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Asia – ‘Children in a dog cage’: how coronavirus puts Asia’s most vulnerable at greater risk of homelessness, human trafficking

5th April – In Ha Giang, on Northern Vietnam’s border with China, dozens of ethnic minority communities live untouched by modernity, scattered between limestone pinnacles, snaking roads and dramatic valleys.

SCMP – Full article

Asia – Urgent need to secure learning for children across South Asia

6th April – KATHMANDU, 6 April 2020 – Even before the COVID-19 crisis, South Asia had a chronic education crisis with 95 million children of school age being out of school. With the current COVID-19 crisis unfolding, many of the 430 million children affected by school closures in the region are now in danger of dropping out of the education system.

Unicef – Full article

Asie centrale – Les enfants d’Asie centrale abandonnés en Russie de plus en plus nombreux

06 avril – De plus en plus de femmes kirghizes, tadjikes ou ouzbèkes émigrent seules vers la Russie. Elles y donnent souvent naissance à des enfants, et, abandonnées par le père, sans ressources, elles abandonnent à leur tour leur bébé. Le ministère de l’Éducation russe comme les ambassades des différents pays concernés gardent le silence sur les statistiques : le sujet demeure tabou. Dans les faits, la cause profonde de ces drames demeure le manque d’éducation à la sexualité et à la contraception des femmes d’Asie centrale.

Novastan — Article complet

England – Safeguarding children during the pandemic

30th April – Vicky Ford, minister for children and families, says the government’s focus remains protecting all vulnerable children, while Prof Mike Stein, Dr Sunil Bhopal and Al Aynsley-Green are concerned at the removal of safeguards

The Guardian – Full article

Europe – Silent trauma of children facing the strictest lockdown in Europe

18th April – Spain’s seven million youngsters have been cooped up indoors for weeks. Now there are calls to relax the rules amid growing concern over their mental health

The Guardian – Full article
Germany – Germany To Take Up To 500 Children From Greek Camps

8th April – Germany will welcome up to 500 unaccompanied minors from Greek migrant camps in the coming weeks, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Wednesday, while urging other EU countries to follow suit.

Barron’s – Full article

Global – « Mon héroïne, c’est toi », un livre gratuit en ligne pour aider les enfants à lutter contre le coronavirus

14 avril – L’Organisation mondiale de la santé met à disposition un ouvrage en douze langues, pour permettre à tous les 6-11 ans de surmonter l’épreuve de la pandémie.

Le Monde — Article complet

Global – UN chief calls to protect children from COVID-19 consequences

17th April – UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called Thursday on families and global leaders to "protect our children," who stand to suffer severe consequences of the pandemic even if they are at lower risk.

The Jakarta Post – Full article

Global – Facebook étend sa messagerie pour enfants à 70 pays

22 avril – (San Francisco) Facebook a déployé mercredi sa messagerie pour les jeunes enfants, Messenger Kids, dans 70 nouveaux pays, assurant qu’elle pouvait aider les petits à continuer à apprendre et à échanger avec leurs amis pendant le confinement.

La Presse — Article complet


17th April – The right to personal liberty is one of the most enduring and important of all human rights, yet every year more than 400,000 children worldwide are held in juvenile detention facilities and prisons. Releasing girls and boys from detention is a public health priority for COVID-19, for the simple reason that the pandemic will most likely spread much more rapidly in confined spaces, whether they be nursing homes for the elderly, orphanages for the young, prisons for adult male and female offenders or detention facilities for child offenders.

Bruce in the world – Full article
Global – Q&A: How to keep children fed and healthy as the pandemic ends school meals

8th April – With classrooms in 195 countries now emptied to help contain the spread of the coronavirus, school meals programmes are on hold, too. And that is raising concerns that millions of children who depend on school meals will become increasingly susceptible to malnourishment and other health risks.

The New Humanitarian – Full article

Global – 'Make physical activity part of children's routine' during lockdown

29th April – Parents and carers should ensure that physical activity is part of the routine for children and families during the COVID-19 lockdown, according to an international study involving the University of Strathclyde.

Science Daily – Full article

Global – Children at increased risk of harm online during global COVID-19 pandemic

14th April – NEW YORK, 15 April 2020 – Millions of children are at increased risk of harm as their lives move increasingly online during lockdown in the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF and partners said today. “The coronavirus pandemic has led to an unprecedented rise in screen time,” said Global Partnership to End Violence Executive Director Dr. Howard Taylor.

Unicef – Full article

Global – More online predators dangerously targeting kids at home

8th April – The COVID-19 outbreak has sparked an increase in online child sexual predators that organizations, governments and parents need to take more seriously, says the head of the United Nations children’s agency.

Canada’s National Observer – Full article

Global – COVID-19 : plus de 13 millions d'enfants n'avaient reçu aucun vaccin avant la pandémie

25 avril – Alors que le monde attend désespérément un vaccin, la pandémie du COVID-19 continue de s'étendre dans le monde entier. Des millions d'enfants risquent de ne pas recevoir les vaccins vitaux contre la rougeole, la diphtérie et la polio en raison de l'interruption des services de vaccination. Au dernier décompte, la plupart des pays avaient suspendu les
campagnes de masse contre la polio et 25 pays avaient reporté les campagnes de masse contre la rougeole, conformément aux recommandations de l'OMS

Unicef France — Article complet

Scotland – Child poverty could ‘soar’ as a result of coronavirus as new statistics show nearly one in four of Scotland's children in poverty

27th March – The child poverty rate in Scotland could be exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic, warned charities and politicians after new figures revealed almost a quarter of young people have experienced relative poverty in recent years.

Holyrood – Full article