiastic welcome to a puppet show staged to teach them about the coronavirus.

Reuters – Full article
Syria – Fearing attacks, Syrian children live stunted lives in caves

22nd April – Civilians in Idlib, Syria flee attacks by Assad regime and its allies inside caves, but live their lives in the dark

Anadolu Agency – Full article

Yémen – COVID-19 : au Yémen, une pandémie à l'impact potentiellement catastrophique

23 avril – Alors qu’un premier cas de COVID-19 vient d’être déclaré au Yémen, dans la province de Hadramout, la pandémie risque d’avoir un impact catastrophique dans le pays qui connaît l’une des crises les plus graves et complexes du monde.

Unicef France – Article complet