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1. Global Development on Children and Human's Rights

[Communiqué de presse] Le manque de financement compromet l'éducation des enfants vivant dans des zones de conflit et de catastrophe

7 juillet 2017 - Une pénurie de fonds menace l'éducation de millions d'enfants touchés par des conflits ou des catastrophes, annonce aujourd'hui l'UNICEF en amont du sommet du G20 à Hambourg. Sur les 932 millions de dollars É.-U. nécessaires cette année pour mettre en œuvre ses programmes d'éducation dans les pays en situation d'urgence, moins de 115 millions de dollars ont été versés à l'UNICEF au titre des contributions volontaires.

Communiqué de presse (Centre de presse UNICEF)

[Communiqué de presse] 2,1 milliards de personnes n'ont pas accès à l'eau potable salubre à leur domicile et plus du double ne disposent pas de services d'assainissement sûrs

12 juillet 2017- Si, depuis 2000, des milliards de personnes bénéficient d'un accès à des services élémentaires pour l'approvisionnement en eau de boisson et l'assainissement, ces services ne fournissent pas nécessairement une eau et un assainissement sûrs. En outre, de nombreux foyers, centres de santé et écoles n'ont toujours pas d'eau ni de savon pour le lavage des mains, une situation qui expose l'ensemble des personnes fréquentant ces lieux, et surtout les enfants, au risque de maladies telles que la diarrhée.

Communiqué de presse (UNICEF)

[Communiqué de presse] Le travail de policiers de Saint-Jérôme est reconnu pour contrer le sextage chez les jeunes

17 juillet 2017 - Le gouvernement du Canada reconnaît l'importance du rôle que peuvent jouer les policiers dans la vie des jeunes, y compris ceux qui ont des démêlés avec la justice. La Loi sur le système de justice pénale pour les adolescents encourage les policiers à voir au-delà du système judiciaire formel pour intervenir auprès des jeunes contrevenants.



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[Article complet](#) (Ministère de la Justice Canada)

[News] Walking the talk: States must take concrete steps to protect children on the move after GFMDs

4th of July 2017- It's time for governments to walk the talk when it comes to treating refugee and migrant children with the respect and dignity they deserve, and turn promising words into concrete actions. This was the verdict of three Destination Unknown campaign youth representatives, Joshua Hofert, Carl Kristiansson and Anas Ansar, after the tenth Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) drew to a close in Berlin on Saturday (1 July).

[Full Article](#) (Destination Unknown)

[Nouvelles] Un nouveau coup porté aux droits de l'enfant

6 juillet 2017 - Une fois encore, la réduction brutale des subventions publiques et la logique des économies à la petite semaine poursuivent leur œuvre destructrice du tissu associatif. Le 15 mai dernier, le Point rencontre de l'APCE 75 a fermé ses portes, laissant des dizaines de familles sur le carreau après plus de vingt-trois années de fonctionnement [...]

En cela, les espaces de rencontre répondent à l'un des droits fondamentaux de l'enfant édicté dans l'article 9 de la Convention internationale relative aux droits de l'enfant de 1989 (dont la France est signataire), à savoir l'accès à chacun de ses deux parents. Les espaces de rencontre participent à la prévention d'éventuels troubles psychiques, de l'échec scolaire et des dérives de l'adolescence : les études montrent que bien souvent les jeunes à la dérive sont issus de familles dissociées.

[Article complet](#) (Libération)

[News] The former children on the move telling the world how to care for child refugees

7 juillet 2017 - The most powerful voices when protecting the rights and improving the conditions of children on the move are children who have been forced to migrate themselves. To show this,



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young people affected by migration as children have stood up and shared their experiences at conferences as part of the Destination Unknown campaign.

[Full Article](#) (Destination Unknown)

[Nouvelle] Exercice de projection pour comprendre l'affaire Omar Khadr

July 13th 2017 - Je crois que les réactions négatives actuelles quant au dédommagement accordé à Omar Khadr sont dues à une méconnaissance de la situation. Voici l'exercice que je propose : je vous demande de supposer que la situation a été vécue par votre enfant.

[Article Complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[News] Are children's rights your business?

July the 14th 2017- Are children's rights your business? Children's rights go beyond child labor. "Children under the age of 18 account for almost a third of the world's population. Businesses, big or small, have an effect on children's lives, directly or indirectly. Children are affected by business in a variety of ways – as consumers, as members of employees' families, as future employees themselves and eventual business leaders. They also live in communities and share the environments in which businesses operate," Unicef Philippines Representative Lotta Sylwander says.

[Full Article](#) (Manilla Times)

[News] Leaders unite to stop global sexual exploitation of children through travel and tourism

16th of July 2017 - A combination of weak child protection systems, cheap international travel, and growing access to the internet is thwarting efforts to counter the sexual exploitation of children in the travel and tourism industries, a conference on the issue in Madrid this week concluded.

[Full Article](#) (Global Travel Industry News)



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[Nouvelle] Un enfant sur dix dans le monde n'a reçu aucun vaccin en 2016, selon l'OMS et l'UNICEF

17 juillet 2017- 2,9 millions de nourrissons dans le monde - près de 1 sur 10 - n'ont pas reçu de vaccins en 2016, ont annoncé lundi l'Organisation mondiale pour la santé (OMS) et le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF). Concrètement, cela signifie que ces nourrissons ont manqué la première dose de vaccin contenant la diphtérie-tétanos-coqueluche (DTP), ce qui les expose à un risque sérieux face à ces maladies potentiellement mortelles.

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

[News] Climate change refugees: How to help children moving due to our warming planet

25th of July 2017-As climate change makes our planet less habitable because of natural disasters, conflict over resources and the deterioration of the environment, people need to adapt. This may cause them to migrate in order to survive. Women and children are at particular risk of being forced to flee their homes due to climate change, and they account for a significant proportion of those affected. Children can't go to school when disaster strikes, although effort is made to provide them with an education as quickly as possible.

[Full article](#) (Destination Unknown)

[Nouvelles] Une réfugiée yézidie découvre que son fils enlevé par Daech est vivant

20 juillet 2017- Une réfugiée yézidie installée à Winnipeg demande l'aide du gouvernement fédéral pour faire venir son fils au Canada. Le garçon de 12 ans avait été enlevé par le groupe armé État islamique il y a près de trois ans. Nofa Zaghla est arrivée au Canada il y a cinq mois avec quatre de ses six enfants. Les membres de la famille yézidie originaire du nord de l'Irak ont été séparés en août 2014, après avoir été capturés par le groupe armé État islamique.

[Full article](#) (Radio-Canada)



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[Press Release] Europe: New Roadmap to improve the situation of unaccompanied and separated refugee and migrant children

10th of July 2017- UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, UNICEF, and IRC, the International Rescue Committee, today issued a Roadmap for action to improve the situation of refugee and migrant children arriving and staying in Europe without their parents or care givers. The Roadmap highlights the need to identify children, register them through child-friendly procedures, and build a relationship of trust with them as early as possible.

[Full Press Release](#) (UNHCR)

[Press Release] Plan International Canada Welcomes Government Of Canada Funding To Address Sexual And Reproductive Health And Rights In Africa

Toronto, ON – July 11, 2017 – Plan International Canada today announced that two of its programs have been included in the Government of Canada’s allocation of funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights initiatives. “As a leading global organization committed to empowering women and girls, Plan International Canada believes that realizing the rights of adolescent girls – including sexual and reproductive health and rights – is one of the best investments we can make to end global poverty and achieve gender equality,” said Caroline Riseboro, President and CEO of Plan International Canada.

[Full Press Release](#) (Plan International)

[Report] Using the Law for Children’s Rights: An Introductory Guide

July 2017 – While many authorities can tolerate some traditional campaigning methods, it is usually harder to ignore the law. As part of broader campaigns, the law can be a powerful tool for achieving the changes that children need. Legal advocacy is now being used systematically in a few countries – leading to strong outcomes for children – and it has great potential for wider use.

[Full Report](#) (Child’s Rights International Network, CRIN)



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2. Conferences, Courses and Events

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 30th to October 10th 2017

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

Session de travail– 76th session of the CRC

Le Comité examinera les rapports des États suivants au cours de la session: République populaire démocratique de Corée, Danemark, Equateur, République de Moldova, Tadjikistan, Vanuatu. Protocole facultatif à la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant concernant la vente d'enfants, la prostitution des enfants et la pornographie impliquant des enfants (OPSC) de la Guinée et du Vanuatu. Protocole facultatif à la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant concernant l'implication d'enfants dans les conflits armés (OPAC) de la Guinée et le Vanuatu.

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Dates: 11th of September to 29th of September 2017

For more information (OHCHR)

Conference – Child Protection in Humanitarian Action Global Meeting

The Annual Meeting is a forum where child protection in emergencies practitioners, researchers, donors and policy makers gather to share ideas, learn from each other and stay up to date with new developments in the sector.

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Date: September 11-12, 2017

For more information



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Conference— ISPCAN European conference on child abuse & neglect

Child abuse and neglect and domestic violence are universal health issues that leave a day-to-day legacy of individual suffering. It affects all social layers of our society. We invite you to join us in The Hague to investigate science-based approaches to preventing violence against children.

Location: The Hague, Netherlands

Dates: 1-4 October 2017

[For more information](#) (International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect)

Congrès – 8e Congrès québécois sur la maltraitance envers les enfants et les adolescents

Cet évènement scientifique s'adresse à tous les intervenants concernés par la maltraitance envers les enfants et les adolescents, qu'ils soient des domaines de la santé, de la justice, des services de police, des services sociaux, de l'éducation, des centres de la petite enfance ou encore du réseau communautaire.

Emplacement: Centre Mont-Royal, Montréal, Québec, Canada

Date: 23 et 24 octobre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (CHU Sainte Justine)

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 18th to November 1st 2017

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



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Conférence– IVe Conférence mondiale sur l'élimination durable du travail des enfants

Dans le cadre des Objectifs de développement durable (ODD) de l'Agenda 2030, les États membres des Nations Unies, les organisations d'employeurs et de travailleurs, ainsi que les organisations de la société civile sont encouragés à éliminer le travail des enfants d'ici 2025 et le travail forcé, l'esclavage moderne et la traite d'êtres humains d'ici 2030. Dans ce contexte, il a été convenu que le thème de la IVe Conférence mondiale couvrirait à la fois l'élimination durable du travail des enfants et l'élimination du travail forcé, et se pencherait sur la question de la qualité de l'emploi des jeune

Location : Buenos Aires, Argentine

Dates : 14-16 novembre

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Organisation internationale du travail)

Training – Child Rights and Why They Matter: UNICEF Agora Online Training

Whether you've been working on child rights for your entire career and know the Convention on the Rights of the Child by heart, or whether you're new to the concept of a child rights approach...this light-hearted and engaging introduction to UNICEF's mandate as it relates to child rights will make you think.

Location: Online

[For more information](#) (UNICEF Agora)

Conference – Indigenous Child Welfare Research Group

A monthly discussion group of graduate students, faculty and researchers as well as professionals from university affiliated organizations. Aimed at building empirical knowledge on topics related to Indigenous child welfare and to facilitate knowledge translation of Indigenous child welfare research.

Location: Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF), Montreal, QC

Date: First Thursday of every month

[For more information](#) (McGill Centre of Research for Children and Families)



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Conference – 5th Children's Rights Research Symposium

The Centre for Children's Rights Studies of the University of Geneva is pleased to organise the 5th edition of the Children's Rights Research Symposium (CRRS). The event will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, on the 31st of August and the 1st of September 2017.

In line with the four previous symposia (Liverpool 2013, Cork 2014, Antwerp 2015, and Leiden 2016), the event facilitates a space where doctoral researchers and supervisors from different universities and backgrounds (law, education, sociology, anthropology, psychology, history) come together to share and develop research related to children's rights studies. This 5th edition of the symposium will have as theme: Conversations between Children's Rights and Childhood Studies.

Location: Carl Vogt building, University of Geneva

Dates: from August 31th to September 1st 2017

[For more information](#) (Centre for Children's Rights Studies CCRS)

Colloque – 18e Colloque Annuel de Formation sur les enfants disparus ou exploités (CEDE)

La 18^e édition du CEDE, un grand colloque sur les enfants disparus ou exploités au Canada, organisé par le Centre canadien de protection de l'enfance. Le CEDE offre trois jours de formations données par des experts sur divers sujets, dont la détection et l'investigation des violences faites aux enfants et l'exploitation des enfants par Internet.

Emplacement: Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Date: du 15 au 17 mai 2018

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Colloque sur les Enfants Disparus ou Exploités)



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3. Sub regional and Country Updates

Argentina – Children disproportionately affected by poverty in Argentina

July 7th 2017 – Close to one-third of the Argentine population live in poverty, with children the most disproportionately affected by the issue, statistics show.

Measuring the level of poverty in any country can vary, depending on methodology and fluctuations between each study. In Argentina, statistics have long been the subject of political debate, with much of the data produced by the INDEC national statistics bureau under the administration of former president Cristina Fernández de Kirchner considered to be inaccurate. Answering whether poverty has progressively increased or decreased since President Mauricio Macri's administration assumed power in 2015, for example, depends on the source used and what indicators it used. Non-governmental organisations at present generally tend to agree that the poverty rate has slightly increased, though reports from the INDEC national statistics bureau — now under new leadership with its reputation for accuracy restored — say otherwise.

[Full article](#) (Buenos Aires Herald)

Bolivia – Bolivia Allocated 554 Million For Social Security Bond for Children

July 4th 2017 – More than 554 million dollars allocated the Bolivian government to pay the Juancito Pinto bonus to students of primary and secondary school to avoid them leaving schools, according to data from the ministries of education and finance published here today.

That subsidy helped bring more children into school in the last 11 years, stated the minister of this sector Roberto Aguilar.

In the urban area, the school attendance rate for children between six and 11 years old increased from 94.9 to 97.7 percent.

[Full article](#) (Prensa Latina)

Brazil – Brazil: Zika Epidemic Exposes Rights Problems

July 12th 2017 – Brazil has not addressed longstanding human rights problems that allowed the Zika outbreak to escalate, leaving the population vulnerable to future outbreaks and other serious public health risks, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. The government



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declared an end to the national public health emergency related to the Zika virus in May 2017, but the Zika threat in Brazil remains.

[Full article](#) (HRW)

Chile – “Necesitamos que cada país desarrolle un programa integrado para mujeres, niños y adolescentes”

3 de Julio 2017 – Países de América Latina y el Caribe acordaron hoy trabajar para poner fin a la mortalidad prevenible de mujeres, niños, niñas y adolescentes para 2030, y desarrollar acciones efectivas para que esa población prospere y transforme el mundo.

El Compromiso para la Acción de Santiago para la implementación de la Estrategia Mundial para la Salud de la Mujer, el Niño y el Adolescente (2016-2030) reconoce que las metas son “ambiciosas pero alcanzables” y llama a los países a “tomar las acciones necesarias para lograr que las personas realicen su derecho a obtener el más alto nivel posible de salud”.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF América Latina y El Caribe)

Colombia – UNICEF ratifica su apoyo y disposición para acompañar acciones que garanticen los derechos de las niñas, niños y adolescentes entregados en el marco del Acuerdo final

13 de Julio 2017 – El Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia, UNICEF, ha acompañado los procesos desarrollados para la garantía de los derechos de las niñas, niños y adolescentes entregados en el marco del Acuerdo final para la terminación del conflicto armado y la construcción de una paz estable y duradera, firmado entre las FARC – EP y el Gobierno de Colombia.

[Artículo completo](#) (Relief Web)



Colombia – In Colombia, five children a day are sexually abused for child pornography: Police

July 13th 2017 – Approximately five children are sexually abused in Colombia every day with the purpose of selling the films and photos of their sexual abuse to child pornography rings, police said Wednesday.

In an interview with W Radio, the director of the National Police's intelligence unit DIJIN, General Jorge Luis Vargas, said that last year alone 4,471 Colombians had been linked to sexual abuse of minors and child pornography.

[Full article](#) (Colombia Reports)

Guatemala – Increased Cases of Child Abuse in Guatemala

July 14th 2017 – A total of 708 cases of child abuse were reported so far in Guatemala by the Judicial Organization, said the newspaper La Hora on its website.

In 2009, when the crime 'Abuse against minors' was included in the 'Law against sexual violence, exploitation and human trafficking', 26 cases were presented to the various jurisdictional institutions.

Norma Ramirez, attorney from the department of Children and Teenagers of the Public Ministry, said in a communique that one of the reasons leading to increased reports is that the people's awareness has risen compared to previous years.

[Full article](#) (Prensa Latina)

Honduras – Honduras bans child marriage, no exceptions

July 13th 2017 – Lawmakers in Honduras voted unanimously to ban child marriage, making it illegal in the Central American nation for children under the age of 18 to get married under any circumstances.

The law passed on Tuesday raises the minimum marriage age to 18 from 16 and removes all exceptions for child marriage, meaning that girls and boys under 18 cannot get married even with the permission of their parents.

Belinda Portillo from children's charity Plan International said Honduras had "made history" by passing the law in a country where one in four children are married before the age of 18.



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[Full article](#) (Thomson Reuters Foundation)

Honduras, USA, Central America – Over 2,200 Honduran Children Deported in 2017, So Far

July 16th 2017 – Some 2,268 unauthorized migrant children of Honduran origin have been deported to their country by U.S., Mexican and Central American authorities between January and July 7, according to official sources in Honduras.

According to data from Honduras' consular and immigration observers, the U.S. government has deported 117 children, while Mexico has returned 237 by air and 1,892 by land.

The report detailed that 17 children were repatriated from Guatemala, El Salvador and Belize.

Child refugees from Honduras and other Central American nations are often targeted by gangs and, in the case of girls, face the danger of rape and sexual assault. Almost a third of women reported sexual abuse.

[Full article](#) (Telesur)

Latin America – Time to Get Serious about Child Marriage in Latin America

July 13th 2017 – When Honduras parliamentarians this week unanimously passed a bill making child marriage illegal, they took leadership on an issue that deserves urgent attention in Latin America. As momentum builds across the globe to end this abusive practise, Latin America is lagging.

Governments – including Latin American governments – have committed under the United Nations sustainable development goals to eliminate child, early, and forced marriage by 2030. Germany, Malawi, Nepal, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, as well as several US states have recently passed laws cracking down on child marriage. Many countries are developing plans for how to end child marriage by 2030.

[Full article](#) (HRW)

Paraguay – Estudiantes de Ñeembucú ya utilizan embarcaciones donadas por UNICEF para llegar a la escuela

12 de Julio 2017 – Estudiantes de varios distritos del departamento de Ñeembucú, afectados por inundaciones, ya están utilizando las cinco embarcaciones que UNICEF donó al Ministerio de



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Educación y Ciencias (MEC) para facilitar el traslado de los niños, niñas, jóvenes y docentes. La comunidad educativa está agradecida por el gesto y espera que las aguas sigan bajando para volver a la normalidad.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF América Latina y El Caribe)

Paraguay – Paraguay agriculture boom a paradox against its malnutrition concerns

July 13th 2017 – Paraguay is a country that's enjoyed an agricultural boom in recent years – becoming a major food exporter. But while its farming sector is seeing big profits, it's also called attention to something of a paradox in this land of plenty: the problem of hunger and malnutrition.

[Full Article](#) (CGTN America)

Peru – Sergio Ramos, Embajador de UNICEF, se suma a la campaña “Queremos que vuelva el niño” con plenos derechos, luego de las lluvias e inundaciones

4 de Julio 2017 – El Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia – UNICEF, lanzó esta semana la campaña #QueremosQueVuelvaElNiño, con el objetivo de promover que los niños, niñas y adolescentes que sufrieron las consecuencias de las lluvias e inundaciones en Piura tengan la oportunidad de regresar a una vida sana, con acceso a servicios de salud, educación, protección, agua y saneamiento.

[Artículo completo](#) (UNICEF América Latina y El Caribe)

Peru – Perú pone en marcha plan integral para reducir anemia infantil

7 de Julio 2017 – El Ministerio de Salud de Perú intensifica acciones para revertir la situación actual de preocupantes cifras de anemia que afecta a niños y niñas. Tratamiento y prevención de anemia en menores de 36 meses con suplemento de hierro y consejería, desparasitación a escolares y familias, promoción de consumo de agua segura, lavado de manos y alimentación saludable; son cuatro destacables estrategias, entre otras, de las quince intervenciones que viene implementado el Minsa en el Plan Nacional para la Reducción de la Anemia 2017-2021 que van en línea con las recomendaciones de OPS/OMS.



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Venezuela – Denuncian la muerte de niños en hospitales de Venezuela

6 de Julio 2017 – En mayo murieron cuatro niños venezolanos por contaminación con bacterias en el hospital pediátrico J. M. de los Ríos, el principal del país, pese a que los padres de los pacientes de la unidad de diálisis habían pedido a las autoridades de la entidad que dieran solución a las continuas infecciones intrahospitalarias, según afirmó Judith Bront, cuyo hijo falleció por esta causa en mayo.

[Artículo completo](#) (El país)

Venezuela – Children and adolescents at risk during violent protests in Venezuela – UNICEF

July 8th 2017 – UNICEF reiterates its concern for the safety and emotional wellbeing of children and adolescents in Venezuela participating in social protests that have in some cases turned violence.

According to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, children and adolescents have the right to participate and express their opinions on issues that affect them. The State, local communities and families have a shared responsibility to protect children and safeguard their rights through the promotion of tolerance, respect and peaceful conflict resolution.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)