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## 1. Global Development on Children and Human's Rights

### **[Communiqué de presse] Le gouvernement du Canada annonce la création d'un fonds afin de doubler les dons pour la famine et la crise alimentaire**

30 mai 2017 - Le gouvernement du Canada a annoncé aujourd'hui la création d'un Fonds de secours pour la famine, s'appuyant sur son engagement à venir en aide aux personnes les plus vulnérables touchées par cette crise.

[Communiqué complet](#) ( Gouvernement du Canada)

### **[Nouvelles] Le nombre de cas de sextorsion visant les jeunes garçons augmente**

23 mai 2017 - Des spécialistes du phénomène de « sextorsion » en ligne disent avoir remarqué une hausse des déclarations de ce type d'incidents chez les jeunes garçons. Le Centre canadien de protection de l'enfance (CCPE) précise que 65 garçons ont rapporté des incidents au site Cyberaide.ca en 2015-2016, une hausse de 89 % comparativement à la période 2013-2014.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

### **[News] Preventing Gender-Based Violence Will Help Women, Girls and Countries Thrive**

May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 - The World Bank Group has renewed its commitment to preventing violence against women and girls, investing a minimum of \$3.5 million over five years in innovations designed to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV).

[Full article](#) (World Bank)



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## **[Nouvelles] Afrique : la FIDH appelle les États à renforcer et promouvoir les droits des filles**

12 mai 2017 - Lors de son intervention à l'occasion de la soixantième session ordinaire de la Commission Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples qui a eu lieu à Niamey du 8 au 22 mai 2017, la FIDH a encouragé la Commission à poursuivre et renforcer son action contre les discriminations et les violences à l'égard des filles en Afrique.

[Article complet](#) (FIDH)

## **[News] At Least one in four Children Live in Poverty in the Middle East and North Africa**

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 - According to a recent UNICEF analysis covering 11 countries in the Middle East and North Africa [1], poverty continues to impact at least 29 million children – one in four children in the region.

[Full article](#) (ReliefWeb)

## **[News] Putting Child Rights at the Heart of Climate Talks**

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Over the next 10 days, policymakers from 195 countries are meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss how governments should implement the 2015 Paris climate agreement. On Monday, Morocco, which holds the presidency of the climate talks, hosted an event on children's rights and climate change.

[Full article](#) (Human Rights Watch)

## **[News] How Can You Leave no one Behind when Millions of Children are Uncounted?**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 - One night, a five-year-old boy named Sheru became separated from his older brother at a train station in central India. Somehow, he ended up on a train that took him nearly 1,000 miles away to Kolkata where he knew no one, and none of the language. Sheru inspired a book and the Oscar-winning film *Lion*, but the beginning of the story is far from



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extraordinary. The vast majority are not rescued by kind strangers. Nobody is accountable for them, and the children become some of the millions of the uncounted. The exact figure of unregistered children around the world is unknown but it is measured in millions. Now NGOs are insisting that all children are counted.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

### **[Nouvelles] Le nombre d'enfants réfugiés et migrants voyageant seul multiplié par cinq depuis 2010**

18 mai 2017 - À l'approche du Sommet du G7 prévu en Italie la semaine prochaine, le Fond des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) exhorte les dirigeants mondiaux à adopter un plan d'action en six points pour garantir la sécurité des enfants réfugiés et migrants.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d'actualités de l'ONU)

### **[News] A Strong Moral Compass: How Faith-Based Organizations Can Tackle Online Sexual Exploitation of Children**

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 - A new guide published today aims to help religious communities worldwide harness their strengths to prevent, respond to and end online child sexual exploitation.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

### **[News] Refugee and Migrant Children Stranded in European Transit Countries Suffer Psychologically in the Face of Uncertain Future**

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Nearly 75,000 refugees and migrants, including an estimated 24,600 children, currently stranded in Greece, Bulgaria, Hungary and the Western Balkans are at risk of psychosocial distress caused by living in a protracted state of limbo, UNICEF warned today.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)



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## **[News] UNICEF Joins Tech Giants in Artificial Intelligence Group**

May 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 - UNICEF joins the Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (AI) founded by Amazon, Apple, Google/DeepMind, Facebook, IBM and Microsoft. Through the partnership, UNICEF's Office of Innovation will forge collaborations to scale the use of AI for social good through innovative solutions to humanitarian challenges to benefit children.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

## **[News] Children Remember Manchester Attack Victims at Vigil**

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Thousands of people have gathered by Manchester Town Hall to remember the victims of Monday night's terror attack at a concert. Children and adults lit candles, put down flowers and held a minute's silence in tribute, on Tuesday evening.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

## **[Nouvelles] Médias audiovisuels : des règles claires pour protéger les enfants**

18 mai 2017 - Le Parlement a donné un mandat à la commission de la culture ce jeudi pour négocier avec le Conseil sur la nouvelle directive pour les médias audiovisuels, qui couvrira également les plateformes en ligne.

[Article complet](#) (Parlement européen)

## **[Nouvelles] Manchester : les enfants étaient-ils spécifiquement visés par les terroristes ?**

23 mai 2017 - Le public présent au Manchester Arena était essentiellement composé d'enfants et d'adolescents. Par le passé, les attaques terroristes ciblant des enfants ont été plutôt rares. On ignore encore le nombre d'enfants parmi les 22 morts et 59 blessés de l'attentat survenu lundi soir à Manchester. Mais c'est une certitude, le public du concert ciblé était particulièrement jeune.

[Article complet](#) (L'Express)



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## **[Report] A Child is a Child: Protecting Children on the Move from Violence, Abuse and Exploitation**

May 2017 - Among the millions of children on the move worldwide, many – including hundreds of thousands of unaccompanied children and adolescents – undertake dangerous journeys. This report shows how the lack of safe and legal pathways for refugee and migrant children feeds a booming market for human smuggling and puts them at risk of violence, abuse and exploitation.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

## **[Report] Counting the Invisible Girls**

May 2017 - Millions of girls are 'invisible' to governments and policy makers because vital data is not being recorded about their lives. Last year, our 'Counting the Invisible' report revealed how improving the information we have about girls could have a massive impact on the quest for gender equality by 2030 as set by the Global Goals.

[Full article](#) (Plan International)

## **2. Conferences, Courses and Events**

### **Conference – Urban Planning and Children**

The Urban Planning and Children international seminar will bring together children's professionals, city planners, architects, landscape architects, transport and traffic professionals, geographers and policymakers, along with researchers, academics and advocates, to explore how the planning system engages with and responds to children and young people; how it impacts on them; how it can better include them; and how it might better respond to their rights as stakeholders in the public realm.

**Location:** Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Date:** June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2017

[For more information](#) (Child in the City Foundation & European Network Child Friendly Cities)



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## **Training – Child Rights Situation Analysis**

This course is aimed at development practitioners working in the field of children's rights who are planning or considering undertaking an analysis of the situation of children's rights. The course will enable participants to understand the concepts and principles of human rights/children's rights and their application in the production of an analysis of the degree to which children realize their rights and the factors and obstacles that prevent them.

**Location:** Online

**Date:** November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup> 2017

[For more information](#) (The Global Human Rights Education and Training Centre)

## **Training – Child Rights Public Budgeting**

This short e-learning course introduces participants to concepts, principles, standards and practical examples of child rights public budgeting and monitoring. The course will address basics of child rights public budgeting and monitoring; the importance of budget transparency; obligations of governments; and possibilities for participation of civil society, including children.

**Location:** Online

**Date:** October 18<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

[For more information](#) (The Global Human Rights Education and Training Centre)

## **Training – Child Safeguarding**

This e-learning course aims to equip professionals who hold responsibilities for implementing child safeguarding policies within their organizations with a basic understanding of the key issues, concepts and frameworks pertaining to child protection and safeguarding.

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 30<sup>th</sup> to October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

[For more information](#) (The Global Human Rights Education and Training Centre)





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## Training – Unlocking Children’s Rights

Unlocking Children’s Rights is an innovative training resource, which has been successfully piloted across Europe. It enables professionals and practitioners working with children to:

- Strengthen their skills and knowledge of children’s rights
- Communicate effectively and sensitively with children and young people in a professional context
- Ensure children participate meaningfully in decisions affecting them.

The modules are all available for download.

**Location:** Online

**Date:** Ongoing

[For more information](#) (Coram International)

## Formation – Cours d’été international relatif aux droits de l’enfant

Le cours d’été 2017 reposera sur les articles 8 et 30 de la Convention internationale des droits de l’enfant (CIDE). Le cours traitera ainsi de la construction de l’identité chez les enfants et les jeunes, et non seulement leur identité culturelle, linguistique ou ethnique, mais aussi leur identité sexuelle et une variété d’identités appartenant à d’autres groupes minoritaires.

**Emplacement :** Université de Moncton, NB, Canada

**Date :** 25 au 30 juin 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Université de Moncton)



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## **Training – Children at the heart of human rights**

The International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) and the Centre for Children's Rights Studies (CCR - UNIGE) have the great pleasure to announce the launch of the Summer School 2017 "Children at the heart of human rights".

This training in English will take place at the University of Geneva from 6 June to 16 June, 2017.

**Location:** University of Geneva – Switzerland

**Date:** June 6<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Registration deadline:** May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

[For more information](#) (Geneva Summer School)

## **Appel de propositions – 8e Conférence internationale sur l'éducation aux droits humains à Montréal, Canada**

La conférence internationale sur l'éducation aux droits humains (CIEDH) est le forum des praticiens, décideurs et universitaires pour explorer les solutions aux défis mondiaux par l'éducation. Cette conférence de 3,5 jours rassemblera 300 participants du monde entier pour des ateliers pratiques et des sessions de travail présentant les derniers outils, le savoir et les meilleurs pratiques en matière d'éducation aux droits humains.

**Emplacement:** Montréal - Canada

**Date:** 30 novembre – 3 décembre 2017

[For more information](#) (Equitas)



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### 3. Subregional and Country Updates

#### **Central African Republic – Over 19,000 Displaced Following Outbreak of Violence in Central African Republic**

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 – The UN Migration Agency (IOM) has tracked more than 19,000 displaced people in the Central African Republic's (CAR) sub-Prefecture of Bangassou (Mbomou Prefecture), which is situated at the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). More than 13,000 of those displaced are children.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

#### **Democratic Republic of the Congo, Angola – UNICEF reaches children fleeing to Angola from violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo**

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 – More than 9,000 children who have arrived at two temporary reception centres in Dundo, northern Angola, from the Democratic Republic of Congo need urgent support, UNICEF said today. To date, more than 25,000 people have arrived in Angola, having fled violence in the Kasai province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

#### **Iraq – Almost 10,000 Yazidis 'killed or kidnapped in Isis genocide but true scale of horror may never be known'**

May 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 – The true scale of the genocide inflicted on Yazidis by Isis during its brutal sweep through Iraq may never be known as thousands remain in captivity, researchers have warned. A new study published in weekly journal PLOS Medicine concluded that an estimated 9,900 members of the ethnic and religious minority were killed or captured in a matter of days in August 2014.

[Full article](#) (The Independent)



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## **Monde – Les conflits menacent la vie de 24 millions d'enfants, selon l'UNICEF**

24 mai 2017 – L'UNICEF a ajouté que de multiples facteurs - comme une épidémie de choléra au Yémen, les attaques contre les hôpitaux en Syrie et l'offensive pour reprendre Mossoul en Irak - privent les enfants de soins de santé de base.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

## **Monde – Quand tirer sur un enfant soldat?**

31 mai 2017 – Le Canada est le premier pays à doter ses militaires d'un guide pour faire face aux enfants soldats sur les champs de bataille. Une rencontre qui laisse souvent de lourdes séquelles psychologiques.

[Article complet](#) (L'actualité)

## **Myanmar – Myanmar children in a Kachin camp hope for peace**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 – Forced to flee their home when conflict broke out in Kachin State in 2011, Baum Myaw's family have been unable to return. The family's experience is shared by many, as recent violence displaced around 100,000 civilians, half of them children. UNICEF is calling on all parties to provide children on both sides of the front line with basic services such as education and health care.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)

## **Namibia – Namibia Can Help Protect Schools in War Zones**

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 – In the Central African Republic, thousands of children are losing their chance to get an education because of the country's armed conflict. Namibia can help the children there and in many other countries where conflict has kept them from going to school.

[Full article](#) (Human Rights Watch)



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## **Nigeria – Nigeria: First Report on Children and Armed Conflict Details Violations Suffered by Children as a Result of Boko Haram’s Insurgency and Ensuing Conflict**

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Boys and girls in north-east Nigeria continue to be brutalized as a result of Boko Haram’s insurgency in the region and the ensuing conflict. This is the conclusion of the first “Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Nigeria” (S/2017/304), which documents the impact on children of the severe deterioration of the security and humanitarian situation in the country between January 2013 and December 2016.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

## **Nigéria – Les écolières libérées par Boko Haram rentrent au Nigeria**

7 mai 2017 – Libérées samedi après plus de trois ans de captivité par le groupe djihadiste Boko Haram, les 82 écolières nigérianes de Chibok sont arrivées dimanche à la présidence à Abuja, pour rencontrer le président nigérian Muhammadu Buhari.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

## **Philippines – Philippines: des adolescents parmi les terroristes de Marawi**

30 mai 2017 – Aux Philippines, depuis une semaine, la ville de Marawi, dans le sud du pays, est en proie à de véritables scènes de guerre. L'armée affronte sur place le groupe terroriste Maute, qui a prêté allégeance à l'organisation Etat islamique (EI). Ces terroristes seraient parfois très jeunes. Parmi eux, il y aurait des adolescents, selon des habitants de Marawi qui ont fui les combats.

[Article complet](#) (Radio France Internationale)



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## **République centrafricaine – RCA : Les troupes ougandaises se sont rendues coupables d'exploitation sexuelle et de sévices**

15 mai 2017 – Des militaires ougandais déployés en République centrafricaine ont sexuellement exploité ou abusé d'au moins 16 femmes et filles depuis 2015, notamment en commettant au moins un viol, et ont intimidé certaines de leurs victimes pour qu'elles gardent le silence, a déclaré Human Rights Watch aujourd'hui. Des troupes ougandaises sont déployées dans le pays depuis 2009 dans le cadre de la Force d'intervention régionale de l'Union africaine chargée d'éliminer le groupe rebelle ougandais Armée de résistance du Seigneur (Lord's Resistance Army, LRA), mais l'Ouganda a récemment annoncé qu'il allait retirer ses troupes.

[Article complet](#) (Human Rights Watch)

## **Soudan du Sud – Plus d'un million d'enfants ont fui la guerre civile au Soudan du Sud**

8 mai 2017 – Plus d'un million d'enfants ont fui la guerre civile au Soudan du Sud, ont fait savoir lundi deux agences des Nations unies, dans le cadre de la pire crise de réfugiés de la planète.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

## **South Sudan – Civil war and lack of food wreck children's education in South Sudan**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 – Nearly three-quarters of primary school-aged children in South Sudan are being denied an education due to civil war and a food crisis. The world's newest nation has 72% of children out of school at primary level - the highest rate of any country. And 76% of schoolgirls in South Sudan are currently not in school - also the highest rate globally, according to the United Nations children's agency UNICEF.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)



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## **World – Millions of children at risk if G7 fails to find long-term solutions for key global and humanitarian issues**

May 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 – G7 leaders, meeting in Sicily today, must make firm commitments to address key global issues like food insecurity, migration and lack of education to avoid plunging millions more children into hunger and extreme poverty, Save the Children is warning.

[Full article](#) (Save the Children)

## **Yemen – Children of Yemen are in the grip of the second cholera outbreak in six months**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 – For Um Taha and four of her children, the past few days have been nothing short of harrowing. Camped in a little corner of the diarrhoea treatment centre at the Al Sabayeen hospital in Sana'a, the 39-year-old mother has spent sleepless nights trying to take care of her children, all of whom have been diagnosed with cholera. Her husband is looking after their other five children back home.

[Full article](#) (Unicef)

## **Yemen – Millions of Yemenis face hunger during Ramadan**

May 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 – While Muslims worldwide celebrate Ramadan with special meals and tasty treats, millions of Yemenis are suffering from an acute lack of food as the country's two-year war rages on. According to aid agencies, 17 million people do not have enough to eat, in what the UN calls the "largest humanitarian crisis in the world".

[Full article](#) (Aljazeera)