

# Newsletter on Children's rights – Sub-Saharan Africa

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## **Angola - African Development Bank approves \$1 million grant to children's food and nutrition security programs**

18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - The African Development Bank has approved a grant of \$1 million to boost a children's food and nutrition security program in Bié province in Angola. The resources are from a special relief fund to the government of Angola, in response to a prevailing drought that has caused severe malnutrition. The grant was approved on 23 September.

African Development Bank Group – [Full Article](#)

## **Angola - Children out of school: the impact of the drought for education in Angola**

1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 - When children must split their time between fetching water and protecting their families' greatest wealth, the livestock, their education suffers. This year Festus Fikifengue, 15 years old, Lourenço Inadudi, 12, and Cahumba, 10, are expected to be away from home for up to 7 months, during which time they won't see their mothers, brothers and friends.

UNICEF – [Full Article](#)

## **Burkina Faso - Protection de l'enfant au Burkina : L'ONG Educo présente les résultats d'une étude**

30 octobre 2019 - Dans le cadre de ses actions dans la protection et les droits de l'enfant au Burkina Faso, l'ONG Educo (Fundacion y cooperacion) a réalisé, en 2018, une étude dans les zones péri-urbaines de Ouagadougou, afin de voir la perception des enfants, des familles et des acteurs sur les violences faites aux enfants.

Le Faso – [Article complet](#)

## **Guinée – Protection des droits de l'enfant : le code de l'enfant au cœur d'une rencontre à Conakry**

18 octobre 2019 - Ce vendredi 18 octobre, s'est ouvert à Conakry, un atelier de formation des administrateurs centraux dans le cadre du projet d'appui à la chaîne pénale, consacré dans le code de l'enfant, le code pénal et le code de procédure pénale en république de Guinée.

Media Guinée – [Article complet](#)

## **Ivory Coast - US border officials investigating whether to block chocolate imports over child labour fears**

31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 - A team from US Customs and Border Protection visited agricultural regions of Ivory Coast last week to begin investigating whether cocoa is produced there with forced or indentured child labour and, if so, whether the US should block cocoa imports.

The Independent – [Full article](#)

## **Kenya - Laws against child sexual abuse exist in Kenya. But there are gaps**

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 - Sexual abuse of minors is a major global health challenge that has gained increasing attention – among researchers seeking to understand the problem as well as policymakers trying to find ways to protect young people.

The Conversation – [Full article](#)

## **Malawi - BAT faces landmark legal case over Malawi families' poverty wages**

31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 - Human rights lawyers are preparing to bring a landmark case against British American Tobacco on behalf of hundreds of children and their families forced by poverty wages to work in conditions of gruelling hard labour in the fields of Malawi.

The Guardian – [Full article](#)

## **Namibia - 377,000 children benefit from school feeding programme**

21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 - The school feeding programme has quadrupled reaching over 377,000 learners in 1,400 schools in all 14 regions of the country from 78,000 in 1996, a government official said last week.

Namibia Economist – [Full Article](#)

## **Uganda - 'Closing orphanages isn't enough': the centres supporting children and families in Uganda**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Social workers are developing services that address underlying poverty and help reintegrate children back to a loving family environment. Working children are visible everywhere in Kampala. Even babies, too young to walk and wearing fouled, ill-fitting clothes, sit among the rubbish and hold out their hands as cars and people stream around them.

The Guardian – [Full article](#)

## **Tanzania – Victory Against Child Marriage in Tanzania**

25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Girls and boys in Tanzania have cause to celebrate: child marriage is now illegal in the country. Tanzania's Marriage Act of 1971 sets the minimum marriage age for girls at 15 with parental consent, and 18 for boys. It permits the marriage of 14-year-old children when a court is satisfied that special, although unspecified, circumstances exist.

Human Rights Watch – [Full article](#)



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## République du Congo - Droits humains : les scientifiques réfléchissent sur la Convention des droits de l'enfant

28 octobre 2019 - Le laboratoire de droit et de science politique de la faculté de droit de l'Université Marien-Ngouabi a organisé, du 25 au 26 octobre, un colloque sur le thème « Les 30 ans de la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant », avec un accent particulier sur l'application de ce texte en faveur des enfants congolais.

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