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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[Nouvelle] Une nouvelle étude montre comment fournir à davantage d'enfants malnutris un traitement vital

08 janvier 2016 - Les résultats d'une étude publiée hier par l'American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, co-écrite par The Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) et l'Université de Copenhague (UCPH), devraient mener à une augmentation significative du nombre d'enfants malnutris bénéficiant d'une prise en charge médicale.

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

[NEWS] “No to child labour in Turkey’s hazelnut gardens”

January 08th 2016 - An ILO project prioritizes education as the main instrument to eliminate child labour in the country’s seasonal agriculture. So far, more than 1,200 children have benefitted from the project.

[Full Article](#) (International Labour Organisation)

[NEWS] One in four children in conflict zones are out of school

January 12th 2016 - In 22 countries affected by conflict, nearly 24 million children living in crisis zones are out of school, UNICEF said today. The analysis highlights that nearly one in four of the 109.2 million children of primary and lower secondary school age - typically between six and 15 years – living in conflict areas are missing out on their education.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[NEWS] Deprived of school, future of 24 million children in conflict zones under threat – UN report

January 12th 2016 – Nearly 24 million children living in crisis zones in 22 strife-torn countries are being deprived of a school education, threatening their own future and that of their societies, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) reported today.

[Full Article](#) (United Nation News Center)

[NEWS] U.S. Supreme Court gives boost to child slave labor case against Nestle

January 13th 2016 - A U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to dismiss a lawsuit seeking to hold Nestle, the world's largest food maker, accountable for using child slaves to harvest cocoa in Africa looks set to be a landmark battle over labor used overseas, lawyers said.

[Full article](#) (Reuters)

[NEWS] Thousands of children still need care and support in wake of Ebola epidemic

January 14th 2016 – Nearly 23,000 children who lost one or both parents or their primary caregivers to Ebola in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will continue to need care and support, UNICEF said as it welcomed the declaration that there are no more cases of the disease in West Africa.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[NEWS] Why are these children representing themselves in court?

January 14th 2016 - In the United States, many children in immigration court proceedings are unrepresented and must present their case to stay in the country without the help of a lawyer. A November 2014 report analyzing U.S. immigration court data found that about 43,000 children — two-thirds of the children with pending cases — were unrepresented. Meanwhile, the opposing side, the U.S. government, is always represented by an attorney.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[NEWS] Over 12 million children have better educational opportunities through IKEA Foundation, Save the Children and UNICEF partnership

January 15th 2016 – More than 12 million children in over 46 countries have better schools, teachers and learning materials, thanks to a 13-year partnership between the IKEA Foundation, Save the Children and UNICEF. Since 2003, the IKEA Foundation's 'Soft Toys for Education' campaign has contributed €88 million to Save the Children and UNICEF, helping to increase school attendance for some of the world's most marginalized and vulnerable children. Funds have also helped train teachers, provide educational materials and improve child protection systems in schools and communities.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] "It's Not My Problem" Is No Longer Acceptable: Child Trafficking in the United States

15th January 2016 - I was recently at a cocktail party where the issue of child trafficking in the United States came up in the course of conversation.

[Full article](#) (Huffington Post)

[NEWS] Ikea Canada customers raised more than \$500,000 for save the children and UNICEF to provide quality education to children living in poverty in developing countries

January 18th 2016 – Today, IKEA Canada announces its results for its annual Soft Toys for Education Campaign where for every soft toy or children’s book sold from November 2, 2015 to December 26, 2015, the IKEA foundation donated €1 (approximately \$1.56 CDN*) to Save the Children and UNICEF to provide quality education to children living in poverty in developing countries.

[Full Article](#) (SAVE CHILDREN)

[NEWS] Slovenia and UNICEF in new partnership for refugee and migrant children on the move

January 19th 2016 – With up to 3,000 refugees and migrants passing through Slovenia each day, UNICEF and the Government of Slovenia today announced a partnership aimed at improving the care and protection of children on the move.

“While the vast majority of refugees and migrants are spending a short period of time in Slovenia before moving on, humanitarian needs remain considerable – especially for vulnerable groups, including children,” said Boštjan Šefic, Secretary of State at the Ministry of the Interior and the coordinator for the refugee response in Slovenia. “That’s why we are partnering with UNICEF to strengthen support services for children and families as they continue their journeys through Slovenia and beyond.”

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[NEWS] Concern over health of children on the move during harsh winter – UNICEF

January 19th 2016 – Children arriving into a harsh winter in southeastern Europe are physically exhausted, scared, distressed and often in need of medical assistance, UNICEF warned.

The recent sub-zero temperatures and sometimes snowy conditions is exacerbating the children's poor physical condition as many children on the move do not have adequate clothing, or access to age-appropriate nutrition. This has been worsened by the lack of shelter and inadequate heating in some reception centres as well as buses and trains.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] L'UNESCO présente un nouveau modèle de financement pour favoriser l'accès aux manuels scolaires

19 janvier 2016 – sur l'éducation (GEM) et publiée mardi, l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, les sciences et la culture (UNESCO) propose un modèle économique qui permettrait de réduire le coût des manuels scolaires et d'accroître leur disponibilité pour de nombreux écoliers du monde entier.

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

[Nouvelle] Amnesty dénonce le travail des enfants dans les mines de cobalt

Amnesty International a publié ce mardi 19 janvier 2016 un rapport sur le travail des enfants dans les mines de cobalt. Une matière qui entre dans la fabrication des batteries des objets connectés, comme les téléphones portables et les tablettes. Ce document appelle des grands groupes à se remettre en question.

[Article complet](#) (RFI)

[Nouvelle] Les agences onusiennes s'inquiètent pour les enfants et les femmes réfugiés et migrants

20 janvier 2016 – Le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR) a exprimé mercredi son inquiétude concernant les violences sexuelles dont sont victimes des femmes réfugiées et migrantes en route vers l'Europe, tandis que le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) s'est dit préoccupé pour la santé des enfants.

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

[Communiqué de presse] Le Secrétaire général nomme les premiers membres du Groupe de haut niveau de l'initiative « Toutes les femmes, tous les enfants »

21 janvier 2016 Le Secrétaire général de l'ONU, M. Ban Ki-Moon, a annoncé, aujourd'hui, la nomination des premiers membres du Groupe consultatif de haut niveau de l'Initiative « Toutes les femmes, tous les enfants », qui aidera à guider et à inspirer l'action en faveur de la santé des femmes, des adolescents et des enfants dans la transition entre les Objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement (OMD) et les objectifs de développement durable (ODD).

[Article complet](#) (Nations Unies)

[NEWS] Egyptian human rights groups criticise juvenile detention conditions

January 21st 2016 - Human rights groups in Egypt have repeatedly criticised the poor and illegal detention conditions of minors. They say children are held alongside adults, abused in custody and kept for months in pre-trial detention, without being referred to court.

Child rights advocates accuse the authorities of turning a blind eye to the law, which sets very tough conditions for putting a child behind bars.

[Full Article](#) (BBC)

[NEWS] 17 children among 43 deaths in migrant boat sinkings off Greece

January 22nd 2016 - At least 43 people, including 17 children, drowned when their boats capsized off two Greek islands near the Turkish coast on Friday, coast guard officials said, marking one of the deadliest days for migrants risking the perilous route to Europe from Turkey.

[Full Article](#) (BCB.ca)

[NEWS] Ontario Hiring More Mental Health Workers for Children and Youth, Investing \$6 Million to Support Early Intervention

January 22, 2016 - Ontario is investing \$6 million in local mental health services to help an estimated additional 4,000 children and youth, and their families each year

[Full article](#) (Ontario ministry of children and youth services)

[NEWS] Number of obese and overweight children under five 'alarming', WHO says

January 25th 2016 – At least 41 million children under the age of five are obese or overweight across the globe, with numbers rising most rapidly in developing countries, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

[Full Article](#) (REUTERS)

[Nouvelle] Un enfant sur quatre dans les zones de conflit ne va pas à l'école.

12 janvier 2016- Une récente analyse de l'UNICEF montre que près du quart des 109,2 millions d'enfants en âge d'être scolarisés (*dans le primaire et le premier cycle du secondaire, de 6 à 15 ans en général*) qui vivent dans des zones de conflit ne sont pas scolarisés. C'est au Soudan du Sud que l'on trouve la plus forte proportion d'enfants non scolarisés, plus de la moitié (51 %) des enfants d'âge primaire et de premier cycle du secondaire n'ayant pas accès à l'éducation. Le Niger est juste derrière avec (47 %) d'enfants non scolarisés, suivi par le Soudan (41 %) et l'Afghanistan (40 %). *« Les enfants vivant dans les pays touchés par un conflit ont perdu leurs foyers, des membres de la famille, des amis, leur sécurité et leur routine. Maintenant, incapables d'apprendre ne seraient-ce que la lecture et l'écriture de base, leur avenir est compromis et ils risquent de ne pas avoir la possibilité de contribuer aux sociétés et aux économies de leur pays quand ils atteindront l'âge adulte »*, a déclaré Jo Bourne, la responsable de l'éducation à l'UNICEF.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF).

[NEWS] Child watchdogs warn of European refugee 'race to the bottom'

January 25th 2016 - A "race to the bottom" on asylum policy among European Union countries is exposing more than 360,000 child migrants to greater risk of harm as the bloc struggles to cope with a surge of refugees, rights watchdogs said on Monday.

European children's agencies issued the warning in a report released in Amsterdam, where the EU's interior ministers were meeting to discuss how to deal with the influx of people fleeing war in Africa and the Middle East.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[NEWS] AP INVESTIGATION: Feds' Failures Imperil Migrant Children

January 25th 2016 - As tens of thousands of children fleeing violence in Central America crossed the border in search of safe harbor, overwhelmed U.S. officials weakened child protection policies, placing some young migrants in homes where they were sexually assaulted, starved or forced to work for little or no pay, an Associated Press investigation has found.

[Full Article](#) (FXB center for health & human rights/Harvard University)

[NEWS] Girls say 'no' to being married off

January 26th 2016 – Happiness, from the Mara Region of Tanzania, was 12 when her parents decided she was old enough to marry. They pulled her out of school, planning to have her undergo female genital mutilation (FGM) and then marry her off to a man of their choosing. But Happiness took a stand. She fled her parents' home and took refuge at the UNFPA-supported Masanga Centre. For eight months, caretakers at the center worked to convince her parents to allow her to return to school. They finally relented, and Happiness resumed her education. But she continues to live at the centre and wants other girls in her situation to have the same kind of support.

[Full article](#) (Relief web)

[Nouvelle] Libérer les enfants de l'esclavage

26 janvier 2016 - Aujourd'hui encore, la lutte contre l'esclavage est loin d'être terminée. Engagé dans ce combat avec Bachpan Bachao Andolan (Mouvement pour sauver l'enfance), l'organisation qu'il a fondé, Kailash Satyarthi se bat pour des actions concrètes qui feront la différence.

[Article complet](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

[Nouvelle] Les enfants autochtones discriminés par le fédéral

26 janvier 2016 - En échouant à offrir aux enfants autochtones le même niveau de services sociaux que celui offert aux autres petits Canadiens, le gouvernement fédéral s'est rendu coupable de discrimination à leur endroit, a conclu le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF réagit à la décision historique du Tribunal des droits de la personne et décrit les prochaines étapes cruciales pour les enfants du Canada

26 janvier 2016 - UNICEF Canada a réagi à la décision rendue aujourd'hui par le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne à propos d'une plainte contre le gouvernement fédéral alléguant que le manquement du Canada à fournir des services de protection de l'enfance équitables et culturellement adaptés aux enfants des Premières Nations vivant dans les réserves équivaut à une discrimination en vertu de la Loi canadienne sur les droits de la personne. Le président et chef de la direction d'UNICEF Canada, David Morley, et le conseiller principal d'UNICEF Canada en matière de politiques, Marv Bernstein, étaient respectivement présents à Toronto et Ottawa.

[Article complet](#) (Newswire.ca)

[News] UNICEF launches \$2.8 billion humanitarian appeal for children

26th January 2016 – The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) today announced the launch of a \$2.8 billion appeal to reach 43 million children in humanitarian emergencies worldwide, with for the first time ever the largest portion of the appeal – 25 per cent – going towards their education.

[Full article](#) (United Nations News Center)

[News] Progressing towards better childcare in Cambodia

27th January 2016- In Cambodia, a great number of families living in isolated regions do not have access to educational and caregiving structures for their children.

[Full article](#) (International Catholic Child Bureau)

[News] Children Behind Bars, the Global Overuse of Detention of Children

27th January 2016 - The door of a cell at Lusaka Central Prison. Children are routinely incarcerated in Zambia for minor offenses and frequently held together with adults, putting them at increased risk of sexual violence and other abuses.

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

[News] Ending Child Marriage, Meeting the Global Development Goals' Promise to Girls

27th January 2016 - Sharon J.'s marriage at age 14 in Tanzania dashed her hopes for the future: "My dream was to study to be a journalist. Until today, when I watch news or listen to the radio and someone is reading news, it causes me a lot of pain because I wish it were me."

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

[Nouvelle] Détention : le nombre de mineurs placés continue de reculer

28 janvier 2016 - Le nombre de mineurs placés dans des institutions pénales continue de reculer en Suisse. Le 2 septembre 2015, jour de référence, ils étaient 433 (-10% en un an). Dans l'ensemble, les effectifs de détenus sont stables. Les prisons romandes sont toujours surchargées.

[Article complet](#) (observatoire international de justice juvénile)

[News] UK to give sanctuary to unaccompanied refugee children

28 January 2016 - The UK is to accept more unaccompanied child refugees from Syria and other conflict zones - but the government has not said how many. The Home Office will work with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to identify "exceptional cases" from camps in Syria and neighboring countries

[Full article](#) (BBC)

[NEWS] Migrant crisis: More than 10,000 children 'missing'

31 January 2016 - More than 10,000 migrant children may have disappeared after arriving in Europe over the past two years, the EU's police intelligence unit says. Europol said thousands of vulnerable minors had vanished after registering with state authorities. It warned of children and young people being forced into sexual exploitation and slavery by criminal gangs.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

[NEWS] Telecoms industry can collaborate to tackle child rights, says Millicom.

28 January 2016 - Millicom, the emerging market telecommunications company, in collaboration with UNICEF, has developed a new tool to help conduct self-assessments using the global Children's Rights and Business Principles. Millicom believes that the tool could achieve industry-wide adoption in the future and has launched a consultation inviting wider collaboration. The new Child Rights Impact Assessment tool has been designed specifically for mobile operators. It aims to enable businesses to assess how their activities might impact children directly or indirectly, covering issues that include child online protection, child labour within the distribution of SIMs and scratch cards, extracting valuables from e-waste and safeguarding children from accessing potentially dangerous network infrastructure.

[Full article](#) (4-traders)

[NOUVELLES] Treize présumés pédophiles arrêtés

17 Janvier 2016 - La Sûreté du Québec ainsi que de nombreux corps policiers municipaux ont procédé à l'arrestation de treize personnes ce matin dans plusieurs villes de la province ainsi qu'en Ontario. Elles sont soupçonnées d'être des pédophiles. Les treize personnes arrêtées, âgées de 27 à 74 ans, échangeaient des informations sur Internet sur leurs expériences personnelles et partageaient des tactiques pour attirer et leurrer des enfants ainsi que des informations sur les lieux où il est le plus facile de les approcher.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[NOUVELLES] Un enfant sur neuf vit en zone de conflit

26 Janvier 2016 - Un enfant sur neuf vit désormais dans des zones frappées par la guerre ou les conflits violents, soit près de 250 millions d'enfants à travers le monde, estime l'UNICEF. Une situation critique qui double le risque de décès de causes évitables chez les petits de moins de cinq ans, vulnérabilisés par la malnutrition, les maladies infectieuses et l'absence de soins de santé.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[NEWS] Obama bans solitary confinement for juveniles and low-level offenders

26 Janvier 2016 - US President Barack Obama has said he will ban solitary confinement as a form of punishment for juvenile and low-level offenders in federal prisons. He said solitary confinement has the potential to cause "lasting psychological consequences" for inmates. The reforms would affect about 10,000 inmates who are serving time in isolation in the federal system.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Children's Rights Behind Bars

The project *Children's Rights Behind Bars* will culminate in a **European Final Conference** to be held in the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels (Belgium) on the 15 February 2016.

Location: European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Belliard, 99, 1040, Brussels Belgium

Date: 15th February 2016

[For more information](#) (International juvenile justice observatory)

National Conference on Bullying & Child Victimization

The 2016 National Conference on Bullying and Child Victimization is the largest and most comprehensive conference focused on all the aspects bullying and child related crime. Focused on protecting children on all levels using proven best practices and innovative localized programs and efforts, this conference brings together the most knowledgeable and internationally renowned keynote presenters into one forum to provide the highest quality professional development possible in one conference.

Location: DoubleTree SeaWorld Orlando, 10100 International Dr, 32821, Orlando, FLorida United States

Date: 21st February 2016 -24th February 2016

[For more information](#) (International juvenile justice observatory)

Child Sex Trafficking: Law Enforcement Response

This training is designed to provide law enforcement investigators, human trafficking task force members and social service providers with the information necessary to properly understand, recognize, and investigate cases involving child sex trafficking and exploitation. Modules include a focus on the survivor's perspective and changing perceptions regarding trafficking victims

Location: Racine Marriott Hotel - 7111 Washington Ave, Racine, WI, 53406, Racine, Wisconsin United States

Date: 23rd February 2016 - 25th February 2016

[For more information](#) (International juvenile justice observatory)

3. Vacancies

Banque de candidatures - Intervenant (e) en protection de l'enfance

Toutes demandes d'emploi soumises à cette « Banque de candidatures » seront conservées pour une période de six (6) mois. Les candidat(e)s qualifié(e)s seront considéré(e)s pour des postes vacants pour une durée moins de douze (12) mois.

Nous invitons toute personne qualifiée à mettre à jour leurs qualifications et soumettre de nouveau leur demande d'emploi dans six (6) mois dans la mesure où leur candidature n'a pas été retenue pour une entrevue.

Location : Ottawa

Date de publication : 1^{er} janvier 2016

Date de clôture : 31 décembre 2016

[Pour plus d'information](#) (La société de l'aide à l'enfance d'Ottawa)

Banque de candidatures – Éducateur (trice) spécialisé(e)

Êtes-vous en quête d'une carrière enrichissante ? Aimerez-vous avoir la possibilité d'améliorer la vie d'un enfant ou d'un(e) adolescent(e) d'Ottawa ? La Société de l'aide à l'enfance d'Ottawa (SAE) est présentement à la recherche de personnes dynamiques et dévouées pour se joindre à l'une des plus importantes Sociétés de l'aide à l'enfance en Ontario à titre d'éducateur (trice) spécialisé(e).

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[Pour plus d'information](#) (La société de l'aide à l'enfance d'Ottawa)

Consultancy Child Protection Information Management Officer, Lodwar

Under the supervision of the Child Protection Specialist, Lodwar Zonal Office (With management oversight by Chief Lodwar Zonal Office, and technical back-up by Chief Child Protection Nairobi) the objective of the position is to improve the case management system for unaccompanied, separated and vulnerable girls and boys in Kakuma refugee camp. The incumbent will also support the case management activities in all four counties (Turkana, West Pokot, Baringo and Samburu) under the Lodwar Zonal office. This position is for Kenyan Nationals only.

Location: Kenya

Date: 14th February 2016

[For more information](#) (UNICEF)

Child Survival & Development Specialist, P-4, Maseru, Lesotho

If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you.

Location: Lesotho

Date: 15th February 2016

[For more information](#) (UNICEF)

Child Protection Emergency Preparedness Consultancy

If you are a passionate and committed professional and want to make a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you.

Location: East Jerusalem with travel to West Bank and Gaza

Closing date: 22nd February 2016

[For more information](#)

Political Affairs Officer

This post is located in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG-CAAC). The mandate and work of the Office derives from General Assembly Resolution 51/77 and subsequent General Assembly resolutions, as well as successive Security Council resolutions on children and armed conflict. The incumbent will report to the Chief of Office.

Location: New York

Closing date: 26th February 2016

[For more information](#) (United Nation)

Global Education Cluster Coordinator

We are currently recruiting for a Global Education Cluster Coordinator to be based in our Geneva Advocacy office.

Location: Geneva Switzerland

Closing date: 27th February 2016

[For more information](#) (Save children)

Senior Women's and Children's Protection Coordinator

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee is one of the most prominent international organizations working in relief, rehabilitation, protection, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression.

IRC has worked in Liberia since 1996 and is one of the largest humanitarian actors in the country. The IRC implements innovative health and women and children protection programs in Nimba, Lofa, Bong, Montserrado, Maryland, River Gee, Grand Bassa, and Margibi counties in Liberia.

The IRC is recruiting an experienced Senior Women and Children Protection Coordinator to oversee a comprehensive portfolio of women and children protection projects that includes targeted, short-term emergency response actions, as well as longer-term interventions in line with IRC's WPE and CYPD strategies.

Location: Liberia

Closing date: 24th march 2016

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Location: Greece

Closing date: Monday 28th March 2016

[For more information](#) (Save children)

4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

L'Afrique touchée

28 janvier 2016- Les besoins à l'éducation de base de l'Afrique dépassent la seule zone du Moyen-Orient, et se font aussi pressants dans la région centrafricaine, notamment au Nigeria, là où le mouvement insurrectionnel islamiste Boko Haram a poussé à l'exode près de 1,2 million de personnes, dont de nombreux enfants. « *Les enfants ne sont plus envoyés dans les écoles qui sont devenues des cibles de Boko Haram. Toute une infrastructure est mise en place dans les camps pour leur permettre de poursuivre leur éducation* », soutient la porte-parole d'UNICEF Canada.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir).

Les enfants qui arrivent dans le sud-est de l'Europe en cette période hivernale, sont physiquement épuisés, effrayés, bouleversés et ont souvent besoin d'une assistance médicale

19 janvier 2016- Actuellement, les températures négatives et parfois la neige aggravent la fragile condition physique des enfants sur les routes, qui n'ont pas les vêtements adéquats ou l'alimentation adaptée. A cela s'ajoute l'absence d'hébergement et le peu de chauffage dans certains centres de réception, dans les trains et les bus.

Pour l'UNICEF, la situation est urgente face à la proportion d'enfants parmi les réfugiés et les migrants –plus d'un sur trois maintenant- qui continue à augmenter.

Selon des sources nationales, dans l'ex-république yougoslave de Macédoine, la proportion était de 37% en décembre, et de 23% en septembre, alors qu'en Serbie on comptait 36% d'enfants en décembre, pour 27% en septembre.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF).

Congo-Kinshasa: Protection de l'Enfant - 2015, la Section Protection de l'Enfant de la MONUSCO a documenté 2055 enfants séparés

28 janvier 2016 - Ces chiffres qui représentent plus du double des données enregistrées l'année précédente - 1 030 enfants - reflètent d'une part, l'effectivité des opérations militaires, des actions entreprises par la Section et ses partenaires gouvernementaux, de l'ONU et de la société civile pour mettre fin au recrutement des enfants, et d'autre part, le désir des enfants de quitter la vie militaire pour regagner la vie civile ; une vie et un environnement appropriés pour leur épanouissement et leur développement. Parmi les 2 055 enfants séparés des groupes armés, 139 étaient des filles.

[Article complet](#) (All Africa)

France - Le tribunal pour enfants va juger pour la première fois des apprentis djihadistes partis en Syrie

25 Janvier 2016 - Deux adolescents toulousains ont été renvoyés, vendredi 22 janvier, devant le tribunal pour enfants pour « participation à un groupement terroriste », après avoir séjourné un peu plus de deux semaines en Syrie au début de 2014. Leur départ avait été fortement médiatisé à l'époque, notamment par les parents de l'un d'eux, qui n'avaient rien vu venir. Dans son ordonnance de renvoi, que le monde a pu consulter, la juge d'instruction du pôle antiterroriste Isabelle Couzy estime qu'« il résulte de la procédure que Y. et A. ont décidé ensemble de rejoindre en Syrie un groupe afin d'y mener le djihad armé ».

[Article complet](#) (Le monde.fr)

Nigéria - Le conflit au Nigéria oblige plus d'un million d'enfants à quitter l'école

26 janvier 2016- La violence et les attaques contre les populations civiles du Nord-Est du Nigéria et ses pays voisins ont forcé plus d'un million d'enfants à quitter l'école, selon l'UNICEF. Le nombre d'enfants qui passent à côté de leur scolarité à cause des conflits s'ajoute aux 11 millions d'enfants en âge d'aller à l'école primaire au Nigeria, au Cameroun, au Tchad et au Niger et qui n'étaient pas scolarisés avant le début de la crise. « *C'est un chiffre effarant,* » déclare Manuel Fontaine, le directeur régional de l'UNICEF pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre. « *Le conflit a été un énorme choc pour l'éducation dans la région, et la violence a maintenu beaucoup d'enfants hors des salles de classe depuis plus d'un an, augmentant leur risque d'abandonner complètement l'école* »

[Article complet](#) (Unicef).

Ouganda - CPI : Première audience majeure sur les crimes perpétrés par la LRA

21 janvier 2016 - La première audience majeure d'un dirigeant de l'Armée de résistance du seigneur (Lord's Resistance Army, LRA) devant la Cour pénale internationale (CPI) constitue une étape clé dans l'obligation de rendre compte des crimes graves commis dans le nord de l'Ouganda, a déclaré Human Rights Watch aujourd'hui. La confirmation des charges retenues contre Dominic Ongwen, enfant-soldat devenu haut-commandant de la LRA, s'ouvrira le 21 janvier 2016 à La Haye et devrait durer cinq jours. Lors de la procédure, les juges de la CPI devront déterminer si la Procureure dispose d'un nombre suffisant de preuves pour renvoyer l'affaire en procès.

[Article complet](#) (Human rights watch)

Serbia - Children at risk on refugee route as temperature plummet to -20oc

19 January 2016- With temperatures forecast to drop to as low as -20 °C in Serbia this week, children travelling along the refugee route are at risk of hypothermia as well as pneumonia and other potentially fatal respiratory illnesses, Save the Children staff warn. Aid workers at the border reception centre in Presevo say there is six inches of snow on the ground and children are arriving with blue lips, distressed and shaking from the cold. Exhausted mothers say they are unable to keep their babies warm and dry, and are slipping over while carrying them on the icy roads.

[Article complet](#) (Save the children).

Syrie: L'EI enlève 400 civils en Syrie après une tuerie

17 janvier 2016 - L'organisation État islamique (EI) a enlevé au moins 400 civils dans la ville syrienne de Deir Ezzor après y avoir tué des dizaines de personnes, la plupart exécutées, dernière atrocité en date du groupe djihadiste dans le pays en guerre. Alors que la population continue de payer le lourd tribut de la guerre, 40 civils dont huit enfants ont péri samedi dans des raids aériens sur Raqa, bastion de l'EI dans l'est de la Syrie, a rapporté dimanche l'Observatoire syrien des droits de l'Homme (OSDH).

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

Syrie - Un appel pour mettre fin à la souffrance en Syrie

21 janvier 2016- Plus de 120 organisations humanitaires et institutions des Nations Unies ont lancé ensemble aujourd'hui un appel exhortant les personnes du monde entier à se joindre à elles pour réclamer la fin de la crise en Syrie et des souffrances subies par des millions de civils. L'appel énumère également une série de mesures pratiques immédiates qui peuvent améliorer l'accès humanitaire et l'acheminement de l'aide aux personnes qui en ont besoin à l'intérieur de la Syrie. Nous vous invitons à [«signer» l'appel](#) en le partageant, en le « *retweetant* » ou en l'« *aimant* ». Il y a trois ans, les dirigeants des organismes humanitaires des Nations Unies ont lancé un appel urgent à ceux qui pouvaient mettre fin au conflit en Syrie. Ils ont demandé que tout soit mis en œuvre pour sauver les Syriens. « Cela suffit », ont-ils dit au sujet des souffrances et des effusions de sang. C'était il y a trois ans. La guerre atteint bientôt sa sixième année de brutalités. Les effusions de sang continuent.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF).

Syrie : affamer des civils est un crime de guerre, dit Ban Ki-moon

14 janvier 2016 - Le secrétaire général de l'ONU a accusé jeudi les parties en conflit en Syrie, et notamment le gouvernement de Bachar al Assad, de se livrer à des « actes atroces » et des « abus déraisonnables » contre les civils. Ban Ki-moon a estimé devant la presse que les images de civils mourant de faim dans la ville de Madaya assiégée par les troupes syriennes confirmaient que cette guerre avait atteint « les tréfonds choquants de l'inhumanité ».

« Laissez-moi dire les choses clairement : l'emploi de la famine comme une arme de guerre est un crime de guerre. » — Ban Ki-moon

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

Yemen - The Desperate Plight OF Nearly 10 Million Children Still Largely Ignored

29 January 2016-Nine months since the escalation of violence began, the protracted bloody conflict has left the Middle East's poorest, most under-developed country in a state of freefall with 21.2 million people – or 82% of the population - now in need of emergency humanitarian assistance, including close to 10 million children. Immense damage to civilian infrastructure and disrupted access to even basic services have triggered acute food and fuel shortages across the country, but while a peaceful solution to the conflict remains elusive, the desperate plight of these children continues to go largely unreported and ignored in one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The impact of the escalating violence on the lives of Yemen's children has been nothing short of devastating, resulting in the deaths of over 700 children, the injury of more than 1,100, and leaving millions more painfully hungry with no access to clean water or even the most basic healthcare such as vital life-saving vaccines.

[Article complet](#) (Save the children).

Yemen - How Children Are Forced to the Front Lines of Yemen's War

January 23rd 2016 - Throughout Yemen's turbulent history, children have been armed and sent into battle by an array of armed groups and regime forces.

The international community has been trying to end the practice, and in recent years the U.N. successfully pushed the government and the rebel Houthi group to promise to stop the use of child soldiers.

[Full article](#) (Huffington post)

Yemen - La guerre au Yémen engendre toujours plus de dangers pour les enfants

12 janvier 2016- « *Sans aucune perspective de fin au conflit meurtrier du Yémen, près de 10 millions d'enfants à l'intérieur du pays sont face à une nouvelle année de douleurs et de souffrance* ». Les bombardements incessants et les combats de rue exposent les enfants et leur famille à une combinaison mortelle de violence, de maladies et de privations. L'impact direct du conflit sur les enfants est difficile à mesurer. Les statistiques confirmées par les Nations unies (*747 enfants tués et 1108 blessés depuis mars 2015 ; 724 enfants enrôlés dans des activités militaires*) ne racontent qu'une partie du conflit. Les effets multiples de la violence sur des civils innocents sont encore plus nombreux.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF).

Yemen's war-weary children face 'new year of pain and suffering' – UNICEF official

January 12th, 2016 – The ongoing deadly violence in Yemen has left nearly 10 million children facing threats of malnutrition and disease, lack of education, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) representative to the country warned today, calling for unhindered humanitarian access to all those in need and an end to the conflict.

[Full Article](#) (United Nation)



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[Nouvelle] Plus de 10 000 enfants migrants portés disparus

31 janvier 2016 – Plus de 10 000 enfants migrants non accompagnés ont disparu en Europe sur les 18 à 24 derniers mois, a affirmé dimanche l'agence de coordination policière Europol, craignant que nombre d'entre eux soient exploités, notamment sexuellement, par le crime organisé.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Des scientifiques autorisés à manipuler des embryons humains au Royaume-Uni

1^{er} février 2016 – Des scientifiques ont été autorisés à manipuler, pour la première fois au Royaume-Uni, des embryons humains à des fins de recherche, a annoncé lundi l'autorité britannique de la fertilisation humaine et de l'embryologie, la HFEA.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[News] EU police issue warning on lost child refugees

February 1st, 2016 – More than 10,000 child refugees are missing in the EU, with authorities fearing criminal gangs may be exploiting a large number for sex work and slave labour. The EU's police agency Europol on Sunday (31 January) told British newspaper The Observer that thousands vanished after having been registered with state authorities.

[Full Article](#) (EU Observer)

[Nouvelle] Virus Zika : une urgence de santé publique de portée mondiale

1^{er} février 2016 – L'organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) a qualifié lundi d'« urgence de santé publique de portée mondiale » l'épidémie du virus Zika, soupçonné de causer des malformations congénitales, le Brésil déconseillant dans la foulée aux femmes enceintes de venir aux JO cet été.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)



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[Nouvelle] Club de pédophiles : un 14e suspect arrêté

2 février 2016 – Un 14^e suspect a été arrêté dans le cadre de l'opération « Malaise » de la Sûreté du Québec, qui visait le démantèlement d'un club de pédophiles la semaine dernière. Richard Lévesque, 57 ans, a été cueilli samedi par les policiers, à son retour de Cuba, où il était en voyage. Originaire de la région de Québec, son adresse officielle dans les documents de cour indique qu'il habiterait présentement à Gatineau, près de deux écoles secondaires.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] L'OMS crée une unité de réponse globale contre le virus Zika

2 février 2016 – L'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) a annoncé mardi la création d'une «unité de réponse globale» au virus Zika, présent pour l'instant en Amérique du Sud, mais qui pourrait s'étendre rapidement à l'Afrique et à l'Asie.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Migrants : de plus en plus d'enfants arrivent par la mer

2 février 2016 – Les enfants constituent aujourd'hui plus d'un tiers des migrants passant par la mer de Turquie en Grèce, une proportion en forte hausse, s'est alarmé l'UNICEF mardi.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Neuf migrants, dont deux enfants, se noient au large des côtes de la Turquie

2 février 2016 – ANKARA, Turquie – Au moins neuf migrants, dont deux enfants, se sont apparemment noyés mardi quand leur embarcation a coulé au large des côtes de la Turquie. L'agence de presse privée Dogan rapporte que la tragédie s'est produite près de la ville côtière de Seferihisar, sur la mer Égée et à proximité de l'île grecque de Samos. Deux migrants ont été secourus et 11 autres auraient réussi à rejoindre la rive par leurs propres moyens. Aucune confirmation officielle n'était disponible.

[Article complet](#) (Métro)



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[Nouvelle] Sanofi Pasteur veut développer un vaccin contre le virus Zika

2 février 2016 – PARIS – La firme pharmaceutique française Sanofi Pasteur a annoncé mardi qu'elle s'attaque dès maintenant au développement d'un vaccin contre le virus Zika, au lendemain de l'annonce par l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé que la propagation exponentielle de la maladie représente une urgence sanitaire mondiale.

[Article complet](#) (Métro)

[News] Taliban Gun Down 10-Year-Old Militia Hero in Afghanistan

February 2nd, 2016 – The Afghan government declared Wasil Ahmad a hero for leading a militia's defense against a Taliban siege last year, parading him in front of cameras in a borrowed police uniform too big for him. On Monday, the Taliban triumphantly announced that they had assassinated him with two bullets to the head.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)

[Nouvelle] En prenant la pose du petit Aylan, Ai Weiwei prend position

3 février 2016 – Réalisé par un photographe d'India Today, repris partout, le cliché d'Ai Weiwei étendu sur les galets d'une plage de Lesbos (Grèce) suscite depuis sa publication, le 1er février, un flot de réactions. Certaines, indignées, accusent Ai Weiwei de chercher à être en permanence au premier plan de l'actualité. Il l'est, en effet, comme l'est Banksy quand il prend position pour les migrants de Calais. Il l'est parce que c'est là tout l'enjeu de son acte, dont la violence est proportionnée à l'horreur de la situation.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] Sweden under pressure to vet age of young refugees with medical tests

February 3rd, 2016 – Under huge strain from an influx of unaccompanied children seeking asylum, the Swedish government faces political pressure to undertake medical tests like X-rays to vet the age of young refugees despite opposition from doctors and lawyers.

[Full Article](#) (Globe and Mail)



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[Nouvelle] Fugueuses exploitées – Ce sont des filles qui en recrutent d'autres

4 février 2016 – Oubliez le cliché du beau gars appartenant à un gang de rue qui stationne sa voiture de luxe devant le centre jeunesse pour recruter des prostituées mineures : ce recrutement se fait de plus en plus par des filles qui, par le truchement de Facebook, peuvent être présentes absolument partout.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Opinion] Its Genital Genocide

February 4th, 2016 – Like many young girls, Leyla Hussein didn't learn that she was going to have to undergo female genital mutilation until the day she was cut. She was born in Somalia and raised in Saudi Arabia and Italy but moved back to her homeland, where cutting is common, at age seven. "It was actually my next door neighbor's daughter that told me when I realized there was a big party taking place in the house," Leyla says. "She was telling me part of my vagina was going to be taken away. While she's explaining I could hear this screaming inside of the house, which was my sister being cut."

[Full Article](#) (Kristof blogs, NY Times)

[Nouvelle] La France, mauvaise élève des droits de l'enfant

4 février 2016 – Mineurs étrangers isolés, enfants roms ou handicapés, châtiments corporels, justice pénale... C'est un inventaire à la Prévert peu flatteur que le comité sur les droits de l'enfant de l'ONU (CRC) a publié, jeudi 4 février, sur la France. Vingt pages de recommandations à l'attention du gouvernement, rédigées à l'issue d'un examen auquel se soumettent périodiquement tous les Etats signataires de la convention internationale des droits de l'enfant. Aucun pays ne sort de l'exercice avec les félicitations du jury.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] Zika virus sexual transmission case in U.S. raises concern of World Health Organization

February 4th, 2016 – The World Health Organization (WHO) is concerned about a report that the Zika virus had been sexually transmitted in the United States, and has called for further investigation into the mosquito-borne virus linked to birth defects.

[Full Article](#) (CBC News)



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[Nouvelle] Entre bénévolat et système D, une école pour les migrants inaugurée dans la jungle de Calais

5 février 2016 – C'est un peu comme une deuxième naissance pour l'école laïque du chemin des Dunes. Après une première – et discrète – inauguration en juillet 2015, la structure d'accueil que font vivre au quotidien, dans la « jungle » de Calais (Pas-de-Calais), une trentaine de bénévoles, s'offre, samedi 6 février, une inauguration officielle. Toujours sans reconnaissance ni moyens de l'éducation nationale, mais avec « l'espoir d'interpeller les pouvoirs publics », souligne Laurence Bernabeu de l'organisation non gouvernementale Solidarité laïque, qui a rassemblé les fonds et coordonné l'événement.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] L'ONU demande aux pays touchés par le virus Zika d'autoriser l'accès à l'avortement

6 février 2016 – L'Aedes aegypti, moustique vecteur du virus Zika suspecté d'être responsable de graves malformations cérébrales chez les fœtus, impose un débat politique et moral. Faut-il ou non autoriser les femmes confrontées à ce drame à avorter ? Vendredi 5 février, l'ONU a demandé aux pays touchés par le virus, en majorité en Amérique latine, d'autoriser l'accès des femmes à la contraception et à l'avortement.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] Priest Abuse Victim Is Suspended From Vatican Panel

February 6th, 2016 – A high-profile Vatican commission on the prevention of child sexual abuse voted on Saturday to temporarily suspend one of its members, an outspoken victim of clerical abuse who accused the church of failing to deliver on its promises of reform and accountability.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)



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[Nouvelle] Des étudiants demandent 3,3 milliards pour rendre l'éducation gratuite

8 février 2016 – La plus importante organisation canadienne d'étudiants demande au gouvernement fédéral de financer l'éducation post-secondaire de la même façon que la santé, par des transferts aux provinces, et d'enchâsser formellement cette contribution dans une loi. La Fédération canadienne des étudiants (FCE, hors Québec) demande un projet de loi sur l'éducation post-secondaire qui donnerait au fédéral un rôle accru dans un domaine de compétence provinciale. L'organisation étudiante affirme qu'Ottawa devrait réaffecter l'argent de programmes tels que les régimes enregistrés d'épargne-études dans un transfert annuel aux provinces de 3,3 milliards \$, afin que l'éducation post-secondaire soit gratuite.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Prison à vie pour avoir tué sa fille en l'affamant ou en la noyant

8 février 2016 – Un père de Toronto qui a affamé ou noyé mortellement sa fille il y a deux décennies a été envoyé en prison à vie lundi, après que la Cour eut entendu les déclarations d'impact de trois membres de la famille de la victime. Everton Biddersingh, 60 ans, n'a presque rien dit avant que le juge de la Cour supérieure, Al O'Marra, n'impose la peine pour son crime « horrible ».

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[Nouvelle] Zika nouveau fléau des pauvres

8 février 2016 – Autrefois jeune fille pétillante de la favela, Gleyse Kelly a fait sa première dépression en apprenant sa quatrième grossesse, cinq mois seulement après la naissance de son petit dernier, Nicolas. La seconde dépression est survenue quand la jeune femme a découvert que cet enfant non désiré souffrait de microcéphalie. « Au début, j'ai cru que ce ne serait qu'un bébé avec une toute petite tête. Et puis j'ai regardé sur Internet, et j'ai compris. »

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)



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[News] 10 quotes on the power of human rights education

February 10th, 2016 – 10 times human rights defenders and activists around the world have reminded us how human rights education makes a difference in protecting people's rights: 1. "Human rights education is much more than a lesson in schools or a theme for a day; it is a process to equip people with the tools they need to live lives of security and dignity. On this International Human Rights Day, let us continue to work together to develop and nurture in future generations a culture of human rights, to promote freedom, security and peace in all nations."

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty international)

[News] 10,000 Child Refugees Are Missing

February 10th, 2016 – According to the European police agency Europol, more than 10,000 children who entered Europe during the last two years have disappeared, vanishing through the gaping cracks in Europe's chaotic system for dealing with refugees and migrants. The fear is that many of the missing children have been trafficked into the sex trade by the same organized criminal groups that are profiting handsomely by ferrying refugees into and across Europe.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)

[News] Tracing the Bishops' Culpability in the Child Abuse Scandal

February 11th, 2016 – Pope Francis' commission on the clergy's sexual violation of children had a timely private screening in Rome last week of "Spotlight," the Oscar-nominated film about the pedophilia scandal in Boston. The film offers the Vatican, if it will listen, an emphatic lesson in accountability. It dramatizes the decision by The Boston Globe to do more than enumerate the scope of the scandal by reporting on cases involving scores of abusive priests.

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)



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[News] Economic Community of Central African States creates a special fund for health to strengthen its response to AIDS

February 12th, 2016 – Meeting in Libreville, Gabon, on 12 February, the ministers of health of the Economic Community of Central African States launched an ambitious programme to strengthen regional cooperation by establishing a community health fund to reinforce the region's AIDS response. The ministers also decided to improve coordination by setting up a specialized unit to enhance cross-border HIV prevention strategies and by developing a regional mechanism to source antiretroviral medicines on a larger scale. They also adopted a plan to increase the proportion of pregnant women and children receiving antiretroviral medicines.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[News] Inuit women want police, justice officials to offer more protection

February 12th, 2016 – In an effort to ensure recognition of Inuit-specific needs, Inuit women meeting in downtown Ottawa this week say the Liberal government's upcoming national inquiry on missing and murdered Indigenous women must focus on policing, the justice system, the protection of crime victims and the need across all of Inuit Nunangat for family violence services. And for Pauktuutit, the national Inuit women's organization that's organizing the gathering, this still includes immediate adoption of an action plan to provide for violence prevention and healing in the four regions of Inuit Nunangat.

[Full Article](#) (Nunatsiaq Online)

[Report] Rights, Remedies and Representation: A Global Report on Access to Justice for Children

February 15th, 2016 – Access to justice is a human right, but it is also what makes other rights a reality. For children's rights to be more than a promise, there must be a way for those rights to be enforced. Access to justice for children means that children, or their appropriate advocates where applicable, must be able to use and trust the legal system to protect their human rights.

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[Nouvelle] Des milliers de demandeurs d'asile emprisonnés au Canada

16 février 2016 – Alors que des milliers de réfugiés syriens sont accueillis à bras ouverts au Canada, d'autres demandeurs d'asile reçoivent un accueil bien différent. Chaque année, l'Agence des services frontaliers du Canada (ASFC) emprisonne plus de 4000 demandeurs d'asile, dont des centaines d'enfants. L'Organisation des Nations unies (ONU) demande au Canada de changer cette façon de faire, parce qu'elle est souvent contraire au droit international.

[Article complet](#) (Radio-Canada)

[Nouvelle] Un nouveau rapport fait écho aux problèmes vécus par les enfants et les jeunes en établissement et en milieu résidentiel

17 février 2016 – Beaucoup de jeunes qui vivent en établissement et en milieu résidentiel éprouvent des sentiments d'isolement, de crainte et de manque d'ancrage ou d'absence de racines, et ont l'impression de ne pas être pris en considération dans les décisions prises au sujet de leur vie, selon un nouveau rapport publié par le Bureau de l'intervenant provincial en faveur des enfants et des jeunes.

[Article complet](#) (News Wire)

[News] The Millennium Development Goals Report: Gender Chart 2015

February 23rd, 2016 – The final edition of the Gender Chart details how women were faring in global progress in 2015, as the MDGs wrap up and the Sustainable Development Goals begin to take their place. The 2015 Gender Chart, an addendum to the UN Secretary General's 2015 Millennium Development Goals Report, tracks how gender equality is impacted across all the MDGs. By looking at the other goals from a gender perspective, the Gender Chart also emphasizes the inter-linkages between the goals and gender equality and women's empowerment, in making progress on development and in achieving the MDGs.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[Nouvelle] Un camp pour filles s'attire les foudres de parents

23 février 2016 – « Tu feras tourner les têtes ! » Un camp de jour de la région de Québec a réussi à enflammer les réseaux sociaux en proposant aux fillettes dès l'âge de 8 ans un camp intitulé « 100 % look », destiné à « donner du style à leur personnalité » grâce à la coiffure et au maquillage, à « découvrir ce qui est in et out » et à « améliorer leur démarche et leur maintien ».

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[Nouvelle] Pédophilie : 11 ans de prison en Indonésie pour le Canadien Neil Bantleman

25 février 2016 - La Cour suprême d'Indonésie a annulé [l'acquittement d'un enseignant canadien](#), Neil Bantleman, qui avait été accusé de crimes sexuels sur trois écoliers. L'Ontarien, qui a aussi travaillé à Calgary, et un adjoint, Ferdinand Tjong, qui travaillaient dans la prestigieuse École internationale de Jakarta, devront passer 11 ans en détention, selon ce qu'a aussi décidé la Cour suprême. C'est un an de plus que leur condamnation initiale. Les deux hommes ont de plus été condamnés à payer une amende de 7400 \$ chacun. Neil Bantleman et Ferdinand Tjong avaient été reconnus coupables et condamnés à une peine d'emprisonnement en avril 2015, mais avaient été acquittés par un tribunal supérieur en août dernier. Les procureurs du ministère public avaient peu après [fait appel de ces acquittements](#).

[Article Complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[Nouvelle] Parents soupçonnés à tort de maltraitance : les droits de certains enfants auraient été lésés

22 février 2016 - Sur 13 plaintes déposées il y a plus de 2 ans, le comité des enquêtes de la Commission identifie 8 lésions de droits dans 6 dossiers. La Commission cite plusieurs articles de la Loi de la protection de la jeunesse « enfreints » par le personnel de Sainte-Justine ou par la Direction de la protection de la jeunesse (DPJ). Dans au moins trois cas, la Commission précise que le personnel de Sainte-Justine a outrepassé sa juridiction en effectuant une partie du travail d'évaluation des signalements, une responsabilité pourtant exclusive à la DPJ.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[News] Indian children trafficked to United States is a reality, says U.S. diplomat

12 February 2016 - SILIGURI, India, Feb 12 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Cases of Indian children being smuggled to the United States are a reality, a U.S. diplomat said on Friday, reacting to a media report that police had busted an international child trafficking racket operating in the southern city of Bengaluru. Police on Tuesday said they had arrested 16 members of a gang suspected of sending at least 25 children from the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat illegally to the United States using fake documents in order to acquire visas.

[Full article](#) (Thomas Reuters)



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[News] Online Platform For NGOs Provides Real-Time Information To Help End Human Trafficking

18 February 2016 - An online service platform launched Wednesday promises to help combat human trafficking by connecting NGOs and advocates worldwide so they can collaborate and share information in real-time. The Freedom Collaborative lets registered organizations and individual users connect with each other through a news feed, searchable database and private messaging service. “[T]echnology now allows users to strengthen their community and we wanted to bring that to the anti-trafficking sector,” said Julia Macher, platforms product manager at Liberty Asia, the Hong Kong-based anti-slavery charity behind the Freedom Collaborative.

[Full article](#) (Forbes)

[Nouvelle] Libération conditionnelle d'Omar Khadr : Ottawa retire son appel

18 février 2016 - Le gouvernement fédéral abandonne son appel de la libération sous caution d'Omar Khadr. L'ex-prisonnier de Guantanamo Bay avait été placé en liberté conditionnelle l'an dernier, en attendant le résultat de son appel pour sa condamnation pour crimes de guerre aux États-Unis. « Le gouvernement du Canada respecte la décision de la Cour du Banc de la Reine de l'Alberta, qui a jugé que M. Khadr devait être mis en liberté sous caution au Canada dans l'attente de l'appel de ses déclarations de culpabilité et de sa peine aux États-Unis », a indiqué Ottawa dans un communiqué diffusé mercredi. Le gouvernement libéral se démarque ainsi du précédent gouvernement conservateur, qui s'était opposé à cette libération conditionnelle. Omar Khadr a passé 13 ans derrière les barreaux, dont deux en Alberta, avant d'être libéré sous caution en mai 2015.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

[Nouvelle] L'ONU dénonce le recours aux enfants-soldats en Afghanistan

L'ONU a condamné mercredi l'utilisation d'enfants-soldats par toutes les factions du conflit afghan, en soulignant que les insurgés continuent à utiliser de nombreux combattants âgés de moins de 18 ans au moment où la pratique est en déclin dans les rangs gouvernementaux. La représentante spéciale pour les enfants et les conflits armés des Nations unies, Leila Zerrougui, a reconnu les progrès du gouvernement afghan. Elle a toutefois rappelé que la police locale afghane - des groupes alliés au gouvernement qui fonctionnent comme des milices indépendantes, et qui sont souvent perçus comme étant incompetents et corrompus - compte parmi les principaux coupables.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)



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[News] Love conquers all? Not for child brides unable to choose sweetheart or spouse

14 February 2016 - As a girl in school, I loved Valentine's Day. I'd make a card, with a boy, my best friend, my mum, or my grandparents in mind, and pop the question: "Will you be my valentine?" As an adult, Valentine's Day is a popular and romantic moment to ask an even bigger question, one with implications and consequences meant to last a lifetime: "My valentine, will you marry me?" At any age, what these sweet rituals share is the freedom to think of one's beloved, and the autonomy to choose them. But on 14 February, [about 37,000 girls](#) will have their bodily integrity and sexual autonomy shattered. They won't be valentines. They will be child brides.

[Full article](#) (The guardian)

Mineures vendues sur Internet

10 février 2016 - Les sites d'annonces sur Internet contribuent à faire de l'exploitation sexuelle une activité criminelle très payante. Les policiers constatent que de nombreuses adolescentes en sont victimes, mais sans pouvoir intervenir rapidement. Le reportage de Tamara Alteresco.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

En Turquie, des grandes marques embauchent des réfugiés mineurs syriens

01 février 2016 - Des migrants mineurs syriens ont été identifiés lors d'inspections dans les usines des compagnies de vêtements H&M et Next, en Turquie, écrit le journal Independent. Les deux sociétés sont pour l'instant les seules à reconnaître avoir embauché des réfugiés mineurs syriens, mais il n'est pas exclu que d'autres cas d'embauche de mineurs syriens soient découverts. En effet, certaines sociétés se sont abstenues de répondre à la question de savoir s'ils employaient des migrants syriens dans leurs usines.

[Article complet](#) (Sputnik France)



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2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conférence « Déclaration des Bourgmestres de lutte contre la pauvreté infantile : Les villes et communes se mobilisent »

La conférence tentera de proposer de nouvelles pistes de solutions. Par quel biais ? Les bourgmestres feront part de leur expérience, leur approche de la lutte contre la pauvreté infantile au sein de leur ville/commune. Ensuite, les chercheurs de l'UMons et de l'UGent dévoileront les premiers résultats d'une recherche « Pauvreté urbaine » commandée par la Politique des Grandes Villes avec un focus sur le public cible des enfants. L'après-midi, les participants se réuniront dans 3 ateliers pour réfléchir aux politiques mises en place au sein des villes pour lutter efficacement contre la pauvreté infantile.

Ces différentes politiques sont :

- La politique concertée et structurée de lutte contre la pauvreté infantile
- La politique d'accès aux services abordables et de qualité
- La politique du droit des enfants à la participation

Lieu : Résidence Palace 155 rue de Loi à 1040 Bruxelles.

Date : Jeudi 10 mars 2016 – 9h00 à 16h30.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Matinées d'information – Précarité infantile : Des moyens... pour lutter ?

Le Service provincial Social et Santé - Études et documentation sociales a pour mission de collecter et de diffuser des informations dans le domaine psycho-médico-social. Ce « Vendredi du Social » aura pour but de mieux faire comprendre aux travailleurs sociaux cette problématique qui touche de trop nombreux enfants ainsi que ses enjeux et ses conséquences. Il permettra aussi de leur faire découvrir certains moyens et projets mis en place.

Lieu : Rue Saint-Gilles 12 - B-6870 Saint-Hubert, Belgique.

Date : Vendredi 11 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)



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3^{ème} Colloque Jeunes Chercheurs sur la privation de liberté

L'Institut des sciences juridique et philosophique de la Sorbonne de l'Université Paris 1 et le Centre de Recherches sur les Droits Fondamentaux et les Évolutions du Droit de l'Université de Caen-Normandie, organisent à Paris les 11 et 12 mars 2016 le 3^{ème} colloque « jeunes chercheurs » sur la privation de liberté. Cette initiative scientifique, dont les premiers actes se sont déroulés en 2012 et 2014, a pris appui sur le séminaire mensuel de recherche « Enfermements, Justice et Libertés dans les sociétés contemporaines », animé par Pierre V. Tournier, entre 2007 et 2015. Ce colloque offre l'opportunité à des étudiants en master 2, doctorants ou jeunes docteurs ainsi qu'à de jeunes professionnels de présenter leurs travaux de recherche devant un public composé de leurs pairs et leurs aînés.

Lieu : Centre hospitalier Sainte-Anne, Amphithéâtre Raymond Garcin, 1, rue Cabanis Paris 14^{ème} (métro Glacière), Paris, France.

Date : Vendredi 11 mars et samedi 12 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Education for Emergencies: Concepts and Practices

Professor Toh Swee-Hin (S. H. Toh) This course seeks to clarify theoretical and conceptual frameworks for understanding the role of education in times of emergencies as well as educational strategies and practices essential in helping to prevent and/or overcome such emergencies, including armed conflicts and “natural” disasters. It is now recognized that although basic needs (e.g. water, food, shelter, physical security) are vital for emergencies-affected peoples and communities, education is likewise crucial.

Location: Online.

Date: March 14th to April 22nd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Formation – Droits de l'enfant : contrôle national et international

Ce mardi 15 mars 2016, une formation sur le thème « Droits de l'enfant : contrôle national et international » aura lieu. Cette formation s'adresse à des travailleurs sociaux, juristes, avocats, etc. qui souhaitent mieux comprendre les mécanismes de contrôle des droits fondamentaux existant au niveau international et en particulier le mécanisme de plainte individuel au Comité des droits de l'enfant et qui souhaitent pouvoir identifier les situations pouvant faire l'objet de tels recours.

Cette formation vise à :

- Informer, sensibiliser les participants à l'existence de l'ensemble de ces mécanismes
- Le situer dans l'ensemble des mécanismes internationaux existants pour garantir le respect des droits fondamentaux des enfants
- Comprendre la procédure et la manière de saisir le Comité et les autres mécanismes
- Évaluer la pertinence de saisir le Comité des Nations Unies ou une autre instance internationale.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : Mardi, 15 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Monitoring & Evaluation Training Workshop

Monitoring and evaluation are essential to improving the effectiveness of any project. Careful project monitoring allows managers to make appropriate decisions on a day-to-day basis and ensures that projects are carried out as designed and modified when necessary. Evaluation enables project managers to understand and demonstrate the results of their work, determine the best strategies for achieving their goals and document lessons learned to improve future programs.

Location: Kabul, Afghanistan.

Date: March 22nd to March 24th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 15th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Green Alternative Social and Welfare Development Organization)



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Presenting the evidence: Young people's impact on peacebuilding

This event showcases the results of the evaluation and facilitates an exchange of views on how young people's involvement in peaceful change can be promoted, and how this can best be operationalized in EU programming. The discussions will be framed by the major global policy frameworks concerning young people's active participation in peacebuilding, especially the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 adopted 16th December 2015.

Location: 4 - 10 Avenue de Cortenbergh, 1040, Brussels, Belgique.

Date: March 15th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care L Systems, Policies and Practices

Udayan Care is excited to announce second biennial international conference on the theme "Improving Standards of Care for Alternative Child & Youth Care: Systems, Policies and Practices", again with special focus on South Asia, in March 2016.

This conference will be an opportunity for the delegates from SAARC Countries, experts from the western world, civil society representatives, delegates from organisations and governmental bodies working on child protection and alternative care, to gather together to learn from and with one another.

Location: AMITY UNIVERSITY, Sector-125, Noida - 201313 (U.P.) Adjoining New Delhi.

Date: March 18th and 19th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Udayan Care)



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Formation – Harcèlement entre jeunes : intervention (niveau 2)

Objectifs :

- Se construire une représentation du phénomène de harcèlement en le distinguant des autres formes de violences
- Distinguer les différents types de prévention notamment pour éviter l'effet inverse des actions menées pour prévenir les faits de harcèlement
- Identifier et expérimenter des actions pour intervenir dans les situations de harcèlement.
- Découvrir et élaborer des dispositifs de prévention spécifique du harcèlement entre pairs
- Expérimenter des outils de prévention du harcèlement et autres formes de discriminations entre pairs :
 - Prendre conscience de la dynamique du phénomène d'exclusion basée sur la différence
 - Comprendre le concept de stéréotype et se questionner sur ceux que je colle à des groupes et/ou à des personnes
 - Mieux comprendre ce que vivent les personnes exclues ou discriminées
 - Constituer un groupe qui apprivoise les différences et apprend la coopération.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : Vendredi 18 mars et mardi 22 mars.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)

Formation – Droit familial

Cette formation aborde les thèmes du tribunal de la famille, de la filiation, des conséquences de cette filiation : autorité parentale, hébergement, droit aux relations personnelles et obligation alimentaire, de la tutelle, du mariage et la cohabitation légale et du divorce. Ce module vise à donner une grille de lecture à chaque intervenant social lui permettant d'identifier les liens familiaux propres à chaque jeune, d'en comprendre les enjeux et d'orienter adéquatement les jeunes et les familles quand la situation le requiert.

Lieu : Université de Paix, Namur, Belgique.

Date : 22 et 24 mars 2016.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Coordination des ONG pour les droits de l'enfant)



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Management of Refugees & Displaced Populations

This course aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills and critical understanding needed to adopt an evidence-based and reasoned approach to strategic planning, needs assessment and management of refugee and displaced populations across the spectrum from emergency relief to sustainable development.

Location: Liverpool, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Date: March 29th to April 8th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 25th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)

Practical tools for promoting positive change in complex contexts

This 4-day introductory course combines lessons learned and practical tools from CDA's conflict-sensitivity and peacebuilding programs: Do No Harm (DNH), and Reflecting on Peace Practice (RPP). It offers an introduction to each, demonstrating the complementarity and application of the tools and analytical processes. (download course description).

Location: Barcelona, Spain.

Date: May 23rd to May 26th, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 28th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (CDA)

The 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference

Our 6th International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC will be held from 28 August – 1 September 2016 in Davos, Switzerland. This will be the 10 year anniversary of our biennial IDRC Davos, gathering global leading risk and disaster scientists and expert practitioners. Building on the strength of its previous editions IDRC Davos 2016 features a broad scope of topics, disciplines, and stakeholders.

Location: Davos, Switzerland.

Date: August 28th to September 1st, 2016.

Registration deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (IDCR)



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Workshop on Desistance Processes among Young Offenders following Judicial Interventions – Bridging the Gap between different theoretical and methodological Approaches

The purpose of the workshop organized by the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law (MPIICC) is to give some insight into the subjective ways young offenders experience judicial interventions and their transition into a life towards desistance. Thereby different theoretical and methodological approaches are being considered and discussed. The workshop covers three interdisciplinary topics. In each thematic area experts will address current issues and set the tone for in-depth discussion; social approaches, subjective approaches, interaction models.

Location: Freiburg, Germany.

Date: March 31st and April 1st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Observatoire international de justice juvénile)

Committee on Rights of the Child: Call for Submissions on General Comment on the Rights of Adolescents

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has decided to develop a General Comment (GC) on the rights of adolescents. The experiences, opportunities and challenges facing adolescents clearly varies widely across different regions and between different groups of adolescents. The Committee is therefore seeking submissions from interested bodies and States, in all regions and from a wide range of perspectives, to inform the drafting process.

If you have relevant research evidence, findings from consultations with adolescents, examples of laws, policies or programmes, or evidence of good practice that would contribute to the drafting process, please submit the documentation to: crc@ohchr.org.

Deadline for submissions: 1st April 2015. Submissions must be in one of the working languages of the Committee: English, French or Spanish.

[For more information](#) (CRIN)



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Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM)

The Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Logistics and Management (MASHLM) is a part-time executive program for humanitarian professionals. The program is designed to bridge the gaps that exist between strategy and tactics, and tactics and operations. Participants learn to optimize supply chains, improve processes, think strategically, and manage projects more successfully. The program welcomes humanitarian practitioners with at least 3 years of relevant experience. Students attend five sessions in Lugano, Switzerland.

Location: Lugano, Switzerland.

Date: April 18th 2016 to March 1st 2018.

Registration deadline: April 1st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (CDA)

Training Course on Manager's Role in Capacity Building

Capacity development is a series of strategies, a variety of tools and techniques which, when applied in a systematic way, promote both organizational capacity building and institutional development. This workshop will offer managers and interested participants with the tools needed to promote capacity development in organizations. The workshop will focus on strategic human resource development competencies and equip you with knowledge to draft a capacity development plan for your unit, with specific actions as well as new questions for the unit to explore.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

Date: April 18th and 19th, 2016.

Registration deadline: April 11th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Indepth Research Services)



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Conférence annuelle du LRIDE : Les droits de l'enfant au service de l'éducation

Conférencières et conférenciers (en ordre alphabétique) : Angela AUCCOIN, Université de Moncton ; Virginia CAPUTO, Carleton University ; Dr Gilles JULIEN, Fondation du Dr Julien ; Vincent KAZMIERSKI, Carleton University ; Richard MACLURE, Université d'Ottawa ; Cornelia SCHNEIDER, Mount Saint Vincent University. Cette conférence est reconnue comme activité de formation continue par le Barreau du Québec et la Chambre des notaires. Nombre d'heures : 4.

Lieu : Pavillon Fauteux, 57, rue Louis-Pasteur, pièce 302, Université d'Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.

Date : Mercredi 13 avril 2016, de 8h30 à 14h.

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Université d'Ottawa)



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3. Vacancies

Executive Assistant to COO – Save the Children

We are looking for an energetic and organised **Executive Assistant** to develop and provide a proactive and comprehensive administration, information and support service to the Chief Operating Officer (COO). In this crucial role you will provide a comprehensive support service to the COO in line with internal and external priorities by proactively and efficiently managing her time. You will be expected to become an informed key contact for the department in relation to all activities within the responsibilities of the COO.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Humanitarian Deployment Officer – Save the Children

We are looking for a flexible and adaptable individual to join us as Humanitarian Deployment Officer. This role is instrumental in ensuring the rapid deployment of HSTs (Humanitarian Surge Team) to humanitarian crisis around the world. As Humanitarian Deployment Officer you will facilitate communications between country programmes, HSTs and their line managers and take the lead on the deployment paperwork and security briefings. You will also be responsible for maintaining accurate records of each deployment on the deployment database.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Humanitarian Evidence, Effectiveness and Accountability Advise – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Evidence, Effectiveness & Accountability Adviser and improve the effectiveness and accountability of Save the Children's emergency response programmes, through developing and supporting consistent, coherent and practical Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) tools and approaches.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)



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Senior Conflict & Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser – Save the Children

We are looking for a motivated and experienced **Senior Conflict & Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser** to lead our advocacy and development of policy on international conflict and humanitarian issues. With an initial focus on the crisis in Syria, you will directly influence government and UN policy and practice.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 9th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Team Coordinator, Wales – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as **Team Coordinator** and provide proactive and comprehensive administration, information and support service to our Wales team and UK core team based in Wales. As Team Coordinator you will lead the effective operations of our Welsh programme by working alongside the programmes and campaigns teams and becoming an informed key contact handling internal and external enquiries in a professional manner. In addition, you will work with the Head of Country to foster better cross-departmental and cross-organisational ways of working and information sharing.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 11th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Logistics Manager Emergency Health Unit – Save the Children

We are looking for an experienced individual to join us as Logistics Manager– Emergency Health Unit to facilitate the delivery of emergency public health services for children and their families who have been affected by a humanitarian disaster. It is an essential role of the Emergency Health Unit ensuring that critical supplies and expertise are ready to respond to health emergencies. As Logistics Manager you will provide expertise and leadership to the deployment of one of the three PHT modules with particular focus on preparedness and prioritisation of the supply chain and set-up.

Location: Internationally Mobile.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)



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Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser, Country Support – Save the Children

As our charismatic, organised and influential Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser – Country Support you'll make a huge difference to vulnerable children's lives as you lead the operational arm of our Humanitarian Health Team, ensuring quality technical support at field level and acting as a focal point for the team's emergency health operations. In this key, senior role you will oversee the work of approximately 15 country-facing health staff, directly line managing 4 – 6 individuals. You will ensure an effective response to new, large-scale emergencies and support the ongoing development of the Emergency Health Unit model of self-contained emergency health capacity.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser, Thematic Support – Save the Children

As our charismatic, organised and influential **Senior Humanitarian Health Adviser – Thematic Support** you'll make a huge difference to vulnerable children's lives, as you oversee policy and thematic support work relating to humanitarian health at Save the Children UK, and provide thematic leadership for humanitarian health programmes across the Save the Children movement. In this key, senior role you will direct the work of approximately 8 – 12 staff, directly line managing around 5 individuals, and assuming responsibility for a budget portfolio of up to £5m. You will lead and co-ordinate thematic guidance, policy development and innovation initiatives, ensure the team deliver on the agreed work plan, and that they follow organisational guidelines and are well motivated and supported.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 17th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)



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Education Technical Lead – Relief International

RI is looking to expand its educational programming in emergency, protracted relief and recovery, and development settings in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. The main focus of the Education Technical Lead will focus on program design (including work in supporting new business development); technical advising during program implementation (including on activities and M&E); and facilitating learning within the organization from lessons learned on RI projects and best practices within the Education sector globally.

Location: Kenya, Philippines, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 18th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Reproductive Health Manager – International Rescue Committee

The Reproductive Health Manager will be responsible for overseeing the Reproductive Health (RH) program in the field locations and supervising the implementation of the three core aspects of reproductive health: 1° Safe motherhood and Family Planning; 2° Post Abortion Care (PAC) and; 3° Emergency Obstetrical Care in, under supervision of the Field Coordinator.

Location: Chad.

Application deadline: March 19th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Child Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Child Protection (CP) Coordinator will be responsible for all aspects of strategy development, program development and design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of all CP related activities within the IRC Jordan country program. The CP Coordinator will also ensure that those interventions are technically sound, taking into account international best practices, and are appropriately meeting the needs of the beneficiaries in target communities.

Location: Jordan.

Application deadline: March 21st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Agresso Developer – Save the Children

We are looking for an Agresso Developer to embark on a significant business change project which will involve replacing the current aging legacy finance systems currently used for budgeting, reporting, fixed assets and financial grant management with a single integrated finance management system (Agresso). You will be responsible for designing, building, testing and delivering developments in accordance with agreed Agresso development plans.

Location: London.

Application deadline: March 23rd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (Save the Children)

Finance Controller – International Rescue Committee

The Financial Controller has overall policy and management responsibility for the finance and accounting functions for the country program. The Finance Controller's responsibilities include general controllership, staff training, management, treasury and budget functions.

Location: Greece.

Application deadline: March 24th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Women's and Children's Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The IRC is recruiting an experienced Senior Women and Children Protection Coordinator to oversee a comprehensive portfolio of women and children protection projects that includes targeted, short-term emergency response actions, as well as longer-term interventions in line with IRC's WPE and CYPD strategies.

Location: Liberia.

Application deadline: March 24th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Technical Advisor, Health Programs, Francophone & Countries – International Rescue Committee

The Technical Advisor, Health serves as the primary source of health technical support for designated IRC country programs and interfaces between the field staff in the designated countries and the health unit. The position works in collaboration with the Technical Advisor, Environmental Health in the designated countries as one country support team.

Location: New York, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 25th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Protection Coordinator will be responsible for providing strategic direction and vision to the IRC's Protection programming in North Kivu. He/she will be responsible for the overall quality implementation of all aspects of the Emergency Protection Rapid Response project as well as potential new Protection programming. As such, the Coordinator will ensure components such as training, coordination, advocacy, community action and information dissemination that are common to all sub-sectors are targeted, meet needs, do not duplicate efforts and complement the overall IRC emergency Protection response. The Protection Coordinator will oversee a Protection Manager, a Child, Youth and Protection Development Manager, Gender Based Violence (GBV) Manager, as well as a Health Manager.

Location: Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Application deadline: March 27th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Program Associate Central Asia – Freedom House

The Senior Program Associate will provide programmatic support including finance, logistical, administrative, research, writing and data analysis assistance to Central Asia and other Eurasia programmatic portfolios, as required. This position is based in Washington, DC and reports to the Program Manager for Eurasia. NOTE: This position assignment will last until September 2016 and is renewable, contingent upon funding.

Location: Washington, United States of America.

Application deadline: March 28th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Chief of Party, Development Food Assistance Program – Mercy Corps

The Chief of Party will provide overall leadership, management and strategic vision to the implementation of a five-year, multi-million dollar USAID/Food for Peace funded Development Food Assistance Program. S/he will manage staff, resources and partnerships to ensure that the program meets its targets and deliverables on-time and within budget. The CoP will supervise program staff and ensure accountability to Mercy Corps' policies and donor rules and regulations. S/he will be the primary program representative to donors, relevant government entities, partners, other implementers and external stakeholders.

Location: Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Application deadline: March 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Grants Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

Based in Antakya, the Grants Coordinator will work with the Deputy Director of Programs (DDP) to maintain quality grants and sub-grants coordination for all country program grants. Reporting to the DDP, this position will work closely with all departments and staff including program coordinators, finance and operations on compliance, donor regulations, business development and reporting. The Grants Coordinator will supervise a team of four including two expatriate staff: Sr. Grants Manager and Grants Manager.

Location: Antakya, Turkey.

Application deadline: March 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

A Deputy Head of Mission Programme Implementation in Lebanon – Première urgence Aide médicale internationale

As part of our activities in Lebanon, we are looking for a Deputy Head of Mission Programme Implementation. Under the supervision of the Head of Mission (HoM), the Deputy Head of Mission for Program Implementation (DHOMP) ensures the follow-up of qualitative and operational aspects of the mission's programs. He/She guarantees the effective, efficient and qualitative implementation of all activities from a comprehensive project cycle management perspective.

Location: Lebanon.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Chief of Party – FHI 360

As Chief of Party (COP) of the USAID-funded Integrated Service Delivery and Health Behavior Project (ISD-HB), holds primary responsibility for the achievement of project objectives and intended results, the effective management and development of project staff, award compliance, and fulfillment of requirements and deliverables specified by USAID, the government of Senegal, and FHI 360's regional and headquarters offices.

Location: Dakar, Sénégal.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Director, Finance and Operations – FHI 360

FHI 360 is seeking qualified candidates for the positions for an anticipated USAID-funded opportunity: Health-Social and Behavior Change Communication (Health-SBCC) in Malawi. The activity will support the Government of Malawi efforts to expand access to sustainable health services and products, and increase understanding, acceptance, and demand for health services and resources. As USAID/Malawi's health communication flagship, Health-SBCC will build national capacity to design, implement, and evaluate coordinated, evidence- and theory -based, and innovative communications interventions related to reproductive health and family planning (FP/RH); malaria; maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH); nutrition; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Director, Monitoring and Evaluation – FHI 360

FHI 360 is seeking qualified candidates for the positions for an anticipated USAID-funded opportunity: Health-Social and Behavior Change Communication (Health-SBCC) in Malawi. The activity will support the Government of Malawi efforts to expand access to sustainable health services and products, and increase understanding, acceptance, and demand for health services and resources. As USAID/Malawi's health communication flagship, Health-SBCC will build national capacity to design, implement, and evaluate coordinated, evidence- and theory -based, and innovative communications interventions related to reproductive health and family planning (FP/RH); malaria; maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH); nutrition; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Location: Lilongwe, Malawi.

Application deadline: March 31st, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

National Director – ChildFund International

The National Director (ND) is responsible for providing overall vision and strategic leadership to the Kenya program. The ND is also responsible for the operational health and performance that supports the mission and strategic direction of the organization and acts as a resource to other national offices, the regional team and the organization as a whole based on areas of expertise.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya.

Application deadline: April 3rd, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

The Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator will ensure that the IRC Turkey country program implements the monitoring and evaluation commitments as set out in its Strategic Action Plan -SAP 2020. Core to that will be ensuring that suitable monitoring and evaluation system are in place, implemented as intended, and reporting in a comprehensive and timely manner to facilitate program coordinators and managers deliver programs that achieve the desired outcomes / impacts.

Location: Hatay, Turkey.

Application deadline: April 30th, 2016.

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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4. Children and Armed Conflicts

Global - Human Rights Council Report: Increasingly Complex and Widening Conflicts Take Huge Toll on Children in 2015

February 15th, 2016 - Increasingly complex and widening conflicts have taken a huge toll on children in much of the Middle East in 2015, with parts of Africa and Asia facing protracted and relapsing wars that show no signs of abating, wrote Leila Zerrougui, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, in her annual report to the Human Rights Council. The Report covers the period from December 2014 to December 2015.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Global - Leila Zerrougui answers questions about the Recruitment and use of child soldiers

February 12th, 2016 - How many child soldiers are there in the world? Tens of thousands of boys and girls are recruited and used as child soldiers by armed forces and armed groups in conflict in over 20 countries around the world. The United Nations monitors who and where children are recruited around the world. The Secretary-General names parties to conflict who recruit and use children in his annual report on children and armed conflict. There are currently 56 parties to conflict identified and listed by the Secretary-General because the UN has documented patterns of recruitment and use of child soldiers.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Global - International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers: Child Soldiers are Boys and Girls we Failed to Protect

February 12th, 2016 - As we mark the International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, tens of thousands of boys and girls are associated with armed forces and groups in conflicts in over 20 countries around the world. “Again this year, the multiplication of conflicts and the brutality of tactics of war have made children extremely vulnerable to recruitment and use,” said Leila Zerrougui, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. In the most recent Annual report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict, 56 of the 57 parties to conflict identified for grave violations against children are named because they are recruiting and using child soldiers.

[Full Article](#) (Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict – ONU)



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Global - Radio is vital for communicating during emergencies

February 12th, 2016 - “There is no question of the value of radio when disasters occur. “The radio has been what we have turned to for generations when the world is falling apart –whether from war, from earthquake, from tsunami, or from disease outbreak. “During World War II, radio brought to our grandparents’ words of assurance from their leaders as well as information about what was happening on the battlegrounds. “Today, even with the explosion of new means of communication, radio remains a vital tool, available when broad-bands fail, or when the electricity goes in the wake of a disaster.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Global - Putting Smiles on Orphans' Faces

February 9th, 2016 - A civil society group working in Idlib and the surrounding countryside is helping hundreds of local children who have lost family in the conflict. The al-Huda charitable organisation was set up in late August 2012 after Kfar Nabel was liberated from the government forces. It distributes funds to each bereaved child and is aiming to establish a community centre where orphans can receive dedicated help.

[Full Article](#) (Institute for War & Peace Reporting)

Global - Defending the rights of “lost migrant children”

February 4th, 2016 - According to a Europol report this week, 10,000 unaccompanied minors have disappeared in Europe without a trace. Several media have turned to Terre des hommes to explain the phenomenon. Terre des hommes (Tdh) is recognised as an expert in the field of child migration and published a major report on the issue in 2008.

[Full Article](#) (Terre des hommes)

Global - With growing numbers of child deaths at sea, UN agencies call for enhancing safety for refugees and migrants

February 16th, 2016 - An average of two children have drowned every day since September 2015 as their families try to cross the eastern Mediterranean, and the number of child deaths is growing said IOM, UNHCR, and UNICEF. The agencies are calling for enhancing the safety of those escaping conflict and despair. Since last September, when the tragic death of toddler Aylan Kurdi captured the world's attention, more than 340 children, many of them babies and toddlers, have drowned in the eastern Mediterranean.

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Afghanistan – Guidelines Launched to Prevent Recruitment and Use of Children in Armed Forces

February 9th, 2016 - To prevent and respond to child recruitment and use in the National Security Forces, and to improve age-verification mechanisms, the Government of Afghanistan officially launched age assessment guidelines at a high-level meeting in Kabul. Prepared by experts, practitioners, and government officials, with the technical assistance of UNAMA and UNICEF, the age assessment guidelines are designed to be applied during any recruitment process into the Afghan security forces.

[Full Article](#) (UNAMA)

Afghanistan - Taliban Child Soldier Recruitment Surges

February 17th, 2016 - Taliban forces in Afghanistan have added scores of children to their ranks since mid-2015 in violation of the international prohibition on the use of child soldiers, Human Rights Watch said today. New Human Rights Watch research shows that the Taliban have been training and deploying children for various military operations including the production and planting of improvised explosive devices (IED). In Kunduz province, the Taliban have increasingly used madrasas, or Islamic religious schools, to provide military training to children between the ages of 13 and 17, many of whom have been deployed in combat.

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

Afghanistan - Ms. Leila Zerrougui Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict visits Kabul

February 16th, 2016 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with UNAMA and UNICEF held a meeting to welcome Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and discuss the implementation of Afghan government's commitments towards protecting the rights of children affected by armed conflict. According to the 2010 report of Ms. Kara Korumi, UN Special Rapporteur, the name of Afghan National Police was added to the UN Secretary General list of shame, based on underage recruitment in Afghan National Security Forces.

[Full Article](#) (Government of Afghanistan)



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Afghanistan - Afghan Government's efforts to protect children hailed by top UN official

February 16th, 2016 - Recognizing the progress made by the Afghan Government to prevent the recruitment and use of children in the National Security Forces, a top UN official renewed the world body's pledge to support Afghanistan to further protect children in the country. "We cannot build sustainable peace if we don't address the needs of children and if we don't seriously protect them," said Leila Zerrougui, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, at a press conference in Kabul.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Afghanistan - Assassinated at 12: rights groups condemn killing of Afghan militia boy

February 4th, 2016 - Rights groups on Thursday condemned the use of child combatants in Afghanistan after the Taliban shot dead a 12-year-old boy who rose to fame last summer when he joined a militia to fight the insurgents. Wasil Ahmad was shot in the head twice by Taliban militants riding a motorcycle as he made his way to school in the volatile city of Trin Kot, capital of southern Uruzgan province, months after leaving a militia force and enrolling in the fourth grade. The cherubic pre-teen had become a poster-child for pro-government forces after he reportedly helped his uncle and other militia fighters break a Taliban siege last summer in his home province.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Afghanistan - Plus de 11 000 civils tués ou blessés en 2015

15 février 2016 - L'année 2015 a été la plus sanglante pour les civils en Afghanistan depuis que l'ONU a commencé en 2009 à compter le nombre d'Afghans tués ou blessés dans le conflit, une hausse qui coïncide avec la fin de la mission de combat de l'OTAN. La guerre a fait au total 11 002 victimes civiles, dont 3545 morts, en 2015, un chiffre en hausse de 4 % par rapport à l'année précédente, a annoncé l'ONU dimanche dans son rapport annuel, qui montre du doigt l'augmentation des attaques des talibans dans les villes.

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Afghanistan - Afghan Girls Mourn Lost Education

February 21st, 2016 - Soala gazes at her prized high school diploma with tears in her eyes. Having graduated at the top of her class from the Zarghuna Ana high school in Kandahar province, she had dreamed of going on to study medicine. But her hopes were dashed when her father and older brother said that they would not allow her to carry on her education. As a doctor, Soala said, she would have been able to serve the wider society and help rebuild her country. Conservative traditions now meant that her studies were at an end.

[Full Article](#) (Institute for War & Peace Reporting)

Burundi - Nouvelles attaques à la grenade à Bujumbura

17 février 2016 - Plus de 60 blessés ont été soignés dans le centre de traumatologie de Médecins sans frontière (MSF) lundi à Bujumbura après une série d'attaques à la grenade dans la capitale du Burundi, a indiqué mardi l'ONG. « MSF a pris en charge plus de 60 personnes ce lundi matin après une série d'explosions de grenades dans divers lieux de Bujumbura », a annoncé l'organisation qui a dû « déclencher un plan catastrophe » afin de faire face à cet afflux.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Cameroun - Lutter contre des « barbares déshumanisés »

13 février 2016 - Une « horde de barbares complètement déshumanisés ». Le ministre de la Communication au sein du gouvernement camerounais, Issa Tchiroma Bakary, n'a pas de mots assez durs pour qualifier les combattants de la secte djihadiste Boko Haram. « Ils ont perdu le sens de la vie, de l'humanité », ajoute de sa voix grave cet homme de grande taille, vêtu d'un costume traditionnel bleu clair comme on le porte dans l'extrême-nord, son coin de pays. Et où frappe sans relâche Boko Haram. Selon lui, « nous [les Camerounais] ne sommes que des victimes collatérales du terrorisme », en référence au fait que les assises de Boko Haram sont de l'autre côté de la frontière, au Nigéria. N'empêche, le Cameroun se retrouve sur la ligne de front dans la lutte contre la secte djihadiste.

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Centrafrique - Quatre nouvelles victimes présumées d'abus sexuels par des Casques bleus

16 février 2016 - L'ONU a déclaré mardi avoir identifié quatre nouvelles victimes présumées d'exploitation et d'abus sexuels impliquant des Casques bleus de la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation en République centrafricaine (MINUSCA). Ces nouvelles allégations concernent des soldats de la MINUSCA en provenance de la République démocratique du Congo (RDC), a déclaré le porte-parole adjoint du Secrétaire général de l'ONU, Farhan Haq, à New York.

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

Centrafrique – L'école malgré tout, pour les enfants déplacés

10 février 2016 - "Jean a 12 ans, il a été enlevé par les malfaiteurs pour devenir enfant-soldat": Jean pourrait être n'importe lequel des enfants du camp de déplacés de Mpoko, dans Bangui. Mais il s'agit d'un garçon fictif du cours de grammaire de Madame Lydie, enseignante improvisée d'une école temporaire. A quelques jours du second tour de la présidentielle, censée sortir la très pauvre Centrafrique de trois ans de violences intercommunautaires, plus de 20.000 personnes survivent toujours dans ce vaste camp miséreux qui jouxte l'aéroport, assistées par des agences onusiennes et humanitaires.

[Article Complet](#) (Reliefweb)

Centrafrique - De nouvelles accusations d'abus sexuels portées contre les casques bleus de la MINUSCA

4 février 2016 - La Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations Unies pour la stabilisation en République centrafricaine (MINUSCA) a identifié sept nouvelles présumées victimes d'exploitation et d'abus sexuels à Bambari. Ces cas ont été portés à l'attention de la Mission le 21 janvier 2016 par une équipe de chercheurs de Human Rights Watch. L'équipe a communiqué cette information à la MINUSCA afin que des soins médicaux et psycho-sociaux soient prodigués aux victimes et afin que la Mission endosse toute sa responsabilité pour ces présumés crimes.

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Central African Republic - School is a sanctuary for displaced Central African kids

February 14th, 2016 - In the sprawling tent city near Bangui airport, even the children's grammar lessons are a reminder of what pupils have been through. "Jean is 12," reads the teacher's example. "He was kidnapped by bad men to become a child soldier." Sunday's presidential election in the Central African Republic has raised hopes of a fresh start for a country torn by nearly three years of deadly sectarian bloodshed. But more than 20,000 people displaced by the conflict are still scraping by in the capital's Mpoko camp -- including thousands of traumatised children who have witnessed murderous brutality.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Central African Republic – Magic, militias and rare redemption: reintegrating CAR’s child soldiers

February 12th, 2016 - Eric Mamboué tells a story that goes to the heart of what it means to be a child soldier, perfectly capturing the anomaly of a term that applies to tens of thousands of children and teenagers across the world. The Burkinabé head of War Child UK’s operations in Central African Republic describes a 14-year-old boy who had joined one of the so-called anti-balaka (anti-machete) militias and become close to its leader, a man said to have mystical powers that meant bullets could not harm him.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Colombia - UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Welcomes FARC-EP’s Decision to End Child Recruitment

February 11th, 2016 - The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui, welcomes yesterday’s confirmation by the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo (FARC-EP) that they will stop the recruitment and use of children under 18. “I am heartened by the FARC-EP’s public announcement and, as the peace negotiations are progressing, I am pleased to see that the protection of children continues to receive the attention it deserves,” declared Leila Zerrougui.

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Colombia - Ex-rebel fighters struggle to find jobs, rebuild lives

February 19th, 2016 - Deep in the Colombian jungle, child fighter Yeimi Diaz feared for her life as members of Latin America's oldest guerrilla group held a meeting to decide whether to order a firing squad to shoot her. In the 14 years she fought for the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) rebels, Diaz faced two such councils. "A war council is almost always a death sentence," she said, recalling the way the FARC punished fighters who broke its rules. "I got lucky. A guerrilla commander who knew my mother stepped in at the last minute and voted to save my life," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

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

Darfur - Amid fresh violence, thousands of displaced people now gathering near UN mission base

February 17th, 2016 - The number of civilians fleeing the recent conflict in the Jebel Marra area in Sudan's Darfur region has jumped to 73,000 from 38,000, according to United Nations estimates, as some 30,000 people flocked to Sortony, where the displaced have been gathering next to a base operated by the African Union-UN Mission in Darfur (UNAMID). Civilians have been leaving the Jebel Marra since hostilities between the Government and a faction of the Sudan Liberation Army escalated in mid-January, and arriving in three main locations in North Darfur state, including an established camp for the displaced in Tawilla, which has accommodated 18,000 individuals since mid-January.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

Darfur - Child burns to death in Jebel Marra raids

February 19th, 2016 - A child burned to death when militiamen attacked a village near Tabit, North Darfur, on Friday afternoon, and set it ablaze. In west Jebel Marra, three persons sustained injuries when militiamen raided Tur. Pro-government militiamen, driving four vehicles and riding camels, attacked Taradona, six kilometres west of Tabit, in the afternoon, a witness reported. They opened fire on the homes and drove out the villagers. Their money and livestock was stolen. The gunfire resulted in a fire that spread through the village and completely burned out a number of homes. 5-year-old Mohaidin Saleh burned to death in his home.

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Democratic Republic of Congo - MONUSCO committed to ending the recruitment of child soldiers into armed groups.

February 12th, 2016 - Maman Sambo Sidikou, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in the DRC, points out that the objective of the celebration of this day is to raise public awareness on the suffering faced by child soldiers around the world and in the Democratic Republic in particular. « It is regrettable to note that the armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo continue to recruit children in large numbers, thus exposing them to great risks and denying them the enjoyment of their fundamental rights.

[Full Article](#) (MONUSCO)

Democratic Republic of Congo – Children who survived measles are now suffering from malnutrition and malaria

February 24th, 2016 - As the measles epidemic gradually fades in the Tanganyika province of the Democratic Republic of Congo, malaria and malnutrition often form a deadly combination for children. In order to face this situation, MSF – in collaboration with the Congolese Ministry of Health – continues to support the Manono health zone for the management of severe acute malnutrition and pediatric emergencies and is opening a similar project in Kabalo.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Greece - Four-year-old Afghan boy dies on migrant boat

February 17th, 2016 - A four-year-old boy died on a boat crossing the Aegean Sea, the Greek coastguard said Wednesday, as the flow of refugees and migrants increased again after a brief drop in numbers. The body of the boy, identified as Afghan by aid groups, was found in a boat that landed on the island of Chios, the coastguard said. His family were among 600 migrants who arrived on the island on Wednesday, the day after the government inaugurated a registration facility to regulate the influx to Greece's eastern Aegean islands after over 800,000 people fleeing war and poverty landed there last year.

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Iraq - Save the Children - Providing Assistance throughout Iraq

February 16th, 2016 - Save the Children is currently responding to the needs of both Syrian refugee and IDP families, in camp and non-camp settings in the governorates of Dohuk, Ninewa, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk, Diyala, and Salahedin by ensuring that children have access to quality education, healthcare, and protection services. Save the Children is ensuring that children benefit from government actions that create an environment of awareness and accountability to uphold child rights.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Kenya - Report Shows Rape Victims in Kenya Post-election Violence Still Suffer

February 16th, 2016 - Hundreds of women and girls still bear the physical and mental scars of sexual violence following Kenya's post-election turmoil in 2007 and 2008. A new Human Rights Watch report released Monday says the government has not helped them. Human Rights Watch said some 900 women and girls were victims of sexual violence during the post-election period and many cases likely were unreported. The group said lack of medical attention left many survivors unable to work or pursue an education, and therefore they remain stuck in poverty.

[Full Article](#) (News from Africa)

Macedonia - Long journey to Europe: a father's perspective

February 15th, 2016 - "We thought that if we held the babies up high – if they could see them – they would stop making waves...stop trying to capsize our boat." "They," Marwan,* 29, told me, were men in motor boats who menacingly circled the 7ft inflatable dinghy into which he and 25 others – including babies and children – were crammed for the perilous crossing between Turkey and Greece. "They" made the boat rock so much, he feared it would sink, drowning him, his pregnant wife, his brother, his brother's wife and their baby.

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Malaysia - provides humanitarian assistance to 1000 Syrian refugee children and women

February 15th, 2016 - Malaysia provided humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees in Shebaa village, located some 150 km from Beirut deep in mountainous region of southeast Lebanon. The village is close to the Syrian border and Israeli occupied Shebaa farms. According to Mr. Mohammad al-Saadi, the Head of Social Development Centre in Shebaa, Malaysia is the first country that had distributed humanitarian assistance to the refugees in that village.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Nepal - No peace for Nepal's ex-child soldiers, 20 years after war

February 12th, 2016 - Wincing with pain every time he walks, Bijay Rai is constantly reminded of his decision to join the Maoist army aged 14, as one of Nepal's thousands of child soldiers. Rai voluntarily took part in the Maoist's decade-long insurgency, launching attacks on government and army posts, because he believed they were fighting for Nepal's millions of poor and oppressed. But 20 years since the war began, and almost 10 years after it ended, Rai, unable to hold a job because of the bullet shards embedded in his arms and legs, said he feels betrayed and abandoned by the Maoist leadership.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Nigeria - Drame humanitaire dans le sillage des djihadistes

13 février 2016 - Le groupe terroriste le plus meurtrier au monde sévit au coeur de l'Afrique. Principalement implanté au Nigéria, Boko Haram jette aussi son dévolu sur les pays voisins. Le Cameroun est l'un de ceux-là. Loin des regards du monde, les Camerounais subissent les violences des extrémistes, auxquels ils livrent bataille. Portrait d'un pays en guerre. Adji Abani se souvient de l'heure, à la minute près, à laquelle Boko Haram est venu frapper son village. C'était le 12 août dernier, à 20h12, alors que le soleil avait déjà caché ses rayons. Ce n'était pas la première fois que la secte djihadiste venait cogner aux portes de la ville, rappelle-t-il. Mais en cette soirée d'été, dans le village de Blamé, à quelques kilomètres de la frontière nigériane, Boko Haram n'allait pas faire de quartiers. Au petit matin, le soleil s'est levé sur une bourgade qui comptait huit villageois en moins, des dizaines de maisons rasées par les flammes et des voitures calcinées.

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Nigeria - Boko Haram: children among villagers burned to death in Nigeria attack

February 1st, 2016 - Scores of people, including children, have been killed in a Nigerian town by Boko Haram fighters who shot at villagers and set fire to their homes in the latest deadly attack by the Islamist militant group. The attack took place on Saturday in the village of Dalori, which lies about 12km (seven miles) from the northern city of Maiduguri, the birthplace of Boko Haram and the biggest city in Nigeria's north-east.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Nigeria - Girls released from Boko Haram captivity rejected by society - New report

February 16th, 2016 - Girls and women kidnapped by Nigeria's insurgent group, Jamā'at Ahl as-Sunnah lid-da'wa wal-Jihād (JAS), commonly known as Boko Haram, face mistrust and persecution upon their return to society, according to new research by International Alert and UNICEF, released today. "These findings show a pressing need to do more to re-integrate those returning from captivity by Boko Haram," says Alert's peacebuilding adviser in Nigeria, Kimairis Toogood. "Many of these girls already face lasting trauma of sexual violence and being separated from their families, so we must ensure they get all the support they need when they finally return."

[Full Article](#) (International Alert)

Nigeria - Rescued from Boko Haram, one girl hankers for life with militant husband

February 5th, 2016- Almost a year after she was rescued from Boko Haram captivity by the Nigerian army, 16-year-old Zara John is still in love with one of the Islamic militants who abducted her. She was delighted to discover that she was pregnant with his child following a urine and blood test carried out by a doctor in the refugee camp to which she was taken after her rescue.

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Pakistan - Five more children die in Thar, toll rises to 167

February 6th, 2016 - Five children died, three of them in government hospitals, across Thar on Friday, raising the death toll to 167 since Jan 1 when the children's deaths caused by an outbreak of waterborne diseases and malnutrition hit the headlines. Twelve-month-old Natho Bheel, eight-month-old Hamida and seven-month-old Saghir died at the Mithi Civil Hospital, two-year-old Amia died at the Nagarparkar rural health centre and a newborn died in a village near Chelhar.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Pakistan - Thar children's deaths show no signs of abating as eight more die

February 14th, 2016 - The ongoing human tragedy of deaths of children in Thar shows no signs of abating, despite tall claims by the government that it has provided the best healthcare facilities, as eight more babies died of malnutrition and waterborne diseases over the past two days. Four children died on Saturday and as many died a day before. Of them, a six-month-old baby Kavita and two other newborn babies died at the Mithi Civil Hospital and five-month-old Pirbhu died at rural health centre in Islamkot on Saturday.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

Palestine - UNRWA and the Lajee Center inaugurate the first child-friendly spaces in Aida refugee camp

February 17th, 2016 - Today, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the Lajee Center inaugurated the first ever child-friendly spaces – a football pitch and a playground – in Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem. The new child-friendly spaces have been made possible with a generous contribution from the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) and will provide the children of Aida camp with a rare opportunity to play and make new friends within a very challenging environment.

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Palestine - Students from 16 UNRWA SCHOOLS In North Gaza Volunteer to Clean and Beautify Their Schools

February 17th, 2016 - In the spirit of International Volunteer Day, on 4 February, 200 UNRWA students – together with UNRWA counsellors, teachers, their parents and local community leaders – participated in a ‘volunteering day’ activity in North Gaza to promote volunteering among youth in Gaza. “I felt very happy participating in this volunteering day and cleaning my school and the surrounding area. I wish to have regular activities like this one,” commented Ibrahim Saleh, a third-grade student.

[Full Article](#) (UNRWA)

Palestine - Two Israelis jailed for burning Palestinian teen alive

February 4th, 2016 - A court sentenced two young Israelis to life and 21 years in prison Thursday for the 2014 burning alive of a Palestinian teenager. The sentencing came amid a wave of Palestinian stabbings, shootings and car-rammings that erupted in October, including an attack in Jerusalem on Wednesday that killed a policewoman. The two Israelis sentenced were minors at the time of the chilling attack in which they and a third man snatched Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16, from an east Jerusalem street then killed him.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Philippines - Dispatches: Fighting Over Child Soldiers in the Philippines

February 16th, 2016 - There are fresh allegations that the rebel New People’s Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is still recruiting children for use as fighters. The Armed Forces of the Philippines announced last week that a 14-year-old boy was among two suspected NPA fighters captured after what the military called a “legitimate encounter” on February 9, in Compostela Valley province on the southern island of Mindanao.

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



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Philippines - Congress passes groundbreaking bill protecting children hit by disasters

February 17th, 2016 - The Philippines is now one step closer to enacting the 'Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act' after the Senate and House of Representatives passed the groundbreaking bill. The landmark legislation— which is first of its kind in Asia—will create a national program that will provide enhanced protection and relief assistance to millions of Filipino children affected by calamities.

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

République Démocratique du Congo - Innocent : ancien enfant soldat, aujourd'hui revit à travers le centre de transit et d'orientation de Goma

12 février 2016 - Pour les garçons âgés de 12 à 16 ans du centre de transit et d'orientation (CTO) de Goma, géré par l'association CAJED (Concert d'Actions pour Jeunes et Enfants Défavorisés) avec l'appui de l'UNICEF, la journée démarre à 7h00 par le petit-déjeuner. Les jeunes sont ensuite répartis dans différents groupes pour suivre, selon leurs choix, des cours d'alphabétisation, de remise à niveau scolaire, ou d'initiation au dessin, à la couture, au chant, à la musique ou à la danse. Dans l'après-midi, après le repas et une sortie en ville accompagnée, ils pourront se détendre : aujourd'hui, Dieudonné est venu les initier à la capoeira !

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

République Démocratique du Congo - Je dessine et j'écris contre toutes les violences : 400 jeunes participent à un concours de dessins et de poèmes

10 février 2016 - Emmanuel, en classe de 6^{ème} primaire, a 11 ans. Il est scolarisé à Goma (Nord-Kivu) et a gagné le concours de poésie-catégorie primaire. Voici ce qu'il a écrit sur le thème de la lutte contre le mariage forcé et précoce : « Refuse ses bonbons et ses cadeaux. Il ne te fait pas un don. Derrière cela, il y a une intention. À quoi il faut faire attention. Tous ces mots mielleux prononcés. Ne visent en réalité qu'un mariage forcé. T'obligeant à accepter ces mensonges. Sans retenir le fond de son message.

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Rwanda - Ishema Mu Muryango: Pride for the Family - Stories of Successful Reintegration

February 19th, 2016- Ishema Mu Muryango ('Pride for the Family' in Kinyarwanda) was a two-year program funded by USAID's Displaced Children and Orphans Funds (DCOF). The program goal was to safely and sustainably reintegrate children living in institutions in two districts of Rwanda back into their families or communities, and prevent further institutionalization through family-based alternative care options that are suitable and sustainable.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Sierra Leone - Group in Sierra Leone Determined to Raise Awareness of FGM Dangers

February 10th, 2016 - As a child, Anne-Marie Caulkner was forced to undergo female genital mutilation, or FGM, which some people refer to as female circumcision. The traditional practice removes some or all parts of the external female genitalia. It is seen by some as a rite of passage for girls and a way to make a girl more appealing to a husband. Caulkner said the violation was so severe it prompted her to form her own nongovernmental organization, the National Movement for Emancipation and Progress (NAMEP). The group works with local communities to educate them about the dangerous effects of FGM, such as health complications.

[Full Article](#) (News from Africa)

South Sudan - Back to Learning Campaign targeting 5,500 school age children launched in Bentiu

February 10th, 2016 - The Ministry of Education with the support of UNICEF, launched a "Back to Learning Campaign" in Bentiu targeting the enrollment of 5,500 school age children. Speaking during the launch, deputy top authority in Unity, John Juor Yoach said children are the future of tomorrow in any nation and the state government and its partners will work together as partners to promote educational activities.

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Sudan - UNICEF Sudan Humanitarian Situation Report, January 2016

January 31st, 2016 - Renewed fighting in the Jabel Marra area of Central Darfur has displaced an estimated 44,700 people. The displaced have sought refuge in Kebkabiya and Tawilla localities in North Darfur. Others have fled to Nertiti and Thur in Central Darfur. The expulsion of Tearfund puts over 17,000 acutely malnourished children supported through 34 nutritional centres at risk. UNICEF, as provider of last resort, has been supporting the continuation of WASH and nutrition services. USD \$800,000 is required to sustain these interventions over a period of three months.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Sudan - clashes sends tens of thousands of children into flight: UN

February 18th, 2016 - Tens of thousands of children fleeing clashes in the Jebel Marra mountains of Sudan's conflict-torn Darfur have faced traumatic escapes, the United Nations children's agency UNICEF told AFP on Thursday. In the isolated area's biggest civilian displacement in a decade, clashes between ethnic minority rebels and troops in Jebel Marra that erupted on January 15 have forced 82,727 civilians to seek shelter, 60 percent of them children, according to UN estimates. "Children who already have very little are once again traumatised with what seems to be an endless, endless war," said Geert Cappelaere, head of UNICEF in Sudan.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Syrie - Caritas demande que plus d'actions soient prises pour protéger la santé mentale des enfants réfugiés syriens

4 février 2016 - Malak, une petite réfugiée syrienne de six ans, est hantée par ses cauchemars. Après le bombardement de sa maison et l'agression de sa famille, elle a été contrainte de fuir au Liban. Elle a vu son oncle et son grand-père se faire tuer par des terroristes et son père se faire enlever. Aujourd'hui, Malak refuse de dormir toute seule. Sabah, elle aussi âgée de six ans, avait l'habitude de jouer dans un champ à côté de sa maison à Homs. Cet endroit de verdure fait maintenant office de fosse où s'entassent les corps des combattants. Elle aussi a du mal à dormir. Elle a peur qu'il y ait des monstres dans sa maison.

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Syria - crisis hits new low as hospitals and schools hit by airstrikes

February 16th, 2016 - The airstrikes that hit schools and hospitals in northern Syria yesterday killing up to 50 people marks a new low in the conflict, says Islamic Relief. “Yesterday was a dark day for women and children in Syria,” said Ahmed, an Islamic Relief staff member working in Syria. “The people killed included pregnant women and newborn babies in incubators. This is simply unacceptable.”

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Syria - Russian and Syrian forces must end deliberate attacks on hospitals

February 15th, 2016 - Attacks on at least two medical facilities in Syria today are just the latest of scores of apparently deliberate attacks on hospitals, clinics and medical personnel being committed in flagrant violation of international humanitarian law, Amnesty International said. “Russian and Syrian forces know full well that deliberate attacks on medical facilities are war crimes. All parties to the conflict must cease such horrific attacks, stop destroying medical facilities and allow medical workers to carry out their life-saving work without fear of being killed or injured in the line of duty,” said Said Boumedouha, Deputy Middle East and North Africa Programme Director at Amnesty International.

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty International)

Syria - International day against the use of Child Soldiers: 214 children have been demobilized in Syria since 2014

February 11th, 2016 - Tomorrow, 12 February 2015, is the International Against the use of Child Soldiers. Geneva Call is working in 10 countries to prohibit the use of children in hostilities by armed groups. Our countries of operations include Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Democratic Republic of Congo and Colombia. 17 armed groups have signed Geneva Call's Deed of Commitment protecting children in armed conflict including the Kurdish armed forces in Syria. For the sixth time since the Syrian Kurdish armed forces signed this Deed in 2014, a team from Geneva Call went to Syria to monitor the situation related to the use of child soldiers by those forces.

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Turkey - 27 migrants, including children, drown off Turkey

February 8th, 2016 - Twenty-seven people including 11 children drowned on Monday after their boat sank in the Aegean Sea while trying to cross from Turkey to Greece, the Turkish coastguard said. The coastguard said it discovered the boat -- carrying 40 people -- half capsized after it set off from Edremit in the western province of Balıkesir in an apparent bid to reach the Greek island of Lesbos. So far, four migrants have been rescued both by air and by sea in a search and rescue operation, the coastguard said in a statement on its website.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Ukraine - Two years on, Ukraine conflict affects over half a million children

February 19th, 2016 - The conflict in Ukraine has deeply affected the lives of 580,000 children living in non-government controlled areas and close to the front line in eastern Ukraine, UNICEF said today. Of these, 200,000 – or one in three – need psychosocial support. “Two years of violence, shelling and fear have left an indelible mark on thousands of children in eastern Ukraine,” said Giovanna Barberis, UNICEF Representative in Ukraine. “As the conflict continues, we need to reach these children urgently to meet their physical as well as psychological needs.”

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Yemen - Rocket kills child in Saudi Arabia: state media

February 1st, 2016 - An 11-year-old child was killed and nine members of his family were wounded Sunday when a rocket fired from Yemen hit their house in a border region of Saudi Arabia, civil defence authorities said. The child died instantly while the rest of the family were taken to hospital, according to Lieutenant Colonel Ali bin Omair al-Shahrani, who was quoted by the official SPA news agency. Shiite Huthi rebels in Yemen have intensified cross-border rocket attacks since late last year.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Yemen – Forgotten Children

February 10th, 2016 - The scale of suffering in Yemen is staggering. Ten months on since the escalation in this pointless, protracted and bloody conflict has left the Middle East's already poorest and most under-developed country now witnessing the world's largest humanitarian crisis with 21.2 million people – or 82% of the population - now in need of emergency humanitarian assistance, including close to 10 million children.

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



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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] Children as young as 10 arrested for offences involving firearms and knives

April 3rd, 2016 – What's happening with our youth? Guns and knives are carried regularly by young people in Britain today, including children as young as 10, according to reports released last week. An inquiry by a committee of MPs found that knife-carrying, mostly by males in their late teens and early 20s, is becoming normal in poorer parts of the big cities, where street violence is on the increase. The murder rate in the UK is not high in comparison to many countries — latest figures show there were 537 homicides in 2013. But more than a third are by stabbing.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Nation)

[Press release] EU to support over 2,300,000 children in 42 countries with education in emergency situations

April 5th, 2016 – EU quadruples its humanitarian financing to education in emergencies worldwide. Today the European Commission has announced a €52 million humanitarian aid package aimed specifically at educational projects for children in emergency situations in 2016. The package reflects the Commission's prior commitment to allocate 4% of its humanitarian aid budget to education.

[Full Article](#) (European Commission)

[News] – Children: The Forgotten Aspect of the EU-Turkey Deal

April 6th, 2016 – While policymakers nervously assess the number of migrants and asylum seekers daily arriving in Greece, adding to the population of those already stranded, the situation of children has been overlooked. And yet they comprised 40 percent of the 57,000 arrivals in Greece in February, and nearly half of all Syrian asylum seekers. Meeting their needs and respecting their rights, particularly those who face potential return to Turkey under the just-implemented EU-Turkey deal, which has proven quite controversial with humanitarian organizations, will be no easy undertaking.

[Full Article](#) (Migration Policy Institute)



[News] Worrying Trend Shows Increased Number Of Child Torture Victims

April 6th, 2016 – GENEVA – An increasing number of child and adolescent victims of torture has been reported by the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT) and the organizations it funds. In 2016, 5,279 child and adolescent victims of torture are estimated to be given assistance by organizations funded by the UNVFVT. By contrast, in 2015, the organizations reported assisting 3,995 child victims up to the age of 18.

[Full Article](#) (The UN Office at Geneva)

[News] UNICEF urges full hearings for refugee and migrant children stranded in Greece

April 6th, 2016 – GENEVA – With the process of returning refugees and migrants from the Greek islands to Turkey underway as part of the EU-Turkey agreement, UNICEF reminds States of their duty to care and protect all children and give them a full and fair hearing when deciding on their future. UNICEF welcomes a new Greek law, which came into force on 4 April, exempting certain vulnerable groups, including unaccompanied and separated children, children with disabilities, victims of distress and trauma, pregnant women and women who recently gave birth, from “exceptional border procedures” or returns.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] Haïti – Des policiers québécois épinglés pour inconduite sexuelle

7 avril 2016 - Le problème des inconduites sexuelles des Casques bleus touche aussi le Québec. Deux policiers du Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) ont été sanctionnés après avoir eu des enfants avec des Haïtiennes, alors que l'ONU proscrit toute relation sexuelle avec des résidents. Les deux fautifs faisaient partie de la Mission des Nations unies pour la stabilisation en Haïti (MINUSTAH), dans laquelle près de 90 policiers canadiens sont déployés.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



[News] India street children back new campaign to find missing youngsters

April 8th, 2016 – A group of street children is the face of a new citizens' campaign demanding better policing and community programs to track missing children in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, where at least two children are reported missing every day. The campaign, which launched this week, aims to spread awareness among the homeless, help police understand the challenges of street children and push the Tamil Nadu government to address safety issues of those living on the streets.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[Opinion] Encore mieux rendre justice aux enfants victimes et prévenir les agressions

10 avril 2016 – Beaucoup a été fait ces dernières décennies pour mieux protéger les enfants contre les violences qui, non seulement les menacent, mais les frappent. En 1981 le Dr Pierre Strauss a su réveiller une France endormie sur sa bonne conscience et convaincue que, sans avoir éradiqué la maltraitance, elle la contenait et savait y répondre.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde Blog – Jprosen)

[Nouvelle] Allemagne : près de 6 000 réfugiés mineurs disparus en un an

11 avril 2016 – Le gouvernement allemand a confirmé qu'environ 6 000 réfugiés mineurs avaient disparu en 2015. Les autorités ne savent pas ce qu'ils sont devenus et les ONG redoutent une implication du crime organisé. C'est une face très obscure de la crise des migrants en Allemagne.

[Article complet](#) (France 24)

[Nouvelle] Les enfants, premières victimes de Boko Haram

12 avril 2016 – Deux ans après l'enlèvement très médiatisé des 276 écolières de Chibok, dans le nord du Nigeria, par les islamistes de Boko Haram, on est toujours sans nouvelles de la plupart des captives. Pire encore, des centaines d'autres femmes et enfants partagent leur sort.

[Article complet](#) (Radio-Canada)



[Nouvelle] Suicides chez les jeunes : Kuujuaq veut des solutions à long terme

12 avril 2016 – Le suicide est un phénomène malheureusement répandu depuis des décennies dans le Grand Nord du Québec. Même s'ils demandent de l'aide de Québec pour faire face à la crise des derniers mois, les Inuits estiment qu'ils sont les mieux placés pour prendre les bonnes décisions.

[Article complet](#) (Radio-Canada)

[Report] Executions of juveniles since 1990

April 13th, 2016 – The use of the death penalty for crimes committed by people younger than 18 is prohibited under international human rights law, yet some countries still execute child offenders. Since 1990 Amnesty International has documented 129 executions of child offenders in 9 countries: China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, the USA and Yemen.

[Full Report](#) (Amnesty International)

[Report] The impact of protection interventions on unaccompanied and separated children in humanitarian crises: An evidence synthesis protocol

April 13th, 2016 – This protocol outlines plans for conducting an evidence synthesis on child protection. This synthesis will ask the overarching research question: What is the impact of protection interventions on unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), during the period of separation, in humanitarian crises in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs)?

[Full Article](#) (Oxfam)

[News] Nigeria: Two years after Chibok abductions it is time to #BringBackOurGirls

April 14th, 2016 – All those abducted by Boko Haram must be released and those whose lives have been devastated by the armed group must receive support and justice, said Amnesty International on the second anniversary of the armed group's abduction of more than 270 Chibok schoolgirls.

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty International)



[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF publie de nouveaux chiffres sur l'inégalité croissante chez les enfants dans les pays à revenu élevé

14 avril 2016 – Un rapport du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF), publié jeudi, présente de nouvelles données sur la façon dont l'inégalité affecte les enfants dans les pays à revenu élevé. Ce rapport, intitulé « Bilan Innocenti 13, l'équité pour les enfants : un classement des inégalités de bien-être chez les enfants dans les pays riches », classe 41 pays membres de l'Union européenne et de l'Organisation de coopération et de développement économique (OCDE).

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

[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF et la Banque mondiale appellent à investir dans le développement de la petite enfance

15 avril 2016 – Le Directeur général du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF), Anthony Lake, et le Président du Groupe de la Banque mondiale, Jim Yong Kim, ont appelé les dirigeants internationaux et nationaux à investir davantage dans des programmes de nutrition et de développement de la petite enfance, essentiels pour le développement équitable et la croissance économique.

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

[Nouvelle] Pourquoi autant de suicides chez les jeunes Autochtones ?

15 avril 2016 – La communauté autochtone d'Attawapiskat, dans le nord de l'Ontario, fait à nouveau les manchettes pour de tristes raisons. Au cours du dernier mois, une quarantaine de résidents de la communauté de 2000 habitants ont tenté de s'enlever la vie. Cette vague de suicides ne surprend pas Gerald McKinley, professeur et chercheur à l'Université de Western Ontario, qui se penche sur la problématique depuis plusieurs années. « Malheureusement, ce n'est rien de nouveau, affirme-t-il. C'est une crise qui perdure dans un certain nombre de communautés. »

[Article complet](#) (Radio-Canada)



[Press release] Guatemala Builds Capacity to Assist Migrant Children

April 15th, 2016 – IOM, in coordination with Guatemala’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this week launched a course to train government officials and representatives of civil society institutions in assistance to migrant children, especially unaccompanied minors and children separated from their families. “The course, which is funded by the US Department of State, seeks to strengthen Guatemala’s capacity to protect the rights of vulnerable, young migrants,” said Walter Arreaga, local coordinator of IOM’s Mesoamerica Program.

[Full Article](#) (IOM)

[Press release] UNHCR and GPE Agree on Closer Collaboration to Ensure Children’s Education During Crisis

April 15th, 2016 – Washington, D.C. – The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) signed a milestone agreement today that will strengthen their collaboration to support education for refugee children and youth.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR)

[News] An estimated 75% of child refugees stranded alone in Greece do not have a safe place to stay, warns Save the Children

April 16th, 2016 – Vulnerable lone children are being left out in the cold in Greece as the demand for safe shelters and adequate services far outstrips the supply, Save the Children said ahead of Pope Francis’ visit to Lesbos today with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and Archbishop Ieronymo. An estimated 2,000 unaccompanied children who travelled alone to Europe or lost their families along the way are now stranded in Greece following recent border closures, while only 477 shelter spaces are available for these children countrywide.

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

[News] As economy booms, children toil in Myanmar

April 19th, 2016 – When a boat stacked with gravel moors at a jetty in Yangon, 14-year-old Aung Htet Myat fills a basket he then carries on his back to trucks that whisk the load to construction sites springing up across Myanmar’s booming biggest city. For each basket a labor broker rewards the boy with a stick he puts in a plastic bottle tied to his belt.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



[News] “Hopelessly inadequate.” Why child refugees are still being failed

April 19th, 2016 - Yesterday we heard tragic reports that hundreds of people had drowned in the Mediterranean after the boats they were travelling in capsized. This news comes almost exactly one year after hundreds of people lost their lives just outside of Libyan waters when their boat sank during the night.

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

[News] Court delay 'huge blow' to poor children in India's Rajasthan-activist

April 20th, 2016 – A court in the Indian state of Rajasthan refused on Wednesday to hear a petition against a state government order that could deny tens of thousands of children their right to free education, dealing a blow to activists' efforts to reverse the order. Rajasthan state issued an order last month that only children from families classified as Below the Poverty Line, and those belonging to backward castes and tribes, could apply to study in a private school under the Right to Education Act.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] We pay Mexico to catch refugees. Kids suffer.

April 20th, 2016 – In the summer of 2014, the Obama Administration had a problem. As Congress was debating comprehensive immigration reform, tens of thousands of children, and in many cases their mothers, fleeing gang violence in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala were turning up at the border.

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

[News] Child brides sometimes tolerated in Nordic asylum centers despite bans

April 21st, 2016 – Some child brides are living with older husbands in asylum centers in Scandinavia, triggering a furor about lapses in protection for girls in nations that ban child marriage. Authorities have in some cases let girls stay with their partners, believing it is less traumatic for them than forced separation after fleeing wars in nations such as Afghanistan or Syria. Some girls have also passed themselves off as adults.

[Full article](#) (Reuters)



[Nouvelle] Les Restaveks, enfants esclaves en Haïti

21 avril 2016 – « Ma maman ne pouvait plus s'occuper de moi » raconte Franceline, petite haïtienne de huit ans. « Elle n'avait plus d'argent. J'ai donc été placée comme Restavek. La famille qui m'a accueillie ne me laissait jamais jouer, j'avais toujours du travail à faire. Quand je sortais, c'était pour aller puiser de l'eau ou pour aller au marché. Si je restais trop longtemps dehors, on me frappait à mon retour. »

[Article complet](#) (Terre des hommes)

[Nouvelle] Migrants : situation "préoccupante" des mineurs isolés à Calais (institution française)

21 avril 2016 – Les migrants mineurs arrivés seuls dans la région de Calais (nord) dans l'espoir de passer en Angleterre sont dans une "situation de très grande vulnérabilité" et doivent être mieux protégés, alerte le Défenseur des droits en France. Évoquant des "conditions de vie extrêmement misérables" des mineurs isolés, le Défenseur des enfants, institution indépendante qui défend les personnes dont les droits ne sont pas respectés, appelle l'État et les autorités locales à mettre en place un suivi spécifique de ces jeunes.

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

[News] Two thirds of unimmunized children live in conflict-affected countries – UNICEF

April 22nd, 2016 – Almost two thirds of children who have not been immunized with basic vaccines live in countries that are either partially or entirely affected by conflict, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said today, ahead of World Immunization Week. Of countries in conflict, South Sudan has the highest percentage of unimmunized children, with 61 per cent not receiving the most basic childhood vaccines, followed by Somalia (58 per cent) and Syria (57 per cent), UNICEF said in a press release.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)



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[News] Nepal Earthquake Anniversary: Urgent Protections Needed for Children

April 24th, 2016 – With Nepal still struggling to recover from a massive earthquake one year ago, child rights and humanitarian development organisation Plan International is calling on the international community, governments, and donors to take immediate action to institute key protections for children from exploitation, child labour, and trafficking, while also meeting urgent health, educational, and counselling needs.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

[Nouvelle] Au Népal, les enfants craignent que la terre tremble à nouveau.

25 avril 2016 - Un an après le puissant séisme qui a dévasté le Népal, les enfants ayant survécu à la catastrophe sont confrontés à des traumatismes qui pourraient avoir d'importantes conséquences sur leur bien-être à long terme. Cinq organisations d'aide à l'enfance – Terre des hommes, Plan International, Save the Children, UNICEF et World Vision – ont interrogé plus de 680 enfants provenant des cinq régions les plus gravement touchées par le séisme.

[Article complet](#) (Terre des hommes)

[News] Dispatches: Burma's Rohingya Muslims in Desperate Straits

April 26th, 2016 – Last week's tragic boat accident off the coast of Burma's Arakan State killed an estimated 20 Rohingya Muslims, including nine children, and left another 20 missing. The government-controlled newspaper, Global New Light of Myanmar, made a rare admission that the tragedy, in which a packed boat capsized in heavy seas, resulted from government travel restrictions that prevent Rohingya from traveling overland, forcing them to travel by boat even when conditions are dangerous.

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

[News] "We have the power": UNEP Awards Winners of the International Children's Painting Competition

April 26th, 2016 – The winning works of Gloria Yang from the United States, Salya Richita Susanto from Indonesia and Sataporn Thitiprasert from Thailand were selected from among nearly 63,000 submissions from 66 countries around the world. The theme of this year's competition - "We have the power!" - inspired thousands of young artists around the world to share their visions of how renewable energy can be harnessed for the wellbeing of people on the planet.

[Full Article](#) (UNEP News Centre)



[News] Ecuador: quake damage to schools impacts 120,000 children – UNICEF

April 27th, 2016 – More than 280 schools have been damaged by the earthquake that hit Ecuador on 16 April, leaving up to 120,000 children temporarily without education, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has said. “Education is a lifeline for children going through the trauma of chaos and destruction,” said Grant Leaity, UNICEF Representative in Ecuador. “It helps give them a daily routine and a sense of purpose and puts them on track for psychological recovery.” UNICEF said that a total of 250,000 children have been affected by the earthquake.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

[Nouvelle] États-Unis – Les grossesses adolescentes au plus bas

28 avril 2016 – Les grossesses chez les 15-19 ans ont diminué de 61 % entre 1991 et 2014 aux États-Unis, où les campagnes d’informations et un meilleur accès à la contraception ont conduit au plus bas taux de grossesses adolescentes jamais enregistré, ont annoncé jeudi les autorités sanitaires.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelle] Le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne interpelle Ottawa

28 avril 2016 – Le Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne rend une nouvelle décision au sujet de la protection de la jeunesse dans les communautés autochtones. Il reproche au gouvernement canadien son manque d’empressement à agir et exige qu’il agisse immédiatement, tout en précisant ses actions.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelle] Népalaises à vendre

28 avril 2016 – Des trafiquants s’emparent de femmes et fillettes poussées à l’exil par le séisme d’avril 2015. Un an après le tremblement de terre qui a fait près de 9000 morts et ravagé le pays, le Népal peine à se reconstruire, faisant craindre aux ONG une hausse du trafic de femmes et d’enfants vers l’Inde.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



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[Press release] Secretary-General, Condemning Aleppo Hospital Attack, Says All Parties in Syria Must Renew Focus on Political Process Instead of Bombing Civilian Areas

April 28th, 2016 – The Secretary-General condemns yesterday's aerial strikes against Al Quds hospital in Aleppo. Civil society groups report at least 20 people killed as a result of the attack, including three children and the area's last paediatrician. The Secretary-General expresses his deep condolences to the bereaved families.

[Full Article](#) (UN Press Centre)

[News] XPRIZE And UN Announce Global Partnership To Empower Children's Learning Through Technology

April 29th, 2016 – The XPRIZE Foundation with the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) today announced a new partnership for the US\$15 Million Global Learning XPRIZE – a five-year competition challenging teams to develop open-source software that will enable children with limited access to schooling to teach themselves basic reading, writing and arithmetic. XPRIZE, a non-profit organization, is the world's leader in designing and managing incentive prize competitions for the benefit of humanity.

[Full Article](#) (World Food Programme)



2. Conferences, Courses and Events

16ème Colloque de formation sur les enfants disparus ou exploités (CEDE)

Organisé par le Centre canadien de protection de l'enfance, le CEDE est l'un des plus grands colloques sur les enfants disparus ou exploités au Canada. Le CEDE offre trois jours de formations données par des experts sur divers sujets, dont les indices et les enquêtes de maltraitance d'enfants et la cyber exploitation.

Lieu : The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre, 222, Broadway, Winnipeg (Manitoba)

Date : 17-19 mai 2016 de 08h00-16h00

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (CEDE)

Research Scholarships – Humanitarian Leadership & related themes

With over 60 million people displaced around the world due to conflicts and disasters, and with the severity and frequency of humanitarian emergencies increasing, the sector is facing significant challenges. The Centre for Humanitarian Leadership (CHL) is seeking to address some of these challenges through our Teaching, Research and Innovation work, and we are now able to offer a limited number of research scholarships.

Location: Melbourne – Australia

Date: 20 May 2016 to 20 May 2019

Registration deadline: 20 May 2016

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)

Formation – « Faire vivre les droits de l'enfant au quotidien »

Cette formation s'adresse à tous les agents territoriaux évoluant dans les domaines de la petite enfance, de l'enfance ou de la jeunesse. Plus généralement, elle intéressera chaque agent amené à être directement ou indirectement en contact avec des enfants. Elle s'appuie sur une méthodologie pédagogique participative et des mises en situation.

Endroit : Paris

Date : 23 et 24 mai 2016 / 26 et 27 septembre 2016 / 5 et 6 décembre 2016

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (Unicef France)



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Training – The Rights of the Child Summer School

This exciting programme will consider legal, political and societal debate, both internationally and comparatively, on issues concerning the rights of the child. These issues include child participation, child poverty, children in conflict and child rights monitoring and advocacy.

Location: Nottingham – United Kingdom of Great Britain

Date: 27 June to 01 July 2016

Registration deadline: 01 June 2016

[For more information](#) (University of Nottingham)

Human Rights Education – University for peace

As proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous succeeding covenants, conventions, treaties and declarations, the concept of human rights constitutes an indispensable pillar in the building of peace at all levels of life. Furthermore, the role of formal and non-formal education in promoting human rights (or human rights education) is also recognized as vital and complementary to the vision and goals of peace education.

Location: Online

Date: 6 June to 5 July 2016

Registration deadline: 5 June 2016

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)

Training – IPT Specialisation Course Child Protection

This IPT Specialisation Course equips participants with specialised knowledge and skills to become effectively involved in monitoring, advisory and executive functions to protect children in crisis areas. Children are subject to abductions, military recruitment, killing, maiming, and numerous forms of exploitation. The multiple distresses affecting children in armed conflicts call for a multiple track approach and well trained experts to safeguard their rights.

Location: Barcelona - Spain

Date: 28 October to 6 November 2016

Registration deadline: 1 July 2016

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)



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Cours d'été relatif aux droits des enfants

Le Cours d'été international relatif aux droits de l'enfant examinera cet été les enjeux touchant les privations de liberté des enfants et le droit des adolescents à un système de justice pénale adapté. Il permettra notamment aux participants de réfléchir et de contribuer aux efforts de recherche et d'analyse concernant l'étude globale sur les conditions des enfants privés de liberté annoncée en décembre 2014 par l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies.

Lieu : Campus de l'Université de Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick, Canada.

Date : 3 au 8 juillet 2016

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



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3. Vacancies

Chief Education, P-4, Tunis, Tunisia, #97279 - UN Children's Fund

If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you. For 70 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection and development. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS.

Location: Tunisia

Application deadline: 13 May 2016

[For more information](#) (Relief web)

Logistics Coordinator Syria (M/F) – Secours Islamique France

Secours Islamique France (SIF) is a Non-Governmental Organization of international solidarity based in France. Founded in 1991, SIF is a non-profit and non-political organization that intends to help, to bring relief and to protect the lives of those threatened by natural disasters, armed conflicts or by economic collapse. SIF intervenes around the world through operations of emergency relief, rehabilitation and development. SIF provides its help in respect of the cultural diversity, without any distinction of origin, religion or gender.

Location: Syrian Arab Republic

Application deadline: 13 May 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Supporter Retention And Development Manager – Plan UK

It is the role of the Supporter Retention and Development Manager to manage a portfolio of fundraising products that engage people and community groups in Plan's work and to maximise that engagement through appropriate communication strategies across all media.

For this key role, you will need to have significant experience of working in a fundraising/marketing environment and of using direct marketing techniques. You'll be able to lead a team, have experience of managing agencies and budgets and of working strategically with a customer service team.

You will also have the ability to distil Plan's work and approach to development and present in an engaging way to a variety of audiences and present structured and cohesive arguments both verbally and in writing.

Location: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Application deadline: 15 May 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Regional Project Manager, “Increased Accountability of ASEAN and SAARC to the Realization of Children’s Right to Protection” – Plan

The post holder is responsible for the management, coordination, and resource mobilisation for the “Increased Accountability of ASEAN and SAARC to the Realization of Children’s Right to Protection” project under the supervision and guidance by the Regional Head of Child Protection. Given the distinct focus of the Project on child protection advocacy by CSO coalitions towards regional bodies for collaboration ASEAN and SAARC, daily management, coordination and support throughout all stages of the Project cycle, including planning, budgeting, documenting and reporting, constitute key responsibilities via a robust M&E framework.

Location: Asia Regional Office Bangkok and other country in Region

Application deadline: 18 May 2016

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Communication Specialist (Media and Emergencies), P-3, Geneva, Switzerland, #57000 – UN Children's Fund

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The purpose of the post is to provide communication support to National Committees and country offices with a private sector fundraising role on media relations and emergencies.

Location: Switzerland

Application deadline: 20 May 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Human Resources Systems – Goal

GOAL is an international humanitarian agency established in 1977 and currently operational in 19 countries world-wide. GOAL has an annual budget of approximately €160m and is supported by a range of donors including the Irish Government, UK Government, USAID and the European Union.

- To function as the system owner and subject matter expert for a global HRIS implementation, ensuring the solution supports 'best-practice' processes and requirements for the long term.
- To assess impact, facilitate change and engage buy-in to ensure the effective delivery and user acceptance of the solution throughout the organisation.

Location: Ireland

Application deadline: 31 May 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



4. Children and Armed Conflicts

Afghanistan – Protecting children from recruitment highlighted in UN-backed theatre performance

April 25th, 2016 – KANDAHAR - Actors highlighted the serious issue of child recruitment during an open-air theatre performance in southern Kandahar province, raising awareness in the community about children's rights. The UNAMA-supported theatre production – the third in a series of 10 events planned for Kandahar – was attended by several hundred people of various ages in the province's Daman district. Performed by members of the Kandahar Theater and Film Group, the show portrayed how recruiters for armed groups tempt children away from their family and friends, with tragic consequences, and highlighted the responsibilities of parents, elders and mullahs in protecting children.

[Full Article](#) (UNAMA)

Afrique – « Celles qui ont été enlevées, on ne connaît pas leur sort »

13 avril 2016 – Deux ans après le rapt spectaculaire de 276 jeunes filles à Chibok, au Nigeria, la secte islamiste continue de terroriser la zone du lac Tchad. Elle serait responsable de la mort de 20 000 personnes et du déplacement de 2,6 millions d'autres.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Afrique – Les enfants en première ligne des massacres de Boko Haram

13 avril 2016 – Les enfants sont de plus en plus impliqués dans les attentats-suicides dans la région du lac Tchad, en Afrique, où sévit le groupe islamiste Boko Haram, rapportait mardi le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF). Alors qu'en 2014 l'organisme recensait 4 attentats-suicides impliquant des enfants, tous au Nigeria, ce phénomène a augmenté de façon dramatique en 2015 à 44 incidents dans quatre pays, soit le Nigeria, le Cameroun et le Tchad.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



Afrique – Les enfants, nouvelle arme dans les attentats-suicides, selon UNICEF

13 avril 2016 – De plus en plus d'enfants sont impliqués dans des attaques-suicides dans la région du lac Tchad, où le groupe islamiste nigérian Boko Haram, affaibli militairement, tente d'instaurer la terreur par tous les moyens, a rapporté mardi l'Unicef.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Egypt – Children Reported Tortured, 'Disappeared'

April 21st, 2016 – Egyptian security forces allegedly tortured a group of 20 people, 8 of them children, in February 2016, after an arrest sweep in Alexandria, Human Rights Watch said today. Relatives and lawyers said the authorities refused to acknowledge holding them or to tell their families their whereabouts for more than a week and tortured them to make them confess to crimes or provide the names of other suspects.

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

Egypt – Egyptian Unaccompanied Migrant Children: A case study on irregular migration

April 22nd, 2016 – Egyptian Unaccompanied Migrant Children: A Case Study on Irregular Migration” is a new assessment published by IOM Egypt designed to shed light on the irregular migration of Egyptian children to Europe.

[Full Article](#) (International Organization for Migration)

Ethiopia – South Sudan, Ethiopia Collaborating to Get Abducted Children Released: Ambassador Akuei Bona

April 20th, 2016 – South Sudan will collaborate with Ethiopia in taking measures against the perpetrators of the killings and abductions carried out by forces that attacked civilians in the regional state of Gambella, the country's ambassador to Ethiopia said.

[Full Article](#) (Ethiopian News Agency)



Iraq – NRC - Weekly Activity Update 26 April 2016

April 26th, 2016 – In Harsham camps for IDPs and in Khabat last week, NRC continued its education activities providing children and youth with recreational activities within music, art and sports in addition to catch-up classes in Arabic, English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. In Khabat, NRC provided first aid trainings and exercises in how to deal with stress and anxiety by using the right breathing techniques.

[Full Article](#) (NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq)

Iraq – UNICEF Iraq Monthly Humanitarian Situation Report, March 2016

March 31st, 2016 – As of 16 March there were 3.4 million displaced individuals in Iraq, at least 47 percent of which are children under 18 years old. A spike in verified reports of killing and maiming of children occurred in March affecting 144 children (14 girls, 112 boys and 18 sex unknown). As military operations continue in Anbar Governorate and near Mosul city in Ninewa, reports of males including boys being detained for screening were widespread. Boys were reportedly separated from families, held with adult males, and not transferred to juvenile police as required by law.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Kenya – UNICEF Statement on the abduction of Ethiopian children

April 19th, 2016 – UNICEF condemns in the strongest possible terms the abduction on Friday of some 100 children in western Ethiopia during a brutal attack on their community by armed assailants, allegedly cattle raiders from South Sudan. Unverified reports indicate that children are also among the dead and wounded.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF Press Centre)

Libya – A Libyan City Commits to Protect Children from Armed Conflict

April 20th, 2016 – Municipal leaders in Libya are taking action to better protect children from the impact of armed conflict. In February, the Municipal Council of Al Zintan, a city located about 130 km southwest of Tripoli, and one of the largest in the region, agreed to work with UNICEF to facilitate the release of children under 18 involved in the armed conflict and to establish a reintegration centre. The centre will provide services to children and also to adults who were involved in the conflict when they were still children.

[Full Article](#) (UN Office of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflicts)



Mali – UNICEF condemns withdrawal of children from schools in Kidal

April 26th, 2016 – In the wake of the violent protests on 18 and 19 April in Kidal, northern Mali, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is warning that the events disrupted children's education in the region and endangered their safety. According to sources verified by UNICEF, many children were removed from classrooms during the school day to participate in rallies.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

Moyen-Orient – L'UNICEF demande d'urgence que l'on entende les enfants migrants et réfugiés coincés en Grèce

6 avril 2016 – A l'heure où les réfugiés et les migrants bloqués sur les îles grecques regagnent la Turquie en vertu de l'accord conclu entre Ankara et l'Union européenne, l'UNICEF rappelle aux Etats leur obligation de prendre soin et de protéger tous les enfants et de leur donner la possibilité de s'exprimer lorsque leur avenir est en cause.

[Article complet](#) (Centre de presse UNICEF)

Niger – Niger ECHO Factsheet April 2016

April 23rd, 2016 – Humanitarian needs in Niger continue to be immense as a result of persisting food insecurity, high global malnutrition of children under age five and the displacement of people fleeing the conflict in neighbouring Mali* and Nigeria*. Successive food crises, extreme poverty, displacement and rapid population growth continue to erode people's resilience. Even in good agricultural years, between 4 and 5 million Nigeriens experience food shortages.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

Nigéria – Au moins 500 femmes et enfants enlevés par Boko Haram en 2014

30 mars 2016 – Cinq cents femmes et enfants ont été enlevés fin 2014 par le groupe islamiste Boko Haram à Damasak, dans le nord-est du Nigeria, mais les autorités ont ignoré les informations sur ce rapt massif, ont affirmé mercredi à l'AFP des habitants de cette ville. Ce kidnapping, plus important que celui des 276 lycéennes de Chibok, s'est produit le 24 novembre 2014, selon un fonctionnaire local, un chef local, un ancien et un habitant de Damasak interrogés par l'AFP.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)



Nigéria – Des enfants privés d'éducation dans le nord-est du pays

11 avril 2016 – Les attaques perpétrées par Boko Haram contre les écoles, les élèves et les enseignants dans le nord-est du Nigeria ont des effets dévastateurs sur l'éducation, a déclaré Human Rights Watch dans un rapport publié aujourd'hui. Le conflit a laissé presque un million d'enfants sans accès, ou presque, à l'école, tandis que les forces de sécurité nigérianes ont aussi contribué au problème en utilisant des écoles comme bases militaires, exposant encore plus les enfants aux attaques du groupe armé islamiste.

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

Nigéria – Conflit régional du Nigeria : multiplication par 11 du nombre d'enfants utilisés dans les « attaques-suicides »

12 avril 2016 – Le nombre d'enfants impliqués dans des « attaques-suicides » au Nigeria, au Cameroun, au Tchad et au Niger a brusquement augmenté au cours de l'année passée, passant de 4 en 2014 à 44 en 2015, signale un rapport de l'UNICEF publié aujourd'hui. Plus de 75 % des enfants impliqués dans ces attaques sont des filles.

[Article complet](#) (Centre de presse UNICEF)

Nigéria – Boko Haram envoie une preuve de vie des jeunes filles enlevées

15 avril 2016 – Le gouvernement nigérian étudiait jeudi une vidéo envoyée par le groupe Boko Haram comme preuve de vie de certaines des jeunes filles enlevées à Chibok, il y a deux ans, alors que les familles et des sympathisants manifestaient pour réclamer la libération des lycéennes. Les images des 15 captives obtenues mercredi par CNN auraient été tournées le 25 décembre. Ce sont les premiers éléments prouvant que certaines d'entre elles au moins sont en vie depuis une précédente vidéo des insurgés nigériens datant de mai 2014.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Nigeria – Military cover-up of mass slaughter at Zaria exposed

April 22nd, 2016 – Mass slaughter of hundreds of men, women and children by soldiers in Zaria and the attempted cover-up of this crime demonstrates an utter contempt for human life and accountability, said Amnesty International as it publishes evidence gathered on the ground revealing how the Nigerian military burned people alive, razed buildings and dumped victims' bodies in mass graves.

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty international)



Palestine – Weekly Report On Israeli Human Rights Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (14-20 April 2016)

April 20th, 2016 – Israeli forces conducted 61 incursions into Palestinian communities in the West Bank and 13 others in occupied Jerusalem and its suburbs. 79 103 civilians, including 24 children and 3 young women, were arrested. 59 of them, including 24 children and a young woman, were arrested in occupied Jerusalem. Al-'Ajouli Company for Exchange was raided and burnt in addition to other shops in the centre of Ramallah and al-Bireh.

[Full Article](#) (Palestinian Center for Human Rights)

République Centrafricaine – Soutenir les victimes d'abus sexuels commis par des Casques bleus

1^{er} Avril 2016 – Lorsque nous avons documenté des cas de viols et d'exploitation commis en janvier par des soldats de la paix dans la ville de Bambari, située au centre du pays, à peine une des huit femmes et filles victimes avaient reçu des soins médicaux ou psychosociaux. Un leader communautaire nous a indiqué, en novembre, avoir signalé le viol de « Cécile », âgée de 14 ans, par des troupes de la République du Congo à une agence de l'ONU. Deux mois plus tard, Cécile n'avait reçu aucun soin de santé ou soutien psychologique, et il n'y avait pas d'argent pour l'évacuer à l'hôpital. Voilà exactement le type de défaillances qu'un examen indépendant de la réponse de l'ONU aux abus et à l'exploitation sexuelle dans le pays a récemment qualifiées d'« affligeantes ».

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

République Centrafricaine – Stratégie pour les interventions humanitaires de protection de l'enfant: Janvier 2016 – Décembre 2016, République Centrafricaine

26 avril 2016 – Dans le secteur de la protection des enfants, avant le déclenchement de la crise fin 2012, selon MICS 2010, l'enregistrement des naissances s'établissait à 61% pour les enfants de moins de 5 ans ; la proportion des enfants de 5 à 14 ans exerçant un travail qualifié de travail des enfants s'établissait à 66%. Le pourcentage des élèves qui travaillent est estimé à 59%. Pratiquement tous les enfants centrafricains âgés de 2 à 14 ans (92%) ont été victimes d'une forme quelconque de discipline violente.

[Article complet](#) (Humanitarian Response)



République Centrafricaine – Bulletin humanitaire République Centrafricaine Numéro 9 | Mars 2016

26 avril 2016 – Plus d'un million de personnes ont été contraintes d'abandonner leurs foyers tout au long des trois dernières années de conflit et 2,5 millions luttent toujours pour subvenir à leurs besoins fondamentaux. Le conflit a amené d'autres conséquences tout aussi dramatiques mais moins visibles ont le nombre de jeunes enfants mourant de malnutrition, a augmenté depuis le début du conflit et le nombre de personnes souffrant de la faim a doublé, ce qui a poussé les organisations humanitaires à tirer la sonnette d'alarme et à demander plus de soutien.

[Article complet](#) (Reliefweb)

RD Congo – Des enfants sont détenus dans une prison militaire d'une région reculée

4 avril 2016 – L'armée nationale congolaise détient illégalement au moins 29 enfants dans de rudes conditions dans le nord-ouest de la République démocratique du Congo (RD Congo). Les autorités affirment que ces garçons, âgés de 15 à 17 ans, étaient membres d'un groupe rebelle armé et les retiennent dans une prison militaire à Angenga depuis leur capture dans l'est de la RD Congo dans la première moitié de 2015.

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

RD Congo – Note d'informations humanitaires no 07/16 (20/4/2016)

21 avril 2016 – Kalehe : plus de 500 élèves retrouvent le chemin de l'école suite au plaidoyer des humanitaires pour libérer leur école de la présence des militaires. 70 510 enfants et adolescents ciblés par une campagne de vaccination contre la rougeole à Idjwi.

[Article complet](#) (Humanitarian Response)

Serbia – Serbia Daily Update, 22 - 24 April 2016

April 26th, 2016 – 66 refugees remain hosted in the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo. 37 individuals who arrived irregularly from FYR Macedonia were accommodated in the RC. Philanthropy distributed 76 cash cards to the refugee population. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space/mother and baby corner hosted a total of 35 children and 26 women while a new modern mural was painted in one wall of the power station in the RC and sponsored by SOS Children's Villages. The UNHCR-supported Public Health and the Natan/Humedica clinic treated over 80 patients during the reporting period.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



Sudan – Sudan Human Rights Update – March 2016

April 26th, 2016 – The 65 reports detail the following: the death 37 civilians and the serious injury of 59; the rape of 14 females including nine minors; the arrest of 28 persons including one detainee being held in a toxic container at the Sudanese Armed Forces Headquarters in Demazin; 15 reports of aerial bombardment resulting in the minimum use of some 160 bombs; the direct targeting of 30 civilian villages, which have been identified by monitors leading to the destruction of 15 of those villages; five incidents pertaining to press freedom with four newspaper confiscations; three dispersions of peaceful protest; and the denial of external travel to five persons.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Somalia – UNICEF Somalia Humanitarian Situation Report #3, March 2016

March 31st, 2016 – UNICEF and WFP are jointly working on an augmented response in targeted Internal Displaced Populations (IDP) sites to address the deteriorating food security and malnutrition. As part of this response, UNICEF initiated a three month integrated emergency intervention in Dollow IDP settlements in Gedo region, providing nutrition, WASH and health services, and targeting 42,053 IDPs, including 8,411 children under 5 and 3,364 pregnant and lactating women.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

South Sudan – UNICEF South Sudan Humanitarian Situation Report #84, 8-21 April 2016

April 21st, 2016 – Family separation has affected over 36,000 South Sudanese children in South Sudan and neighbouring countries. Of these, 12,471 children have been identified within South Sudan of whom 3,928 have been reunited with their families. If new funding is not identified by June 2016, most new reunifications will not be possible and children will need to remain in their alternative care placements.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



South Sudan – In South Sudan, Joint Rapid Response Missions Reach More than 1 Million People

April 21st, 2016 – More than one million people – 20 percent of them children under the age of 5 – have now received life-saving assistance from UNICEF, the World Food Programme (WFP) and their partners in South Sudan through 82 joint emergency missions to communities hardest-hit by conflict. As the vast majority of the 1.7 million people internally displaced by violence in South Sudan fled to remote areas inaccessible by road, UNICEF and WFP designed the Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in early 2014 to bring urgent assistance by air and river to desperate families. Teams normally consist of technical specialists who fly into remote areas by helicopter and establish a temporary camp where they remain for up to two weeks. In addition to providing immediate emergency services, RRM teams work to establish, or reopen, long-term humanitarian access to remote communities.

[Full Article](#) (World Food Programme)

South Sudan – South Sudan crisis far from over as opposition leader returns

April 26th, 2016 – Humanitarian needs in South Sudan are staggering. Some six million people need humanitarian assistance - more than half the population. Over two million people have been forced to flee their homes. Over half of all school-aged children are not attending classes. Despite these figures, only 20 per cent of the aid appeal for South Sudan has been funded. Aid agencies, including NRC, have less money to respond to greater needs.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Syria – Turkey | Syria: Cross-Border Humanitarian Reach and Activities from Turkey (February 2016)

March 30th, 2016 – Education cluster provided children and adolescents with regular self-learning materials and digital learning materials, provision/ rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities in TLS/ schools, Rehabilitation of learning centers, incentives/allowances for teaching staff, non-formal education (NFE), professional development to teaching staff (active learning, self-learning, life skills), textbooks, life skills based trainings, basic education materials, psychological support and recreational activities, provision of fuel for heating in learning centers and teaching kits, develop & strengthen M&E capacities of education actors, early childhood education (ECE) / early childhood development (ECD) and awareness raising campaigns.

[Full Article](#) (Humanitarian Response)



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Syria – UNICEF Syria Crisis Situation Report - March 2016

March 31st, 2016 – UNICEF is working within the Whole of Syria response to provide emergency support in the hard-to-reach and besieged areas inside Syria. In March, UNICEF reached at least 343,900 people in 39 hard-to-reach locations with life-saving supplies and critical services in the areas of WASH, education, health and nutrition and child protection. Deliveries included supplies to reach at least 50,000 beneficiaries in five of 19 besieged areas. UNICEF continues to provide emergency response to the 32,000 Syrians on the border between Syria and Jordan, including screening for malnutrition and promotion of Infant and Young Child Feeding.

[Full article](#) (Reliefweb)

Yémen – Les enfants au bord du chaos face au risque d’effondrement du pays

29 mars 2016 – Un conflit brutal et une situation humanitaire qui se détériore très vite anéantissent la vie de millions d’enfants au Yémen et ont conduit le pays à son effondrement. Le rapport de l’UNICEF « Children on the brink » souligne le lourd bilan de la violence au Yémen sur les enfants et la détérioration dans un pays déjà dans une situation humanitaire précaire.

[Article complet](#) (Centre de presse UNICEF)



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Newsletter on Children's rights – Children and Armed conflicts

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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] How Data is Helping to Fight Polio

May 12th, 2016 - A video from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has celebrated the role data and information play in the everyday work done by the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, countries, donors, vaccinators and surveillance officers in their tireless fight against the poliovirus.

[Full Article](#) (Polio Global Eradication Initiative)

[Nouvelle] Les mineurs non accompagnés rapatriés à la frontière haïtiano-dominicaine vivent des expériences migratoires qui affectent leur vie

May 12th, 2016 - Jolanda, 16 ans, est rapatriée par les autorités dominicaines en mars 2016 au point frontalier « Lokarè », localité de Thomonde, commune frontalière du Plateau Central. Elle a été emmenée en Haïti au moment où elle s'apprêtait à se rendre dans un centre de santé, en République Dominicaine. Elle était enceinte d'environ neuf mois.

[Article complet](#) (Groupe d'Appui aux Rapatriés et Réfugiés)

[News] Global Conference Urged to Discuss Rights of 300 million Dalit and Indigenous Women

May 11th, 2016 – When leaders and activists from all over the world gather in Copenhagen next week to focus on the health and human rights of girls and women, their discussions must include two large groups that suffer extreme social exclusion and marginalisation, the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) and the International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) said today.

[Full Article](#) (International Dalit Solidarity Network)



[Nouvelle] Le tourisme sexuel impliquant des enfants est en hausse au Canada

12 mai 2016 - Le nombre d'enfants exploités dans le secteur du voyage et du tourisme est plus élevé que jamais au Canada et à travers le monde, selon un nouveau rapport publié jeudi. L'étude menée sur deux ans, produite par l'organisation non gouvernementale ECPAT International, révèle que le tourisme sexuel impliquant des enfants a augmenté radicalement et s'est transformé au cours des 20 dernières années, malgré les efforts consacrés à combattre le problème à l'échelle mondiale.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelle] Un projet de loi pour les transgenres mineurs

13 mai 2016 - Les enfants transgenres ont un parti qui veut faire avancer leur cause : Québec solidaire a déposé, jeudi, un projet de loi pour permettre aux mineurs de faire changer la mention de sexe au registre de l'état civil quand elle ne correspond pas à leur identité. Le gouvernement Couillard a toutefois fait savoir la même journée qu'il allait déposer un projet de loi sur cet enjeu et il serait donc improbable que la pièce législative de QS soit appelée pour étude.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[News] Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States Meeting Within the Council on the World Humanitarian Summit

May 12th, 2016 - The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the global community to assume its shared responsibility to save lives, alleviate suffering and preserve human dignity. The EU and its Member States welcome the powerful vision set out in the UN Secretary-General's Report "One Humanity: Shared Responsibility" and its "Agenda for Humanity".

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)



[Report] Emergency Preparedness Planning Guidelines

May 11th, 2016 - The gFSC Emergency Preparedness Planning Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are designed to assist FSC Coordinators to set in place the necessary preparedness arrangements between emergency events at country level. They are to be utilized by clusters or sectors, where clusters don't exist,³ in close cooperation with Government counterparts, to support country level coordination mechanisms. They align with the IASC Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) approach, a component of the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC).

[Full Article](#) (Food Security Cluster)

[News] Nutrition Services: A Safety Net for Vulnerable Children in Urban Poor Communities

May 12th, 2016 – It's not even 9:00 a.m., and the alleyway in front of six-year-old Bunley's house is buzzing. On any other day, it would have been just his grandfather, occupying a corner of the wooden bench across the house smoking cigarettes, while his younger siblings toddled nearby. Instead, there are about 20 children, from as young as 6 months old to around 6 years old, lined up for nutrition screening—UNICEF lingo for measuring children's height and weight to identify those with severe acute malnutrition (SAM).

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] African Ministers Call for Global Effort to End Pediatric AIDS

May 10th, 2016 – African ministers of health called on the international community to make ending the paediatric AIDS epidemic a global political priority. Meeting in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on 10 May, dignitaries called for the Political Declaration on Ending AIDS, to be agreed upon at the upcoming United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, to include targets to scale up prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV services and paediatric HIV testing and treatment.

[Full Article](#) (UNAIDS)

[Nouvelle] Haïti : Les enfants du Grand Nord développent des réflexes avec la simulation d'un séisme/tsunami

10 mai 2016 – Situé sur le boulevard du Cap, à 10 mètres de la côte, le kindergarten « Jardin de



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Michou » a donné le ton dans le cadre du Simex Séisme/Tsunami tenu le 6 mai dernier au Cap Haïtien. Pas moins de 200 enfants ont pris part à l'exercice qui vise, entre autres, à développer des réflexes au sein de la population dans l'éventualité de catastrophe dans la cité christophienne.

[Article complet](#) (PNUD)

[News] Hard-Hitting Sequel to Viral Video Imagining the UK as Syria Released by Save the Children

May 9th, 2016 – In recognition of the devastating impact that the refugee crisis is having on children, Save the Children is launching the sequel to its "Most Shocking Second a Day" viral video, which amassed over 50 million views and was one of the most successful viral videos of the last two years.

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

[News] Female Genital Cutting in Indonesia: A Field Study

May 10th, 2016 – Female Genital Cutting (FGC) – sometimes referred to as Female Genital Mutilation or female circumcision – is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as ‘all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.’

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[Report] Global Education Cluster 2015 Report

May 9th, 2016 – The Global Education Cluster 2015 Report seeks to illustrate how the work of the Global Education Cluster and its new strategic direction have been particularly significant in achieving results despite the challenging environment faced by humanitarian agencies in 2015. The report presents examples of our work that demonstrate how our aim to be as field focused (and field informed) as possible has successfully enabled education responses to be more effective, through better coordination. Continued partner support (highlighted in the report) has also been critical to this success. Finally, the report looks at the changing humanitarian landscape and the challenges and opportunities ahead.

[Full Article](#) (Global Education Cluster)



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[Report] Briefing Child Protection in Emergencies

May 9th, 2016 –The inter-agency Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action defines *child protection in emergencies* as: “the prevention and response to abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence against children in times of emergency caused by natural or man made disasters, conflicts, or other crises.” This includes all forms of physical and psychological abuse, sexual and gender- based violence, and deprivation of basic needs.

[Full Article](#) (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)

[News] Child Protection Action Plan 2015-2020

May 9th, 2016 – This document aims to define a practical plan of action for the IFRC Secretariat to effectively integrate child protection, as a minimum standard, within its organizational systems and development, protracted crisis and emergency operations. The timeline for the action plan is 2015 to the end of 2020.

[Full Article](#) (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)

[News] Uncovering Health Inequalities: A Path Towards Leaving no one Behind

May 9th 2016 – Having a skilled health professional during childbirth can save the life of a woman and her child. But, in many parts of the world and within many countries, the presence of a health worker during childbirth is often a luxury. If a woman is poor, she is even more likely to deliver without support, putting herself and child at risk.

[Full Article](#) (WHO)

[News] Poliomyelitis (polio) Transmission in Ukraine Interrupted, but Efforts Must Continue to Protect Children

May 6th, 2016 – A team of technical experts assessed Ukraine's response to a polio outbreak and concluded that transmission of poliovirus has been interrupted. Nevertheless, the team remains concerned about significant gaps in immunization and surveillance that put Ukraine at high risk for new outbreaks.

[Full Article](#) (WHO)



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[News] UN Launches Multi-Partners Trust Fund for Zika Virus Response

May 6th, 2016 – United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced the establishment of the UN Zika Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to finance critical unfunded priorities in the response to the Zika outbreak. The Fund, which aims to provide a rapid, flexible and accountable platform to support a coordinated response from the UN system and partners, will directly support the Zika Strategic Response Framework, developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) in consultation with UN agencies, partners and international epidemiological experts.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

[News] Statement on the 9th IHR Emergency Committee Meeting regarding the International Spread of Poliovirus

May 20th, 2016 – The 9th meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) regarding the international spread of poliovirus was convened via teleconference by the Director General on 12th May 2016. As with the seventh and eighth meetings, the Emergency Committee reviewed the data on wild poliovirus as well as circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPV). The latter is important as cVDPVs reflect serious gaps in immunity to poliovirus due to weaknesses in routine immunization coverage in otherwise polio-free countries.

[Full Article](#) (WHO)

[News] UNICEF at the World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul, 23-24 may 2016

May 20th, 2016 - The world is witnessing the highest level of humanitarian need since the Second World War. For the first time in the 70-year history of the UN, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has convened the [World Humanitarian Summit](#) in Istanbul. He has put forward an Agenda for Humanity, calling on global leaders to commit to action and reduce humanitarian suffering.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)



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[Report] Empowering Women and Girls Affected by Crisis

May 20th, 2016 - *CARE's progress towards achieving gender equality in humanitarian programming* Over the past five years CARE has invested significantly in working on gender in emergencies. This report demonstrates CARE's progress and highlights the impact and importance of gender sensitive and equality approaches for ensuring that women and girls are reached and empowered through humanitarian action.

[Full Article](#) (CARE)

[News] IOM Assists 7,000 Victims of Human Trafficking Globally in 2015

May 20th, 2016 - Nearly 7,000 victims of trafficking were assisted by IOM in 115 countries during 2015. The victim assistance caseload, which is the largest in the world, increased by approximately 9 percent compared to the previous year. The majority of victims assisted by IOM in 2015 were trafficked for the purpose of labour exploitation (74 percent). Construction, domestic work and fishing were amongst the top sectors in which individuals were exploited. A fifth of all victims assisted by IOM in 2015 were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. A further 5 percent of all individuals assisted were trafficked for the purpose of both sexual and labour exploitation.

[Full Article](#) (IOM)

[News] People with Disabilities at Risk in Conflict, Disaster

May 19th, 2016 - People with disabilities face added risks of abandonment, neglect, and do not enjoy equal access to food, health care, and other assistance during conflict, displacement, and reconstruction, CBM, Handicap International, International Disability Alliance, Women's Refugee Commission, and Human Rights Watch said today, ahead of the World Humanitarian Summit on May 23 and 24, 2016, in Istanbul.

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



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[News] Save the Children Estimates 150,000 Children Affected by Floods and Mudslides in Sri Lanka

May 19th, 2016 - Save the Children warns that as many as 150,000 children have been affected by floods and mudslides in Sri Lanka, which have so far claimed 37 lives. The aid agency is expecting the death toll to rise as government agencies and NGOs continue to assess the damage and conduct rescue efforts following major flooding and two landslides in the centre of the country.

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

[News] The Well-Fed Dead: Why Aid is Still Missing the Point?

May 19th, 2016 - Three "Ps" symbolize our greatest challenge and failure as humanitarians today: protection, principles and proximity. Convened by the United Nations, the World Humanitarian Summit has bold ambitions to "reboot" the international relief system. But to measure the global gathering a success, we must walk away from the meeting in Istanbul armed with the tools that pass the "Aleppo-" or the "Kivu-test". It must make us better able to respond where we now fail the most.

[Full Article](#) (IRIN)

[Nouvelle] L'espérance de vie a progressé de 5 ans depuis 2000, mais les inégalités sanitaires persistent

19 mai 2016 - L'espérance de vie a progressé de manière spectaculaire depuis 2000, mais les grandes inégalités sanitaires persistent dans et entre les pays, selon les *Statistiques sanitaires mondiales* de cette année intitulées : *Surveiller la santé pour les ODD* [Objectifs du développement durable]. L'espérance de vie a augmenté de 5 ans entre 2000 et 2015, soit la hausse la plus rapide depuis les années 1960. Ces progrès inversent les tendances à la baisse observées dans les années 1990, notamment en Afrique à cause de l'épidémie de sida et en Europe de l'Est après la chute de l'Union soviétique.

[Article complet](#) (OMS)



2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Cours d'été relatif aux droits des enfants

Le Cours d'été international relatif aux droits de l'enfant examinera cet été les enjeux touchant les privations de liberté des enfants et le droit des adolescents à un système de justice pénale adapté. Il permettra notamment aux participants de réfléchir et de contribuer aux efforts de recherche et d'analyse concernant l'étude globale sur les conditions des enfants privés de liberté annoncée en décembre 2014 par l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies.

- **Endroit** : Campus de l'Université de Moncton, Nouveau-Brunswick, Canada.
- **Date** : 3 au 8 juillet 2016

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

Formation - « Faire vivre les droits de l'enfant au quotidien »

Cette formation s'adresse à tous les agents territoriaux évoluant dans les domaines de la petite enfance, de l'enfance ou de la jeunesse. Plus généralement, elle intéressera chaque agent amené à être directement ou indirectement en contact avec des enfants. Elle s'appuie sur une méthodologie pédagogique participative et des mises en situation.

- **Endroit** : Paris
- **Date** : 23 et 24 mai 2016
5 et 27 septembre 2016
5 et 6 décembre 2016

[Pour plus d'informations](#) (Unicef France)



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Training - Introduction to Children in Emergencies (credit-rated option)

This course will enable participants to explore perspectives on children's rights in emergencies and develop the critical skills to respond in a child-centred way. The course aims to develop the competencies required to effectively meet the needs of children through humanitarian programmes.

- **Location:** London - United Kingdom of Great Britain
- **Date:** 22 to 26 August 2016
- **Registration deadline:** 15 August 2016

[For more information](#) (RedR UK)

Training – Social Norms, Social Change

This course addresses the follow questions through lectures, discussions and assignments:

- What are social norms? - Definition and cognitive foundations.
- How can social norms be measured? - From the lab to the field
- How can change and long-term social progress be achieved?
- What can we learn from UNICEF's practice? - Case studies on issues such as child marriage, gender violence and sanitation

Location: Online

Date: June 20th, 2016

Registration deadline: June 19th, 2016

[For more information](#) (UN Children's Fund)



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Training – Developing Skills and Livelihood Training Programmes for Older Children in Child Labour

This course will provide practical guidance on how to design and implement skills and livelihood training for out-of-school adolescents with a focus on older out-of-school children in child labour, or children at risk of child labour.

- **Location:** Turin Center, Italia
- **Date:** November 21st to November 25th, 2016
- **Registration deadline:** October 3rd, 2016

[For more information](#) (International Training Centre of the ILO)

Training Course on Gender-Based Violence

The overall purpose of the training programme is to increase participant's knowledge and understanding of the concept of gender, and gender-based violence, sexuality, and rights. It will further take a look at the various forms of gender-based violence and the core principles for a code of conduct, reporting mechanisms and developing a programmatic response.

- **Location:** IRES Training Centre, Kenya
- **Date:** July 4th to July 8th, 2016
- **Registration deadline:** June 27th, 2016

[For more information](#) (Indepth Research Services)



Training – Achieving Education for all and Eliminating Child Labour

The International Training Centre of the ILO is pleased to announce the opening of registrations for the activity on “*Achieving education for all and eliminating child labour*” that will run from 25 to 30 September 2016 in Turin (Italy). Child labour is a barrier to education for all. This course explores policy measures and programmes to remove the barriers to education that working children face.

- **Location:** Turin Center, Italia
- **Date:** September 26th to September 30th, 2016
- **Registration deadline:** August 10th, 2016

[For more information](#), (International Training Centre of the ILO)

Training - WASH and Nutrition

Nutrition is a key aspect in our day to day life. Sanitation related diseases affect the nutrition status of both children and adults which may consequently lead to many deaths and yet these conditions can be managed nutritionally.

This course is designed to equip the participants with knowledge on how to manage WASH related diseases nutritionally.

- **Location :** Nairobi - Kenya
- **Date:** 31st October to the 11th of November 2016
- **Registration deadline:** 24 October 2016

[For more information](#) (Network for Water and Sanitation)



3. Vacancies

Chief of Party (COP) – Save the Children

We are currently recruiting for a Chief of Party (COP) to work on the USAID-funded Improved Wellbeing and Health Outcomes for OVC in Ethiopia (IWHO) cooperative agreement which focuses on enabling more OVC to utilize services for improving HIV/AIDS care, health, nutrition, economic security, education, protection, and psychosocial wellbeing. All posts are contingent on the issuance of USAID funding and the selection of applicants is subject to USAID approval.

- **Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Application deadline:** June 11th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Administrateur/trice de données – International Committee of the Red Cross

The data administrator manages and processes data relating to individuals and events covered by the ICRC's mandate such as prisoners of war and other detainees, missing persons, children separated from their families and violations against civilians and their property. In so doing, he/she contributes directly to the activities of the Protection department in our offices abroad. His/her main duties are the following:

- Managing database
 - Following up data collected in the field
 - Managing documents and information
 - Compiling detailed and complex analyses and statistics
 - Establishing and maintaining data update procedures
 - Supervising and training colleagues in the Protection department
- **Location:** ICRC delegation abroad
 - **Application deadline:** 31 August 2016

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Program Manager, Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods – Save the Children

The Program Manager provides award management support for a USAID-funded contract in Ethiopia, and other awards within the Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods award portfolio from opportunity to closeout.

S/he is accountable for following award management procedures to ensure the effective flow of resources to Save the Children International (SCI) and other Save the Children members in the food security and livelihoods technical sector. This work must ensure donor expectations are met and programs are successfully implemented.

Liaising with relevant stakeholders, particularly Country Office (CO), Finance, and technical staff, the Senior Program Coordinator keeps her/his Manager informed of important issues. S/he has a role in continuous improvement, ensuring better practices are disseminated across the award management function, and that program deliverables are met.

- **Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Application deadline:** June 11th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Associate Director, New Business Development Africa – Save the Children

New Business Development provides leadership in Save the Children's efforts to achieve greater program results at scale, especially for the most deprived, through the successful pursuit of large and strategic funding opportunities. This position helps execute the vision, strategy and operational plan to support country and technical offices in positioning the agency to successfully compete for specific opportunities, responding to those opportunities with a quality process and product, and building and maintaining an effective Business Development "system" of tools, processes and capacities across the agency.

- **Location:** Washington, USA
- **Application deadline:** June 11th, 2016

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Program Coordinator - Médecins du Monde

Under the supervision of the Kachin field coordinator, you will implement and supervise technically all activities regarding the “reduction of HIV prevalence among people who inject drugs (PWID) through community-led harm reduction in Kachin State”, with joint MdM/Metta program.

You will directly manage a training officer and an advocacy officer. You will also manage operationally a logistic and administrator supervisor.

You will work in close coordination with the harm reduction advisor, the medical advisor, the harm reduction advocacy coordinator and the monitoring and evaluation coordinator.

- **Location:** Myanmar
- **Application deadline:** August 22nd, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Program Manager – Relief International

Relief International (RI) seeks a dynamic, hands-on Senior Program Manager to support one or multiple Southern Syria Response projects focused on Health and Protection, based in Jordan. The Senior Program Manager will be responsible for overall project management, for ensuring that project objectives are on track, coordinate with humanitarian actors and donors to mobilize resources, remotely plan and manage the scale up of the emergency response in Syria, and to provide day to day operational backstopping support and strategic direction to the Syria country program staff in collaboration with the Jordan Country Director, Regional Director, and Regional Program Development Manager.

- **Location:** Jordan
- **Application deadline:** June 15th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



Chief of Party/PACs – International Rescue Committee

The Chief of Party (COP) will be responsible for overall technical leadership and management of the program and will serve as the principal institutional liaison to USAID and MOH. The COP will be responsible for ensuring that the program is implemented in accordance with the cooperative agreement, donor regulations, and internationally recognized community health standards. The COP will ensure that project initiatives adequately address the needs of the beneficiary population in the most cost-effective manner.

- **Location:** Monrovia, Liberia
- **Application deadline:** July 9th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

International Researcher on Procedural Rights of Children Suspected or Accused in Criminal Proceedings – Terre des Hommes Hungary

Based on the national reports that he/she will receive from the project coordinator, the successful candidate will conduct a comparative analysis of the situation of foreign children suspected or accused in criminal proceedings and how their procedural rights are effectively enforced in Europe. The international researcher is expected to produce a regional report (50 pages) focusing on the best practices that the research will have contributed to identify. Following the development of the regional comparative report, the project envisages the development of a handbook for legal practitioners with the aim to assist legal representatives of suspected or accused foreign children in upholding the rights of their vulnerable clients. The regional comparative report will lay down the basis for the development of the handbook.

- **Location:** Budapest
- **Application deadline:** June 24th, 2016

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Senior Protection Coordinator – International Rescue Committee

Under the supervision and guidance of the Deputy Director Programs (DDP), the Senior Protection Coordinator will be responsible for providing strategic direction and vision to the IRC's Protection programming, including liaising with key Government and sector stakeholders, and will also provide guidance to the Protection Coordinator and protection managers in two locations. S/he will be responsible for overall design, supervision, management and quality implementation of all aspects of the protection program

- **Location:** Athens, Greece
- **Application deadline:** July 5th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Human Rights Officer - UN Support Mission in Libya

Within limits of delegated authority, the Human Rights Officer will be responsible for performing the following duties:

- Works directly with other components of the UN peace operation, including the political and security sector components, to integrate human rights considerations into the planning and review of their programs and operations.
 - Contributes to advocacy strategies, advocates and advises relevant authorities, including State officials, the UN Country Team (UNCT) and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), UN and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) senior management on strategies to better protect and promote human rights and mechanisms to stop impunity and redress human rights violations.
 - Contributes to the integration of gender perspectives/considerations and specific women/girls' rights issues in all activities, programmes and strategies.
- **Location:** Tunis
 - **Application deadline:** June 17th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Deputy Director, Public Relations - US Fund for UNICEF

Reporting to the Senior Director of Public Relations, the Deputy Director will assume oversight and responsibility for the development, management and implementation of public relations activities that expand public awareness and support for UNICEF's mission, programs and priorities.

- **Location:** NY, USA
- **Application deadline:** July 31st, 2016

[For more information](#) (UNICEF)

Country Director- Save the Children

As a member of the East and Southern Africa Senior Leadership team, you will have shared accountability for Save the Children's international development and emergency programming in the region of approximately \$400 million each year through an organisation of over 5,500 people. To achieve our ambitious goals and breakthroughs for children, the leadership team will, in collaboration with Save the Children Members and in conjunction with the other regional organisations, aim to drive growth globally to \$2.7 billion by 2019.

The Country Director will lead the growth and transform program quality of the country to new standards, whilst also delivering Save the Children's strategy within the country through:

- Delivering quality programmes, including advocacy, for children;
- Ensuring world class stewardship of resources from Members and their donors

- **Location:** Malawi
- **Application deadline:** June 12th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



4. Children and Armed Conflicts

Afrique subsaharienne- ONU : mise en place d'un Fonds pour l'éducation des enfants victimes de conflits

18 mai 2016 - Suite au nombre important d'enfant obligés de quitter l'école à cause des situations d'urgence, l'ONU s'est engagée à mettre en place un fonds pour venir en aide aux millions d'enfants déplacés par des conflits. Un espoir pour les enfants nigériens, camerounais, nigériens et tchadiens obligés de quitter l'école à cause de Boko Haram.

[Article complet](#) (Bénin info monde)

Columbia - UNICEF welcomes FARC's announcement to release all children in its ranks

May 16th, 2016 – UNICEF welcomes the agreement by the Government of Colombia and the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército del Pueblo (FARC-EP), Colombia's main armed opposition group, for the release of all children under the age of 15 from FARC's ranks.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Europe - Unaccompanied refugee and migrant children in urgent need of protection, warns UNICEF

May 6th, 2016 – UNICEF today called for urgent measures to protect unaccompanied refugee and migrant children in Europe – who are at serious risk of abuse, trafficking and exploitation and whose number reached a record of more than 95,000 last year.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Greece - UNICEF following operation in Idomeni, Greece

May 24th, 2016 – UNICEF is following today's operation in Idomeni, on the Greece border with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on account of the large number of children who have been living there in dire conditions (there were approximately 3,600 children in Idomeni in mid-May).

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)



Guinée - Implication des enfants dans les conflits armés : L'Union européenne salue l'adhésion de la Guinée à la convention (Déclaration)

8 mai 2016 - La Délégation de l'Union européenne, en accord avec les Missions diplomatiques des Etats membres en République de Guinée (France, Espagne, Allemagne, Royaume Uni et Belgique), salue l'adhésion de la Guinée, le 8 avril 2016, au Protocole facultatif à la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant, concernant l'implication d'enfants dans les conflits armés.

[Article complet](#) (Aconakrylive)

Iraq - Save the children calls for children and families to be freed from besieged city of Fallujah

May 26th, 2016 - Save the Children is increasingly concerned about the fate of up to 50,000 civilians prevented from escaping the new military offensive around the besieged Iraqi city of Fallujah, and calls for safe routes to be urgently established to allow children and their families to flee.

[Full Article](#) (SAVE THE CHILDREN)

Israel - Israel 'killed 25 Palestinian children' in three months

May 24th 2016 - Twenty-five Palestinian children were killed in the last three months of 2015 during a wave of anti-Israeli attacks and the number detained was the highest in seven years, according to the UNICEF.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Mena - Four schools or hospitals attacked or occupied every day – UNICEF

NEW YORK, 19 May 2016 – An average of four schools or hospitals are attacked or occupied by armed forces and groups every day – according to UNICEF analysis released ahead of the World Humanitarian Summit. The findings, drawn from the most recent Report of the UN Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict, come in the wake of recent attacks on education and health facilities and workers – including the bombing of schools in Yemen, and a strike on a hospital in Aleppo, Syria on 27 April, that killed at least 50 people, including one of the last paediatricians in the area.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)



Monde - Cinq pays où l'utilisation d'enfants soldats reste d'actualité

17 mai 2016 - Le plus important des groupes de guérilla de Colombie a accepté de libérer l'ensemble de ses soldats âgés de moins de 15 ans. Saluée par les groupes de défense des droits de l'enfant, cette initiative vient toutefois nous rappeler que le recours aux enfants soldats reste d'actualité dans les divers conflits armés qui secouent la planète.

[Article complet](#) (IRIN)

Monde – Sommet mondial pour le droit des filles victimes de conflits humanitaires

23 mai 2016 - Seul 1 % des fonds destiné aux crises humanitaires des pays en développement ont été utilisés pour la protection des femmes en 2014. Face à ce chiffre alarmant, Plan International appelle la communauté internationale à une action globale en faveur des populations touchées, et en particulier des filles et des femmes qui sont les plus à risque, à l'occasion du Sommet mondial sur l'action humanitaire qui se tient les 23 et 24 mai à Istanbul.

[Article complet](#) (PLAN International)

Monde - Un enfant sur neuf vit en zone de conflit

26 mai 2016 - Un enfant sur neuf vit désormais dans des zones frappées par la guerre ou les conflits violents, soit près de 250 millions d'enfants à travers le monde, estime l'UNICEF. Une situation critique qui double le risque de décès de causes évitables chez les petits de moins de cinq ans, vulnérabilisés par la malnutrition, les maladies infectieuses et l'absence de soins de santé.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Nigeria - Avoir peur d'une écolière de 11 ans... Le Nigéria sous Boko Haram

3 mai 2016 - Il y a deux ans, l'enlèvement par Boko Haram de 270 lycéennes à Chibok, au Nigéria, avait ému le monde entier et déclenché le mouvement « #BringBackOurGirls ». Depuis, 2000 autres enfants ont été kidnappés dans la région, 1.3 million sont déplacés... et le monde l'a à peine remarqué. Le point sur cette crise qui prend pour cible l'éducation, et les enfants.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)



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Nigeria - Des enfants et des bébés meurent en détention militaire

11 mai 2016 - Onze enfants âgés de moins de six ans, dont quatre bébés, comptent parmi les 149 personnes qui sont mortes cette année en détention, au tristement célèbre centre de détention de la caserne de Giwa à Maiduguri, au Nigeria, a déclaré Amnesty International mercredi 11 mai 2016.

[Article complet](#) (Amnesty International)

République Démocratique du Congo - 4 millions d'enfants touchés par des conflits armés en RDC Cri d'alarme de l'UNICEF à la veille du Sommet mondial humanitaire

23 mai 2016 - L'agence de l'ONU pour les enfants affirme que chaque jour dans le monde quatre écoles ou hôpitaux sont attaqués ou occupés et réclame des mesures de protection. Le premier Sommet mondial sur la situation humanitaire à travers la Planète Terre se tient ce lundi 23 et ce mardi 24 mai 2016 à Istanbul en Turquie, à l'initiative du Secrétaire général de l'ONU, Ban ki-Moon.

[Article complet](#) (7sur7.cd)

Rwanda - Three young Burundian refugees reunited with their families in Rwanda

May 20th, 2016 - Gérard is 13 years old. He was separated from his parents and then his brother when a wave of violence swept through Burundi in April 2015. He is now a refugee in Rwanda. I used sit alone and wonder how I was ever going to find my parents. I thought a lot about my mother because I didn't get to say goodbye to her.

[Full Article](#) (ICRC)

Syria - From war to sweatshop for Syria's child refugees

May 6th, 2016 - Hamza sits at a sewing machine in a gloomy warehouse in southern Turkey, where he works 12 hours a day, six days a week. The Syrian can perform most of the roles on the assembly line: he knows how to mould leather into the shape of a shoe, or attach its sole with glue. Today Hamza threads its different parts together with the machine, and his boss looks on approvingly.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)



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Syria civil war: Helping traumatised children in Aleppo

May 1st, 2016 - As the Syrian government continues its military offensive against rebel-held areas in Aleppo and the civilian death toll mounts, thousands of the city's children have been left traumatised by the harrowing conflict surrounding them.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Territoires Palestiniens Occupés - La moitié des écoles de l'ONU pour les enfants palestiniens touchés par les conflits

23 mai 2016 - Près de la moitié des écoles gérées par l'agence des Nations unies pour l'aide aux réfugiés palestiniens (UNRWA) ont été touchées par les conflits, a indiqué lundi celle-ci en marge du premier Sommet humanitaire international à Istanbul.

[Article complet](#) (L'Humanité)

World- Children and Armed Conflict Monthly Update

May 2016 - This month's update highlights children and armed conflict concerns and provides recommendations for the protection of children in the situations of Iraq, Somalia, and the Syrian Arab Republic. The update also reiterates key recommendations to the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict on Iraq as it concludes negotiations, and provides an update regarding the status of the Working Group's consideration of the Secretary-General's report on the situation of children and armed conflict in the Central African Republic.

[Full Article](#) (Watchlist on children and armed conflicts)

World – Education and conflict

May 1st, 2016 - Attacks on education occur around the world, both inside and outside of situations of armed conflict. In many regions, armed groups intentionally target schools, teachers, and students. These attacks violate the rights of the child: in addition to putting children at risk of injury or death, they can thwart students' chance to get an education.

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



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World - Education cannot wait for children in emergencies

May 24th, 2016 - This week marks the first ever World Humanitarian Summit, where world leaders will meet to commit to action and reduce humanitarian suffering worldwide. At the summit, we have been working with partners to launch the Education Cannot Wait fund, which aims to provide 13.6 million children with quality education over the next five years.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

World- The Victims of War: Women and Children

May 23rd, 2016 - We plan to have around 1.15 hr. panel session and there will be a short video demonstration filmed by Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality to show the situation in Gaziantep and the social service model of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality. There will be six speakers (Fatma Şahin-Mayor of GMM, Prof.Dr. Beril Dedeoğlu, Ass.Prof.Dr. Sare Aydın- Chairman of KADEM , Muazzez Ersoy-Artisti Goodwill Ambassador for the UN Refugee Agency, Coşkun Aral-Documentary Producer and Prof. Dr. Aşkın ASAN will be moderator. Under the Moderator, 5 or 10 minutes videos will display. Later, the speakers will complete their speeches. Q&A session will follow and at the end it will be completed with the closing speech by the moderator.

[Full Article](#) (World Humanitarian Summit)

World - War is No Excuse for Depriving Children with Disabilities of an Education

May 16th, 2016 - Brothers Mo'ayed, 13, and Majed, 18, cannot hear or speak, but they scored top marks at school in Raqqa, [Syria](#), before fighting forced them to flee to Damascus. The brothers managed to stay in school in Damascus, despite having to get up at 5:00 am to get through all of the checkpoints. Eventually forced to flee to [Lebanon](#), they have now been out of school for three years.

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



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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] Wars and Disasters Threw us out of School and into Child Labour

June 10th, 2016 – When wars and natural disasters erupt, one of the first casualties is education. Children are forced out of their schools and many of them end up in child labour - working to help their families survive. World Day Against Child Labour is held each year on June 12 to highlight the plight of 168 million children, many of them working in hazardous conditions.

[Full Article](#) (A Word at School)

[Nouvelle] L'analyse novatrice de l'alimentation scolaire lancée pour aider les pays à mettre en place des programmes durables

10 juin, 2016 – Une analyse contemporaine importante de la pratique de repas scolaires mondial, conçue pour aider à renforcer ces investissements sociaux cruciaux, a été publiée aujourd'hui par le Partnership for Child Development de l'Imperial College de Londres (PCD), le Programme alimentaire mondial des Nations Unies (PAM) et la Banque Mondiale. Le guide de référence de l'alimentation scolaire mondial : Leçons provenant de 14 pays a été fait en réponse à la demande des gouvernements et des partenaires de développement pour obtenir des informations sur la conception et la mise en œuvre des programmes d'alimentation scolaires nationaux durables à grande échelle qui peuvent répondre à des normes approuvées au niveau mondial.

[Article complet](#) (Programme alimentaire mondial)

[Report] 2015 International Annual Report

June 10th, 2016 – The 2015 International Annual Report describes how SOS Children's Villages around the world supported children and strengthened families and communities in 2015 through community-integrated responses in care, education, health and emergency services. The 573 SOS Children's Villages around the world in 2015 are described as 'care and protection hubs' for their local communities, as they provided a range of locally-tailored services to support vulnerable children.

[Full Article](#) (SOS Children's Villages International)



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[News] Male Victims of Sexual Violence: War's Silent Sufferers

June 10th, 2016 – Sexual violence is a tactic of war, used to humiliate, dominate and instil fear. It is also increasingly being used as a tactic of terrorism. While the focus has largely been on women and girls as victims of sexual violence, boys and men are equally at risk. As Zainab Hawa Bangura, the United Nations Secretary-General's special representative on sexual violence in conflict, pointed out: 'The crippling repercussions of rape in war are devastating for women, but our sons and brothers who are victims also suffer in silence.'

[Full Article](#) (Institute for Security Studies)

[News] The Education Deficit: Failures to Protect and Fulfill the Right to Education Through Global Development Agendas

June 9th, 2016 – Discriminatory laws and policies and a lack of political will to carry out basic human rights obligations by countries around the globe are keeping millions of children and adolescents out of school, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. Senior government education officials, global policymakers, and funding agencies will meet in Norway on June 13-16, 2016, to adopt measures to improve access to quality education globally.

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

[News] Content of Report on Conflict-Affected Children will not change, asserts Ban

June 9th, 2016 – Standing by his decision to remove the Saudi-led Coalition in Yemen from his latest report on conflict-affected children, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today said it was one of the most 'painful and difficult decisions' he has ever had to make, and that it is 'unacceptable' for Member States to exert undue pressure as scrutiny is necessary part of the work of the UN. "The report describes horrors no child should have to face," said Mr. Ban speaking to the press outside of the UN Security Council chamber, where he acknowledged the "fierce reaction to my decision to temporarily remove the Saudi-led Coalition countries from the report's annex."

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)



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[News] Secretary-General, in Message for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Urges Shifting Shame, Social Stigma Faced by Victims to Perpetrators

June 9th, 2016 – Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message on the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, observed on 19 June: The world continues to witness appalling levels of sexual violence in wartime. No region is immune to this scourge, which continues to affect women, girls, boys and men. There has also been clear progress and unprecedented political momentum to address these crimes.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations)

[News] Breaking the Silo: Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women to Access Integrated Health-Care Services

June 9th, 2016 – At the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, taking place in New York, United States of America, the Organisation of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA) has called for the stronger integration of services to improve health outcomes among adolescent girls and young women.

[Full Article](#) (UNAIDS)

[Research Article] Early Childhood Developmental Status in Low-and Middle Income Countries: National, Regional, and Global Prevalence Estimates Using Predictive Modeling

June 7th, 2016 – The development of cognitive and socioemotional skills early in life influences later health and well-being. Existing estimates of unmet developmental potential in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are based on either measures of physical growth or proxy measures such as poverty. In this paper we aim to directly estimate the number of children in LMICs who would be reported by their caregivers to show low cognitive and/or socioemotional development.

[Full Article](#) (PLOS)

[News] UNAIDS and PEPFAR Announce Dramatic Reductions in New HIV Infections Among Children in the 21 Countries Most Affected by HIV in Africa

June 8th, 2016 – UNAIDS and the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) announced today that there has been a 60% decline in new HIV infections among children since 2009 in the 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa that have been most affected by the epidemic.

[Full Article](#) (UNAIDS)



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[Nouvelle] La FAO et l'OIT unissent leurs efforts pour lutter contre le travail des enfants dans l'agriculture

8 juin, 2016) – La FAO et l'Organisation internationale du travail (OIT) s'adressent aux professionnels du secteur agricole en vue de les sensibiliser à l'importance des questions relatives au travail des enfants. Les deux organisations ont lancé un nouveau cours de formation en ligne destiné aux décideurs en matière de politique agricole, aux concepteurs de programmes, aux responsables de leur mise en œuvre, aux chercheurs et aux statisticiens afin de garantir l'inclusion de mesures visant à combattre le travail des enfants dans les programmes de développement agricole et rural, en particulier ceux ciblant les petits exploitants agricoles disposant de faibles revenus.

[Full Article](#) (Food and Agriculture Organization)

[News] Children with Disabilities not protected from violence

June 16th, 2016 – Children with disabilities are experiencing extremely high levels of violence, compared to those without disabilities. In fact, 84% of children with disabilities questioned in our research study, Protect Us! reported having experienced some form of violence at school in the previous week. The research commissioned by Plan International was carried out in Uganda and Malawi by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

[Full Article](#) (Plan International)

[News] Human Rights Council concludes interactive dialogue with special rapporteurs on the right to health and on trafficking in persons

June 15th, 2016 – The Human Rights Council this afternoon concluded its clustered interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to health and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons. In his concluding remarks, Dainius Puras, Special Rapporteur on the right to health, said that traditions and values, while often useful, could also be used as a pretext to violate rights. In terms of measures to improve the health of adolescents, the common denominator was the recognition of their rights: the right to information, freedom of expression and opinion, protection from violence, the right to dignity, and the right to bodily integrity.

[Full Article](#) (Office of the High Commissioner United Nations Human Rights)



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[Report] Danger Every Step of the way

June 2016 - They risk detention, rape, forced labour, beatings or death. Yet, tens of thousands of children, many of them unaccompanied or separated, are making the dangerous refugee and migrant journey in the hope of finding safety or a better life in Europe. They are fleeing brutal violence, abject poverty, drought, forced early marriage, untold hardship or lack of prospects and hope in dozens of countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelle] Pas toujours facile de suivre ses parents aux quatre coins du monde

9 juin 2016 - *"Maman, maman, je veux devenir chanteuse. Je veux faire des chansons."* Quand Manika croit découvrir sa vocation, elle vit à Shanghai avec sa famille, qui se prépare à déménager pour un séjour de six mois à Bali avant de rejoindre Singapour. Or, de Shanghai à Singapour, Manika, 6 ans, a un peu grandi et beaucoup changé. Sa mère, Rashmi J. Dalai, se contente d'abord de sourire, raconte-t-elle sur le site du Wall Street Journal.

[Article complet](#) (Courrier Expat)

[News] Conflict and Crisis in Africa: Protecting all Children's Rights

June 16th, 2016 - The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) in collaboration with the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and its partners commemorates the 16th Day of the African Child (DAC) on the theme "Conflict and crisis in Africa: Protecting all children's Rights". Along side UN agencies and international organizations, the Day is marked with various activities organized with children, and aims to shed light on the plight of children that are subjected to the consequences of conflicts including armed conflicts, and crises, as they are one of the most vulnerable groups of society.

[Full Article](#) (African Union)

[News] Unequal Portions: Ending Malnutrition for Every Last Child

June 16th, 2016 - Last year leaders from around the world committed to ending child malnutrition within a generation – by 2030 – as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. We welcome their ambition. But is the world anywhere close to meeting it? The mountainous Intibucá district in Honduras can help provide an answer. At a global level, there has been real progress in tackling malnutrition in recent decades – child undernutrition rates have dropped by a third since 1990.

[Full Article](#) (Save The Children)



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[News] Children Face Beatings, Rape, Death Trying to Reach Europe: UNICEF

June 14th, 2016 - Migrant children making the perilous journey to Europe to escape war and poverty face possible beatings, rape and forced labor in addition to risk of drowning in the Mediterranean, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Tuesday. Minors account for a growing percentage of migrants and refugees, particularly those trying to reach Italy by sea from Libya, it said in a report, "Danger Every Step of the Way". Of the roughly 206,200 people who arrived in Europe by sea this year to June 4, one in three was a child, it said, citing figures from the U.N. refugee agency.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] Spike in Numbers of Migrant Children Arriving Alone in Europe Raises Exploitation Risks

June 14th, 2016 - More than nine out of ten refugee and migrant children arriving in Europe through Italy this year are traveling alone, the U.N. children's agency UNICEF said on Tuesday, warning of "appalling" risks children face while escaping conflict and poverty. In the first five months of 2016, more than 7,000 unaccompanied children made the crossing from North Africa to Italy, following a route that in recent weeks has become the busiest and the deadliest for migrants to Europe, UNICEF said.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] Internet Providers Urged to Tackle Live-Streaming of Child Sex in the Philippines

June 6th, 2016 - Poor families in the Philippines are pushing their children into performing live sex online for paedophiles around the globe in what one senior UNICEF official called a form of "child slavery". "There's no limits to how cruel and gross this business is - and it's a billion, billion-dollar business," said Lotta Sylwander, head of the U.N. children's agency UNICEF in the Philippines.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



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[Nouvelle] Travail des enfants : quand papa aura retrouvé du boulot

15 juin 2016 – Giovanni est en retard. Très en retard. C'est normal, c'est de sa faute, après la sortie de l'école il a voulu jouer au foot avec deux copains. Non, pas ceux de sa classe, ces feignasses qui le traitent de mendiant. Deux autres du quartier « qui sont comme moi, enfin tu vois ce que je veux dire quoi, qui ne vont pas juste à l'école ». Il est déjà treize heures trente, Giovanni a une bonne demi-heure de retard, alors il trotte vers la maison en espérant que sa mère Monica ne lui crie pas dessus.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] Meurtres de deux policiers : Il faut favoriser l'expression de l'enfant, l'inciter à verbaliser

15 juin 2016 – Jean-Baptiste Salvaing et sa compagne, Jessica Schneider (les noms ont été donnés par la police nationale avec l'accord des familles), un couple de fonctionnaires du ministère de l'intérieur, ont été assassinés par Larossi Abballa, dans la nuit du lundi 13 au mardi 14 juin à leur domicile de Magnanville (Yvelines). Leur enfant de 3 ans et demi a été retrouvé « *sain et sauf* » sur les lieux. Mais « *en état de sidération, il a été pris en charge et hospitalisé* », a indiqué mardi le procureur de la République de Paris, François Molins.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] L'UNICEF dénonce l'exploitation des migrants mineurs dans les jungles françaises

16 juin 2016 – Violés, contraints de se prostituer, de voler, d'accomplir des corvées quotidiennes dans les camps ou d'aider à faire monter des migrants dans les camions... Les mineurs non accompagnés qui campent à Calais (Pas-de-Calais), Grande-Synthe (Nord) et dans cinq petites jungles voisines sont la proie des passeurs. Signataire de la Convention internationale des droits de l'enfant, la France leur doit pourtant assistance et protection.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)



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[News] Should Save the Children Take Money from This Donor?

June 14th, 2016 – A foundation set up by Saudi Arabia’s Prince Alwaleed bin Talal is donating £20 million (\$29 million) to British NGO Save the Children to train a “next generation” of emergency aid workers from developing countries. The six-year pledge was first announced on 19 May, weeks after the UN accused a Saudi-led military coalition of killing 510 children in Yemen last year. Critics say Save the Children should not take the money on ethical grounds and that it weakens respect for international humanitarian law.

[Full Article](#) (Irinnews)

[Nouvelle] ONU : le lanceur d’alerte Anders Kompass démissionne

07 juin 2016 - Anders Kompass, le haut responsable des Nations unies accusé d’avoir transmis à l’été 2014 aux autorités françaises un document confidentiel révélant des accusations de viols d’enfants par des soldats français en République centrafricaine, a démissionné pour protester contre « la totale impunité » dont bénéficient les auteurs de ces actes.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[Nouvelle] Exploitation sexuelle lors du Grand Prix : deux visions s’affrontent

10 juin 2016 - L'organisme Stella dénonce la campagne de groupes féministes qui décrivent une augmentation de l'exploitation sexuelle des femmes durant des événements sportifs majeurs comme le Grand Prix. Selon l'organisme montréalais de défense des travailleuses du sexe, aucune preuve n'appuie ces affirmations, lesquelles, au contraire, mettent en danger les travailleuses du sexe. Qu'en est-il vraiment ?

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

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2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Training - Introduction to Children in Emergencies (credit-rated option)

This course will enable participants to explore perspectives on children's rights in emergencies and develop the critical skills to respond in a child-centred way. The course aims to develop the competencies required to effectively meet the needs of children through humanitarian programmes.

Location: London - United Kingdom of Great Britain

Date: 22 to 26 August 2016

Registration deadline: 15 August 2016

[For more information](#) (RedR UK)

Training – Developing Skills and Livelihood Training Programmes for Older Children in Child Labour

This course will provide practical guidance on how to design and implement skills and livelihood training for out-of-school adolescents with a focus on older out-of-school children in child labour, or children at risk of child labour.

Location: Turin Center, Italia

Date: November 21st to November 25th, 2016

Registration deadline: October 3rd, 2016

[For more information](#) (International Training Centre of the ILO)

Training – Achieving Education for all and Eliminating Child Labour

The International Training Centre of the ILO is pleased to announce the opening of registrations for the activity on “*Achieving education for all and eliminating child labour*” that will run from 25 to 30 September 2016 in Turin (Italy). Child labour is a barrier to education for all. This course explores policy measures and programmes to remove the barriers to education that working children face.

Location: Turin Center, Italia

Date: September 26th to September 30th, 2016

Registration deadline: August 10th, 2016

[For more information](#) (International Training Centre of the ILO)



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Training - WASH and Nutrition

Nutrition is a key aspect in our day to day life. Sanitation related diseases affect the nutrition status of both children and adults which may consequently lead to many deaths and yet these conditions can be managed nutritionally. This course is designed to equip the participants with knowledge on how to manage WASH related diseases nutritionally.

Location : Nairobi - Kenya

Date: 31st October au 11th November 2016

Registration deadline: 24 October 2016

[For more information](#) (Network for Water and Sanitation)

Training – International Protection Relating to Children

UNHCR tells us that 50% of today's refugees are children. As one of the most vulnerable groups that we encounter in refugee status determination it is critical that their claims are dealt with in an appropriate manner and that they are given the best opportunity to get their accounts across accurately. Children's claims should only be dealt with by those with specialist training in managing claims from children and who have an understanding of child protection, signs of abuse and of human trafficking.

Location : Gaziantep, Turkey

Date: August 29th to 31st, 2016

Registration deadline: July 20th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Conference - International conference on the best interest of the child in the justice system

The conference will be held at Daystar University, Nairobi Kenya on 17th to 19th August 2016. The conference is organized by among other Ministry of Labor and East Africa Affairs (Department of Children Services); UNICEF East Africa Regional Office, African Institute for Children Studies and Daystar University. Appreciating your organization's work on children's matter, we invite you to submit an abstract or paper on any of the following themes and subthemes.

Location : Kenya

Date: August 17th to 19th, 2016

Registration deadline: July 31st, 2016

[For more information](#) (African Institute for Children Studies)



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Training – International Standards for Protecting in Responding to the Needs of Refugees

Overall objective of the training is to ensure the rights of refugees/asylum seekers are protected through the process of their identification. In detail, the trainees will gain understanding on the principles of international protection, international human rights standards and principles of humanitarian response to the refugee influx. Upon the training they will be equipped with basic skills of identification of vulnerabilities and their protection in line with above mentioned human rights standards and related, national legal framework.

Location : Turkey

Date: August 18th to 20th, 2016

Registration deadline: July 20th, 2016

[For more information](#) (Center for Resource & System Management)

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Location : Italy

Date: September 26th to 30th, 2016

Registration deadline: August 10th, 2016

[For more information](#) (International Training Centre for the ILO)



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Training – Introduction to Children in Emergencies

This course will enable participants to explore perspectives on children's rights in emergencies and develop the critical skills to respond in a child-centred way. The course aims to develop the competencies required to effectively meet the needs of children through humanitarian programmes.

In addition, participants will be able to explore two thematic areas to further develop skills required to address the key programming issues in relation to: Child Protection in Emergencies and Education in Emergencies.

Location: London

Date: August 22nd to 26th, 2016

Registration deadline: September 27th, 2016

[For more information](#) (RedR UK)

Training– Obstetrics Unplugged

The course "Obstetrics Unplugged" is designed to provide non-specialist humanitarian actors with theoretical and practical knowledge in an experience oriented manner enabling them to gain confidence on the topic of SRH and to secure the best possible outcome for mother and child.

Location: Germany

Date: October 7th to 9th, 2016

Registration deadline: September 27th, 2016

[For more information](#) (PlanP GbR)



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3. Vacancies

Call for proposal for the selection of an Inclusive Education Expert - Terre des Hommes

TDH It works in **Palestine since 2000**, and it has implemented several educational, health and psycho-social interventions together with its National Partners and with Local Authorities in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Within the frame of its activities, TDH It is implementing a 3-year project called **'Valuing diversity: inclusive education intervention for East Jerusalem children'**, which focuses on 10 Awqaf schools located in East Jerusalem that expressed the willingness of adopting a more inclusive approach, and of opening their premises to all children of the neighbourhood to provide them structured inclusive activities and safe places to play.

Location: East Jerusalem

Application deadline: July 9th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Program Director: Integrated Child Health - Clinton Access Initiative

The Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) seeks a full-time Director of Programs to lead the Integrated Child Health program cluster in Uganda. The Program Director will be responsible for working with the Government of Uganda and national and international stakeholders to develop and implement innovative, catalytic strategies to strengthen a holistic approach to the treatment of Diarrhea, Pneumonia and Malaria.

Location: Kampala

Application deadline: July 16th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Finance & Grants Manager - Save the Children

This role will provide the primary financial and grants management inputs into emergency response programmes, and ongoing support to develop best practice emergency financial and grants management procedures and processes. The main aspects of the role are: Responding to emergencies as the finance & grants focal person in the emergency response team, working with other emergency departments in country to ensure that there is a co-ordinated response in line with best practices; In an emergency environment, assist in transition and work with existing country finance teams to ensure that best practices are adopted after emergency activity is completed.

Location: Italy

Application deadline: July 16th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Finance and Awards Manager - Save the Children

The Finance and Awards Manager is responsible for overseeing all aspects of financial management and other operational duties for this grant funded by USAID in Kenya. The job holder will manage the implementation of financial systems, budgeting, expenditure tracking, and financial reporting and accounting for both the prime recipient and any sub-awards. S/he will also handle all grant management and reporting on program performance as well as provide financial and technical management to ensure the best use of resources by preparing sound budgets, monitoring project expenses, and ensuring timely preparation of donor financial reports.

Location: Kenya

Application deadline: July 11th, 2016

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Chief of Party (COP) - Save the Children

The COP will liaise closely with USAID/Kenya, Government of Kenya representatives, Save the Children's Headquarters and Country Offices, and partner organizations. The COP will be the principal representative of the project and will ensure adherence to overall technical and programmatic quality in implementation, compliance with USAID rules and regulations, and the timely submission of all deliverables to USAID, including annual work plans, performance monitoring plans, semi-annual reports and annual reports as may be required. The COP will be responsible for overall direction and coordination of the activities of any sub-recipient partners under this grant.

Location: Kenya

Application deadline: July 11th, 2016

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National Family Strengthening Advisor - SOS Children's Villages International

Main responsibilities:

- ✓ Actively contributes to putting the Children's Villages Programme Policy and related policies into practice taking into consideration national legislation and context.
- ✓ Participates in the development of concept notes and programme proposals.
- ✓ Develops detailed psycho-pedagogical concepts for new types of interventions in the country jointly with programme staff in the locations for approval by Programme department of SOS Children Village International CEE/CIS.
- ✓ Provides technical expertise to the Programme Director when setting up new programme units and interventions in a location.

Location: Ukraine

Application deadline: July 31st, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Midwife Activity Manager - Médecins Sans Frontières

Define, implement and follow-up all midwife and maternity related activities in a project area, according to MSF policies, analyzing statistics and reports and ensuring the proper implementation of protocols and management of staff involved, in order to provide a high quality Mother and Child Health (MCH) care to the population. Manages staff involved in the midwife and maternity related activities.

Application deadline: July 10th, 2016

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Pediatric/PMTCT Advisor - International Center for Aids Care and Treatment Programs

Under the direct supervision of the Technical Director, the Pediatric/ Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) Advisor will be responsible for the technical design, planning and implementation of activities aiming at increasing access and quality of HIV Pediatric and PMTCT services in South Sudan. S/he will provide direct technical assistance to health care facilities supported by ICAP for the provision of comprehensive quality HIV services, focusing on PMTCT and HIV pediatric care and treatment.

Location: South Sudan

Application deadline: July 31st, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Child Protection Manager Boma H/F - Terre des Hommes Foundation Child Relief

In his/her capacity of Foundation representative, the CP Coordinator reports to the Country Representative and provides multi-base, multi-sponsor and multi-partner supervision and follow-up for the projects in his/her sector. S/he is responsible for the implementation of the strategy and the development and managerial coordination of the project teams, and s/he has a major responsibility for the project strategies, steering and outcomes.

Location: South Sudan

Application deadline: July 8th, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Child Protection Manager - International Rescue Committee

The Child Protection (CP) Manager will be responsible for all aspects of program implementation, including monitoring and evaluation of all CP activities within the Jordan program. The CP manager will also ensure that the interventions are in line with international best practices, and are appropriately addressing the needs of beneficiaries in targeted communities. The CP Manager reports directly to the Field Coordinator and technically to the Children Protection Coordinator.

Location: Jordan

Application deadline: August 9th, 2016

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A base Program Coordinator - Première Urgence – Aide Médicale Internationale

The Program Coordinator (de-facto Deputy Field Coordinator) is a key member of the base coordination team (with Field Co, Field Log Co and Admin Manager) responsible for the success of the base's program strategy and the quality of current and future programs at the definition, implementation and evaluation phases.

Location: Lebanon, Beirut

Application deadline: August 31st, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Education Technical Advisor - Save the Children

The Education Technical Advisor will ensure that all Education / Emergency Education programming is of excellent technical quality, attracts significant donor funding and contributes significantly to Save the Children's strategic objectives, national/global learning and advocacy. S/he will provide strategic and technical leadership and assume the overall responsibility for the growth, development and quality of the education portfolio. S/He must bring a senior leadership profile with a proven track record in education and a sound technical background in programme design and delivery.

Location: Yemen

Application deadline: July 5th, 2016

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Chargé de projet suivi de la mise en œuvre du plan stratégique H/F- Terre des hommes Lausanne

Spécifications :

- ✓ Vous participez à la mise en place du pilotage du plan stratégique
- ✓ Vous participez au suivi de la mise en œuvre du PS (participation à la construction d'outils, de dispositifs, processus, réunions, etc. permettant un suivi optimal)
- ✓ Vous coordonnez la logistique et l'organisation des différents travaux relatifs au suivi de la mise en œuvre du PS
- ✓ Vous participez à l'analyse et la synthèse et rédaction de divers documents en lien avec le suivi de la mise en œuvre.
- ✓ Vous participez à la gestion de la communication orale et écrite sur le suivi auprès des collaborateurs et de la gouvernance.

Localisation : Lausanne

Date limite : Jusqu'à ce que le poste soit pourvu

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Terre des hommes)

Child Protection Manager - Global Communities

Duties and responsibilities

- ✓ Work closely with the Program Director, country team and Child Protection Program Officers to understand program goals and to meet expectations
- ✓ Lead the child protection activities, including the management of Child Friendly Spaces and Youth Empowerment Program in the camp setting
- ✓ Work with Human Resources (HR) to build the child protection team.
- ✓ Work closely with operations, finance and grants to ensure efficient and effective implementation of child protection activities, including monitoring of budgets, indicators and procurement.

Location: Turkey

Application deadline: August 1st, 2016

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Deputy Director for Programs - International Rescue Committee

The Deputy Director for Programs plays a leading role in ensuring overall program quality and impact. The DDP also ensures that programs are evidence and needs driven, monitored closely and funded appropriately. Reporting to the Country Director and a member of the Senior Management Team, the DDP supervises a total of six staff including five technical program coordinators and the grants coordinator.

Location: Lebanon

Application deadline: August 1st, 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Conseillère et conseiller technique en participation citoyenne des jeunes - OXFAM

Sous la responsabilité de la coordonnatrice ou du coordonnateur du PAI dans le pays d'intervention et en étroite collaboration avec ses collègues d'Oxfam (pays, région, siège d'Oxfam-Québec), la conseillère ou le conseiller en participation citoyenne des jeunes effectue son mandat afin d'assurer l'atteinte des résultats du PAI et l'appui aux partenaires dans son champs d'expertise.

Localisation : Pérou

Date limite : 15 août 2016

[Pour plus d'information](#) (OXFAM)



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4. Subregional and Country updates

Central African Republic: Murder by Peacekeepers

June 7th, 2016 - Soldiers from the Republic of Congo killed at least 18 people, including women and children, between December 2013 and June 2015 while serving as peacekeepers in the Central African Republic. Two years after Human Rights Watch first reported on enforced disappearances by peacekeepers from the Republic of Congo, their government has taken no action toward credible investigations or justice for these crimes.

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

Colombia – Tears of Joy as Rebels Sign Ceasefire with Colombian Government

June 23rd, 2016 - Colombia's government and leftist FARC rebels signed a historic ceasefire deal on Thursday that brought them tantalizingly close to ending the longest running conflict in the Americas. The accord, capping three years of peace talks in Cuba, sparked celebrations and tears of happiness among some in the Colombian capital. It sets the stage for a final deal to end a guerrilla war born in the 1960s out of frustration with deep socio-economic inequalities that outlived all other major uprisings in Latin America.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Democratic Republic of Congo – DR Congo Arrests 75 militiamen Over Rapes, Killings

June 23rd, 2016 - Authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo have arrested a provincial deputy and 74 others accused of belonging to a militia that carried out killings and mass rapes in the country's restive east, the justice minister said Thursday. South Kivu province lawmaker Frederic Batumike was the leader of the violent group, which goes by the name of "Djeshi ya Yesu" (Jesus' Army), Alexis Thambwe Mwamba said at a press conference in Kinshasa. He said Batumike was suspected of having ordered the murder last March of Congolese human rights activist Evariste Kasali and the 2012 killing of German national and local land owner Walter Mueller.

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Iraq's Child soldiers: What Happened to our Boys?

June 8th, 2016 - The child soldier posed for the camera, holding a machine-gun and wearing black clothes and army boots. He refused to give his name or his age, but it was obvious from his appearance - his facial hair barely grown - that he was only a teenager. The boy fights along with Hashd Al Ameriat - a shia militia.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Italy – Children Struck in Unsafe Migrant Hotspot

June 23rd, 2016 - Children as young as 12 and traveling without family members are kept for weeks in overcrowded and unsafe conditions in the Pozzallo migrant registration center in Sicily, Human Rights Watch said today. Some asylum-seeking and other migrant children stay for over one month with unrelated adults in the center, designed for short-term stays, due to lack of space in shelters for children, putting them at risk of sexual abuse and violence from adults. Members of a parliamentary commission of inquiry on reception and detention facilities is conducting a long-planned visit to the Pozzallo center on June 23, 2016. As of June 21, all but 60 people had been transferred out of the center.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Monde – Rapport du Secrétaire général sur les violences sexuelles liées aux conflits

22 juin 2016 - Le présent rapport, qui couvre la période allant de janvier à décembre 2015, est soumis en application du paragraphe 22 de la résolution 2106 (2013), dans laquelle le Conseil de sécurité m'a prié de lui faire rapport chaque année sur la mise en oeuvre de ses résolutions 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) et 1960 (2010) et de lui recommander des mesures stratégiques. Les faits nouveaux survenus pendant la période considérée renforcent les craintes au sujet de l'utilisation de la violence sexuelle par les groupes terroristes et extrémistes violents, notamment dans le cadre du système de punition et de récompense instauré pour consolider leur pouvoir.

[Article complet](#) (UN Security Council)



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Myanmar – Situation of Human Rights of Rohingya Muslims and Other Minorities in Myanmar

June 20th, 2016 - The present report, submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 29/21, examines the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar. It analyzes patterns of human rights violations and abuses, particularly discrimination, and concludes with recommendations on measures to be taken by the Government to improve the situation of minorities in Myanmar.

[Full Article](#) (OHCHR)

Nigeria – Plan International Wants Nigeria to Account for Kids Killed in Insurgency

June 17th, 2016 - A child-focused international nongovernmental organization Plan International has demanded the Nigerian government to account for every child killed in Boko Haram insurgency. The government should “carry out a missing person’s registration exercise and facilitate family tracing and reunification for children displaced by the violence,” said Plan International Nigeria’s country director Dr Hussaini Abdu.

[Full Article](#) (DailyTrust)

Occupied Palestinian Territory – Israeli Soldiers Mistakenly Shot Dead a 15 Year-Old Palestinian

June 22nd, 2016 - Israeli soldiers “mistakenly” shot dead a 15-year-old Palestinian, and injured four others, early Tuesday near the West Bank village of Beit Ur al-Tahta. Six teenage cousins and a driver were in a car heading home around 1:30 a.m. after a night of family fun at a swimming pool in the nearby West Bank village of Beit Sira. Israeli soldiers opened fire on them as they drove through an underpass beneath Route 443, Daoud Isam Daoud Abu Hasan, 14, one of the cousins, told Defense for Children International - Palestine.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Occupied Palestinian Territory – US Congress Members Question Israel's Abuse of Palestinian Children

June 23rd, 2016 - Members of the US Congress made an unprecedented move by calling for the appointment of “a special envoy for Palestinian youth”. In a letter to Barack Obama, US lawmakers petitioned the President to address the abuse of Palestinian children. Twenty members of the US Congress signed the letter urging the “Department of the State to elevate the human rights of Palestinian children to a priority status” and warned of the dangers in “ignoring the trauma being inflicted on millions of Palestinian children”.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Monitor)

Philippines' Displaced Children Barred from School

June 15th, 2016 - Hundreds of Filipino children were barred from attending class when schools opened this week. The reason? The children have been living in shelters in Zamboanga City since their families fled fighting in the southern Philippines, and the Zamboanga City government failed to submit their school records and other requisite personal data to the Department of Education. It's not clear if or when these kids will be able to attend school.

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

République centrafricaine : Ousman retrouve sa maman

June 24th, 2016 - Abdoussalam Ousman a 16 ans. En 2014, il a dû fuir le conflit armé et les violences en République centrafricaine (RCA), son pays natal. Réfugié au camp de Dosseye au Tchad, il retrouve enfin les siens, après 2 ans de séparation. La veille du départ, Ousman a pris le temps d'aller chez le coiffeur. Ce matin, il a parcouru le camp pour saluer une dernière fois ceux avec qui il a partagé deux ans de vie dans la précarité.

[Article complet](#) (CICR)



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South Sudan – Thousands of Children in South Sudan Reunited with Their Families; Many More Living in Hope

June 11th, 2016 - Four thousand children who were separated from their parents due to conflict in South Sudan have now been reunited with their families, UNICEF and Save the Children announced today. The milestone was reached when seven-year-old Nyabitu returned to her family home in Kodok today, Saturday, after living for two years in the UN protection of civilian site in Juba. In 2014, Nyabitu and her siblings fled their home in Malakal after attacks on the area that left her mother dead.

[Full Article](#) (Humanitarian Response)

South Sudan – UNMISS and Partners Calls for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

June 21st, 2016 - The United Nations Mission in South Sudan and its partners today celebrated the first 'International Day on the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict', in Juba. Speaking during the occasion, the UNMISS Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Eugene Owusu, said that the 2013 conflict had negatively impacted women and girls, including reports of systematic crimes of sexual violence.

[Full Article](#) (UNMISS)

Sudan – No One on the Earth Cares if we Survive Except God and Sometimes UNAMID

June 23rd, 2016 - This month, June 2016, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC or the council) will consider the renewal of the mandate of the joint United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), Sudan. After eight years on the ground, questions are increasingly being asked about the future of the mission, and about how and when it will, inevitably, exit. It is clear that the government of Sudan believes that the time for the force to leave is now.

[Full Article](#) (International Refugee Rights Initiative)

Somalia – Number of Child Soldiers in Somalia May Top 5000, UN Reports

June 16th, 2016 - A top official with the U.N. Children's Fund says there could be 5,000 child soldiers in Somalia as al-Shabab continues its recruiting campaigns. In an interview with VOA Somali, Susannah Price, UNICEF chief of communication, said the recruitment and use of young children as soldiers was documented, and at surprisingly high numbers.

[Full Article](#) (Voice of America)



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Tchad – Le HCR et ses partenaires prennent en charge près de 2000 nouveaux réfugiés centrafricains

22 juin 2016 - L'Agence des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés (HCR), son agence sœur du Programme Alimentaire Mondial, PAM, ainsi que la Commission Nationale d'Accueil et de Réinsertion des Réfugiés et de Rapatriés (CNARR) et des ONG partenaires ont mobilisé leurs ressources pour venir en aide à quelques 656 familles de 1982 nouveaux réfugiés en provenance de la Centrafrique, déjà enregistrés dans des villages frontaliers dans le sud du Tchad.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Ukraine –Helping Children on all Sides of a Conflict

June 27th, 2016 - Andriy Chuprikov has been National Director of SOS Children's Villages Ukraine since 2008. In 2014, SOS Ukraine launched an emergency programme to help children and families affected by the conflict and dislocation in eastern Lugansk and Donetsk. SOS Children's Villages is in a unique position, says Mr Chuprikov. It is the only international organisation providing child care, protection and humanitarian help on both sides of the conflict and in a "grey zone" between areas under Ukrainian government control and the self-declared government in Lugansk. SOS Ukraine has no programmes in Donetsk but does provide assistance to families displaced since the conflict erupted in 2014.

[Full Article](#) (SOS Ukraine)

World – International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

June 26th, 2016 - Victims of torture come from many walks of life. They are in all countries. They may be human rights defenders, migrants, journalists, persons with disabilities, indigenous people or members of minority groups or people from the LGBT community. Children, too, may be tortured – whether to obtain information, or to put pressure on their parents and communities. The work of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture indicates that today the number of children victim of torture is rising.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner)



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World – CARE International Position on the 2016 Global Refugee Summits

June 20th, 2016 - On the 19th and 20th of September, world leaders gather at the United Nations (UN) for two major summits on the global refugee crisis – a summit of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) plenary to address the large movements of refugees and migrants co-chaired by the Governments of Jordan and Ireland and a Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis convened by President Obama. This paper outlines recommendations from CARE International, a non-governmental organization with 70 years' experience supporting people displaced by wars and natural disasters.

[Full Article](#) (Care International)

World – UN Urges Prevention Efforts to Address Threats of Violent Extremism to Children and Youth

June 3rd, 2016 - Children and youth are often the most vulnerable victims of the scourge of radicalization and violence, the President of the United Nations General Assembly emphasized today, urging the international community to advance its own thinking and refine its responses to addressing the challenges of violent extremism.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

World – Enforce Legal Framework to Protect Children in Armed Conflicts

June 15th, 2016 - There is need for African countries to domesticate international legal instruments which are in place to protect children, particularly during armed conflicts. The call was made by different speakers at the opening of a workshop on strengthening child protection in the African Union Peace Support Operations. The workshop is being held at Rwanda Peace Academy (RPA), in Musanze District.

[Full Article](#) (The NewTimes)

Yemen – Saudis Hand Over Child Soldiers Captured in Yemen

June 7th, 2016 - Saudi Arabia has handed over to Yemen's government 54 child prisoners who were captured during fighting with the rebel Houthi militia, Yemen's foreign minister said Tuesday. Foreign Minister Abdel-Malek al-Mekhlafi said that the children were between 8 and 17 years old and that their release showed that Yemen's government and the Saudi-led military coalition supporting it "reject the Houthi crime of using children in war."

[Full Article](#) (NY Times)



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Yemen – Saudi Deputy Crown Prince, UN Chief Talk Protecting Yemen’s Children

June 23rd, 2016 - United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon met Saudi Arabia's powerful deputy crown prince on Wednesday and the pair discussed improving civilian protection in Yemen after a U.N. report briefly blacklisted a Saudi-led coalition for killing children. Ban removed the coalition from the blacklist earlier this month pending review after Riyadh, a major U.N. donor, threatened to cut Palestinian aid and other U.N. funding. Saudi Arabia has denied using threats, although Ban blasted Riyadh for exerting "unacceptable" pressure.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] World Humanitarian Day: urgent action needed to get crisis-hit children in school

One in four of the world's school-age children - nearly 500 million - live in countries affected by humanitarian crises such as conflicts, natural disasters and disease outbreaks. About 75 million of them are either missing out on their education, receiving poor quality schooling or at risk of dropping out of school altogether.

[Full Article](#) (A word at School)

[News] Poorest African children 'being left behind' says nutrition and development scorecard

Every child deserves the best start in life. Growing up with a healthy body and mind - backed by care and learning through play and at pre-primary school - are vital if they are to fulfil their potential. But in many of the poorest parts of the world, huge numbers of girls and boys are being "left behind" because of factors like stunted growth and inadequate childcare in their early years.

[Full Article](#) (A word at School)

[Nouvelles] 7 faits sur l'allaitement et son rôle dans la lutte contre la malnutrition chez les enfants

La semaine mondiale de l'allaitement a eu lieu du 1er au 7 Août 2016 et a coïncidé avec le lancement d'un projet financé par le Programme alimentaire mondial et la Banque allemande de développement sous le slogan "1000 jours d'une vie" et mis en œuvre à travers des transferts de fonds, l'éducation et la sensibilisation aux femmes enceintes et les femmes qui allaitent dans les communautés vulnérables.

[Article complet](#) (Programme alimentaire mondial)

[News] Ban announces new initiatives to enhance UN's work with and for world's youth

12 August 2016 – Bolstering the commitment of the United Nations to work with and for the world's youth, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced several key initiatives towards that end, including the formation of an expert group on 'youth, peace and security,' and naming a new envoy on youth employment.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

[News] On International Day, UN says youth can lead global drive for a more sustainable future

12 August 2016 – The world's young people – who make up the largest generation of youth in history – can lead a global drive to break the patterns of the past and set the world on course to a more sustainable future, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said youth, with their creativity and idealism are the key to delivering the goals of the new UN sustainability agenda.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

[News] ‘If you want to protect your image, protect children,’ Ban tells debate on war-affected children

2 August 2016 – With children continuing to be tortured, maimed, imprisoned, starved, sexually abused and killed in armed conflict, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today called on all countries to back their words with concrete actions to end such violations. “In places such as Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen, children suffer through a living hell,” the UN chief said as he opened the Security Council’s debate on children and armed conflict.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

[News] Young People’s ‘Fresh Ideas’ Can Forge Solutions to Global Challenges, Secretary-General Tells International Leaders Assembly

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message, delivered by Edmond Mulet, Chef de Cabinet, to the ninth International Young Leaders Assembly, in New York today: I am pleased to welcome all participants to the ninth International Young Leaders Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters. I thank the Permanent Mission of Paraguay for bringing more than 1,000 young leaders to the United Nations. Last September, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — our global plan for people, the planet and prosperity.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations)

[Nouvelles] La détention des enfants réfugiés est en baisse dans 12 pays étudiés, selon le HCR

18 août 2016 – Selon deux rapports publiés jeudi par le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR), 12 pays, participant à une stratégie pour mettre fin à la détention de demandeurs d'asile et de réfugiés, ont réalisé des progrès importants visant à cesser la détention des enfants ces deux dernières années.

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

[Nouvelles] Journée des peuples autochtones : l'ONU appelle à répondre à leurs besoins en matière d'éducation

9 août 2016 – A l'occasion de la Journée internationale des peuples autochtones célébrée chaque année le 9 août, le Secrétaire général de l'ONU, Ban Ki-moon, a invité les gouvernements à remédier aux problèmes d'accès à une éducation de qualité des autochtones conformément au Programme de développement durable à l'horizon 2030.

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

[Report] Capacity statement: Early childhood care and development in emergencies

Early childhood care and development (ECCD) in emergencies is a key cross-sectoral area of work for Plan International. This publication explains our ECCD in emergencies work - from preparedness to response, recovery and resilience building in conflict and natural hazard situations. Plan International supports girls and boys from conception to 8 years and their parents/caregivers through education and early learning, child protection, health and nutrition support.

[Full Article](#) (Plan International)

[Nouvelles] Deux tiers des jeunes de plus de dix-huit pays affirment avoir été victimes de harcèlement

À l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de la jeunesse, un nouveau sondage met en relief la prépondérance du harcèlement et ses effets dévastateurs chez les jeunes. NEW YORK, 12 août 2016 - Plus de neuf jeunes sur dix considèrent que le harcèlement est un problème omniprésent dans leurs communautés et les deux tiers affirment avoir été directement victimes de harcèlement, révèle un nouveau sondage mené par l'UNICEF et ses partenaires.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelles] Prêts à tout pour fuir la violence des gangs et la pauvreté

NEW YORK, 23 août 2016 – Chaque mois, des milliers d'enfants d'Amérique centrale courent le risque d'être victimes d'enlèvement, de trafic, de viol ou de meurtre en tentant de se rendre aux États-Unis pour se mettre à l'abri de la brutalité des gangs et de la pauvreté extrême. Aucun ralentissement de cette tendance ne semble par ailleurs se profiler, comme l'explique l'UNICEF dans un rapport publié ce jour.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

[News] African Union Commission Commemorates International Youth Day

Addis Ababa, 8 August 2016: On the 12th of August 2016, the African Union Commission will join the world in celebrating International Youth Day (IYD). Since the year 2000, August 12th has provided key stakeholders with the opportunity to focus on the views, initiatives and challenges that affect young people across the globe.

[Full Article](#) (African Union)

[News] Young African thinkers from all over the continent come together to celebrate International Youth Day at the African Union Headquarters

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 12th August 2016: The African Union Commission hosted the International Youth Day celebrations under the theme, “Youth Leading Sustainability towards the Realization of Agenda 2063.” The celebrations were organized by the Human Resource Science and Technology’s Youth Division in collaboration with Beza International. The celebrations were preceded by a two day Young African Thinkers Convention which brought together young people from all the five regions of Africa, including the Diaspora.

[Full Article](#) (African Union)

[News] RPT-In Iraq, Nigeria and now Turkey, child bombers strike

Aug 22 The boy looked scared and younger than 16 when Iraqi police grabbed him on the street in the northern city of Kirkuk. Pulling off his shirt, they found a two-kilogram bomb strapped to his skinny frame. That was last Sunday. Less than a day earlier, Turkey was less fortunate: a teenage bomber detonated his suicide vest among dancing guests at a Turkish wedding party, officials say, killing 51 people, nearly half of them children themselves.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] Food advertisements may work on children’s brains

(Reuters Health) - Children make quicker decisions to eat “tasty” food and reward centers in their brains light up after watching food commercials on television compared to nonfood commercials, a small study finds.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] Many children's heart health not up to standards

(Reuters Health) - Babies are generally born with healthy hearts that should be cared for during childhood to ensure good health later in life, according to the American Heart Association. Yet many U.S. children don't meet seven basic standards of good heart health, the AHA says in a statement in the journal *Circulation*.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] Child hunger here to stay unless world 'dramatically changes course': charity

ROME (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Major progress has been made in curbing the number of children going to bed hungry, but a deadly combination of discrimination and poverty means some groups are being left behind, an international children's charity said on Thursday. In September last year the United Nations adopted global development goals to end hunger and poverty by 2030.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] 244,000 hungry children

After his father, a welder from Bama, died in a camp for internally displaced people in Nigeria's northeastern city of Maiduguri, 17-year-old Dauda began to cater for the two wives and eight other children who had survived him. Aided by the little money donated by one of the locals bringing food to the Dalori camp, home to 18,000 people rendered homeless by the Boko Haram insurgency, he now sells caps to provide two square meals a day for his family.

[Full Article](#) (Irinnews)

[Nouvelles] Tourisme humanitaire : la vraie fausse pitié

Profiter de ses vacances pour aider les populations locales, l'idée est plutôt louable. Mais l'amateurisme et le cynisme de ce secteur en vogue inquiètent les ONG sérieuses.

[Article complet](#) (Libération)

[News] Protecting the Rights of the LGBTQ Child

The second article of the Convention on the Rights of the Child ensures children the right not to be discriminated against – in any way. This includes the right to not be discriminated against for one's sexual orientation or gender preference. Children identifying as LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning), growing up in households with LGBTQ parents, or even perceived to be, are subject to many forms of discrimination in most countries around the world.

[Full Article](#) (Humanium)

[Nouvelles] L'UNICEF appelle à épargner les civils après la mort de 10 écoliers

Dix écoliers ont été tués dans une zone rebelle du Yémen par des frappes de la coalition militaire dirigée par l'Arabie saoudite, qui est régulièrement accusée de commettre des « bavures » contre des civils dans le pays en guerre. Le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) a exhorté dimanche les belligérants à épargner les civils au Yémen, où les violences ont repris de plus belle en début de semaine après l'échec des négociations de paix entre pouvoir et rebelles.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelles] Une « nouvelle génération » de crises humanitaires

Le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance demande une somme record de 3,1 milliards. Le monde fait face à une « nouvelle génération » de crises humanitaires, celles provoquées par les conflits armés projetant des millions d'enfants en situation d'urgence. En 2015, l'UNICEF évalue à 62 millions le nombre d'enfants dont la santé sera menacée par l'instabilité politique, notamment dans les territoires tombés sous le contrôle des groupes armés terroristes État islamique (EI) et Boko Haram.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Training – Developing Skills and Livelihood Training Programmes for Older Children in Child Labour

This course will provide practical guidance on how to design and implement skills and livelihood training for out-of-school adolescents with a focus on older out-of-school children in child labour, or children at risk of child labour.

Location: Turin Center, Italia

Date: November 21st to November 25th, 2016

Registration deadline: October 3rd, 2016

[For more information](#) (International Training Centre of the ILO)

Training - WASH and Nutrition

Nutrition is a key aspect in our day to day life. Sanitation related diseases affect the nutrition status of both children and adults which may consequently lead to many deaths and yet these conditions can be managed nutritionally. This course is designed to equip the participants with knowledge on how to manage WASH related diseases nutritionally.

Location : Nairobi - Kenya

Date: 31st October au 11th November 2016

Registration deadline: 24 October 2016

[For more information](#) (Network for Water and Sanitation)

Training – Analysing Disrupted Health Systems in Countries in crisis (ADHS) Ethiopia, NFP Scholarship

This 10 days residential training programme for health professionals is focused on the analysis of health systems of countries affected by, or recovering from, protracted crises. It is organised jointly with the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Save the Children and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Location: Ethiopia

Date: November 22nd to December 09th 2016

Registration deadline: September 28th 2016

[For more information](#) (World Health Organization)

Training – Hygiene & Sanitation Promotion Training using PHAST, CLTS and CHAST approaches

Hygiene & Sanitation promotion plays a key role in changing collective and individual behaviours together with fostering ownership and sustainable use of water and sanitation facilities. It is upon this premise that **IDEAL Public Health and Development Consultancy (IPHDC)** has planned to conduct a **PHAST, CLTS and CHAST training of trainers**. This training is intended to help sector practitioners to accelerate their progress towards achieving the newly adapted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) especially Goal 6.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Date: September 12th to September 23rd 2016

Registration deadline: September 07th 2016

[For more information](#) (IDEAL Public Health and Development Consultancy)

Workshop - From evidence to advocacy - child rights based tools for protecting kids from alcohol marketing

This one-day workshop aims to provide tools for sound and innovative advocacy to promoting children's well-being, for example through regulating alcohol marketing. Harmful use of alcohol, especially fueled by the wide availability of alcohol, its easy affordability and omnipresent marketing, puts a burden on children and adolescents. Exposure to alcohol marketing increases the likelihood that children will start using alcohol, and that they will consume more, if they are already using alcohol. The earlier children start using alcohol, the higher is the risk for developing alcohol problems later in life.

Location: Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom

Date: September 14th to September 16th 2016

Registration deadline: September 14th 2016

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

Conference - Changing Global Perceptions: Child Protection & Bodily Integrity

Genital Autonomy exists as a charity to promote, preserve and protect the health and well-being of male, female and intersex children by protecting them from unnecessary genital surgery or modification; and to promote the human rights of children in relation to genital surgery or modification as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights Of the Child throughout the world.

Location: Bratislava, Slovakia

Date: September 2nd 2016

Registration deadline: September 2nd 2016

[For more information](#) (Genital Autonomy)

Conference - International Alternative Care Conference

How we respond to children without, or at risk of losing, parental care affects millions of children globally, for a wide variety of reasons. Getting it wrong can result in long-term – even permanent – damage for a child when alternative care is provided unnecessarily or in an unsuitable setting. Getting it right prevents unwarranted family separation and ensures that a child requiring alternative care is looked after in ways that protect his/her human rights and meet his/her individual needs.

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Date: October 3rd to October 5th 2016

Registration deadline: September 19th 2016

[For more information](#) (International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) - Centre for Children's Rights Studies at the University of Geneva (CIDE))

Conference - Family separation: Exploring the Causes and Consequences of Children Separated From Their Families Across International Borders

ISS-USA's 6th Annual Conference, 'The Ties That Bind: Exploring the Causes and Consequences of Children Separated From Their Families Across International Borders', will focus on the legal and human rights of children separated from their biological families across international borders. From long-standing methods including international adoption and international parental abduction, to emerging issues like international surrogacy and the movement of unaccompanied minors, the impact of denying children access to their biological families will be examined within the context of an increasingly global world. More importantly, the conference will concentrate on how legal, judicial and social service stakeholders can provide appropriate resources and share best practices to protect the safety, permanency and well-being of children.

Location: Baltimore, USA

Date: October 13th 2016

Registration deadline: September 19th 2016

[For more information](#) (The ties that binds - University of Maryland School of Social Work)

Conference - 2nd National Child Wellbeing Conference: Access to Justice for Vulnerable Children

Access to justice is a fundamental principle in securing, promoting, and protecting the rights and wellbeing of children. The President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society works to create safe spaces in which people can come together in an atmosphere of dialogue, participation and inclusion. The Foundation is interested in learning what it is that gives people wellbeing, in order for this to be shared and further promoted and is convinced that access to justice is a cross-cutting component of wellbeing. This conference will explore access to justice from the child's perspective, giving particular attention to children who are vulnerable. The conference is open to NGOs, academics, and practitioners.

Location: Valletta, Malta

Date: October 21st to 22nd October 2016

[For more information](#) (The President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society)

Right to work: Eliminating child labour and promoting decent work in agriculture

This course provides theory and practice concerning strategies, policies and programmes to combat child labour in agriculture. Special attention is paid to older children (15 - 17 years).

Location: Turin, Italy

Date: November 14th to November 18th 2016

Registration deadline: September 26th 2016

[For more information](#) (ITCIL)

3. Children and Armed Conflicts

Afghanistan - Afghanistan : Recours croissant aux écoles à des fins militaires

16 août 2016 - Les forces de sécurité afghanes utilisent de plus en plus d'écoles comme bases de leurs opérations militaires dans les zones contrôlées par les talibans, mettant en danger des milliers d'enfants et les privant d'éducation, a conclu Human Rights Watch dans un rapport rendu public aujourd'hui. Le gouvernement afghan devrait prendre des mesures immédiates en vue de réduire l'utilisation d'établissements scolaires à des fins militaires.

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

Australie – Australie : Négligence et violations consternantes à l'égard des réfugiés à Nauru

3 août 2016 – Environ 1 200 hommes, femmes et enfants qui ont cherché à se réfugier en Australie et ont été transférés de force à Nauru, État insulaire du Pacifique, subissent de graves atteintes aux droits humains, des traitements inhumains et des actes de négligence, ont déclaré Human Rights Watch et Amnesty International. L'incapacité du gouvernement australien à remédier à ces graves atteintes semble relever d'une politique délibérée visant à dissuader de nouveaux demandeurs d'asile d'arriver par bateau dans le pays.

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

Burundi - Reintegrating child soldiers in Burundi

August 11th, 2016 - Jean-Pierre* is almost indistinguishable in the blur of schoolchildren. Only as he approaches, among a group of boys, clasping a book to his chest, does his unusually immaculate uniform come into focus.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Cisjordanie - Cisjordanie : de nombreuses communautés menacées de transfert forcé, selon le Coordonnateur humanitaire

22 août 2016 - Le Coordonnateur des Nations Unies pour l'aide humanitaire et les activités de développement dans les Territoires palestiniens occupés, Robert Piper, a averti lundi que de nombreuses communautés palestiniennes en Cisjordanie occupée sont confrontées à un risque accru de transfert forcé. Dans un communiqué de presse publié à l'issue d'une visite dans la communauté palestinienne d'Abu Nuwar dans le gouvernorat de Jérusalem, M. Piper a déclaré que les autorités israéliennes ont déplacé la semaine dernière 64 Palestiniens, dont 24 enfants, après avoir démoli 29 structures sur huit sites.

[Article complet](#) (ONU)

Germany - Germany: Child refugees receive therapy to fight trauma

August 17th, 2016 - An institute in Saarbruecken is providing intensive, short-term practical therapy sessions for young asylum seekers.

Saarbruecken, Germany - Like most who have fled conflict, Ali's path to asylum in Germany from Afghanistan has not been easy. The 17-year-old orphan slept in public toilets for two years and has been working for a living since the age of five. The trauma of war and the long journey to asylum still haunts the teenager. Evidence of his childhood ordeal is on display in the form of paintings on the walls of his room.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Greece - Children at risk in crowded camps as number of refugees arriving in Greece more than doubles

August 17th, 2016 - The average number of refugees and migrants arriving daily in Greece is at its highest since May, causing serious congestion in the camps on the islands and putting children at risk, Save the Children said today. Arrivals to the islands during the first 14 days of August increased by 144 per cent compared to the first 14 days of July*. The island of Chios has seen one of the largest spikes in arrivals with the daily average jumping from eight in July to 42 in August.

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

Iraq - In Iraq, UNICEF Ambassador Ewan McGregor urges help for children 'ripped from their homes'

August 2nd, 2016 – Just back from crisis-riven northern Iraq, where he visited refugee camps for Iraqi and Syrian families and children, actor Ewan McGregor, an Ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has called for more action to save children suffering the devastating effects of brutal conflicts and crises. “Many of the children I've met in Iraq have been forced to flee their homes, risking their lives on dangerous journeys and have been exposed to unimaginable horrors,” said the UNICEF Ambassador in a press release issued today by the agency.

[Full Article](#) (UN News)

Iraq - Child labour a growing problem in war-torn Iraq

August 22nd, 2016 - More than 575,000 Iraqi children are estimated to be at work instead of school, double the number from 1990. "I have friends," eight-year-old Abdul Karim says from his soft-drink stand inside Iraq's Ameriat al-Fallujah camp, "but I can't play with them because I have to work to support my family." He is just one of more than half a million Iraqi children being forced to leave school and work as their country remains embroiled in crisis, according to UNICEF, the United Nations children's agency.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Israel - Israel imprisonment of Palestinian children decried

August 3rd, 2016 - Human rights groups have condemned Israel's approval of a new law allowing the imprisonment of children as young as 12 for "terrorist offences", and which is expected to apply mostly to Palestinian children in occupied East Jerusalem. The "Youth Bill" allows authorities to imprison minors convicted of serious crimes such as murder, attempted murder or manslaughter, even if he or she is under the age of 14, the Israeli government said in a statement on Wednesday.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Italie - Migrants : les corps de deux enfants syriens repêchés en Méditerranée

19 août 2016 - Rome — La Croix-Rouge italienne et l'ONG maltaise MOAS ont annoncé vendredi avoir récupéré en mer les cadavres de cinq migrants, dont ceux de deux fillettes syriennes, après un naufrage au large des côtes libyennes. Les corps des deux petites filles, âgées l'une de huit mois et l'autre de cinq ans, ainsi que de deux femmes et d'un homme ont été repêchés à 22 milles marins des côtes libyennes par l'ONG Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) et un bateau de pêche présent dans cette zone, d'après le communiqué diffusé.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Jordanie - Renforcer l'accès des enfants réfugiés syriens à l'éducation

16 août 2016 – La Jordanie devrait s'attaquer aux politiques limitant l'accès des enfants réfugiés syriens à l'éducation pour atteindre l'objectif ambitieux d'un plus grand nombre d'enfants inscrits à l'école pour l'année scolaire 2016/2017, a déclaré Human Rights Watch dans un rapport publié aujourd'hui. Plus d'un tiers des enfants syriens en âge d'aller à l'école enregistrés auprès de l'agence des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés en Jordanie – soit plus de 80 000 sur 226 000 enfants– n'étaient pas scolarisés au cours de la dernière année scolaire.

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

Monde - Les enfants, pris dans les feux de la guerre

20 août 2016 - Beyrouth - Les enfants syriens, dont le petit Omrane blessé dans un raid à Alep, apparaissent comme les victimes symboles des horreurs d'une guerre qui ravage leur pays depuis plus de cinq ans. Les images d'un enfant blessé mercredi dans un bombardement à Alep ont suscité une grande émotion à travers le monde. Elles montrent ce petit garçon de 4 ans, Omrane, assis dans une ambulance, le visage recouvert de poussière et de sang, étourdi par le souffle de l'explosion causée par un raid sur Alep, dans le nord de la Syrie.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Nigeria - Attaque de Boko Haram au Nigeria: 10 morts, 13 enlèvements

21 août 2016 - Le groupe islamiste nigérian Boko Haram a tué dix personnes et kidnappé 13 autres samedi dans un village proche de Chibok, localité où plus de 200 lycéennes avaient été enlevées en 2014 par ces jihadistes, ont rapporté dimanche des villageois. Selon ces résidents interrogés par l'AFP, les combattants de Boko Haram sont arrivés dans le village de Kubrivu à la tombée de la nuit samedi, et ont ouvert le feu sur les villageois qui dormaient, pillant et brûlant les maisons, avant de s'enfuir en kidnappant 13 femmes et enfants.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

Nigeria - Boko Haram diffuse une nouvelle vidéo des «filles de Chibok»

14 août 2016 - Boko Haram a diffusé une vidéo de jeunes filles présentées comme des étudiantes enlevées par le groupe jihadiste nigérian en avril 2014 à Chibok, dans le nord-est du Nigeria, et a réclamé la libération de combattants emprisonnés.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

Nigeria - UN: 475,000 children at risk in Lake Chad area

August 25th, 2016 - Nearly half a million children around Lake Chad face "severe acute malnutrition" due to drought and a seven-year violent campaign by the armed group Boko Haram in northeastern Nigeria, UNICEF has warned. Of the 475,000 deemed at risk, 49,000 in Nigeria's Borno state, Boko Haram's heartland, will die this year if they do not receive treatment, the UN children's agency said on Thursday.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Soudan du Sud - Des centaines d'enfants recrutés par les groupes armés au Soudan du Sud, et les violations contre les femmes et les enfants augmentent

19 août 2016 - Depuis le début de l'année, plus de 650 enfants ont été recrutés par les groupes armés au Soudan du Sud, selon l'UNICEF. Inquiet qu'un regain du conflit puisse mettre des dizaines de milliers d'enfants en grand danger, l'UNICEF appelle à une cessation immédiate du recrutement et à la libération inconditionnelle de tous les enfants par les groupes armés.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

Soudan du Sud - Des milliers d'enfants en danger

19 août 2016- Depuis décembre 2013, des dizaines de milliers d'enfants sud-soudanais sont victimes des conflits politiques qui touchent leur pays. Les violents combats et les déplacements de réfugiés qui fuient la guerre civile empêchent les enfants d'aller à l'école, d'être soignés et d'être en sécurité. Plan International est présent dans ce pays déchiré pour aider les enfants et leur famille à faire face à la crise humanitaire spectaculaire qu'ils traversent.

[Article complet](#) (PLAN International)

Syria - 'Surrender or starve' strategy signals deeper agony ahead for civilians in Aleppo, UN panel warns

August 16th, 2016 – The situation of civilians in Aleppo is “critical and demands immediate attention and response,” a United Nations-mandated human rights panel warned today, expressing grave for the safety of the war-ravaged city’s people, including some 100,000 children, and urging countries with influence to pressure the parties to the conflict in Syria to return to political negotiations.

[Full Article](#) (UN News)

Syria - Civilians evacuated as Syrian Kurds bombed in Hasakah

August 20th, 2016 - Dozens killed, thousands evacuated after second day of Syrian government air raids on Kurdish-controlled areas of city. Syrian government jets have continued to pound Kurdish-controlled parts of the northeastern city of Hasakah for a second day, killing at least 22 residents and forcing thousands to flee. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR), which reports daily on the war using a network of activists, said on Friday that at least 22 civilians, including nine children, had been killed in the past two days.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Syria - Syria war: 'More than 180 civilians killed' in two days

August 14th, 2016 - Hundreds of civilians have been killed in both Syrian government and rebel attacks across the war-torn country in recent days, according to local activist groups. More than 180 civilians have been killed across Syria since Friday, including 22 children and 23 women, the Local Coordination Committees, a grassroots network of activists, said on Sunday.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Syria - Education under fire: Schools in Aleppo damaged in renewed fighting

August 22nd, 2016 - The life of a child in Aleppo has become even more dangerous in recent weeks, as intense attacks and fighting escalate across the city. At a time when children are at even greater risk of bombardments and fighting in the Syrian Arab Republic, education has become another casualty. Schools in Aleppo have come under attack, with many occupied by fighters and left destroyed or damaged.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Syria - Life among barrel bombs for Aleppo's children

August 1st, 2016 - The psychological trauma of being trapped in a war zone will last long after the conflict ends, doctors say. Eight months ago, Hala's mother was killed in front of her when a shell struck the family's home in rebel-held eastern Aleppo. "Whenever I remember this moment, my tears just fall by themselves," Hala, 14, told Al Jazeera.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Syria - Syria's civil war: 'Chlorine gas dropped on Idlib town'

August 3rd, 2016 - Dozens of mostly women and children brought to hospital after chlorine gas bombs hit town of Saraqeb, activists say. Helicopters dropped containers of toxic gas overnight on a town in Syria's Idlib province, a rescue service operating in rebel-held territory said on Tuesday. Raed Saleh, head of the Syrian Civil Defense group, told Al Jazeera that 33 civilians, including 18 women and 10 children, were brought to a local hospital after the attack in the town of Saraqeb.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Syria - Syrian child 'treated with mud' for severe burn wounds

August 28th, 2016 - Upsetting images have been released of a badly burned child in a rebel-held area of Syria being treated with mud for wounds allegedly sustained by a weapon similar to napalm. The footage, released by the Homs Media Centre on Sunday, purports to show the aftermath of several air strikes on Saturday night on the besieged al-Waer neighbourhood of Homs, the country's third largest city.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Syrie - L'image qui réveille les regards sur la Syrie

19 août 2016 - Malgré son visage et son petit corps rouges de sang et de contusion, la photo d'Omran, 5 ans, rescapé d'un bombardement à Alep, peut être soutenue du regard. À la différence des dizaines d'autres enfants ensanglantés, dépecés, estropiés que l'on peut voir tous les jours sur les réseaux sociaux, celui-ci, légèrement blessé, a les yeux ouverts. Il a eu la chance d'être dégagé entier de sous les décombres de sa maison après un raid aérien sur le quartier de Qaterji, à l'est d'Alep. La vidéo qui montre le sauvetage du garçon par des secouristes syriens a fait le tour du monde. Et cette photo tient du symbole d'une ville-martyre.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Syrie - Évacuée de la ville assiégée de Madaya, une fillette de 10 ans va pouvoir être opérée

14 août 2016 - Grièvement blessée par un tireur embusqué à un poste de contrôle tenu par les forces gouvernementales syriennes à Madaya, une petite fille syrienne âgée de 10 ans a pu être évacuée la nuit dernière à la suite de pressions exercées au niveau international, a confirmé Amnesty internationale.

[Article complet](#) (Amnesty International)

Ukraine - The school on the frontline of the war in Ukraine

August 14th, 2016 - Donetsk, eastern Ukraine - It is Wednesday, May 4, 2016, and five grade 11 boys run gleefully on to the football field next to the school. In their right hand, they each carry a gun, in their left, a hand grenade. It is the last period and the older pupils have a class in defense, patriotism and discipline. The guns they are using today are made of wood, but later they will practice with the real thing. At School No 58, the war is no game of pretend.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

World - RPT-In Iraq, Nigeria and now Turkey, child bombers strike

August 23rd, 2016 - The boy looked scared and younger than 16 when Iraqi police grabbed him on the street in the northern city of Kirkuk. Pulling off his shirt, they found a two-kilogram bomb strapped to his skinny frame. That was last Sunday. Less than a day earlier, Turkey was less fortunate: a teenage bomber detonated his suicide vest among dancing guests at a Turkish wedding party, officials say, killing 51 people, nearly half of them children themselves.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

World - Children and Armed Conflict Monthly Update

August 2016 - This month's update highlights children and armed conflict concerns and provides recommendations for the protection of children in the situations of South Sudan, Sudan (Darfur), and Yemen. The update also provides information regarding the status of the Working Group's consideration of the Secretary-General's report on the Central African Republic.

[Full Article](#) (Watchlist on children and armed conflicts)

Yemen - L'UNICEF appelle à épargner les civils après la mort de 10 écoliers

15 août 2016 - Sanaa — Dix écoliers ont été tués dans une zone rebelle du Yémen par des frappes de la coalition militaire dirigée par l'Arabie saoudite, qui est régulièrement accusée de commettre des « bavures » contre des civils dans le pays en guerre.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Yemen - Children paying 'heaviest price' of Yemen conflict, UNICEF warns amid reports of escalating violence

August 9th, 2016 – Four children were reportedly killed and three were injured on 7 August in the Nihm District, east of the Yemeni capital, Sana'a, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said in a statement today.

“Children are paying the heaviest price of the conflict in Yemen,” said Julien Harneis, UNICEF representative in Yemen, who added that UNICEF deplored such acts and urged all parties to exercise maximum caution and avoid civilian infrastructure.

[Full Article](#) (UN News)

Yemen - Saudi Arabia and its allies must face responsibility for the killing and maiming of children in Yemen

August 1st, 2016 - Six aid agencies today expressed their disappointment that the Saudi-led Coalition has not been put back on the UN's list of parties responsible for grave violations against children in Yemen. The agencies – Action Contre La Faim, CARE, Intersos, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam and Save the Children – called for tangible progress in protecting children caught up in the conflict in Yemen to have been demonstrated when the UN Security Council meets for its annual debate on Children and Armed Conflict on 2 August. According to UN verified data nearly 2,000 children were killed or injured in Yemen during 2015, with the UN attributing 60 per cent of these casualties to Coalition air strikes. The UN also documented attacks on more than 100 schools and hospitals – nearly half of which it attributes to the Coalition.

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

Yemen - More than 300,000 children going hungry in Yemen: UN

August 3rd, 2016 - More than 370,000 children are at risk of starvation in Yemen, the United Nations has said, 15 months into a devastating war. According to new UN figures, more than 14 million people, about half of the population, are going hungry and are in urgent need of food and medical aid. Some 500,000 children under the age of five are suffering from malnutrition, with two thirds of them so sick they could die if they don't receive immediate assistance, the UN said.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)



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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights

[News] Alarming Trends Face Children and Families of World’s 21st Largest Country

The world’s 65.3 million forcibly displaced people—who would make up the world’s 21st largest country based on population—are falling far behind others in terms of education, health, child marriage, and other key factors, a new report by Save the Children illustrates. Forced to Flee: Inside the 21st Largest Country examined indicators most relevant to the well-being of children and found results that demonstrate both the enormous challenges faced by refugees and Internally Displaced People as well as the notable contributions they could make to their host countries and communities if they were allowed to do so.

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

[News] California changes laws so children can no longer be prostitutes

27th of September 2016 - Children will no longer be classified as prostitutes in the U.S. state of California after a new law decriminalized prostitution for minors in a move praised by child rights campaigners. Coming on the back of a public campaign coined "There is No Such Thing" as a child prostitute, crimes of solicitation and prostitution will no longer apply to anyone aged under 18. Under-age victims of sex trafficking are to be referred to child welfare agencies.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] Canada's child detention policy unjust, illegal: rights group

22nd of September 2016 - Canada's practice of putting children in immigration detention centers or separating them from detained parents is causing them psychological harm and violates international law, a rights group said on Thursday. An estimated 242 children per year, from 2010 to 2014, were detained at Canadian immigration centers resembling medium-security prisons, according to a report from the University of Toronto's International Human Rights program.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[Communiqué de presse] Dans les 10 pays affichant les taux de scolarisation les plus faibles, 40 % des enfants n'ont pas accès à l'éducation de base

1er septembre 2016 – Dans les 10 pays affichant les pourcentages d'enfants n'ayant pas accès à l'éducation primaire les plus élevés, près de 2 enfants sur 5, soit 18 millions, ne sont pas scolarisés, a déclaré aujourd'hui l'UNICEF. C'est le Libéria qui enregistre le plus fort taux d'enfants non scolarisés avec près des deux tiers des enfants en âge de suivre une éducation primaire qui n'ont pas accès à l'école. Le Soudan du Sud occupe le deuxième rang : 59 % des enfants ne peuvent pas bénéficier d'une éducation primaire et 1 école sur 3 est fermée en raison du conflit.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

[News] Education Commission launches bold plan to get every child in school by 2030

18th of September 2016 - Bold action and radical funding could see every child in the world in school by 2030 - and avoid a looming global education catastrophe. The high-powered Education Commission today delivered a plan called The Learning Generation to give a quality primary and secondary education to every girl and boy in every country.

[Full Article](#) (A word at School)

[News] Girls Take Over on Day of the Girl

29th of September 2016 - On 11 October, politicians, CEOs and other leaders across the globe will have their positions taken over by girls who are calling for equality and proving they can change the world. Over 200 takeovers will take place in more than 50 countries to mark the International Day of the Girl. Leading figures in politics and business will be taken over by girls including the first female President of Nepal Bidhya Devi Bhandari. By taking over positions where they are rarely seen, girls will call on governments to remove the barriers that deny millions their rights.

[Full Article](#) (Plan International)

[Report] Half a million children have risked exploitation as refugee and migrant crisis turns into big business for smugglers

2nd of September 2016 - New figures reveal that around half a million refugee and migrant children on the move are believed to have turned to smugglers since January 2015, as delays and desperation drive them into the hands of criminals quick to exploit their vulnerability. In order to shine a light on the murky underworld of migrant smuggling in Europe, and better shape the response, UNICEF has gathered information from a range of sources – including Europol-Interpol, testimonies from children themselves, publications from UN agencies, NGOs, and corroborated media reports.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] Indian welfare cuts led to deaths of 600 children from malnutrition, activist says

22nd of September 2016 - Funding cuts for welfare schemes by India's government have contributed to child malnutrition in Palghar district in the western state of Maharashtra, where 600 children are said to have died of starvation this year, according to activists. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued a notice to the government of Maharashtra on Wednesday, asking for a detailed report on the deaths within four weeks.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[Report] Japan and UNICEF team up to strengthen protection of children and women

21st of September 2016 - The Government of Japan has contributed with approximately US\$ 2.2 million to UNICEF to assist children and women's protection throughout Myanmar. Through this contribution, UNICEF in partnership with the Government of Myanmar, will work to both prevent and respond to cases of gender based violence, as well as contribute to the on-going development and capacity building of key government departments and civil society groups, namely through the provision of quality social work.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

[Communiqué de presse] Les dirigeants mondiaux doivent investir en faveur de meilleures données sur les enfants – UNICEF

14 septembre 2016 – L'UNICEF appelle les dirigeants mondiaux à investir en faveur de meilleures statistiques sur les enfants. Une nouvelle étude du Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance avertit

que des données suffisantes sont disponibles pour la moitié seulement des indicateurs de mesure des objectifs de développement durable liés aux enfants.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

[Communiqué de presse] Près de 50 millions d'enfants « déracinés » dans le monde – UNICEF

7 septembre 2016 – Dans le monde entier, près de 50 millions d'enfants ont été déracinés – 28 millions d'entre eux chassés de chez eux par des conflits dont ils ne sont aucunement responsables, et des millions d'autres poussés à migrer dans l'espoir de trouver une vie meilleure, plus sûre. Souvent traumatisés par les conflits et la violence qu'ils fuient, ils sont confrontés à d'autres dangers, dont les risques de noyade lors des traversées, la malnutrition et la déshydratation, la traite des êtres humains, l'enlèvement, le viol et même le meurtre.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelles] Québec exclut la gratuité scolaire pour les enfants sans-papiers

22 septembre 2016 - La question de l'accès à l'école gratuite pour les enfants non résidents ou sans statut passe à la trappe. Car contrairement à l'ancien projet de loi 86, le nouveau projet de loi visant à modifier la Loi sur l'instruction publique, qui s'ouvrait mercredi aux consultations particulières, n'en fait plus du tout mention. Plusieurs organismes de défense des droits des réfugiés et des sans-papiers se disent excédés par le report sine die de ce dossier, y compris la protectrice du citoyen, qui a démontré plusieurs signes d'impatience.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Report] Save the Children Calls for Ambitious Action to Get All Children Reading

8th of September 2016 - 250 million primary aged children worldwide are not learning to read and write – 130 million of whom have completed four years of education. The fact that so many children are failing to learn to read is a crisis that must be reversed urgently. In a new report released on International Literacy Day, Save the Children calls for countries to prioritise and invest in efforts to ensure all children are able to read.

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

[Report] Situation Analysis of Children with Disabilities in Myanmar 2016

27th of September 2016 - This situation analysis is the first ever study in Myanmar to provide a systematic understanding of the experiences of children with disabilities and their families, informed by robust, qualitative evidence. Children with disabilities have the same rights as all children. Given the same opportunities to flourish as any other child, they have the potential to lead fulfilling, dignified lives and to contribute to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of their communities

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

[News] UN General Assembly 2016: world leaders need to deliver education for children in emergencies

14th of September 2016 - Leaders from around the world will gather in New York to attend high-level meetings at the United Nations General Assembly. In their hands is the future of millions of children who are denied an education because of humanitarian emergencies including conflicts and natural disasters.

[Full Article](#) (A word at School)

[Report] UN refugees meeting a wasted opportunity to improve the lives of millions of children

19th of September 2016 - As the UN high-level meeting on refugees and migrants draws to a close in New York today, World Vision has expressed serious disappointment with the outcome. “We had high hopes for children, but today displaced and imprisoned children are left with a business-as-usual approach that offers little hope,” said World Vision’s Helen Keogh at the Summit in New York.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

[Report] World Vision and ChildPact to release new tool measuring government efforts to protect children

28th of September 2016 - Today, World Vision and ChildPact, will launch the Child Protection Index in Brussels. This tool serves to prevent and end violence, child trafficking, child labour, discrimination and other violations of a child’s rights. The CPI makes use of 600 indicators drawn from child protection language in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). “The

Index verifies needs and gaps in protection systems. It is often hard for governments, civil society and donors alike to decide on priorities or next steps. This product offers a way for CP actors to identify what steps should be taken next.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conference - 2nd National Child Wellbeing Conference: Access to Justice for Vulnerable Children

Access to justice is a fundamental principle in securing, promoting, and protecting the rights and wellbeing of children. The President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society works to create safe spaces in which people can come together in an atmosphere of dialogue, participation and inclusion. The Foundation is interested in learning what it is that gives people wellbeing, in order for this to be shared and further promoted and is convinced that access to justice is a cross-cutting component of wellbeing. This conference will explore access to justice from the child's perspective, giving particular attention to children who are vulnerable. The conference is open to NGOs, academics, and practitioners.

Location: Valletta, Malta

Date: 21st to 22nd of October 2016

Registration deadline: 14th of October 2016

[For more information](#) (The President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society)

Training - Online Certificate Course in Gender-based Violence

The overall purpose of the training programme is to increase participant's knowledge and understanding of the concept of gender, and gender-based violence, sexuality, and rights. It will further take a look at the various forms of gender-based violence and the core principles for a code of conduct, reporting mechanisms and developing a programmatic response.

Location: Online

Date: 26th of October to 25th of November 2016

Registration deadline: 24th of October 2016

[For more information](#) (Human Rights & Justice Group International)

Training - WASH and Nutrition

Nutrition is a key aspect in our day to day life. Sanitation related diseases affect the nutrition status of both children and adults which may consequently lead to many deaths and yet these

conditions can be managed nutritionally. This course is designed to equip the participants with knowledge on how to manage WASH related diseases nutritionally.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Date: 31st of October to 11th of November 2016

Registration deadline: 24th of October 2016

[For more information](#) (Network for Water and Sanitation)

Training - Achieving education 2030 and eliminating child labour

Child labour is a barrier to education for all. This course explores policy measures and programmes to remove the barriers to education that working children face.

Location: Turin, Italy

Date: 31st of October to 4th of November 2016

Registration deadline: 31st of October 2016

[For more information](#) (International Training Centre of the ILO)

Conference – Child in the City

The conference, which takes place every two years, is a key opportunity for children's professionals, city planners, geographers and policy makers to share knowledge, good practice and research findings from the various disciplines that are important to the shared aim of creating child friendly cities. It aims to promote collaboration within the child friendly city movement and to promote liveable, sustainable designs, services and projects that support the well-being of children and promote their active engagement in the life of their communities.

Location: Ghent, Belgium

Date: 7th to 8th of November 2016

[For more information](#) (Child in the City Foundation)

Conference - Children's Rights in Alternative Care: Walk the Talk!

The conference will serve as a platform for national and international stakeholders from the child protection area to start a dialogue on how to raise the capacity of the children's social care workforce and in particular care professionals on embedding child rights in their work. The training module produced by SOS Children's Villages together with national and international partners, as well as the experience gathered while implementing the project in eight European countries, will serve as starting point of a discussion which we hope will inspire decision makers in setting new standards for training care professionals, ultimately improving the quality of alternative care.

Location: Paris, France

Date: 8th to 9th of November 2016

[For more information](#) (SOS Villages d'Enfants – France)

Conference - International Family Conference: Children's Rights and Family

International Family Conference is a biennial international academic conference which is organized by the Women's Platform of the Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF), which holds General Consultative Status at UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Its aim is to stimulate interdisciplinary and cross-national collaboration and approach to various family issues.

Location: Abuja, Nigeria

Date: 19th to 20th of November 2016

[For more information](#) (Journalists and Writers Foundation)

Forum - Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law: Widening the Democratic Space: the role of youth in public decision-making

In resolution 28/14, adopted on 26 March 2015, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a forum on human rights, democracy and rule of law. The purpose of the Forum is "to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to the relationship between these areas" and to "identify and analyze best practices, challenges and opportunities for States in their efforts to secure respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law".

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Date: 21st to 22nd of November 2016

Registration deadline: 16th of November 2016

[For more information](#) (United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

3. Children and Armed Conflicts

Colombia – As Colombia Votes on Peace, Child Soldiers Struggle to Adapt

28th of September 2016 - They may call themselves the "generation of peace," but young Colombians are actually among those least likely to support their government's recent peace agreement with FARC rebels, which will be put to a plebiscite vote on October 2. Part of the reason, observers say, is that many young Colombians have not experienced the conflict as directly as their older compatriots.

[Full article](#) (Americas Quarterly)

Colombie – En marge de l'accord de paix entre les FARC et la Colombie, la psychologue Elsa Castaneda soigne les enfants de la guerre

26 septembre 2016 - Veste cintrée, cheveux mi- longs, regard bienveillant... Elsa Castañeda a entendu toutes les horreurs de la guerre de la bouche des plus fragiles : les enfants. Pourtant, à presque soixante ans elle n'a pas perdu espoir, au contraire : « *La première génération qui vivra dans un pays en paix est en train de voir le jour* ».

[Article complet](#) (TV5)

Colombia – Pasos de Héroe: Uplifting film tribute to child landmine victims

20th of September 2016 – We all have dreams. So do landmine victims. In his debut film “Pasos de Héroe,” Colombian director Henry Rincón shows the humanity of child war victims in a way not typically seen in cinema. The film tells the story of Eduardo, a 10-year-old boy who lost his leg to a landmine, and his determination to form a soccer team and enter his town’s local tournament despite his disability and opposition from his school’s director, who does everything to prevent the boy’s team from stepping on the pitch.

[Full article](#) (The city paper bogota)

Greece – Millions of children fleeing war ‘systematically denied’ basic rights

14th of September 2016 - Chronic underfunding of aid programmes is having a devastating impact on child refugees around the world, the charity War Child warns, with vulnerable children being “systematically denied” fundamental rights such as access to education or protection from forced marriage.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

Iran – Iranian Theme Park Teaches Children War Tactics

30th of September 2016 - Iran opened a military theme park this week designed to teach children as young as 8-years-old how to fight in a war and fire weapons at its perceived Western enemies. Located in a western suburb of the city of Mashad, the “Park of the Revolution’s Children” marks “Sacred Defense Week,” an annual commemoration of the Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s, according to a park brochure.

[Full article](#) (VOA News)

Iran – Aftermath of Iran-Iraq war: Leftover landmine kills child

6th of September 2016 - An Iranian child was killed in a landmine explosion near the city of Sardasht in the country’s northwestern province of West Azerbaijan, IRNA news agency reported Sept. 6. The incident happened yesterday, Sept. 5, as three children found a landmine remaining

from the Iran-Iraq war (1980-1988) near the border of Iraq and started playing with it, Mir Ashkan Mahdavi, a local official, said. As a result of the landmine's explosion, an 8-year-old boy was killed, while two other children were wounded.

[Full article](#) (Trend news agency)

Kazakhstan – Central Asian Children cast as IS executioners

22th of September 2016 - In the last ten days of August, IS issued two colourful magazines, one in French and one in Arabic, linking to more than 15 video and audio clips promoting violence and the brutal killing of prisoners and civilians. After thorough analysis of these materials one gets the impression that IS is trying to compensate for its military defeats with promotional activity. These videos often depict children from Central Asia as heroes who came to Syria with their parents and joined the IS youth fighting group, "Cubs of the Caliphate."

[Full article](#) (Dhaka tribune)

Lybia – Starving children are surviving on 'rotten food and dirty water' in war-torn Lybia

30th of September 2016 - Starving children surviving on rotten food and dirty water in Libya are turning into "skin and bone," human rights campaigners have warned. Hundreds of civilians trapped by fighting in Benghazi could die from lack of food and water as fighting between rival factions intensifies, says Amnesty International .

[Full article](#) (Mirror)

Netherlands – A former child soldier prosecuted at the International Criminal Court

26th of September 2016 – It's easy to assume that only 'evil' people commit atrocity. And it's equally easy to imagine the victims as 'good' or 'innocent'. But the reality is far more complex. Many perpetrators are tragic. They may begin as victims. Victims, too, may victimize others. These victims are imperfect. Some victims survive – and some even thrive – because of harm they inflict. The lines among victims and perpetrators tend to blur in the cataclysm of atrocity. What, then, to say about judgment, condemnation, punishment, and mercy?

[Full article](#) (Oup Blog)

Philippines – Ending the use of child soldiers in the Philippines

29th of September 2016 – The United Nations and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) have pledged to safeguard the rights of children and have implemented an action plan to ensure that children affected by armed conflicts are better protected. "We are committed to implementing

this program, which is for the good of our children," said Sammy Al-Mansor, Chief of Staff of MILF - Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF).

[Full article](#) (DW News)

Sudan – Sudan frees 21 rebel child soldiers: UN

22th of September 2016 - Sudan has freed 21 child soldiers who were captured in war-torn Darfur last year during fighting between government troops and rebels, the United Nations said Thursday. Their release on Wednesday came just days after President Omar al-Bashir declared in North Darfur that he would order all detained children from the rebel side be freed. The child soldiers were captured in Darfur in 2015 during fighting between government troops and the rebel Justice and Equality Movement (JEM).

[Full article](#) (Yahoo)

Syria – Almost 100 children killed in Aleppo since Friday, UNICEF says

28th of September 2016 - The children of Aleppo are "trapped in a living nightmare," said Justin Forsyth, deputy executive director of the UN organization, in a statement on Wednesday. "There are no words left to describe the suffering they are experiencing."

[Full article](#) (CBC)

Syria – Syria conflict: as war rages, children in Aleppo play in pools left by bomb craters

30th of September 2016 - Syrian children swimming and playing in water-filled craters in east Aleppo have been filmed in footage released by activists in the besieged city. In the video three little boys jump into the murky water in their clothes, whooping as they do so. When asked how the pool got there, one says, "There was an attack on our neighbourhood. Some houses were set on fire, three of them."

[Full article](#) (The Independent)

Uganda – Uganda child soldiers: Rebuilding the broken

6th of September 2016 – When former child soldiers in Uganda return home, they often face communities that are reluctant to reintegrate them. As rebels, they only learnt how to kill and survive in the bush. Anwar Ricky wants to change that.

[Full article](#) (DW News)

United States of America – Six-year-old’s letter about child victim of Syrian war moves Obama

22th of September 2016 – In it, Alex, a six-year-old boy from New York, reads a letter he wrote to President Barack Obama, inviting a Syrian refugee to live with his family. Just like many people around the world, Alex was touched by images and video of Omran Daqneesh, dusty and bloodied, as he was being loaded into an emergency vehicle following a bomb attack in Aleppo, Syria.

[Full article](#) (Mashable)

United States of America – President Obama Fails Child Soldiers

29th of September 2016 – US President Barack Obama announced yesterday that he will allow several governments that recruit and use child soldiers to continue receiving US military assistance – aid that is supposedly subject to child soldier-related restrictions. The decision wasn’t unexpected. After all, it’s what he has done during his entire two terms in office.

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

Yemen – Yemen’s Children Deserve Better Than Being Soldiers for the War-Torn Nation

6th of September 2016 – In Yemen, conflict, violence and bloodshed are now a daily occurrence. In spite of ongoing human rights violations global media outlets have chosen to take a back seat and remain silent. Why has the grave severity of Yemen’s rising conflict been kept in the shadows rather than exposed as a recurrent headline?

[Full article](#) (The Wire)



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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] Five Athens Arrests in International Child Sex Trafficking Bust

18th of October 2016 - Five people were arrested in Athens last week as part of an international effort to crack down on child sex trafficking. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with representatives from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and several law enforcement partners, announced 82 minors were rescued and 239 traffickers and their associates were arrested as part of Operation Cross Country X. The operation, which ran Oct. 13-15, was an international effort focusing on underage human trafficking. This is the 10th iteration of FBI-led initiative which took place across the United States and, for the first time, in several countries around the world. Law enforcement partners from Cambodia, Canada, the Philippines and Thailand had operations in their respective countries.

[Full Article](#) (Athens Patch)

[News] `Island of despair`: Australia intentionally torturing refugees on Nauru, says major Amnesty International report

18th of October 2016 - The Australian government is responsible for the deliberate and systematic torture of refugees on Nauru and should be held accountable under international law, according to a major new report informed by unprecedented access to the secretive island. Amnesty International said it had interviewed 62 refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru, and more than a dozen current or former contract workers who delivered services on behalf of the Australian government, to compile a report it titled: *Island of Despair*.

[Full Article](#) (The Sydney Morning Herald)

[News] Canada violating international law by jailing hundreds of migrant children, advocacy groups say

4th of October 2016 - Canada's incarceration of hundreds of migrant children is a violation of Canadian and international law, and a stain on the country's reputation, according to 46 medical and legal advocacy groups who are pressing the government to stop it. Data obtained by the group show an average of 242 children were detained in each of the past four years, often after failed refugee claims. Canada's government says public safety is a main concern, along with flight risk and uncertain identity, but the group's research shows virtually all detentions, almost 90 per cent, are to prevent people fleeing in advance of deportation or not showing up to a tribunal. In some cases, these people's children have been born in Canada and are therefore citizens, but must be detained as well to avoid leaving children alone. That means the 242 number is lower than the true number, as it only includes formal foreign child detainees.

[Full Article](#) (National Post)

[News] UK steps up support to end modern slavery and child exploitation globally

16th of October 2016 – *UK will prioritise ending modern slavery and child exploitation around the world.* To mark the national day against slavery on October 18, International Development Secretary Priti Patel outlined an increase in support for women and girl refugees in Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon, and for vulnerable people at risk of trafficking on migration routes in North Africa and Europe. The International Development Secretary echoed Prime Minister Theresa May at the United Nations General Assembly, as she called on the global community to go further and work faster to stop modern slavery and child exploitation.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

[News] Clampdown on child labour in developing world to target UK firms

15th of October 2016 - The government is to intervene to encourage companies to scrutinise their supply chains for evidence of worker exploitation or child labour, the international development minister will announce this coming week. Detailing a £1m grant from the aid budget towards a campaign to lobby businesses to take more responsibility for the labour practices within their supply chains, international development secretary Priti Patel, said she wanted to clamp down on global child exploitation.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

[News] Syrian girls are being pushed into child marriage in Lebanese refugee camps

17th of October 2016 - Each year, 15 million girls are married before the age of 18. In developing countries, one in every three girls is married before 18; one in nine is married before 15. If the present trend continues, 150 million girls will be married before their 18th birthday over the next decade. That is an average of 15 million girls each year. Child marriage is a fundamental violation of human rights. According to reports from both UNFPA and Human Rights Watch, child marriage is associated with many harmful consequences. Child brides face a higher risk of contracting HIV; are much more likely to experience domestic violence; and pregnancy remains among the leading causes of death for girls aged 15 to 19 worldwide.

[Full Article](#) (Huffington post)

[News] Bangladesh's 'Wedding buster' takes on illegal child marriage

11th of October 2016 - As the UN marks the International Day of the Girl Child on Tuesday, activist Radha Rani Sarker is meeting with European leaders to highlight the plight of girls in her native Bangladesh,

where 73% are illegally married off while still in childhood. Radha, 21, met French Women's Rights Minister Laurence Rossignol and reporters in Paris on Monday as part of a tour that will also take her to Brussels. With her baby face and sparkling black eyes, she did not appear to be intimidated in the presence of the minister and her entourage, telling the story of her life with disarming calmness.

[Full Article](#) (France 24)

[News] Yemeni child marriage film submitted to Oscars

12th of October 2016 - Yemen is submitting its first ever full-length movie entry to the Oscars this year, with a film telling the story of a 10-year-old girl fighting to divorce her much older husband. *I am Nojoom, Age 10 and Divorced* will compete alongside films from 84 other countries for the prize of Best Foreign Language Film at the 2017 Oscars. The film is based on the real-life story of Nujood Ali, now 18, who was married to a man in his 30s when she was nine years old. Based on a book by Ali, it tells the story of her escape two months after the arranged marriage, and her struggle to get a local judge to grant her a divorce in the absence of laws against child marriage.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Eye)

[Petition] Child bride faces execution by hanging in Iran

13th of October 2016 - Zeinab Sekaanvand Lokran comes from a poor, conservative Iranian-Kurdish family, and ran away from home to marry Hossein Sarmadi in the hope for a better life.

She was 17 when her husband died. Zeinab was arrested and "confessed" that she killed her husband after he'd abused her for months and refused her requests for divorce. She was then held at the police station for the next 20 days and repeatedly tortured by police officers. After a grossly unfair trial, in which she was denied access to a lawyer during her entire pre-trial detention, Zeinab was sentenced to death by hanging

[Full Article](#) (Amnesty)

[News] Shattered dreams: Dim future for the refugee child in Malaysia

16th of October 2016 – IN Malaysia, a country that has positioned itself as a go-to destination for migrants escaping war and persecution in their homes, access to education is a luxury for refugee children.

Malaysia is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention, but according to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), there were 246,270 "people of concern" in Malaysia last year, a figure that included registered refugees, asylum seekers, as well as other categories of stateless people and those in "refugee-like" situations.

[Full Article](#) (Asian Correspondent)

[News] Pope issues SOS for ‘invisible and voiceless’ refugee children

14th of October 2016 – In his annual message for the Vatican’s refugee day, Pope Francis focuses his attention on child migrants, saying they’re the most vulnerable group among the refugees because they are “invisible and voiceless.” Quoting Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew - “whoever receives a child in my name receives me” - the pope notes how Jesus goes on to warn those who cause a child to sin: “It is better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

[Full Article](#) (Crux Now)

[News] Saving Bangladesh's children

27th of October 2016 - In our increasingly interdependent world, malnutrition that causes stunted growth in poor children should be of concern to the community of nations. After all, prosperity and good health are the building blocks of a more stable and less violent world. Bangladesh, formerly known as East Pakistan, separated from the rest of Pakistan and became a sovereign nation-state in 1971. According to the World Bank, "Bangladesh emerged from the ashes of a War of Independence in 1971 as the world's second poorest nation."

[Full Article](#) (The Whig)

[News] Investing in early childhood development essential to helping more children and communities thrive, new Lancet Series finds

5th of October 2016 - An estimated 43 percent—249 million—of children under five in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs) are at an elevated risk of poor development due to extreme poverty and stunting, according to findings from *The Lancet’s new Series, Advancing Early Childhood Development: from Science to Scale*. The Series reveals that early childhood development interventions that promote nurturing care—health, nutrition, responsive caregiving, security and safety, and early learning—may cost as little as 50 cents per child per year, when combined with existing services such as health. WHO, the World Bank, and UNICEF contributed to and offered guidance to the Series.

[Full Article](#) (World Health Organization)

[News] An investigation found Syrian child refugees in Turkey producing clothes for major brands

24th of October 2016 - Nearly 5 million people have now fled the violence in Syria. More have gone to Turkey than any other country. Desperate for income, many have sought employment illegally in the country’s garment industry. As many foreign brands making garments in Turkey know, factories often exploit the availability of this cheap labor. A report by BBC Panorama lends weight to critics who argue

brands aren't doing enough to safeguard against the practice. "Undercover: The Refugees Who Make Our Clothes," scheduled to air tonight (Oct. 24) on BBC One, found Syrian child refugees in Turkey making clothing for popular British brands Marks and Spencer and Asos. It also found adult refugees working illegally at factories distressing jeans for Spanish brands Zara and Mango.

[Full Article](#) (Quartz)

[News] Underage, underpaid and unwelcome

26th of October 2016 - As ever increasing numbers of Syrians flee their homes in search of refuge in Turkey, employers in their adoptive country have taken advantage of their destitution. In sweatshops in Istanbul, the *Telegraph* found children as young as five working for a pittance to help their families survive.

[Full Article](#) (The Telegraph)

[News] Refugee parents must be involved in children's education, experts say

23th of October 2016 - Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister John McCallum was in Winnipeg last week to meet with his provincial counterparts. At the meetings, McCallum admitted he was surprised at the size of Syrian refugee families resettled to Canada and the number of Syrian children was more than anticipated. With this, media coverage turned to the challenges for schools that a large new student population brings and the need for language and support workers.

[Full Article](#) (CBC)

[News] Syria: UN education envoy urges International Criminal Court probe into Idlib school attack

27th of October 2016 - The United Nations envoy for education today called for an immediate investigation by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) into what he called a war crime in Syria – the latest attacks on a school compound in the western province of Idlib that left at least 20 pupils and teachers dead.

[Full Article](#) (UN News Centre)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conference – With Children, for Children: From Ideas to Action

On the occasion of 2016 International Children's Day, a symposium will bring together members of the European Parliament, European Commission officials and 12 children and young people from across

Europe who have participated in local, national or international child participation projects. The objective is to demonstrate how Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and officials from the European Commission (EC) can engage with children around Europe in a meaningful way.

Location: Brussel, Belgium

Date: 17th of November 2016

[For more information](#) (EuroChild)

Conference - International Family Conference: Children's Rights and Family

International Family Conference is a biennial international academic conference which is organized by the Women's Platform of the Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF), which holds General Consultative Status at UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Its aim is to stimulate interdisciplinary and cross-national collaboration and approach to various family issues.

Location: Abuja, Nigeria

Date: 19th to 20th of November 2016

[For more information](#) (Journalists and Writers Foundation)

Forum - Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law: Widening the Democratic Space: the role of youth in public decision-making

In resolution 28/14, adopted on 26 March 2015, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a forum on human rights, democracy and rule of law. The purpose of the Forum is "to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to the relationship between these areas" and to "identify and analyze best practices, challenges and opportunities for States in their efforts to secure respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law".

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Date: 21st to 22nd of November 2016

Registration deadline: 16th of November 2016

[For more information](#) (United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Conference - PICCWED-Putrajaya International Conference On Child, Women, Elderly And Disabled

The conference will bring together scholars and practitioners who are interested to present their papers in a diverse range of areas pertaining to Children, Women, Elderly And Disabled People and other related fields.

Location: Putrajaya, Malaysia

Date: 3rd to 4th of December 2016

[For more information](#) (Piccwed)

Conference – International Conference «Early Childhood Care and Education»

The idea of the child as innocent, as pure, the 'little angel' in need of protection from the harsh realities of life and the corrupting influences of the world around us has come to dominate our thinking, language, values, social policies and educational philosophies in the past few decades. Children are seen as 'little people', 'blank slates', works in progress who are loved, nurtured and guided as they grow to become mature, rational and responsible adults.

Location: Moscow, Russian Federation

Date: 10th to 13th May 2017

[For more information](#) (ECCE)

3. Subregional and Country updates

Nigeria - Nigeria's Forgotten Children

18th of October 2016 - Two and a half years since 219 Chibok schoolgirls were abducted by Boko Haram in Nigeria, sparking a global outcry and the #BringBackOurGirls campaign, there has finally been some good news. Yesterday, 21 of those girls were reunited with their families in an emotional ceremony in Abuja, embracing the parents they thought they'd never see again. But it's not a completely happy ending - the girls are traumatized and distressed after 30 months in captivity, and little is known about the fates of the almost 200 others who are still missing. And even less is known about the other children caught in the web of this conflict, those who are suffering horrific abuses perpetrated not by Boko Haram, but by the Nigerian government.

[Full article](#) (Amnesty international)

Syria - Children in war-torn Syria risk their lives to go to school

21th of October 2016 - With the start of the school year in Syria, over 1.7 million children remain out of school and another 1.3 million are at a risk of dropping out, according to new education data. Escalating violence, displacement, increased poverty, and an overstretched and under-resourced education system continue to force children out of school, denying them of their right to education.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

Soudan du Sud - 145 enfants soldats libérés par deux groupes armés au Soudan du Sud

26 octobre 2016- Ils ont été libérés par deux groupes armés à Pibor (Etat du Jonglei) dans l'est du Soudan du Sud, a annoncé le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance. "Notre espoir c'est que la libération d'aujourd'hui soit suivie par de nombreuses autres, pour que les 16.000 enfants qui sont encore dans des

groupes armés puissent rentrer dans leurs familles", a déclaré Mahimbo Mdoe, le représentant de l'Unicef au Soudan du Sud, cité dans le communiqué.

[Article complet](#) (Voa Afrique)

Global - War Child Launches A Guide to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Legal Protection in Acute Emergencies

15th of October 2016- Exposed to epidemic levels of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) throughout their displacement, refugee women and girls are more affected by violence than any other population of women in the world. In times of war and its aftermath, legal structures that traditionally protect women and children, including formal and informal justice systems and respect for the rule of law, break down leaving them vulnerable to abuse. This includes but is not limited to rape, early and forced marriage and domestic violence.

[Full article](#) (War Child Canada)

Ouganda - Quand des ex-enfants soldats de la LRA débattent avec des adolescents ougandais

24 octobre 2016- Le 19 octobre, Jonathan Littell présentait à Kampala son dernier documentaire, « Wrong Elements », en présence des principaux acteurs, trois anciens otages de la LRA. « Pourquoi n'avez-vous pas tué Kony, lorsque vous étiez dans le bush [le maquis] ? » ; « Avez-vous tué des civils ? » ; « Comment avez-vous été accueillis par les communautés à votre retour ? » Dans la petite salle de l'Alliance française à Kampala, où des adolescents ougandais viennent de visionner le documentaire, Jonathan Littell et les trois principaux acteurs, Geoffrey, Michaël et Nighty, tentent de répondre à la salve de questions qui leur sont adressées. Le réalisateur présentait mercredi 19 octobre son dernier documentaire, Wrong Elements, en présence des principaux acteurs, trois anciens otages de l'Armée de résistance du Seigneur (LRA).

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

Global - La CPI enquête dans neuf pays, dont huit en Afrique

21 octobre 2016- La Cour pénale internationale (CPI), dont Pretoria a décidé de se retirer, a ouvert dix enquêtes dans neuf pays, dont huit sont en Afrique, depuis son entrée en fonction en 2003. Cela lui vaut de nombreuses critiques parmi les dirigeants, notamment de l'Union africaine (UA), qui l'accuse de mener "une sorte de chasse raciale". Avant Pretoria, le Parlement burundais avait approuvé le 12 octobre un projet de loi prévoyant que le pays se retire de l'organisation et le président a promulgué cette loi mardi.

[Article complet](#) (Afrique Expansion)

Afghanistan - Funding from the Government of Canada boosts War Child Canada's efforts to empower women and girls in Afghanistan

5th of October 2016- War Child is extraordinarily pleased to announce that our programs team will be receiving \$14.5M from the Government of Canada for the enhancement of women and girls' rights and the protection of children in Afghanistan. The funding, announced by the Government of Canada on October 4th, forms part of a \$40M investment in the country to be rolled out over the next 5 years.

[Full Article](#) (War Child Canada)

Syrie - Les enfants risquent leurs vies pour aller l'école en Syrie

25 octobre 2016- Alors que la rentrée scolaire a lieu en Syrie, le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) a indiqué lundi que plus de 1,7 million d'enfants restent non scolarisés et que 1,3 million autres enfants courent un risque de décrochage. Selon de nouvelles données recueillies par le Fonds, une école sur trois ne peut pas être utilisée car elle est soit endommagée, détruite, utilisée pour abriter des personnes déplacées ou pour des fins militaires. Depuis le début de la guerre en 2011, l'agence onusienne a recensé plus de 4.000 attaques contre les écoles.

[Article complet](#) (Iloubnan)

Syrie - Indignation internationale après le bombardement d'une école en Syrie

27 Octobre 2016- Le bombardement d'une école mercredi dans la province d'Idlib, dans le nord de la Syrie, qui a tué 22 enfants et 6 enseignants a soulevé un tollé international et envenimé les relations entre la Russie et le monde occidental. Cette attaque qui pourrait être la plus meurtrière contre une école depuis le début de la guerre en Syrie, selon l'Unicef, a fait réagir les différents protagonistes engagés dans la résolution de la crise.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)

République démocratique du Congo - L'UNESCO et l'UNICEF saluent la mémoire des enseignants et élèves tués au Nord Kivu

24 octobre 2016 - Les Représentants de l'UNESCO et de l'UNICEF en République Démocratique du Congo (RDC) saluent la mémoire des deux enseignants et deux élèves décédés le samedi 15 octobre 2016 dans la ville de Butembo, lors d'accrochages entre des militaires des FARDC et les membres de la secte « Eglise corps du Christ ». Les enseignants victimes de tir d'une roquette étaient en plein exercice de leurs fonctions et les enfants en apprentissage en classe.

[Article complet](#) (UNESCO)

Yémen - Yemen : les enfants otages de la guerre

18 octobre 2016 - Dix-huit mois de guerre, 7 000 morts, 3 millions de déplacés, 1,5 million d'enfants malnutris. Il était temps. Le temps d'une trêve, certes de courte durée, 72 heures. Voilà ce qu'a obtenu le médiateur de l'ONU Ismaïl Ould Cheikh Ahmed. Il a affirmé avoir reçu des assurances en ce sens de la part de "toutes les parties yéménites" présente la nouvelle trêve comme une "reprise de la cessation globale des hostilités" qui avait été mise en place le 10 avril 2016, mais avait ensuite volé en éclats.

[Article complet](#) (TV5 Monde)

Syrie - Syrie: Gordon Brown réclame la saisine de la CPI après l'attaque d'une école

27 octobre 2016 - L'ex-Premier ministre britannique et envoyé spécial de l'Onu pour l'éducation Gordon Brown a réclamé jeudi une enquête de la Cour pénale internationale (CPI) pour "crime de guerre" après l'attaque meurtrière d'une école dans la région d'Idleb (nord-ouest de la Syrie) la veille. "Je demande au Conseil de sécurité d'accepter immédiatement que la procureure de la CPI mène une enquête sur ce que je crois être un crime de guerre", a-t-il déclaré à la presse.

[Article complet](#) (L'Orient le Jour)

Yemen - Yemen's Al-Hudaydah: A child's worst nightmare

22nd of October 2016 - The Yemeni coastal province of Al-Hudaydah is well known for its rich history and famous port that has seen many wars throughout its lifetime. It is unique in the sense that, compared to other Yemeni cities like Sana'a, during the latter half of the 20th century Al-Hudaydah wasn't known for its ancient architecture. The port city of Al-Hudaydah was famous for its restaurants that specialised in making exquisite fish dishes. It was known for its breath-taking views of the Red Sea and its port that exported Yemeni culture to the rest of the world.

[Full article](#) (Middle East monitor)

Colombia - Colombia child soldiers reluctant to leave FARC 'family' - rebel commander

28th of October 2016 - The release of scores of child soldiers from Colombia's FARC rebel group is a top priority, but some are reluctant to leave because they fear an uncertain future away from the insurgents they view as family, a guerrilla commander said. Victoria Sandino, a commander with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), has a seat at the negotiating table where the government and FARC are working to revive a peace accord signed by both sides but narrowly rejected by voters in a referendum earlier this month.

[Full article](#) (Thompson Reuters Foundation News)



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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] Indigenous children 10 times more likely to be removed from families – report

9th of November 2016- Indigenous children are more than 10 times more likely to be removed from their families by child protection authorities than other Australian children, a new report says, prompting calls for urgent action. A report launched on Wednesday by the Family Matters coalition, which comprises more than 150 Indigenous organisations and academics, has found the number of children removed from their families will triple over the next 20 years. The figure has led a Family Matters co-chair, Gerry Moore, to call for the commonwealth and state governments to develop a program to address the causes of family removals.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

[News] Child trafficking victims disappearing from UK care at 'alarming' rate

14th of November 2016 - Child trafficking victims and unaccompanied children are going missing from local authority care at an “alarming” rate according to a new report, which reveals that in one year, nearly 30% of all UK child trafficking victims and 13% of unaccompanied children disappeared from care services. New research by child trafficking NGO Ecpat UK and the charity Missing People has found that 167 of the 590 children suspected or identified as child trafficking victims in the year from September 2014 to 2015 vanished from foster and care homes across the country. An additional 593 of the 4,744 unaccompanied children placed under the protection of local authorities also went missing at least once in the same time period. Of the 760 trafficked or unaccompanied children who disappeared from care, 207 have never been found.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

[Nouvelles] Journée mondiale de l'enfance: deux cents écrivains de renommée mondiale s'unissent autour des droits de l'enfant

4 novembre 2016 – Plus de 200 éminents écrivains, parmi lesquels des romanciers, des dramaturges et des poètes, se sont associés cette semaine à une campagne littéraire mondiale en rédigeant des « petites histoires » d'environ sept lignes visant à célébrer la Journée mondiale de l'enfance et à rappeler l'injustice à laquelle sont encore confrontés les enfants les plus pauvres et les plus défavorisés de la planète. Cette série de nouvelles marque le début de la commémoration des 70 ans que l'UNICEF a consacrés à apporter de l'aide et de l'espoir à chaque enfant. Certains des écrivains les plus célèbres du monde partageront sur les réseaux sociaux leurs nouvelles avec leur public. Ce concept, qui a été lancé par la première dame

finlandaise Jenni Elina Haukio, a ensuite été repris à travers le monde par des écrivains originaires d'Asie, d'Afrique, d'Amérique du Sud, d'Europe, du Moyen-Orient et d'Australie.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelles] La pneumonie et la diarrhée tuent 1,4 million d'enfants chaque année, plus que toutes les autres maladies infantiles cumulées

11 novembre 2016 – La pneumonie et la diarrhée tuent chaque année 1,4 million d'enfant, vivant pour la très grande majorité dans des pays à revenu faible et intermédiaire. La mort de ces enfants survient malgré le fait que ces deux maladies sont largement évitables grâce à des solutions simples et rentables comme l'allaitement exclusif, la vaccination, des soins de santé primaires de qualité et la réduction de la pollution de l'air à l'intérieur des habitations. Ces conclusions sont rassemblées dans un nouveau rapport de l'UNICEF, Un décès, c'est déjà trop : en finir avec les décès d'enfants par pneumonie et par diarrhée, publié aujourd'hui.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelles] Un mois après le passage de l'ouragan Matthew, près de 600 000 enfants attendent toujours de l'aide

4 novembre 2016 – Un mois après que l'ouragan Matthew a frappé Haïti de plein fouet, près de 600 000 enfants ont toujours besoin d'aide humanitaire et sont tenaillés par la maladie, la faim et la malnutrition, déclare aujourd'hui l'UNICEF. « Un mois après le passage de l'ouragan, la vie n'a toujours pas repris son cours normal pour plus d'un demi-million d'enfants haïtiens », affirme le Représentant de l'UNICEF en Haïti, Marc Vincent. « Trop d'enfants souffrent de la faim et sont sans abri, incapables d'aller à l'école et en danger. Nous renforçons notre réponse et sommes résolus à en aider le plus grand nombre possible, dans les plus brefs délais ».

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelles] Pollution : 300 millions d'enfants dans le monde respirent de l'air toxique

31 octobre 2016 - La pollution de l'air affecte très gravement 300 millions d'enfants dans le monde, soit un sur sept, et contribue à la mortalité d'un enfant sur dix âgé de moins de cinq ans, avance l'Unicef dans un rapport publié lundi 31 octobre. « Environ 2 milliards d'enfants vivent dans des zones où les niveaux de pollution dépassent les standards établis par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS), et 300 millions d'entre eux sont confrontés à un air extrêmement toxique », explique Anthony Lake, le directeur général du Fonds des Nations unies pour l'enfance.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] Fears for 6,000 children as some camps on Greek islands soar to triple their capacity

14th of November 2016 - An estimated 6,000 children living in detention centres and camps on the Greek islands are at risk with facilities on four out of five islands overflowing, Save the Children warned ahead of US President Barack Obama's visit to Athens on 15 November. With most new arrivals detained on the

islands since the European Union's deal with Turkey in March this year, 16,229 refugees and migrants – including 6,000 children – are living in facilities designed to hold only 8,204 people.

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

[News] Save the Children prepared to respond to children's need in New Zealand earthquake

13th of November 2016 - Aid workers from Save the Children will mobilise staff to meet the needs of children and their families affected by last night's earthquake in New Zealand if there is a need for a humanitarian response. The powerful 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck approximately 50kms north-east of Christchurch and was felt across the country. A tsunami warning is in place and residents in low-lying areas have been urged to evacuate.

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

[News] After abuse as a girl, U.N. albinism expert aims to end ritual murders

16th of November 2016 - When Ikponwosa Ero was five years old, she couldn't walk down the street in Nigeria without being abused for having albinism -- a lack of pigmentation in the skin, hair and eyes. "(In five minutes, almost 50 people have said something, pulled your skin, pulled your hair or sung (abusive songs) to you," the United Nations' first independent expert on albinism said in an interview with the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "I was wondering why was I born ? ... How will I get to my adult years and survive this? I don't think I can make it. "People with albinism are frequently shunned, attacked and even killed across Africa. In many countries, their body parts are believed to bring wealth and good luck and are prized in witchcraft for use in charms and magical potions.

[Full article](#) (Reuters)

[News] Africa's charter on children's rights: Turning words into action

7th of November 2016 - With more than 500 million people under the age of 18, Africa has one of the world's youngest populations. As birth rates decline in other regions, the number of African children is expected to double by mid-century and gradually overtake Asia as home the largest number of young people. Thanks to a landmark agreement that took effect 17 years ago this month, this growing population of African children enjoys more rights and significantly more protections than earlier generations. The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC), agreed by African leaders in 1990 and which went into force on 29 November 1999, has helped enshrine the rights of children and their welfare in laws across the continent. The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, which was created under the Charter, deserves credit for promoting children's rights and monitor implementation of the ACRWC.

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

[News] Governments from Asia-Pacific meet to advance children's rights

14th of November 2016 - Governments from across Asia-Pacific recently held a meeting to discuss ways to advance children's rights in a number of critical areas. The event, 'A Billion Brains: Smarter Children, Healthier Economies', was hosted by the Government of Malaysia. It brought together heads of state and senior leaders from 28 countries across Asia-Pacific, which is home to more than one billion children, or

nearly half the world's under 18s. The meeting sought to foster 'South-South cooperation' – countries learning from others that have faced similar challenges, in order to make progress for children.

[Full article](#) (Inquirer.net)

[News] Myanmar aid curbs hit children in Muslim-majority region – UN

9th of November 2016 - Unrest in Myanmar's northwest is taking a "terrible toll" on children, the U.N. children's agency UNICEF said and called for full humanitarian access to the Muslim-majority north of Rakhine state. Tens of thousands of people have been cut off from food and other aid normally provided by international agencies since deadly attacks on police guard posts along the border with Bangladesh on Oct. 9. "While some aid has been delivered in recent days, UNICEF calls for full resumption of essential services and the urgent lifting of all restrictions of movement of health and other professionals so they can safely reach children and families," UNICEF said in a statement from New York on Tuesday. Troops have poured into the region in response to the attacks, in which assailants believed to be from the mostly stateless Rohingya group killed nine policemen.

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

[Nouvelles] Calais : les droits de l'enfant oubliés selon l'ONU

3 novembre 2016 - Près de 1800 mineurs non accompagnés quittent à leur tour, ce mercredi 2 novembre 2016, la «Jungle» de Calais, marquant la fin du démantèlement du plus grand bidonville de France. Comme pour les migrants majeurs, ils rejoignent des centres d'accueil dédiés. Mais pour le Comité des Nations Unies sur les droits de l'enfant (CRC), tout reste à faire, notamment la question des droits de ces enfants migrants. Dans un communiqué publié ce 2 novembre, les dix-huit experts du CRC interpellent directement les autorités françaises et britanniques : « Les gouvernements de la France et le Royaume-Uni ne se sont pas montrés à la hauteur de leurs obligations en vertu de la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant dans la façon dont ils ont géré la situation des enfants migrants vivant dans le camp de Calais. »

[Article complet](#) (TV5Monde)

[News] Ikea gets the world playing to support Children's Rights

20th of November 2016 - Play is a fundamental right for all children. That's why IKEA and IKEA Foundation are teaming up with six leading children's rights organisations and putting play at the heart of a new good cause campaign: Let's Play for Change, starting on Children's Rights Day 20 November. The campaign will support children's development and learning, equal participation, sports, and of course, play. For every children's book and toy sold between 20 November and 24 December, the IKEA Foundation will make a donation of €1 to support children's right to play and develop in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[Nouvelles] France : S'engager en faveur de la Déclaration sur la sécurité dans les écoles

17 novembre 2016 - Le président François Hollande devrait apporter le soutien de la France à la Déclaration sur la sécurité dans les écoles, a déclaré Human Rights Watch dans une nouvelle vidéo diffusée en amont de la Journée internationale de l'Enfant, le 20 novembre. La Déclaration sur la

sécurité dans les écoles est un accord non-contraignant proposé au soutien des États lors d'une conférence internationale organisée à Oslo (Norvège) en mai 2015.

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

[News] Kyrgyzstan Ups Fight against Child Marriage

21st of November 2016 - “[E]veryone knows mullahs marry [people] at an early age,” the head of a community elders court told me when I was in southern Kyrgyzstan researching domestic violence in 2014. Although child and forced marriage are illegal in Kyrgyzstan, an estimated 12 percent of girls marry before age 18. One percent are married before age 15. These girls are typically wed in religious ceremonies and their marriages remain unregistered. On Friday, Kyrgyzstan’s President Almazbek Atambayev took an important step in the fight against child marriage by signing a new law introducing criminal sanctions, including imprisonment, for people who conduct or facilitate religious marriages of children under 18.

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

[News] On Universal Children's Day, UNICEF calls for protecting the rights of every child

20th of November 2016 – Highlighting the plight of millions of children around the world, the head of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has called on everyone to recommit themselves to protect the rights of every child. "When we protect their rights, we are not only preventing their suffering. We are not only safeguarding their lives. We are protecting our common future," said the UNICEF Executive Director, Anthony Lake, in his message on Universal Children's Day. Established on 20 November 1954, UN Universal Children's Day promotes international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Course – Master of advanced studies in children’s rights (including child labour)

The Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights (MCR) is a part-time international and interdisciplinary postgraduate programme, which takes place over a two-year period. The Programme is designed for professionals who work with children’s rights issues, including lawyers, psychologists, sociologists, judges, social workers, government officials, staff of non-governmental organisations, academics and journalists.

Location: Geneva

Date: February 2016

[For more information](#) (Université de Genève)

Course – Child Rights and Development

This e-learning course focuses on child rights and child protection issues, which will look closely at the entire gamut of international legal framework on the rights of children and protection of children with a

particular focus on child rights violations and remedies globally. The course will explore legal, humanitarian, development and other strategies for understanding and advancing the human rights of children. The course is based on a dynamic pedagogy including reading materials, video clips, case studies, and interactive webinars with the instructor.

Location: Online

Date: 12 July 2017 – 22 August 2017

[For more information](#) (Human Rights Center – University for Peace)

Formation - Responsable de projets Protection de l'enfance en situation d'urgence - parcours court en Afrique

Vous avez une expérience professionnelle et une qualification en lien avec le métier : découvrez votre futur environnement professionnel, adaptez vos compétences en management et maîtrisez les compétences techniques spécifiques, tout en bénéficiant d'un accompagnement de votre projet professionnel et à votre prise de poste. Cette formation comporte 3 mois de formation et 6 mois de mission humanitaire. Elle délivre un certificat de l'Institut Bioforce.

Location : Dakar, Sénégal

Date : 27 septembre 2017 – 22 décembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Institut Bioforce)

Course - Thematic Short Course: Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies

While some organizations have specific projects on sexual violence, others favour an integrated approach. However, as programmatic responses are relatively recent, there is a lack of trained and experienced staff in this area. CERAH's one-week intensive course on Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies is designed to fill this gap. CERAH has also offered this seminar in French since September 2015. This course is organised with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Handicap International, OHCHR, UNFPA and UNHCR are further partners collaborating in the development of the course.

Location: Geneva

Date: 20 March 2017 – 24 March 2017 or 04 September 2017 – 08 September 2017

[For more information](#) (CERAH Genève)

Course - Child Participation

This e-learning course introduces staff members of (international) development agencies and NGOs to meaningful children's participation. Children have participation rights that state parties and other duty bearers should fulfill, respect and protect in families, schools, communities, and wider society.

Location: Online

Date: 1 February 2017 – 14 March 2017

[For more information](#) (European Rights Education Associates)

Training - Training course on Gender-based Violence

This course is aimed at building the capacity and commitment of participants to undertake programs targeted at eradicating gender-based violence and to develop a new movement for gender equality. The course also features a number of exercises and reflective activities designed to examine the concepts of gender, gender-based violence, sexuality, and rights. It will further explore the impact of gender-based violence on education, health and development.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Date: 16 January 2017 – 20 January 2017

[For more information](#) (Indepth Research Services)

Course - Protection of Human Rights in the Contemporary World: Practices, Challenges and Prospects

This 9 week specialized certificate course consciously adopts a contemporary focus for unpacking the diverse dimensions of international human rights law, practice and advocacy. It begins with a juxtaposition of human rights in theory and in practice, and situates the very concept on a spectrum of competing approaches adopted by contemporary thinkers. Having thus set the tone for a critical and realistic analysis of contemporary human rights issues, the course examines the notion of universality of human rights with the use of case studies from recent global events.

Location: Online

Date: 18 January 2017 – 21 March 2017

[For more information](#) (Human Rights Center – University for Peace)

3. Children and Armed Conflicts

Central African Republic - Nearly one in five children is a refugee or internally displaced, warns UNICEF

15 November 2016 - As aid officials prepare to meet in Brussels on Thursday to seek funding to continue their programmes in Central African Republic (CAR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported today that more than 850,000 people there – half of them children – are still on the move, either internally displaced or refugees in neighbouring countries. "When children return to their communities as security improves, they will need to have schools and clinics to come to," Christine Muhigana, UNICEF's Deputy Director for West and Central Africa, said in a news release.

[Full article](#) (UN)

Colombie - Les enfants, victimes démunies du conflit interne, au cœur des préoccupations de l'UNICEF

6 novembre 2016 - Le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) a indiqué que plus de 250 000 enfants ont été impactés en Colombie depuis que le gouvernement de ce pays et le groupe armé d'opposition, les FARC, ont commencé des pourparlers de paix il y a trois ans à Cuba. Selon le rapport divulgué par l'organisation Internationale, sur cette période plus d'un millier d'enfants ont été recrutés ou utilisés par des groupes armés.

[Article complet](#) (Actu Latino)

Côte d'Ivoire - Côte d'Ivoire: 200 enfants en situation de conflits appelés "microbes" acheminés sur un site de resocialisation

11 novembre 2016 - Quelque 200 enfants en situation de conflits communément appelés « microbes » qui s'adonnent à la délinquance avec des armes blanches dans les rues abidjanaises vont être acheminés, vendredi, à M'bahiakro (Centre ivoirien) pour une resocialisation, a appris APA dans la capitale économique ivoirienne. Cette information a été livrée par Fidèle Sarassoro, Assistant spécial du chef de l'Etat, Secrétaire du Conseil national de sécurité (CNS) en marge d'un séminaire sur l'extrémisme en Afrique de l'ouest qui se tient à Abidjan.

[Article complet](#) (Abidjan)

Democratic Republic of Congo - Child soldiers: from care to reintegration into society

9 November 2016 - Since the inclusion of the DRC Armed Forces (in the appendix to the United Nations Secretary-General's 2003 annual report on Children and Armed Conflict), as a party which recruits and uses children, the Democratic Republic of Congo has organised efforts on multiple fronts to bring an end to this serious transgression. The DRC passed a Child Protection Act in 2009 which penalises recruitment, it approved an Action Plan in 2012 for the adoption of concrete steps towards this commitment, and the President appointed an advisor in this field in order to strengthen the fight against the recruitment and use of children and against other serious violations of children's rights.

[Full article](#) (PONABANA)

Democratic Republic of Congo – Teen Girls Who Can't Afford School Are Joining Armed Groups

15 November 2016 - Young girls are being recruited into armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo in alarming numbers, according to international charity Child Soldiers International (CSI). Disturbingly, many girls aren't being abducted or forced to join the group, but are choosing to join as a result of desperate poverty. Child Soldiers International estimates that up to a third of girls they surveyed, currently embedded with armed groups in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, joined of their own volition. They warn—in comments first reported by French broadcasters RFI—that numerous armed militias throughout the eastern DRC are targeting girl soldiers, in addition to boys.

[Full article](#) (Broadly)

France - S'engager en faveur de la Déclaration sur la sécurité dans les écoles

17 novembre 2016 - Le président François Hollande devrait apporter le soutien de la France à la Déclaration sur la sécurité dans les écoles, a déclaré Human Rights Watch dans une nouvelle vidéo diffusée en amont de la Journée internationale de l'Enfant, le 20 novembre. La Déclaration sur la sécurité dans les écoles est un accord non-contraignant proposé au soutien des États lors d'une conférence internationale organisée à Oslo (Norvège) en mai 2015. « Les attaques contre les élèves et les écoles sont une problématique mondiale qui nécessite d'urgence une réponse globale », a déclaré Bénédicte Jeannerod, Directrice France de Human Rights Watch.

[Article complet](#) (HRW)

Germany - Number of underage soldiers record high in German army

10 novembre 2016 - The German military recruited a record number of underage soldiers in 2015, German daily Die Welt reported, citing figures from an inquiry conducted by the Left Party (Die Linke), which called the situation "a scandal". The number of underage recruits aged 17 who joined the German armed forces, the Bundeswehr, by November 2016 amounted to 1,576, the paper said citing the German Defense Ministry's response to the Left Party inquiry.

[Full report](#) (RT news)

Iraq - Bataille de Mossoul : 9.700 enfants déplacés depuis le début de l'opération, selon l'UNICEF

3 novembre 2016 - Le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) a annoncé jeudi qu'environ 9.700 enfants déplacés dans la région de Mossoul, en Iraq, ont besoin d'une aide urgente. Dans un communiqué de presse, l'UNICEF a précisé que ces enfants font partie des quelques 20.700 personnes déplacées depuis le début des opérations militaires visant à reprendre la ville de Mossoul à l'organisation terroriste Etat islamique en Iraq et au Levant (EIL), aussi appelé Daech. « J'ai rencontré des mères et des enfants qui étaient si soulagés d'être sortis vivants », a déclaré la chef des opérations sur le terrain de l'UNICEF en Iraq, Pernille Ironside, suite à sa visite du site d'identification et de contrôle de Nargizlia. « Ils ont clairement traversés beaucoup d'épreuve », a-t-elle ajouté

[Article complet](#) (ONU)

Nigéria - 75 000 enfants en danger de mort au Nigéria

15 November 2016 - La situation humanitaire au nord du Nigéria, où le groupe Boko Haram sévit, est alarmante. Plus de 14 millions de personnes vivant au Nord-est du pays ont besoin d'une assistance humanitaire. Près de 6 millions de personnes vivent dans l'insécurité alimentaire, et si rien n'est fait, 75 000 enfants risquent de mourir de faim dans les prochains mois, selon Peter Lundberg, coordonnateur des affaires humanitaires des Nations Unies au Nigéria: "La situation est très critique. C'est une crise qui découle du conflit actuel dans le Nord. Mais la situation s'est transformée en une crise alimentaire et nutritionnelle. Nous avons identifié plus de 400.000 enfants qui souffrent de malnutrition. 75.000 d'entre eux vont probablement mourir dans les prochains mois si nous ne leur portons pas assistance dès que possible."

[Article complet](#) (Deutsche Welle)

Myanmar - UNICEF expresses concern for Myanmar children's rights

9 November 2016 - UNICEF urged the government of Myanmar Tuesday to protect its children, particularly those in regions most embroiled in conflict. The statement calls attention to the area of Rakhine State [JURIST report], highlighting the concern for those children who have been isolated from receiving aid as a result of internal tension. UNICEF stated that the children in Rakhine State already struggle to obtain basic levels of nutrition, health, and education. The statement calls for unfettered access to this population by health officials and teachers. The statement further urges the government to investigate the violations impacting its youth.

[Full article](#) (Jurist org)

République Démocratique du Congo - Difficile reconversion des anciens enfants soldats au Sud-Kivu

7 novembre 2016 - Dans l'est de la RDC, la réinsertion sociale de milliers d'enfants sortis des milices et forces armées, obligés de se droguer et forcés à tuer, reste l'un des défis majeurs après les ravages des conflits armés. À Bukavu, des organisations non gouvernementales soutenues par l'Unicef tentent d'aider ces victimes des conflits à devenir des adultes utiles à la société. Les guerres et les nombreux conflits armés en RDC ont créé, depuis 1996, une catégorie d'enfants incorporés de force au sein des milices et forces armées pendant les différentes guerres et rebellions.

[Article complet](#) (Voa news)

Sudan - Rebel Group Vows to End Child Recruitment

23 novembre 2016 - One of four armed groups in Sudan, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N), has agreed to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children in conflict. The group signed an action plan for carrying out the agreement. To date, 59 armed groups and government forces are listed in the U. N. secretary-general's report on children and armed conflict as having committed grave violations against children. The violations include killing and maiming, attacks on schools and hospitals, sexual violence, recruitment, and abduction of children.

[Full article](#) (Voa news)

Syrie - L'attaque contre l'école à Haas est susceptible de constituer un crime de guerre

6 novembre 2016 - Les frappes aériennes survenues à Haas le 26 octobre dans le cadre des opérations militaires menées conjointement par la Syrie et la Russie ont tué des dizaines de civils, en majorité des écoliers, et pourraient constituer un crime de guerre, a déclaré Human Rights Watch aujourd'hui. Ces frappes ont été menées dans une région contrôlée par les forces de l'opposition dans le gouvernorat d'Idlib, dans le nord de la Syrie.

[Article complet](#) (HRW)

Syrie - Alep bombardée : la communauté internationale impuissante

23 novembre 2016 - Les quartiers rebelles d'Alep, assiégés depuis plus de quatre mois, sont toujours sous les bombes de l'armée syrienne, et la communauté internationale semble résignée à voir la ville tomber dans sa totalité entre les mains du régime. Au total, 143 civils dont 19 enfants ont péri en une semaine de bombardements à l'artillerie et depuis les airs, dans Alep-Est, tandis que 16 autres civils, dont 10 enfants, ont été tués par les tirs rebelles dans Alep-Ouest contrôlé par le régime, selon l'Observatoire syrien des droits de l'Homme (OSDH).

[Article complet](#) (Paris-Normandie)

Syrie - Ce qui pousse les enfants syriens à rejoindre les rangs des terroristes

22 novembre 2016 - Quelque 3,7 millions d'enfants syriens sont venus au monde après le début de la guerre civile, ce qui fait qu'un petit syrien sur trois n'a jamais connu la paix, selon les données de l'UNICEF. Dans de telles circonstances, il n'est pas étonnant que ces mineurs arrivent dans les mains des organisations terroristes. Au total, 8,4 millions d'enfants, soit 80 % des petits syriens, ont été touchés par le conflit armé que traverse le pays depuis bientôt six ans. Rien qu'au cours de 2015, 1 500 cas de violation des droits des enfants ont été recensés en Syrie. Dans 60 % des cas, il s'agit de meurtres ou de mutilations et près d'un tiers de ces crimes ont touché les enfants pendant qu'ils étaient à l'école ou en route pour l'établissement scolaire.

[Article complet](#) (Sputnick France)

Syrie et Ukraine - Les mines anti-personnel ont fait nettement plus de victimes à travers le monde en 2015

22 novembre 2016 - En raison de la recrudescence des conflits, notamment en Syrie et en Ukraine, les mines anti-personnel ont fait nettement plus de victimes à travers le monde en 2015. Les enfants sont particulièrement concernés. Les mines ont nettement plus tué et blessé dans le monde en 2015 que lors de la précédente décennie. Cette recrudescence est liée avant tout aux conflits en Libye, en Syrie, en Ukraine et au Yémen, selon le rapport 2016 de l'Observatoire des mines.

[Article complet](#) (Le nouvelliste)

Yemen - The Houthis mislead Yemen's youth and pack them off to the front lines

14 November 2016 - Hundreds of children in Yemen have been thrown into armed conflict in recent months. These young people are being used by militias who exploit the precarious financial situation of many average families to recruit young soldiers and send them to conflict zones. These children have been stolen from their families by the Houthis and by Al Qaeda. The recruitment of children is morally and legally unacceptable and is prohibited under international law. By throwing these children into their war in Yemen, the Houthis are killing the innocence of childhood.

[Full opinion](#) (The National)



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1. Global Development on Children and Human’s rights

[News] UN General Assembly Must Urgently “Unite For Peace” In Syria As Humanitarian Catastrophe Unfolds In Aleppo – Global Coalition

1st of December 2016- As the fall of Aleppo looms amid untold humanitarian catastrophe, over 220 civil society organizations from 45 countries, including over 25 from the UK, have issued a declaration saying that the UN Security Council has “failed to uphold its responsibility to protect the Syrian people”.

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

[News] Across the Middle East and North Africa, conflict threatens decades of progress for children

11th of December 2016 - Nearly one in five children across the Middle East and North Africa is in need of immediate humanitarian assistance, according to UNICEF. Over the past 70 years, countries across the region have made major strides in protecting children's rights and wellbeing. But, today, as UNICEF marks its 70th anniversary, violent conflict, poverty and displacement have created dire conditions for children, pushing almost 29 million boys and girls to the brink, and reversing decades of steady progress.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] UNICEF commemorates 70 years of tireless work for the world's most vulnerable children

11th of December – On the 70th anniversary of its founding, UNICEF celebrates the immense progress made for the world's children – and renews the urgent call to reach millions of children whose lives and futures are endangered by conflict, crisis, poverty, inequality and discrimination.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] Nearly a quarter of the world's children live in conflict or disaster-stricken countries: UNICEF

9th of December 2016 – An estimated 535 million children – nearly one in four – live in countries affected by conflict or disaster, often without access to medical care, quality education, proper nutrition and protection, UNICEF said today. Sub-Saharan Africa is home to nearly three-quarters – 393 million – of the global number of children living in countries affected by emergencies, followed by the Middle East and North Africa where 12 per cent of these children reside.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] School “as vital as food and medicine” for children caught up in conflict and other emergencies: EU & UNICEF

6 of December 2016 – Braving the consequences of war, natural disaster and other emergencies, nearly 2 million children in 20 countries around the world have been able to continue their schooling over the past four years as a result of a partnership between the European Commission's department for humanitarian aid and civil protection and UNICEF.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] New film featuring UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham highlights urgent need to end violence against children

5th of December 2016 - A powerful new film featuring UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham was released today to illustrate the brutal reality that physical and psychological abuse can mark children forever. During the new 60-second UNICEF film, scenes of violence against children appear as animated tattoos on David Beckham's body.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] New HIV infections among adolescents projected to rise by nearly 60 per cent by 2030 if progress stalls – UNICEF

1st of December 2016 - New HIV infections among adolescents are projected to rise from 250,000 in 2015 to nearly 400,000 annually by 2030 if progress in reaching adolescents stalls, according to a new report released by UNICEF today.

[Full article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] Where 30 Million 'Missing' Girls in China Actually Went

1st of December 2016 - A recent study "discovered" millions of missing girls lost to China's one-child policy, and the results also shine a light on China's propensity to favor sons over daughters. Over the last few years, China's problem of gender imbalance has been widely reported by media outlets. Experts determined that anywhere from 30 to 60 million girls were missing from the population, thanks to the country's one-child policy originally introduced in 1979.

[Full article](#) (Broadly)

[Nouvelles] Singapour, un modèle pour faire réussir les élèves ?

13 décembre 2016 - Singapour, champion de la réussite scolaire, est-il pour autant un exemple à suivre ? La cité-Etat du sud-est asiatique obtient le plus haut score de la grande enquête PISA sur les acquis des élèves de 15 ans, publiée la semaine dernière, qui porte sur les sciences, les mathématiques et la compréhension de l'écrit. Alors qu'en moyenne, dans les soixante-douze pays de l'OCDE, un élève sur dix obtient de très bons résultats en sciences, c'est le cas d'un élève sur quatre à Singapour...

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

[News] France's Le Pen Calls for Foreign Children to be Denied Free Education

9th of December 2016 - On Thursday, Marine Le Pen took her xenophobic and discriminatory discourse a step further – espousing anti-equality and anti-rights positions that reject core values of the French constitutional and political system.

[Full article](#) (Human rights watch)

[News] Ending Child Marriage Everywhere—Including in the West

7th of December 2016 - Did you know that a 14-year-old child can legally marry in New York State? Ending child marriage is urgent, because it is deeply harmful to children, wherever they live. Married children often drop out of school, and are locked in poverty as a result.

[Full article](#) (Human rights watch)

[News] Lost lives: the battle of China's invisible children to recover missed years

14th of December 2016 - Ending the one-child policy has left millions scrambling to make up for lost years. Living in Beijing for 23 years, Li Xue has never attended school, not even for a day. China provides a free, nine-year education to every child but Li was not included. For the past 23 years, she has had no access to any form of social welfare. She has not been allowed to get married, find a job, or open a bank account. For

Li was the second child born to her parents and, due to the nation's one-child policy that ran from around 1978 until 2015 to curtail population growth, she didn't exist in the Chinese government's database.

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

[News] Children take the lead in cyclone early warnings in Bangladesh

15th of December 2016 - As Cyclone Roanu approached the coast of Bangladesh last May, 10-year-old Mohammad Hossain worried about his father, a fisherman out at sea in the Bay of Bengal. But the schoolboy, who lives in the Kutubdia Para neighbourhood of Cox's Bazar, a town on the southeast coast of Bangladesh, knew what to do. He sent his father, Ramzan Ali, a text message, asking him to return to shore and take shelter.

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

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Course – Child Rights and Development

This e-learning course focuses on child rights and child protection issues, which will look closely at the entire gamut of international legal framework on the rights of children and protection of children with a particular focus on child rights violations and remedies globally. The course will explore legal, humanitarian, development and other strategies for understanding and advancing the human rights of children. The course is based on a dynamic pedagogy including reading materials, video clips, case studies, and interactive webinars with the instructor.

Location: Online

Date: 12 July 2017 – 22 August 2017

[For more information](#) (Human Rights Center – University for Peace)

Formation - Responsable de projets Protection de l'enfance en situation d'urgence - parcours court en Afrique

Vous avez une expérience professionnelle et une qualification en lien avec le métier : découvrez votre futur environnement professionnel, adaptez vos compétences en management et maîtrisez les compétences techniques spécifiques, tout en bénéficiant d'un accompagnement de votre projet professionnel et à votre prise de poste. Cette formation comporte 3 mois de formation et 6 mois de mission humanitaire. Elle délivre un certificat de l'Institut Bioforce.

Location : Dakar, Sénégal

Date : 27 septembre 2017 – 22 décembre 2017

[Pour plus d'information](#) (Institut Bioforce)

Course - Thematic Short Course: Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies

While some organizations have specific projects on sexual violence, others favour an integrated approach. However, as programmatic responses are relatively recent, there is a lack of trained and experienced staff

in this area. CERAH's one-week intensive course on Sexual Violence in Conflict Settings and Emergencies is designed to fill this gap. CERAH has also offered this seminar in French since September 2015. This course is organised with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Handicap International, OHCHR, UNFPA and UNHCR are further partners collaborating in the development of the course.

Location: Geneva

Date: 20 March 2017 – 24 March 2017 or 04 September 2017 – 08 September 2017

[For more information](#) (CERAH Genève)

Course - Child Participation

This e-learning course introduces staff members of (international) development agencies and NGOs to meaningful children's participation. Children have participation rights that state parties and other duty bearers should fulfill, respect and protect in families, schools, communities, and wider society.

Location: Online

Date: 1 February 2017 – 14 March 2017

[For more information](#) (European Rights Education Associates)

Conference - World Congress on family law and children rights

The area of family law and children's rights remain exciting, challenging and fast moving areas of legal scholarship and practice and this Congress has established itself as the leading international forum for discussion and deliberation on these issues. The main streams that will feature at the Congress include:

- Justice and Equality (including juvenile justice, race and gender, courts administration)
- Child Protection (including abuse and neglect, violence and exploitation, immigration and separated children, children in conflict situations)
- Child Participation (including court proceedings, private family disputes, ADR)
- Changing Family Forms (including marriage equality, civil partnership, surrogacy)
- International Families (including recognition and enforcement of judgments, international adoption, international child abduction)
- Family Property

Location : Dublin, Ireland

Date : 4 to 7 June 2017

[For more information](#) (WCFLCR)

3. Children and Armed Conflicts

Arabie saoudite - Les appels à cesser les ventes d'armes à Riyad se multiplient

9 décembre 2016 - Exécutions, tortures, massacres de rebelles houthis, frappes sur les civils, dont des enfants, au Yémen... Voilà ce que fait Riyad avec les armes qu'elle achète régulièrement à Washington. Plusieurs institutions internationales ont décidé de monter finalement au créneau pour appeler les pays à cesser la vente d'armes à l'Arabie saoudite.

Alors que le monde entier condamne les actions meurtrières perpétrées par l'Arabie saoudite au Yémen, plusieurs pays, dont la France, les États-Unis et le Royaume-Uni, la considère toujours comme son alliée et continuent de lui vendre des armes. Suite à des violations flagrantes, plusieurs organisations de défense des droits de l'homme appellent depuis longtemps à cesser la vente d'armes à Riyad.

[Article complet](#) (Sputnik news)

Central African Republic – Inside the World of Bangui's Traumatized Street Children

8th December 2016 - The street children appear suddenly. Some emerge from the tall grass; others hop over a crumbling wall. Soon dozens of homeless kids and teenagers have assembled on the steps of an old, unused open-air stadium in Bangui, the capital city of the Central African Republic (CAR). Seven-year-olds sit down and tuck their bare legs inside their sweaters. Some of the older kids have legs pockmarked by scabs, burns and scars.

Many of these children are victims of the brutal ethnic conflict that racked their country for nearly four years. Some of them are also victimizers—former child soldiers who took part in the conflict. All of them are growing up in a country that the Commonwealth Secretariat—a U.K.-based organization—described in an October report as the worst place in the world to be young. Now child rights advocates and government officials are worried that these traumatized street kids could once again be pulled into war.

[Full article](#) (Newsweek)

Centrafrique - les violations des droits de l'homme en hausse, selon l'ONU

14 décembre 2016 - Les violations des droits de l'homme commises par des groupes armés en Centrafrique connaissent "une augmentation alarmante" depuis août avec au moins une centaine de morts, a déploré mercredi la Mission des Nations unies (Minusca).

Parmi les victimes, la Minusca a dénombré "203 enfants dont 91 garçons et 67 filles" avec des cas de viols et de violences sexuelles "affectant un total de 46 enfants (31 filles et 15 garçons)".

[Article complet](#) (TV5MONDE)

Iraq – ISIS Sniper kill 15 children refugees in front of their families as they attempt to escape Mosul Battle

5 December 2016 - The attempts of ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) to contain the population of besieged Mosul, Iraq, have been well documented over the past year, but the extremist organization may

have reached an ethical low point with the latest tactic of fear — having snipers shoot escaping children in order to convince those trying to leave the battle-torn city to remain.

Iraqi News reported last week that ISIS snipers have killed at least 15 children of refugees fleeing the ISIS-held area of Mosul. According to a security source, the refugees were attempting to reach locations taken over by Iraqi security forces inside the city itself.

[Full article](#) (Inquisitr)

Iraq - Air strike kills 55 civilians in western Iraq

8 December 2016 - Air strikes killed dozens of people, including women and children, in an Islamic State-held town near Iraq's western border with Syria on Wednesday, two parliamentarians and local hospital sources said.

They said the air strikes hit a busy market in the town of Qaim, in Iraq's Anbar province, describing the incident as a massacre. The hospital sources said 55 civilians were killed, including 12 women and 19 children, in three air strikes.

[Full article](#) (Middle East Eye)

Iraq - «Redevenir des enfants» après les violences, un défi

15 décembre 2016 - «Maintenant que nous sommes ici, papa va mieux», affirme Malak, le regard sérieux mais le visage souriant. A onze ans, cette petite déplacée irakienne dit «revenir de l'enfer» après plus de deux ans passés avec sa famille sous la coupe du groupe Etat islamique et dans la peur des combats.

A ses côtés, Fayçal, le même âge, parle lui aussi comme un adulte. «On veut rentrer chez nous, mon père ne trouve pas de travail, on a froid ici et on mange mal», dit à l'AFP cet aîné de cinq enfants alors qu'une pluie drue s'abat sur la toile de la tente de l'Unicef où il a repris l'école.

[Article complet](#) (Libération)

Nigeria - Money from Nigeria laundered in UK 'should go to helping starving children

2 December 2016 - Money looted from Nigeria in corrupt practices and laundered through the UK should be used to help save the lives of thousands of children at risk of starvation in the conflict-hit north-east of the country, a leading aid organisation says.

More than \$1.2 bn (£950m) is needed to save children from starvation and help families to try to piece together their lives at the end of a brutal armed conflict, according to Save the Children. It is appealing for UN agencies and donor governments to step up, warning that the region has high levels of child malnutrition and is teetering on the brink of famine.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

Protecting education in conflict zones

3 December, 2016 - In conflict zones, it is children who often bear the brunt of the violence. Last month, repeated air strikes on a school compound in Idlib, Syria, killed at least 22 children; and children in the besieged Syrian city of Aleppo have, for months, had no way to escape near-constant bombardments. Just a few weeks before that, a bomb was detonated outside a school in Southern Thailand, just as parents were dropping off their children. The blast instantly killed a father and his four-year-old daughter, and injured ten others. Brad Adams of Human Rights Watch described the bombing as an act of "incomprehensible brutality". Prior to that, air strikes on a school in Yemen's northwestern Saada region killed ten children and injured about 30 more.

[Full article](#) (Gulf News)

République Démocratique du Congo - la MONUSCO et ses partenaires ont documenté 154 violations graves des droits de l'enfant au mois de novembre

7 décembre 2016 - Au mois de novembre, la Section Protection de l'enfant de la Mission de l'ONU pour la stabilisation en République du Congo (MONUSCO) et ses partenaires ont documenté 154 violations graves des droits de l'enfant. Ceci comprend notamment la séparation de 49 garçons et de 6 filles des groupes armés.

Selon Charles Bambara, porte-parole de cette mission onusienne, qui a livré cette information lors de la conférence de presse des Nations-Unies tenue mercredi à Kinshasa, "les enfants continuent à être les principales victimes des conflits armés en RDC". Selon lui, la grande majorité de ces enfants ont été recrutés en 2016, alors que deux d'entre eux étaient associés à des groupes armés depuis 2013.

[Article complet](#) (Centre d'informations Internet de Chine)

South Sudan – Conflict hits vulnerable hard

1 December 2016 - An ongoing civil conflict continues to displace South Sudanese civilians. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reports that approximately 3,500 South Sudanese per day flee to neighbouring countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda.

Save the Children estimates the violence has forced more than 1.1 million people to flee the country, and 700,000 of those refugees are children. According to the UN News Centre, "85 per cent of refugees leaving South Sudan are women and 65 per cent are children under the age of 18."

[Full Article](#) (The whig)

Sri Lanka – Children Affected by the Eelam War

7 December, 2016 - UNICEF recently estimated that over 90% of the victims of today's warfare is women and children. Children who are a vulnerable group have suffered severe traumatic events during the Eelam War. Worldwide studies indicate children of the war zones undergo severe psychological trauma. The research in Gaza, Rwanda, Mozambique and Cambodia reveal children who were exposed to war and atrocities are at a high risk of developing PTSD. Thabet (2000) did a study to estimate the rate of Posttraumatic stress reactions in Palestinian children who experienced war traumas. The sample consisted of 239 children of 6 to 11 years of age. 174 children (72.8%) reported PTSD reactions of at least mild intensity, while 98 (41%) reported moderate/severe PTSD reactions.

[Full article](#) (Lakaweb)

Syrie - Crimes de guerre liés aux bombardements d'Alep

1 décembre 2016 - La coalition russo-syrienne a commis des crimes de guerre au cours d'une campagne de frappes aériennes menée en septembre et en octobre 2016 contre des quartiers de la vieille syrienne d'Alep contrôlés par l'opposition, a déclaré Human Rights Watch aujourd'hui. Selon le Centre de documentation des violations, une organisation civile syrienne, cette campagne de bombardements a tué plus de 440 civils, dont plus de 90 enfants.

[Article complet](#) (HRW)

Syrie - Alep-Est: Moscou annonce l'arrêt des raids

8 décembre 2016 - La Russie, alliée clé du régime de Bachar el-Assad, a annoncé un arrêt des raids aériens et des tirs d'artillerie de l'armée syrienne sur les quartiers rebelles d'Alep, une mesure censée assurer l'évacuation de milliers de civils pris au piège des violences.

Depuis le début de l'offensive à Alep, 384 civils ont été tués, dont au moins 45 enfants, à Alep-Est, selon l'OSDH. 105 civils, dont 35 enfants, l'ont été à Alep-Ouest, qui est toujours resté sous contrôle gouvernemental depuis le début de la guerre.

[Article complet](#) (20 minutes)

Uganda - War crimes trial of Ugandan warlord Dominic Ongwen seeks justice for LRA atrocities

5 December 2016 - The commencement of the International Criminal Court trial of the most feared commander of Ugandan rebels Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), Dominic Ongwen, has been hailed as "an important new chapter" in holding the group accountable for its brutal crimes in northern Uganda. The trial begins on 6 December in The Hague. Ongwen will be charged with 70 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity in northern Uganda. This will be followed by opening statements from the prosecution and lawyers who represent over 4,000 victims. The trial will then adjourn until 16 January 2017, when the prosecution will begin to present its evidence. Led by the Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony, the LRA has committed human rights violations against civilians for nearly three decades, abducted tens of thousands of children for use as soldiers and sexual slaves, and killed and maimed people across the Congo, South Sudan, and the Central African Republic (CAR).

[Full article](#) (International Business Times)