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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] 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)

[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] 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)

[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)

[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)

[Nouvelle]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)

[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, WIconsin 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).

Location : Ottawa

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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

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Location: New York

Closing date: 26th February 2016

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Location: Geneva Switzerland

Closing date: 27th February 2016

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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.

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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

North Africa

Algeria - Sahrawi Youth Delegation Takes Part in African Youth Dialogue Conference in Algiers

17 January 2016 - The event which will last two days and in which a Sahrawi youth delegation will take part, addresses the challenges that face youth in the continent.

[Full Article](#) (AllAfrica Global Media)

Algeria - Mymbuya for Better Handling of African Youth Problems

17 January 2016 - President of the African Union of Youth (UPJ), Francine Mymbuya on Sunday in Algiers advocated better handling the African youth problems, notably unemployment, stressing that in the absence of an employment policy, this category "may represent a threat for the continent."

[Full Article](#) (AllAfrica Global Media)

Algérie - Des vies de migrants en Algérie (4/7) : grandir

18 janvier 2016 - Philippe est silencieux. Lui, habituellement si turbulent, est assis face à l'écran de télévision. Le petit garçon de 4 ans n'est pas dans son assiette. Cela fait bientôt deux semaines qu'il ne va plus à l'école maternelle. Il en a été renvoyé. « Comme je n'ai pas payé, la direction refuse de l'accueillir », explique Fabrice, son père. Philippe est né à Alger, mais ses parents, des Camerounais installés en Algérie depuis plus de dix ans, n'ont pas de carte de séjour. L'inscription à l'école publique étant quasiment impossible quand il a eu 3 ans, son père l'a emmené à l'école maternelle primaire privée du quartier, la « crèche », comme on l'appelle ici. Cela lui coûte 9 000 dinars par mois (environ 75 euros), soit plus que le loyer payé par la famille pour la pièce de vie qu'elle loue dans un immeuble habité par des migrants.

[Article complet](#) (Le Monde – Afrique)

Egypt - Tale of Egyptian teen held for two years without trial

23 January 2016 - Mahmoud Mohamed Hussein, who turned 20 in jail on January 1, has been held in pretrial detention for two years. Mahmoud Mohamed Hussein was arrested when he was 18 years old on January 25, 2014, with police accusing the then-teenager of illegal protesting, getting paid to protest, possessing Molotov cocktails, and belonging to a "terrorist" organisation. Back then, he was walking home from a peaceful demonstration to commemorate the third anniversary of the January 25 revolution.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Middle east

Iraq - 'Staggering' abuses by IS in Iraq; 3,500 women, children enslaved: UN report

19 January 2016 - Iraq witnessed a sharp increase in civilian deaths following the fall of large swaths of territory to the Islamic State group in the summer of 2014. Now despite a string of recent battlefield losses for IS, civilians in Iraq continue to die at a "staggering" rate, according to a new United Nations report.

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

Irak - Daech détient 3.500 esclaves et a enlevé 900 enfants, s'alarme l'ONU

19 janvier 2016 - Le rapport onusien est effarant : 18.802 civils tués et 36.245 blessés entre le 1er janvier et le 31 octobre 2015, des millions de déplacés, esclavage sexuel des femmes et des enfants. 900 enfants ont été enlevés à Mossoul par Daech pour en faire des soldats. L'ONU n'hésite plus à parler de crimes de guerre et dans certains cas de génocide.

[Article complet](#) (France TV)

Israel - Palestinian teen could face 'maximum sentence'

17 January 2016 - The trial of Ahmed Manasra, a 13-year-old Palestinian boy, charged by an Israeli court with two counts of attempted murder, is expected to resume today in a Jerusalem court. Manasra could face the maximum sentence of up to 20 years in prison, his lawyers said.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Israel - Israeli guard shoots dead 13-year-old Palestinian girl

23 January 2016 - An Israeli security guard has shot dead a 13-year-old Palestinian girl during an alleged stabbing attempt outside the Almon settlement in the occupied West Bank, situated near Jerusalem.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Pakistan attack raises tough question: should teachers shoot back?

21 January 2016 - Stuck with 15 of his students on a third floor balcony of a campus building as gunmen came up the stairs, university director Mohammad Shakil urged Pakistani police arriving at the scene to toss him up a gun so he could shoot back.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Qatar - Blanche-Neige interdite dans une école du Qatar

21 janvier 2016 - Un livre pour enfants sur le conte de fées de Walt Disney Blanche-Neige et les Sept Nains a été retiré de la bibliothèque d'une école du Qatar parce qu'il contenait des illustrations «indécentes», ont indiqué jeudi des journaux locaux.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

Syria - Syrian refugee children transform Iraqi prison with art

10 January 2016 - Children get to put aside the stark realities of refugee life and dive into a world of colour as a form of therapy.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Syria - Children killed as Russian missile hits school

11 January 2016 - At least 15 people have been killed, including 12 children, after a Russian warplane bombed a school in Syria's Aleppo province, activists said.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Syria - To Get Syrian Kids in School, Let Parents Work

14 January 2016 - On Monday, Turkey announced what could be a huge step forward for Syrian refugee children's access to education – one that European leaders should strongly support. Volkan Bozkir, Turkey's minister for European affairs, said that his country planned to start “giving Syrians in Turkey work permits.”

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

Syria - Boy starved to death ‘in front of our eyes’ in Syrian town besieged by government forces, UNICEF says

15 January 2016 - The U.N. children's agency said Friday that it has witnessed cases of severe malnutrition among children in a besieged Syrian town and the death of a teenager “in front of our eyes.”

[Full Article](#) (National Post)

Syria - Young Syrians dream of home

18 January 2016 - Syria's conflict has left hundreds of thousands dead and pushed millions more into exile. The conflict has also had a profound effect on the children who lost their homes or got caught up in the bloodshed. Drawings of young refugees living in Turkey illustrate their memories of home and hopes for their future. The pictures also point to the scars borne by 2.3 million Syrian refugees living in Turkey, more than half of them children.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Syria - Funding, policy and protection: Delivering a quality education to children affected by conflict in Syria and the region

18 Jan 2016 - A month before the world marks the 5th anniversary of the start of the war in Syria the international community will meet in London on 5 February for a high level donor conference to address the humanitarian needs of those affected by the conflict.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Syria - We live for a lack of dying

21 January 2016 - These were the parting words of Rima, a Syrian refugee, as I stood up to leave. She's living in a makeshift camp not far from the Syrian border in Jordan with her husband, nine children and several other refugee families. They live close to a Jordanian farm where her husband can earn up to \$11 USD per day working but now, in winter, there is no work.

[Full Article](#) (Relifweb)

Syria - Young Syrians reunited with families in UK after ruling

22 January 2016 - A group of young Syrian refugees who had been living in squalid conditions at a refugee camp in France have been reunited with their families in Britain after a potentially landmark court ruling. The refugees left France after UK activists defeated the British government in a court case that argued the children had the right to live with their carers.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Turkey - Rockets strike Turkish school near Syria border

18 January 2016 - Rockets have struck a school in Kilis, a city in southern Turkey near the Syrian border, killing at least one female staff member and injuring several others, including a pupil.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Yemen - Economic hardship forces Yemen's children to join war

14 January 2016 - Hamas Yaseen, a 14-year-old from Taiz's al-Masbah neighbourhood, usually returned from his job as a motorcycle driver by 8pm. But on the night of October 15, he never came back.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Yemen - At least 10 children killed and three wounded while walking back home from school in Taiz

21 January 2016 - "We arrived to Al Hurair area, in Al Houban quarter in Taiz town on Tuesday 19 January after receiving a call from a contact in the area, saying that an airstrike had affected children and a teacher and they need our support in treating the wounded people."

[Full Article](#) (Relifweb)



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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[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)



[Nouvelle] Club de pédophiles : un 14^e 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)



[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)



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[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)

[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)



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[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)

[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 ».

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[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)

[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)



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[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)

[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)



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[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.

[Full Article](#) (CRIN)

[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 ».

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[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)



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[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)

[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)

[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)



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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)

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 AUCOIN, 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)



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 Childrens 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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)



4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Middle East

Afghanistan: L'ONU dénonce le recours aux enfants-soldats en Afghanistan

17 février 2016 - 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)

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.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Afghanistan – A quarter of Afghans killed in 2015 were children, often targeted

February 17th, 2016 – A quarter of all Afghans killed last year were children, many of them targeted in hospitals and schools. That's according to the UN's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui, who has been on a fact-finding mission in the country this week. She said that despite the grim toll being taken on the youngest and most vulnerable Afghans due to the "protracted conflict" that's continued for decades, the government was making progress.

[Full Article](#) (UN Radio)



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 – 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 and Peace Reporting)

Iraq – Newly renovated secondary school to host 300 Syrian refugees

February 3rd, 2016 – Today, UNESCO, government and education officials from the Kurdistan Regional Government in addition to students, teachers and parents celebrated the opening of the newly renovated secondary school for Syrian refugees in Qoshtapa Camp. The opening of the school is a major milestone in UNESCO's efforts to provide quality secondary education to Syrian adolescent refugees residing in Qoshtapa Camp. The school is the first and only secondary school to be established since the camp began operating two years ago. The school has the capacity to host up to 300 girls and boys from Qoshtapa Camp.

[Full Article](#) (UNESCO)



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Iraq – UNICEF and the Government of Iraq Renew their Promise to Deliver for Children in Need [EN/AR/KU]

February 8th, 2016 – UNICEF and the Government of Iraq today signed the 2016-2019 Country Programme Action Plan, a four year framework by which both parties will work to ensure a bright future for Iraqi children. “In the context of continuing violence across the country, it is all the more critical that we work hand in hand with our government counterparts to reach the most disadvantaged children, women and families,” said Peter Hawkins, UNICEF’s Representative in Iraq.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

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](#) (NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq)

Iraq – IS increases use of child soldiers, says US report

February 19th, 2016 – The number of children who have died fighting for so-called Islamic State (IS) in the last year is nearly twice the previous estimate, a report says. Researchers at Georgia State University tracked IS propaganda and eulogies over 13 months. The propaganda claimed 89 boys aged eight to 18 had been killed fighting in a number of different combat roles. The researchers also found that three times as many children were involved in operations than during 2014.

[Full Article](#) (BBC)



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Jordan – Informal Education Project in the Zaatari Refugee Camp Changes the lives of more than 200 Students

February 29th, 2016 – “I can’t thank my teacher Mr. Mahmoud enough. He treated me like an older brother would. If it weren’t for him and this project, I don’t know what my future would have held,” says Jad, a 15 year old student in the UNESCO informal education (IFE) project in the Zaatari refugee camp implemented in partnership with War Child UK and generously funded by the European Union. Jad has been living in Zaatari camp for over a year with his 8-member family. He, along with 109 other boys and girls, has been part of a 3 month cohort attending basic Arabic and math classes, iDEAL psychosocial support sessions, music, and recreational activities.

[Full Article](#) (UNESCO)

Lebanon – Carrying bricks, picking potatoes: all in a day's work for Syrian children in Lebanon

February 2nd, 2016 – I met six-year-old Mustafa in the safe zone of one of the many tented settlements for Syrian refugees in Lebanon’s Bekaa valley. These areas offer schooling, including art and music classes, for Syrian children. They provide a respite from the brutal realities of life as a refugee, which can involve back-breaking labour for children as young as six, and marriage for girls at the age of 13. Mustafa told us that, after leaving class at midday, he would spend the afternoon carting bricks to earn a pittance for his family.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Lebanon – Canadian Minister of International Development visits public school in Koura, Northern Lebanon [EN/AR]

February 3rd, 2016 – The Canadian minister for International Development, Ms. Marie-Claude Bibeau, visited yesterday Dahr Al-Ain public school, one of 22 Lebanese public schools rehabilitated with funding from the Government of Canada. Since the start of the crisis Canada has been one of the leading donors for UNICEF in Lebanon and contributed more than \$ 24 million in aid to support UNICEF’s programmes in child protection, Water & Sanitation, Health and Education. This year Canada's assistance to UNICEF is focused on education in Lebanon and strengthening the public education system and improving the quality of educational services.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)



Pakistan – Pakistani women at forefront of drive to give poor rural girls an education

February 2nd, 2016 – For years, Fatima would wake up in the morning and dream of going to school but her hopes for an education were crushed. Rather than joining her two brothers in school, from the age of five Fatima would set off with her mother to work in the fields of their village in Bahawalpur district of Punjab, in East Pakistan. "I wanted to go to the school and wanted to become a teacher, so that I could help other girls," Fatima, now aged seven, said in a Skype interview from her home.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Pakistan – 139 children die in one month in drought-hit Pakistan district

February 4th, 2016 – At least 139 children died of waterborne disease in January in Pakistan's impoverished desert district of Tharparkar, which has been devastated by drought since 2013. Civil society groups and opposition politicians say the Sindh provincial government's response to the crisis has been insufficient to prevent widespread hunger and disease. "We have not seen any benefits, despite government claims," said Kamla Bibi of a local civil society group called Thardeep.

[Full Article](#) (IRIN)

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](#) (DAWN)

Pakistan – Why do so many children drop out of Pakistani schools?

February 25th, 2016 – Why do retention and enrolment rates in Pakistan drop drastically beyond the primary school level? The Pakistan Education Statistics 2014-15 factsheet compiled by Alif Ailaan shows that 62 per cent of students attend government schools, but only 20pc of all government schools provide higher education. In such a scenario, private schools bridge the gap left by a shortage of government schools, but not everyone can afford a private school education, Saman Naz at Alif Ailaan tells Dawn.com over the phone.

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Pakistan – UNHCR handovers three schools under RAHA programme to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government

February 26th, 2016 – As part of the Refugee Affected and Hosting Areas (RAHA) initiative, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) completed a two-year RAHA education project in the refugee hosting area of the Kalabat Township, district Haripur. The project, funded by the Federal Republic of Germany through KfW (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau) Development Bank, has strengthened the existing infrastructure and expanded the capacity of three government schools resulting in an overall increase of 28 per cent in student enrolment (boys and girls including 82 per cent Pakistani and 18 per cent refugee students) during 2015.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR)

Palestine – Postnatal home visits for the newborn child help improve survival in Gaza

February 2nd, 2016 – For Jamila, trying to rebuild her life after the 2014 conflict in Gaza has been challenging. At the peak of the hostilities, her family left their home in Shejaiya to seek shelter in a school. When they came back, there was nothing left. Jamila's house was one of thousands reduced to rubble in airstrikes and shelling. With her husband and six children, she started living in a tent erected near the ruins. Soon this flimsy shelter was also gone, having accidentally caught fire.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Palestine – President Abbas signs into law long-gestating juvenile protection bill

February 9th, 2016 – Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas signed into law the long-gestating juvenile protection bill on Thursday that meets modern international standards for safeguarding children's rights, with a focus on alternatives to incarceration. The juvenile protection law unifies and updates the Palestinian juvenile justice system, recognizing minors – those under the age of 18 – as victims in need of protection, rehabilitation, and reintegration into society, rather than as criminals deserving of punishment. Previously, the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank had relied on a Jordanian law that dated back to 1954 and the Hamas government in Gaza applied British law enacted in 1937.

[Full Article](#) (Defence for Children International /Palestine section)



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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.

[Full Article](#) (UNRWA)

Palestine – Israel increasing use of administrative detention against Palestinian children

February 26th, 2016 – Ramallah - Israeli authorities filed charges against a Palestinian teenage boy on January 26 after holding him without charge for three months. Israeli forces summoned Basir Mohammad Al-Atrash, 17, from the occupied West Bank city of Hebron, on October 28 to appear for questioning at the Israeli military district coordination office in Hebron. He appeared the following day as requested and was promptly taken into custody and transported to Israel's Ofer prison. Basir was interrogated on October 30 and was denied access to an attorney. The interrogator accused Basir of stone throwing and incitement on social media, allegations that he denied.

[Full Article](#) (Defence for Children International /Palestine section)

Syria – US\$1.4 billion needed to get every Syrian child back in school, say aid agencies

February 2nd, 2016 – The future of a generation of Syrian children and youth is in jeopardy unless donors meeting in London this week prioritise the funding needed to get them back to school, say aid agencies leading the response to the brutal conflict ravaging the country. Nearly five years into the crisis, around 4 million Syrian and host community children and youth aged 5-17 years are in need of education assistance. These include 2.1 million out of school Syrian children inside Syria and 0.7 million out-of-school Syrian children in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)



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Syria – Risk of a Lost Generation in Syria as More Than 3,000 Children Flee Their Homes Every Day

February 4th, 2016 – As a major Syria conference starts today in London, new analysis from Save the Children reveals that since the conflict started in March 2011, an average of 3,245 children have been forced to leave their homes every day. The organization is urging world leaders meeting in London to step up and prevent a lost generation of children in the Middle East. The total number of children who are now displaced, either within Syria or as refugees in the region, stands at 5.8 million – more than the entire populations of Colorado or Maryland.

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

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.

[Article complet](#) (Caritas)

Syria – INTERVIEW-In Aleppo, underground schools face bombardments and burnout

February 7th, 2016 – At the unofficial schools run by Syrian activist group Kesh Malek in opposition-held districts of Aleppo, the children don't go outside to play during breaks in case a barrel bomb should drop from the sky. With 110 teachers, most of them new to the profession, the organisation runs seven schools serving around 3,000 children in the divided and war-ravaged city. Syria's largest city before the civil war, Aleppo is the scene of heavy bombardment as the Syrian army, backed by Russian air strikes, tries to encircle it and wrest control of the rebel-held areas that are home to around 350,000 people.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



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Syria – 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 and Peace Reporting)

Syria – Strikes against children in a hospital in Syria - Statement by the Executive Director of UNICEF, Anthony Lake

February 15th, 2016 – "We at UNICEF are appalled by reports of attacks against four medical facilities in Syria – two of which were supported by UNICEF. One is a child and maternal hospital where children were reportedly killed and scores evacuated. "Two of the strikes occurred at Azaz in Aleppo and another two in Idlib, where one of the hospitals was reportedly struck four times. In addition there are reports that two schools were attacked at Azaz reportedly killing six children. UNICEF is urgently seeking further information.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Turkey – More children die as refugee boat sinks off Turkey

February 2nd, 2016 – At least nine refugees - two of them children - have drowned after a boat sank off the Turkish coast and the International Organisation for Migration warned of a dangerous surge in the number of drownings and attempted crossings into Greece. Turkey's Dogan news agency reported that the latest sinking occurred near the Aegean coastal town of Seferihisar, which is near the Greek island of Samos.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Turkey – Made in Turkey, stitched by Syrian children

February 9th, 2016 – Bathed in a blue fluorescent light, industrial sewing machines clatter away while Turkish music plays and the heat from a stove fills the room. This is a sweatshop in Istanbul's textile manufacturing hub. It is not a place for children, but two Syrian boys are working here for at least eight hours a day. One of them is 15, the other 13.

[Full Article](#) (BBC)



Yemen – Child soldiers make up a third of Yemeni fighters, says Unicef

February 8th, 2016 – Yemen could become a new breeding ground for child soldiers, Unicef has warned, as the rise of extreme violence around the world undermines efforts to end the practice. Twenty years on from a landmark report that put child soldiers on the global agenda, Unicef says tens of thousands of children are engaged in warfare, as conflicts rage in the Middle East and East Africa. Around a third of combatants in Yemen's civil war are children, Unicef estimates.

[Full Article](#) (Independent)

Yemen – Yemen: UNICEF raises alarm about child malnutrition in ‘the forgotten war’

February 10th, 2016 – In Yemen, more than a million children under five face the risk of acute malnutrition and acute respiratory tract infections according to UNICEF which has again raised the alarm about what many are calling the world's forgotten war. UNICEF spokesman Mohammed al Saadi said: “192 centres for the treatment of malnutrition have stopped operating due to a lack of fuel or due to the continued conflict or because the centres and hospitals have been hit by airstrikes or because they have been abused by armed factions or because health workers and other staff have been displaced.”

[Full Article](#) (Euronews)

Yemen – UN ‘conservative estimates’ show 700 children among 6,000 Yemen fatalities

February 17th, 2016 – The UN will launch a humanitarian drive to raise some \$1.8 billion required to save millions of people from humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen, where over 6,000 people have been killed since the Saudi-led coalition intervention in March 2015. In a briefing to the 15-nation United Nations Security Council, Stephen O'Brien, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, announced that on Thursday the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan will be launched in Geneva.

[Full Article](#) (RT)



North Africa

Algérie - Délinquance juvénile: s'attaquer aux causes des comportements déviants

25 février 2016 - Les participants à un séminaire national intitulé "une vision globale pour immuniser la jeunesse de la délinquance", clôturé jeudi à Batna, ont souligné "l'impérieuse nécessité d'anticiper en s'attaquant aux causes des comportements déviants". Prévenir la délinquance des jeunes requiert "anticipation, lutte intelligente contre les facteurs incitant à la déviance, fédération des efforts et capacité d'écoute", ont souligné les participants à cette rencontre organisée par l'Office des établissements de jeunes.

[Article complet](#) (Algérie Presse Service)

Algérie - Mme Meslem affirme qu'il n'existe pas de mesures discriminatoires dans le traitement des enfants en Algérie

18 février 2016 - La ministre de la Solidarité nationale, de la Femme et de la Condition de la Famille, Mounia Meslem, a affirmé mercredi qu'"il n'existe pas de mesures discriminatoires" dans le traitement des enfants en Algérie. Intervenant lors d'une rencontre consacrée à la présentation des résultats d'une enquête sur la situation des enfants migrants ou issus de la migration subsaharienne en Algérie, Mme Meslem a affirmé "qu'il n'existe pas chez nous des mesures discriminatoires dans le traitement des enfants qu'ils soient algériens ou étrangers".

[Article complet](#) (Algérie Presse Service)

Egypt – Egypt detains Somali refugee child for six months

February 1st, 2016 – Of at least 25 child refugees being held, Youssef Aden has served far longer than the average detention period. Campaigners have called on Egypt to immediately release a 17-year-old Somali refugee who has been held for nearly six months. Youssef Mohamed Aden was arrested in Egypt on July 6, 2015. A member of a small minority clan, he had fled home after his brother was killed by al-Shabab, an armed group linked to al-Qaeda.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)



Egypt – Egypt: Life Sentence for 3-Year-Old

February 23rd, 2016 – A life sentence apparently handed down by mistake to a 3-year-old boy on February 16, 2016, exemplifies the arbitrariness of Egyptian courts that are used to punish political opponents of the government. A Cairo military court presiding over a mass trial of 116 defendants, including Ahmed Mansour Qurni Sharara, 3, delivered the sentence after investigators and prosecutors failed to remove Mansour's name, even though they knew it was included by mistake, a lawyer for the defense team told Human Rights Watch.

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

Libya – Thousands of children in Libya get a chance to learn and play

January 26th, 2016 – Following the outbreak of war in Libya in 2011, thousands of children are getting a chance to be children again-to learn and play. Across the conflict riddled country, UNICEF has worked hard with local partners inside Libya over the last few weeks to ensure that recreational items and learning materials are delivered to schools and Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in some of the areas worst hit by the war in Libya. The materials procured with a generous contribution from the European Union will help over 60,000 children in 28 different cities throughout the country benefit in schools and in CFS.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Libya: UNICEF's Special Representative welcomes Al Zintan's Decision to Stop the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict

February 26th, 2016 – UNICEF's Special Representative in Libya, Dr. Ghassan Khalil, has commended the decision of Al Zintan's Municipal Council for the release, rehabilitation and reintegration of any child under 18, involved in the armed conflict, and the establishment of a rehabilitation centre in the city that will also serve adults who as children were involved previously in armed conflicts.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Libye : Un hôpital touché lors de frappes aériennes menées à Derna

17 février 2016 - Des avions non identifiés ont attaqué un complexe hospitalier dans la ville de Derna, dans l'est de la Libye, le 7 février 2016, apparemment en violation des lois de la guerre, a déclaré Human Rights Watch aujourd'hui. Deux bombes sont tombées sur l'hôpital Al-Wahda dans le quartier de Bab Tobruk, tuant au moins deux civils, dont un enfant, et causant d'importants dommages.

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Libya: Protecting Children from Weapons of War

February 29th, 2016 – The fall of Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, and Libya's descent into chaos has led to a proliferation of arms and an escalation in fighting between militia groups. In response, Handicap International is providing the population with risk education on firearms, landmines, and explosive remnants of war. Over the last four years, the organization has taught more than 120,000 people, most of them children, how to stay safe.

[Full Article](#) (Handicap International)

Maroc - Réparation des malformations faciales au profit des enfants à Ouarzazate

29 février 2016 – Faire renaître l'espoir chez les enfants souffrant de malformations faciales, notamment la fente labiale et palatine en leur rendant le sourire après une chirurgie réparatrice de pointe. Tel est l'objectif de l'Opération Smile Morocco, filiale de l'organisation caritative « Operation Smile International » basée aux Etats-Unis, pionnière de la chirurgie réparatrice, qui organise sa deuxième Mission humanitaire chirurgicale à Ouarzazate. Cette mission est la centième au niveau national.

[Article complet](#) (Libération)

Maroc- Prise en charge des femmes et enfants victimes de violence

26 février 2016 –La Commission régionale de la cellule de prise en charge des femmes et enfants victimes de violence à Ouarzazate, a tenu récemment sa première session ordinaire au titre de 2016, sous le thème "Tous pour la protection de la femme et l'enfant". Intervenant à cette occasion, le procureur général du Roi près la Cour d'appel de Ouarzazate, a indiqué que la commission régionale, créée au niveau de la circonscription judiciaire de la Cour d'appel de Ouarzazate, tout comme les commissions locales, visent à maintenir la communication et la coordination entre l'institution judiciaire et les différents autres secteurs, et ce afin d'identifier les contraintes et les obstacles et y remédier dans la limite des moyens et des responsabilités de chaque secteur à l'échelle locale et régionale.

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Tunisie - 105e mondiale en matière d'accès des enfants à la justice

18 février 2016 - La Tunisie se classe à la 105e place sur 197 pays en matière d'accès des enfants à la justice selon le Réseau international des droits de l'enfant, réseau international veillant à l'application de la Convention des Nations unies relative aux droits de l'enfant. Avec un score de 48,5 sur 100, la Tunisie se classe 2e au Maghreb derrière la Mauritanie (76e), mais devant le Maroc (150e), la Libye (167e) et l'Algérie (169e). Le classement a été élaboré sur la base d'études des différentes juridictions des pays, en plus des commentaires envoyés par les ministères de la Justice, des ONG et des représentations permanentes des Nations unies dans ces pays.

[Article complet](#) (Al Huffington Post)

Tunisie - Forum à Tunis sur la « régulation, l'autorégulation et les droits de l'homme dans les médias »

26 février 2016 – Un forum sur “La régulation, l'autorégulation et le respect des droits de l'homme”, organisé par la Haute Autorité indépendante de la communication audiovisuelle (HAICA) en collaboration avec l'organisation “Article 19” a démarré vendredi à Tunis. Selon la directrice du bureau de l'organisation Article 19 à Tunis, Saloua Ghazouani le forum s'articule autour de trois principaux axes portant sur les droits de la femme et les droits de l'enfant dans les médias et la garantie du pluralisme médiatique.

[Article complet](#) (Babnet Tunisie)



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1. Global Development on Children and Human's rights

[News] Human Rights Council: increasingly complex conflicts had a devastating impact on children in 2015

March 8th, 2016 - Increasingly complex, widening or relapsing conflicts showed no signs of abating in 2015 and had a devastating impact on children, Leila Zerrougui, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, told the Human Rights Council during the presentation of her Annual Report covering the period between December 2014 and December 2015.

[Full Article](#) (Office of the special representative of the secretary-general for children and armed conflict)

[News] U.S. commission calls for urgent action to protect drug-affected babies

March 17th, 2016 - Warning that lives are at stake, a federal commission that spent two years examining child abuse and neglect is urging Congress and the White House to strengthen protections for drug-affected newborns.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[News] ISIS glorifies the death of a 14-year-old child soldier

March 8th, 2016 - ISIS has eulogized their “youngest Islamic State martyr,” a boy allegedly named Abu Anas al-Ansari, who was killed before he turned 15. Posts on two ISIS forums on Monday showed what the terror group said was the dead body of the boy, described as a “warrior of the 23 mm cannon” and a star “cub of the Caliphate.”

[Full Article](#) (Vocativ)

[News] UNICEF urges EU leaders and Turkey to find common ground for refugee and migrant children

March 18th, 2016 - With the lives of more than 20,000 children in Greece and in the Balkans on hold, UNICEF urges leaders of the European Union and Turkey to find common ground for refugee and migrant children when reaching an agreement that could have serious consequences for them.

[Full Article](#) (UN Children's Fund)



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[News] "If you get it right for girls and women, you get it right for humanitarian action"

March 5th, 2016 - OCHA co-hosted this high-level round table on 17 March to highlight the importance of women's and girls' rights, resiliency and leadership roles in humanitarian action, including concerted steps to address gender-based violence.

[Full Article](#) (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

[News] Sexual abuse allegations rise against UN peacekeepers

March 19th, 2016 - Allegations of sexual abuse by United Nations peacekeepers and staff rose in 2015, despite the institution's "zero tolerance" policy on such misconduct. According to a new report from Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, released Friday, there were 99 such allegations last year, compared to 80 in 2014.

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

[News] Speaking out about menstruation: "Blue" schools in Nepal

March 21st, 2016 - "This event supported the breaking of social beliefs of menstruation that it is supposed to be invisible, silent and that girls and women are untouchable during menstruating days." Lalita Regmi, teacher, Dhuleshwor Higher Secondary School, Dullu Dailekh.

[Full Article](#) (HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation)

[News] AFPPD New Report on Child Marriage: Parliamentary Good Practices for Effective Implementation of Laws and Policies for Prevention of Child Marriage

March 21st, 2016 - A new report by the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) titled Parliamentary Good Practices for Effective Implementation of Laws and Policies for Prevention of Child Marriage will be released on 22 March 2016 at the South Asia Parliamentarians' Meeting on Child Marriage in Kathmandu, Nepal.

[Full Article](#) (The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development)

[News] Top French Catholic cleric denies covering up acts of pedophilia

March 16th, 2016 - One of France's most senior Catholic clerics on Tuesday denied having covered up acts of paedophilia, his second denial in two weeks, after Prime Minister Manuel Valls demanded that he take responsibility for the situation.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



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[News] Top India court orders protection from trafficking for adopted children

March 15th, 2016 - India's top court has ordered the government to draw up strong guidelines for screening and tracking adoptions after a charity appealed for a federal probe into allegations that adopted children were being abused.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[Nouvelle] TRIBUNE Les enfants réfugiés ont besoin de notre protection

2 mars 2016 - La visite d'un centre d'hébergement pour enfants réfugiés à Bruxelles compte parmi les expériences les plus fortes qu'il m'a été donné de vivre depuis le début de mon mandat. J'ai rencontré un garçon de 11 ans qui avait voyagé seul pendant 15 mois. Fuyant l'Afghanistan déchiré par la guerre et laissant sa mère derrière lui, il a franchi plusieurs frontières attaché sous un camion et a parcouru des centaines de kilomètres à pied.

[Article complet](#) (La Croix)

[Nouvelle] Au Pakistan, convaincre pour vaincre la polio

21 mars 2016 - Dans un quartier populaire de Karachi, Rabia rechigne avant d'accepter qu'une voisine vaccine ses enfants. Au Pakistan, l'un des deux derniers pays au monde où la poliomyélite est endémique, il faut convaincre des parents sceptiques pour espérer éradiquer la maladie.

[Article complet](#) (Courrier international)

[News] Over 250,000 children affected by Colombia conflict since 2013, despite peace talks

March 19th, 2016 - More than 250,000 children have been affected by the conflict in Colombia since peace talks between the Government and the country's main armed opposition group (FARC-EP) started three years ago, UNICEF said in a report released today.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

[News] Myanmar army releases 46 underage recruits: U.N.

March 4th, 2016 - Myanmar's military released 46 children and young people from service, the United Nations said in a statement on Monday, in its first discharge of underage recruits this year.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)[News]



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[News] Mongolia: State becomes 49th to ban all corporal punishment of children

March 18th, 2016 - Mongolia has enacted new legislation prohibiting all corporal punishment of children, including in the home. In February 2016, the Mongolian Parliament – the State Great Hural – passed the Law on Child Protection 22016 and the Law on the Rights of Children 2016, which confirm children’s right to protection from all corporal punishment, explicitly prohibit the use of corporal punishment by parents, carers and others, and put an obligation on parents and other adults caring for and educating children to use non-violent discipline.

[Full Article](#) (Child Rights International Network)

[News] How Islamic State is training child killers in doctrine of hate

March 5th, 2016 - A new generation of Isis recruits is being developed in the Islamic State’s “caliphate”, indoctrinated with religious concepts from birth, and viewed by its fighters as better and purer than themselves, according to the first study of the exploitation and abuse of children as a means of securing the group’s future.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

[News] What makes a happy school? - UNESCO Bangkok launches new report

March 17th, 2016 - The report, Happy Schools: A Framework for Learner Well-being in the Asia-Pacific, which will be launched following International Day of Happiness on 20 March 2016, addresses the challenges faced by students in today’s competitive, stress-fuelled, and test-focused world.

[Full Article](#) (UNESCO Media Services)

[Nouvelle] L'exploitation sexuelle des enfants prendra des proportions épidémiques, croit la GRC

22 mars 2016 - Le patron de la GRC estime que l'exploitation sexuelle d'enfants au moyen d'Internet va prendre des proportions « épidémiques » au Canada, selon des documents obtenus par Radio-Canada.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)



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[News] Twice as many girls as boys will never start school says UNESCO eAtlas launched in advance of International Women's Day

March 2nd, 2016 - Almost 16 million girls between the ages six and 11 will never get the chance to learn to read or write in primary school compared to about 8 million boys if current trends continue, according to a new report from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS).

[Full Article](#) (UNESCO Media Services)

[News] Multi-partisan Group of Young Parliamentarians created in El Salvador

March 1st, 2016 - On 1 March 2016 an important agreement was reached at the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador for the establishment of a multi-partisan Group of Young Parliamentarians, with support from UNESCO. This group, composed of members of parliament below the age of 35, will work to build an agenda of inclusive policies with an intergenerational perspective, and promote mechanisms for youth participation in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of public policies.

[Full Article](#) (UNESCO Media Services)

[Opinion] Services de garde : le financement universel devrait primer

19 mars 2016 - À la suite du tollé provoqué par la campagne publicitaire lancée par les Caisses Desjardins dans les derniers jours pour proposer, en pleine période de déclarations de revenus, un financement aux familles devant acquitter des paiements supplémentaires en raison de la modulation des frais de garde de garderies subventionnées en fonction du revenu familial, la question de la modulation des frais de garde a refait surface dans le débat public.

[Article complet](#) (Le Devoir)

[Nouvelle] Le centre Zebra déménage à cause d'une augmentation de ses clients

21 mars 2016 - Un centre de protection des enfants d'Edmonton emménagera dans de nouveaux locaux en avril à cause d'une augmentation de sa clientèle traitée pour agression physique et sexuelle.

[Article complet](#) (Radio Canada)



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2. Conferences, Courses and Events

UNESCO and You: Free and open media and information literacy course for youth

If you are a young woman man anywhere in around the world, you can now enrich your knowledge in media and information literacy by pursuing a free online course at your own pace and based on your unique interest in certain related topics. In addition, you can receive a certificate from the Athabasca University in Canada for each unit completed – at absolutely no charge to you.

Location: Online course

Date: Any time in 2016

[For more information](#) (UNESCO Media Services)

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: Italy

Date: 21st to 25th November 2016 in Turin (Italy)

Registration deadline: 3 October 2016

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

WASH in Schools (WINS) Training

IDEAL Public Health and Development Consultancy (IPHDC) has planned a five-day training course aimed at equipping stakeholders with knowledge and skills for effective and efficient management of WASH in Schools (WINS) in both development and emergency contexts.

By the end of the course, trainees will be able to design, implement, monitor and evaluate WASH programs in schools that are responsive, inclusive and sustainable in terms of meeting the needs of school children.

Location: Kenya

Date: 16th to 20th May 2016

Registration deadline: 10th May 2016

[For more information](#) (IDEAL Public Health and Development Consultancy)



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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.

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

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

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

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

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 Jun 2016

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

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: 31 octobre au 11 novembre 2016

Registration deadline: 24 octobre 2016

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

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)



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Training/Workshop - Research and Evidence at UNICEF

In this short course, you will explore why research at UNICEF matters and observe ways to ensure that the highest-quality research is impacting the lives of women and children.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Describe the importance of research to UNICEF programming, policy and advocacy.
- Provide examples of where and on what topics research is done at UNICEF
- Describe the research process
- Describe key principles and tools used throughout that process
- Identify where to go to find more information about UNICEF research.

Location: Globally

Date: online

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



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3. Vacancies

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

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Senior Reading Specialist – FHI 360

The Senior Reading Specialist provides overall technical oversight and guidance to the program's three outcomes. S/he provides guidance to program staff on essential components of reading programs including curriculum design, lesson planning, instructional approach, teacher professional development, materials development and distribution, classroom-level assessment and large scale assessment to develop highly effective activities in these areas and to integrate them for maximum effectiveness at the program level. S/he engages with actors across the education system to optimize use of available resources with specific attention to school and classroom management practices including quality assurance, supportive supervision, and coaching leading to improvement in learning outcomes at the primary school level.

Location: Dakar - Senegal

Application deadline: 30 April 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Operations Director – World Vision

As Senior Program Officer you will lead, develop, direct and manage all aspects of World Vision's Programmes in South Sudan ensuring that the ministry achieves optimum impact on child well-being as well as attain organizational Vision, Mission and Core Values. You will ensure that World Vision South Sudan upholds the integrated focus of the organization's ministry which is child focused, Christian, and community based, and that it complements the plans of the Government of South Sudan. You will also ensure that WV South Sudan is accountable to all partners and that all work is of the highest standard, cost effective and adheres to standards and policies of World Vision International.

Location: South Sudan

Application deadline: 11 April 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Chief of Party, GAC – World Vision

As Chief of Party - GAC, South Sudan you will be responsible for the strategic leadership and overall management for the GAC funded Fortifying Equality and Economic Diversification project, which focuses on improving food security in South Sudan. You will oversee program implementation and financial management, including oversight and coordination of local consortium members and staff. This position has principal responsibility for the representation of the project to the donor, Government of South Sudan representatives, and other key stakeholders. Other key responsibilities include ensuring high quality implementation of project activities, financial management according to donor requirements and international accounting standards, timely donor and other stakeholder reporting, and overall contribution to Child Well Being outcomes.

Location: South Sudan

Application deadline: 11 April 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Technical Advisor I, Monitoring and Evaluation – FHI 360

Based in Bata, Equatorial Guinea, the Technical Advisor I, Monitoring & Evaluation will provide technical leadership and oversight to the implementation of all M&E activities in line with the technical direction of the Program.

Location: Bata – Equatorial Guinea

Application deadline: 30 April 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Program Manager II-OVC Specialist – Catholic Relief Services

The OVC Specialist will provide technical leadership for the Sustainable Outcomes Project around strengthening HIV sensitive programming parenting with a focus on creating opportunities to more effectively and holistically address the needs of adolescent girls' age 10-18 years. Working collaboratively with the Deputy Chief of Party, the Household Economic Strengthening, and the Health Linkages Technical Leads, the OVC Specialist will ensure continuous refinement and effective roll out of HIV sensitive programming and ensure that the program is well aligned to PEPFAR strategic priorities.

Location: Uganda

Application deadline: 18 April 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Technical Advisor, Formal Secondary Education – FHI 360

The Formal Secondary Education Technical Advisor is responsible for providing technical leadership and oversight to the design and implementation of activities to improve educational outcomes for lower secondary school students in Equatorial Guinea. Specifically, the Advisor focuses on improving the quality of teaching through teacher professional development by linking the training to what happens in the classroom. Looking at the transition to secondary education, the Technical Advisor also provides technical guidance for activities targeted at improving learning at the upper primary education level. As a member of the PRODEGE technical field team based in Bata, Equatorial Guinea, the Technical Advisor reports to the Associate Director for Education Development. The Technical Advisor is a member of the FHI 360's Global Education Post-Primary and Youth Initiative.

Location: Bata – Equatorial Guinea

Application deadline: 30 April 2016

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

Chargé de projet – protection des droits de l'enfant, IBCR

Sous la responsabilité de la direction des programmes et du développement, le ou la titulaire du poste est responsable de mettre en œuvre un projet visant à renforcer le système de protection des enfants en République démocratique du Congo (RDC), et notamment en ce qui a trait aux rôles et responsabilités des policiers, du personnel de la justice et des assistants sociaux. Le poste est basé à Montréal et comporte des missions terrain en RDC.

Location : Montréal

Application deadline : 22 avril 2016

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)



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Conseiller(ère) juridique volontaire en sein de l'Association des Femmes Juristes de Côte d'Ivoire (AFJCI), IBCR

Le/la conseiller(ère) juridique appuiera l'équipe de l'AFJCI à travers l'appui-conseil, l'assistance juridique et judiciaire de cas de violations des droits des enfants, et le développement de programme en faveur de la protection des mineurs présentés par les cliniques juridiques (CJ) ou les centres d'informations juridiques (CIJ) devant les tribunaux nationaux et, lorsqu'applicable, devant les instances internationales.

Location : Côte D'Ivoire

Application deadline: 01^{er} mai 2016

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

Conseiller(ère) juridique au bureau de CHS Alternativo, IBCR

Le/la conseiller(ère) juridique appuiera l'équipe de CHS Alternativo au Pérou dans la promotion, la protection et le plaidoyer en faveur des droits des enfants et des adolescent(e)s du Pérou.

Location : Lima, Pérou

Application deadline: 15 mai 2016

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



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4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Afghanistan: Two years of ‘Children, Not Soldiers’ campaign brings tangible progress in Afghanistan

March 17th, 2016 - Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. A few days before I was scheduled to travel to Afghanistan, I read about the death of Wasil Ahmad. You may remember him. Wasil was an 11-year-old Afghan boy, described as a hero by some in his community for helping fight the Taliban.

[Full Article](#) (KHAAMA PRESS)

Afghanistan – Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict adopts its Third Conclusion on Afghanistan

March 2nd, 2016 - The Security Council Working on Children and Armed Conflict adopted its third conclusion on Afghanistan (document forthcoming). The conclusion negotiation was timely for the February 13 to 17 visit of the Special Representative to the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (SRSG-CAAC), Ms. Leila Zerrougui, to Afghanistan, where she met with key authorities and partners to assess the situation of children affected by armed conflict. The conclusion was also well-timed to inform the renewal of the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA) mandate in mid-March 2016. The Working Group commended the Government of Afghanistan’s implementation of the “Action Plan regarding children associated with national security forces (ANSF) in Afghanistan” and its commitment to the SRSG-CAAC’s ‘Children, Not Soldiers’ campaign. However, expressing grave concern over the deteriorating situation, the Working Group made targeted recommendations urging the Government to continue taking necessary measures towards preventing and ending the recruitment and use of children by the ANSF, and strongly urged all armed groups to immediately cease all violations against children.

[Full Article](#) (Watchlist)

Egypt - Egypt: Reverse Blasphemy Sentences Against Christian Children

MARCH 13TH, 2016 - Egyptian authorities should quash blasphemy sentences handed down to four Christian children and their teacher over a video mocking ISIS. They should also revoke the penal code article that authorities use to prosecute blasphemy.

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



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Egypt - On the Anniversary of the International Women's Day The Egyptian Organization for human rights calls upon The President to release the arrested students for the sake of their mothers

March 8th, 2016 - The Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (EOHR) calls upon the president /Abdel Fattah el-Sisi to grant the presidential amnesty for the youth who were sentenced to prison because of the demonstration cases for the sake of their mothers who are suffering from their absence. The EOHR had demanded the president to adopt a presidential decree of pardon for those imprisoned students previously but EOHR believes that the International women's day and Mother's day, are suitable anniversaries deserving amnesty for those students to reduce the suffering of their mothers and enable those students to complete their education.

[Full Article](#) (The Egyptian Organization for Human Rights)

Iraq – IS Forcing Children to Be Killers, Suicide Bombers

March 22nd, 2016 - Islamic State (IS) extremists are training Iraqi and Syrian children as young as eight years old to carry out suicide attacks and fight to kill, Iraqi Kurdish Peshmerga commanders tell VOA.

[Full Article](#) (Voice of America)

Iraq: Iraqi children scavenge for a living

March 29th, 2016 - Standing next to a pile of rubbish as high as a hill, Ali, a 12-year-old child from Mosul, looks excitedly at his latest discovery. "They say it's expired, but I am still eating it," he says, popping a strawberry candy into his mouth. Like Ali, dozens of displaced Iraqi children who fled from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS) group are now working in a massive landfill site 15km outside Erbil, the capital of Iraq's Kurdish region. They scavenge their way through tonnes of rubbish to collect plastic and metal to sell to recycling plants, making between 10,000 and 30,000 Iraqi dinars (\$9 to \$27) a day.

[Full Article](#) (Al-Jazeera)



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Iraq - Iraqi officials: ISIS chemical attacks kill child, wound 600

March 12th, 2016 - ISIS has launched two chemical attacks near the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, killing a three-year-old girl, wounding some 600 people and causing hundreds more to flee, Iraqi officials said Saturday. Security and hospital officials say the latest attack took place early Saturday in the small town of Taza, which was also struck by a barrage of rockets carrying chemicals three days earlier. "There is fear and panic among the women and children," said Adel Hussein, a local official in Taza. "They're calling for the central government to save them." Hussein said a German and an American forensics team arrived in the area to test for the presence of chemical agents.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Star)

Iraq - Two more children die after Iraq chemical attack

March 18th, 2016 - Two more children have died of wounds sustained in a suspected jihadist chemical attack last week in Iraq, a local official said Friday, raising the death toll to three.

[Full Article](#) (Agence France-Presse)

Iraq – Children starve to death in Fallujah

March 28th, 2016 - Five Iraqis, three of them children, have starved to death in the city of Fallujah, a local official revealed on Sunday. Saad Al-Sha'lan blamed the deaths on the severe shortage of food and medicines in Al-Anbar province, *Anadolu* has reported. He added that Al-Fallujah Hospital is working at only 20 per cent of its normal capacity.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Monitor)

Iran - UN Human Rights Council: Interactive Dialogue on High Commissioner's report on Iran/Colombia

March 23rd, 2016 - Last week, Human Rights Watch joined 33 human rights and civil society organizations calling on Council members to support the resolution to renew the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran. We believe that sustained international attention, particularly at this stage of Iran's rapprochement with the international community, is necessary to address the ongoing and extensive rights violations in Iran.

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



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Iran - Dispatches: Rights Key as Australia Embraces Iran

March 14, 2016 - Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif arrives in Canberra this week for talks to increase economic ties, his Australian counterpart Julie Bishop hopes to finalize an agreement to return thousands of failed Iranian asylum seekers back home. Even more reason than for human rights to feature high on the agenda.

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

Islamic State - 'New strategy needed' for rehabilitating IS child soldiers

March 7th, 2016 - The international community must address the challenge of rehabilitating children indoctrinated by so-called Islamic State (IS), a new report says. The Quilliam Foundation and the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative say children are taught extreme values and desensitized to violence from birth.

[Full Article](#) (BBC World)

Islamic State: ISIS using more child soldiers as fighters quit

March 15th, 2016 - ISIS is relying more heavily on child soldiers as growing numbers of fighters desert the militant group, the United States said Monday. That may indicate the group's leaders are "struggling with their ability to recruit and retain manpower," State Department spokesman John Kirby told reporters during a daily briefing. He would not confirm reports that Kurdish Peshmerga forces in northern Iraq had captured a US citizen who defected from ISIS.

[Full Article](#) (Al-Arabeya)

Israel moves to sentence Palestinian children aged under 14

March 29th, 2016 - Israel's Ministerial Committee on Legislation approved a bill that seeks to allow the trial of Palestinian minors aged under the age of 14. The decision came following a committee meeting held on Sunday evening to approve the bill that provides for tightening the punishment allowed to be imposed on the "perpetrators of operations" who are under the age of 14. Israeli Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked proposed the draft legislation.

[Full article](#) (Middle East Monitor)



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Jordan – Queen says child deaths as result of domestic violence unacceptable

March 14th, 2016 - Her Majesty Queen Rania on Monday said that institutions in charge of protecting children must be held accountable when they fail to do so. At a meeting with members of the National Framework for Family Protection Committee, the Queen said child deaths as a result of domestic violence are unacceptable. Alarmed by the killing of six children at the hands of their parents last year alone, Her Majesty added that what was more disturbing was the fact that some of them had been identified as victims of domestic violence by various government institutions. The committee is part of the National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA). The Queen met with the committee to discuss ways to curb violence against children, and address its recent shortcomings in child protection, according to a statement from Her Majesty's office.

[Full Article](#) (National Council for Family Affairs)

Lebanon investigates claims Syrian children are being sold

March 23rd, 2016 - Lebanon is investigating media claims that four Syrian children have been sold in Beirut, Minister of Interior Nohad El Machnouk said. US journalist Franklin Lamb claimed in an article published in the Information Clearing House and titled “I bought four Syrian children” that he had purchased four Syrian children; two girls aged five, a one-year-old baby boy and his eight-year-old brother in order to save them from a Syrian woman who was trying to sell them near Ramlet Al-Baida beach in Beirut.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Monitor)

Lebanon: Health ministry closes two daycare centers

March 29th, 2016 - Health Minister Wael Abu Faour Tuesday ordered the closure of two daycare centers in Beirut for allegedly failing to acquire a required license.

[Full Article](#) (The Daily Star)



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Lybia - Germany is raising its support for the children who are affected by the ongoing conflict in Libya

March 7th 2016 - Dr. Gerd Muller, Germany's Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, announced on 28 February 2016, an additional funding of 1.5 million Euros for UNICEF Libya, to help the provision of appropriate child protection services and psychosocial support, as well as access to quality education, with a special focus on conflict-affected and out of school children.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF MENA)

Lybia: UN official: Libyan children live in 'catastrophic conditions'

March 2nd, 2016 - UNICEF Special Representative in Libya Ghassan Khalil has said that Libyan children are living under "catastrophic conditions", which are becoming more difficult over time. Khalil made his remarks to *Anadolu news agency* on the side-lines of his meeting with the Embassy of Libya Health Attaché Masoud Greifah on Tuesday. Khalil added that Libyan children, both in the country and those in Tunisia and Egypt, face very difficult situations, pointing out that the recent period has witnessed "an increase in abductions and abuses against children".

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Monitor)

Palestine: 7 Palestinian children imprisoned for throwing stones

March 17th, 2016 - An Israeli court sentenced seven Palestinian minors to jail terms ranging from one to three years yesterday for throwing stones. The boys, aged between 14 and 17, were given the sentences for throwing stones at Israeli cars, Palestinian prisoner rights group Addameer said in a statement. According to Addameer, at least 406 Palestinian children are in Israeli prisons, with a quarter of them under 16 years old. It added that the majority of the 700 children prosecuted annually are charged with stone throwing.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Monitor)

Palestine: West Bank teachers' strike leaves 500,000 children at home for weeks

March 11, 2016 - For a month, more than 25,000 teachers in the West Bank have been on strike over pay and benefits, causing chaos for schools, pupils and parents, and prompting the Palestinian Authority to deploy military police on the streets of Ramallah. And yet, if Palestinian officials have any doubts about the quality of some of the teachers they employ, they need look no further than Hanan al-Hroub of Bethlehem, who is in the running to win \$1 million this week for being the world's best teacher.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)



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Palestine - Palestinian Family Taken Into Custody; Toddler Held for Hours Outside

March 2, 2016 - A Palestinian toddler spent four hours outside a Jerusalem police station on Sunday, after his parents had been taken into custody during a security operation to arrest his 16-year-old brother, according to family members. The two-and-a-half-year-old boy from the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Issawiya, who was said to be barefoot and wearing pajamas, was later released into the custody of his grandparents. His older brother was apparently arrested for throwing stones and other offense, while the detention of and his parents appeared to result from their resisting or objecting to the arrest of their son.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Children's Alliance)

Palestine - UNRWA Implements phase two of UAERC-Funded project, constructing and equipping four schools in Gaza

March 17th, 2016 - The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), through generous funding from the United Arab Emirates Red Crescent (UAERC), commenced implementation of the second phase of the "construction and equipping of UNRWA Schools in the Gaza Strip" project at the beginning of 2016. This phase includes enhancing UNRWA's education services to Palestine refugees through the construction of four schools - in Gaza city, Rafah (southern Gaza), Beit Lahia and Beit Hanoun (both in northern Gaza). In 2013, through this project, UAERC contributed US \$8 million to construct and equip eight schools in Gaza; four of these were completed in 2015 as phase one of the project, and are now fully operational.

[Full Article](#) (UNRWA)

Palestine – Over 1,000 Gaza schools students fly kites in solidarity with Japanese earthquake survivors

March 13th, 2016 - On the fifth anniversary of the most powerful earthquake ever recorded to hit Japan, messages of continued empathy and solidarity fly in the skies of Gaza. Over 1,000 Palestine refugee students from three UNRWA schools located in the Japanese housing project gathered to fly kites in commemoration of the disaster that killed more than 15,891 people and caused immense damage. UNRWA students in Gaza were engaged in flying the kites at the Japanese re-housing project quarter in Khan Younis, southern Gaza, together with the participation of more than 300 other children with special needs from different community-based organizations (CBOs) in Gaza.

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Palestine - Gaza children, brother and sister, killed in Israeli airstrike

March 14th, 2016 - A Palestinian boy and his sister were killed in Hamas-controlled Gaza Saturday when they were hit by fragments from a missile fired by an Israeli aircraft, while three senior Hamas leaders traveled to Cairo to try to repair relations with Egypt after years of tension. The incident in Gaza took place hours after militants launched rockets into Israel. An Israeli military statement said aircraft had targeted four militant training camps belonging to Hamas after four missiles landed in open areas in southern Israel Friday night. No casualties were reported from the rocket strikes.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Star)

Palestine: IOF Airstrikes Kill Two Children; Injures Three

March 13th, 2016 - The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) launched four airstrikes at several training sites in Gaza using excessive force resulting in destruction beyond the targeted sites and inflicting damage on civilians and their houses. The airstrikes killed two young siblings and injured three others. Al Mezan Center for Human Rights (Al Mezan) condemns the attacks and calls upon international community to act to protect civilians and lift the closure on the Gaza.

[Full Article](#) (Al-Mizan)

Palestine - Clowning around offering relief to Gaza's children

March 23rd, 2016 - A pair of Palestinian clowns are offering some laughs and some relief to children with chronic illnesses at paediatric wards in hospitals across the Gaza Strip. With no circus or fair in Gaza to offer employment, Majed Kaloub and Alaa Miqdad began reaching out to kindergartens and schools. Now, thanks to the aid of CISS, an Italian non-profit organisation, they have found a niche for their skills in hospitals, bringing some much-needed cheer to sick children.

[Full Article](#) (The New Arab)

Syria - Water restored to Aleppo after a 48-days deliberate shutdown of water facility

March 6th, 2016 - The resumption of operations on 4 March of the al-Khafseh water treatment facility is critical for the lives and well-being of more than two million people. The al-Khafseh facility is one of the most important in Syria, producing an average of 400 million litres of drinking water daily.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF MENA)



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Syria - Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake following his visit to Syria

March 1st, 2016 - I complete this visit to Syria, together with Dr. Peter Salama, UNICEF Regional Director, on the eve of the fifth anniversary of this war. My previous trip came on the eve of the third anniversary, two years of suffering ago. Now, the cessation of hostilities offers the Syrian people the possibility of peace.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Syrian war creates child refugees and child soldiers

March 15th, 2016 - Syria's 5-year-old conflict has created 2.4 million child refugees, killed many and led to the recruitment of children as fighters, some as young as seven, U.N. children's fund UNICEF said Monday. Its report "No Place for Children" said more than 8 million children in Syria and neighboring countries needed humanitarian assistance, with the international response plan for Syria chronically underfunded. "Twice as many people now live under siege or in hard-to-reach areas compared with 2013. At least 2 million of those cut off from assistance are children, including more than 200,000 in areas under siege," the report added.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Star)

Syria - 250,000 children living in terror in Syria's besieged areas

March 9th, 2016 - A new report from Save the Children reveals that barrel bombs, air strikes and shelling are the biggest issues for the more than a quarter of a million children estimated to be living in besieged areas in Syria. Parents testify to the horror of family life under siege, not only dealing with the psychological impact on children terrified of explosions, but the dire consequences of being deprived of food, basic medicine and clean water.

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

Syrian children's memories of home fade in Jordan camp

March 14th, 2016 - Over five years of Syria's civil war, tents have given way to sturdy shacks in Jordan's Zaatari Refugee Camp, dusty tracks have been paved, acquiring names, and a generation has been born to parents who fear their children will never see home.

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Syrian teachers use cloud technology to create safe schools for refugee students

March 10th, 2016 - A project using cloud technology to teach Syrian refugee teachers how to better work with traumatised students was presented as part of UNESCO's flagship ICT event, Mobile Learning Week (MLW) at the Organizations headquarters from 7 – 11 March, 2016.

[Full Article](#) (UNESCO Media Services)

Syria - Rare EU law allows Syrian children into UK

March 24th, 2016 - Three Syrian children from the Calais “Jungle” have arrived in the UK after a rare legal process successfully allowed them into the country. The unaccompanied boys, aged 14 to 16, include one orphan who lost his parents in the Syrian war. The boys are expected to live with their relatives in the UK as authorities assess their asylum claims, after a long campaign by charities, refugee groups and celebrities backed their cause. The boys are the first group to successfully be admitted into Britain using the Dublin III process - also known as the Dublin Regulation.

[Full Article](#) (The New Arab)

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[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Syria: Report reveals horrifying cost of conflict to Syria, its neighbours and its children

March 7th, 2016 - The cost of conflict to Syria is an estimated \$275 billion (USD) in lost growth opportunities. This lost money will never be recovered; never be spent on children's futures. If the conflict continues to 2020, the cost of conflict to Syria will be \$1.3 trillion (USD).

[Full Article](#) (World Vision International)



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

Syria: Save the Children receives grant worth €3.7 million from Ikea foundation to help children and families caught up in Syria conflict

March 16th, 2016: As the conflict in Syria enters its fifth year, the IKEA Foundation has donated €9.4 million to help children and their families, both within Syria and in neighbouring countries. The money is supporting the lifesaving work Save the Children and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). The conflict has created one of the worst humanitarian crises of recent times. More than 11 million people—half the country's pre-war population—have been killed or forced to flee their homes. Many essential services such as schools and healthcare have completely disintegrated. The IKEA Foundation's €5.7 million grant to MSF is funding emergency medical aid to some of these children and families in Syria, and to Syrian refugees and vulnerable people in Lebanon and Iraq. It will pay for essential healthcare, mental health services—particularly for children—and training medical workers, in a region that is home to 1.17 million people.

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

Tunisia: Shaping a National Youth Council in Tunisia

March 22nd, 2016 - Within a national context characterized by a search for new frameworks and models of concertation strengthening the emerging democracy in Tunisia, NET MED Youth, in collaboration with a number of youth organizations, supports the setting up of a National Youth Council.

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Yemen: Ending Yemen's conflict now a matter of life and death for millions of children

March 24th, 2016 - One year since the conflict in Yemen escalated, nearly 90% of children are now in need of emergency humanitarian aid and the desperate plight of 10 million children is still being largely ignored, Save the Children said today. The humanitarian agency warned that international governments are exacerbating the crisis and endangering children's lives by choosing to support military action while ignoring the devastating consequences for civilians. "An entire generation of children – the future of Yemen – is being abandoned to their fate," says Edward Santiago, Save the Children's Country Director in Yemen.

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

Yemen - Starving baby who died at five months old shows devastating humanitarian consequences of Yemen civil war

March 29th, 2016 - One of the last pictures of baby Udai Faisal show him in his mother's arms. The little boy's sunken eyes stare from their sockets, as feeding tubes wind around his skeletal face and body, swaddled in a blanket. He died days later, finally breaking down under the ravages of malnutrition in Yemen.

[Full article](#) (The Independent)

Yemen: Six children killed, maimed daily in Yemen since Saudi air strikes began: UN

March 29th, 2016 - Six children have been killed or maimed daily in Yemen since Saudi-led air strikes began a year ago, the UN said Tuesday, warning the conflict was taking a horrifying toll on the country's youth. In a report marking the anniversary of the start of the Saudi-led campaign, the UN children's agency said nearly a third of the more than 3,000 civilians killed in Yemen were children. "Children are not safe anywhere in Yemen. Even playing or sleeping has become dangerous," UNICEF representative in Yemen Julien Harneis told AFP in an email.

[Full Article](#) (The Daily Star)



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United Arab Emirates – UNRWA and Dubai cares support the safety and wellbeing of Palestine refugee students in Gaza

March 20th, 2016 - Supported by generous funding from Dubai Cares, the UNRWA Education Department and Community Mental Health Programme (CMHP) has engaged more than 175,000 children in UNRWA schools in Gaza through the delivery of weekly arts and sports classes. Around 1,620 UNRWA children have also received psychosocial support in the period between February and December 2015.

[Full Article](#) (UNRWA)

United Arab Emirates : Children with disabilities call for inclusion at school and work

March 24th, 2016 - Don't shut us out, be our friend, is the message from children who are deaf and their parents who are advocating more inclusion and integration in schools and at work. Young students have already taken the initiative in some cases. When Mahnoor Dodhy, 8, signed to invite her grade 1 classmates to a recent open day at her speech therapy centre, her hearing friend Noora was quick to join in. The girls ran on the lawn, petted animals and baked cookies at the Kalimati Communication and Rehabilitation Centre with Noora sometimes stepping in as Mahnoor's unofficial interpreter.

[Full Article](#) (GAATES)

United Arab Emirates: International Conference on Inclusive Education in Abu Dhabi

March 16th, 2016 - More than 150 policy and decision makers, experts, specialists, teachers and educational psychologists from across the GCC are convening at Abu Dhabi University as the "International Conference on Inclusive Education: Education for Diversity- (ICIE2016) March 15-17" kicks off to discuss the best practices, opportunities and challenges, organized by the College of Arts and Sciences at Abu Dhabi University.

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United Arab Emirates - Habitat School merging nature, technology in education

March 24th, 2016 - Habitat School aims to create a model of schooling for the expatriate community by responding to specific issues and building on possibilities. Lack of social spaces, non-availability of time and space for a community, cultural issues with a number of unknown and unpredictable components and lack of proper research in making a specific syllabus, are some issues experienced by expatriates. The availability of a global student and teacher base, which can be used as a source of exposure and learning, is the best possibility of schooling in the Middle East.

[Full Article](#) (Khaleej Times)

United Arab Emirates - Children's forum to focus on volunteering

March 23rd, 2016 - The benefits that children receive when they give their time for their communities is a concept that will form a major component of this year's Sharjah Arab Children's Forum (SACF), to be held from March 28 until April 3 at Al Rigga Children Centre, Sharjah. More than 120 Arab children in the age group 8-12 years have been selected to participate from more than 10 Arab countries.

[Full Article](#) (Khaleej Times)

United Arab Emirates - 'Use technology to impact access to education'

March 12th, 2016 - Technology is rewriting the rules of education. "Even nations that have access to cheap labour, which are increasingly resorting to automation to meet the high global standards of quality," said Fareed Zakaria, CNN GPS host and Washington Post columnist. He added: "To address the challenges in the two-track world, there is only one powerful weapon - Education. It is important to recognise the importance of education in the broadest and deepest dimension"

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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)



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[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 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)

[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 manmade 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)

[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.



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[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)

[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)

[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
26 et 27 septembre 2016
5 et 6 décembre 2016

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

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)



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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)

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)



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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 November 2016
- **Registration deadline:** 24 October 2016

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



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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

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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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

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



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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)



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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

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)



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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)



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4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Afghanistan – Pakistan Closes Main Border Crossing with Afghanistan

May 12th, 2016 - Pakistan has temporarily closed one of its two main border crossings with Afghanistan, but said the two sides are in contact with each other to resolve “differences” that prompted the move. Pakistani authorities began fencing the northwestern Torkhum border crossing on Tuesday to “tighten controls” and deter illegal movement. But the unilateral activity provoked strong resistance from the Afghan side and the tensions forced Pakistan to stop the work and consequently close the border.

[Full Article](#) (Voice of America)

Afghanistan – Public Statement by Chair of Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

May 12th, 2016 - At its fifty-fifth meeting, on 6 July 2015, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, in connection with the examination of the third report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Afghanistan (S/2015/336), agreed to address the following message through a public statement issued by the Chair of the Working Group.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations Security Council Press Release)

Afghanistan – Enhancing Access to Education: Challenges and Opportunities

May 26th, 2016 - In 1996, the Taliban movement, a majority of who were religious students from Deobandi madrasas (religious schools) in Pakistan and rural Afghanistan, established a short-lived Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. On arrival in Kabul, the Taliban barred women from working at public or private institutions and banned girls from schools. The Taliban regime said that the ban was because of a lack of facilities and security. This position of the Taliban on girls’ education also reflected some realities of rural Afghanistan, where girls’ education has been neglected for cultural and socio-economic reasons, and where there has been suspicion of general education (maktab) imported by the state.

[Full Article](#) (Center on International Cooperation)



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Iran - National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO) and UNICEF Hold Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Response with Focus on Children

May 8th, 2016 - A workshop on emergency preparedness and response with a focus on Children was launched in Kish Island on Sunday 8th May within the framework of a joint cooperation agreement signed between the Ministry of Interior' NDMO and UNICEF. Participants ranged from different government organizations including provincial officials from Tehran, Alborz, Qazvin, Zanzan, Gilan, Mazandaran and Qom, the Ministry of Interior's National Disaster Management Organization, Ministry of Health, State Welfare Organization, Ministry of Education, Iranian Red Crescent Society, Imam Khomeini Charity Foundation, as well as a number UN agencies namely OCHA, WFP and UNDP.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Iraq - Baseline Assessment for Education Cash Transfer Programming for IDPs in Dahuk Governorate

April 30th, 2016 - The escalation of violent conflict between Armed Groups and the Iraqi government has seen an estimated 3.2 million Iraqis internally displaced as of April 2016. This large scale internal displacement started in Anbar governorate in early 2014 and escalated in June 2014, spreading across much of northern and central Iraq.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Iraq - Let Us Learn: A Case Study of Delivering Adaptive Education and Protection in Emergency Programmes in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

May 11th, 2016 - Education in emergencies is a critical, life-saving response that works to protect children in conflict and natural disasters, and preserve their right to education. World Vision's education programmes in emergencies respond to the needs of children, parents, communities and education officials. Prior to a disaster, we work with schools and families to strengthen community based protection mechanisms through preparedness and planning, conflict education mitigation and peacebuilding.

[Full Article](#) (World Vision)



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Iraq - Briefing Security Council on Iraq, Special Representative Urges Parties to Resolve Political Impasse, Stressing Crisis Only Serves Interests if its Enemies

May 6th, 2016 – A profound political crisis engulfing Iraq was paralysing the work of the Government and Council of Representatives at a time when terrorist attacks were spiking along with civilian deaths and a grave humanitarian situation was unfolding, the chief of the United Nations mission in that country told the Security Council today.

[Full Article](#) (United Nation Press Releases)

Iraq – Save the Children Calls for Children and Families to be Freed from Besieged City of Fallujah

May 25th, 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. Fierce fighting is now raging around the city, which has been completely under siege for almost five months. Military checkpoints and IEDs planted along the roads by armed groups have stopped most civilians from fleeing and supply routes into the city have been completely cut off since January, with no aid allowed to enter.

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

Iraq - Pushed to Accept Marriage, Iraq's Displaced Child Brides Face Bleak Future

May 9th, 2016 - In the photo that Aziza produces on her mobile phone, her 14-year-old daughter Layla is wearing a pink satin dress and smiling meekly at the camera. "This was her engagement party," said 35-year-old Aziza. "(Her fiance) was 22 years old. His family came to us at various times to ask for our daughter. The third time we accepted."

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



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Lebanon - Sports for Dignity: UNRWA and UNICEF Launch the Palestinian Olympics for Children

May 4th 2016- The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in partnership with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), launched on 29 April ‘Palestiniadi’, a three-day sports event for children and youth living in Palestine refugee camps and gatherings in Lebanon. For the eighth year, Palestiniadi brought together more than 300 Palestine refugee children from Lebanon, Palestine refugees from Syria in Lebanon, and Lebanese children to compete in six different sports activities. Around 40 children with disabilities were among the participants.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine in the near east)

Lybia – Where is NATO now?

May 30th, 2016 - Glowering across a table in a Tripoli café, 28-year-old Mohamed* has no kind words for Western leaders or any of Libya’s three governments. “In 2011, NATO said it intervened in Libya to protect the human rights of civilians,” the young man, one of an estimated 50,000 people to have fled the coastal town of Sirte in the last fortnight alone, told IRIN. “We lost even our most basic human rights under the (so-called) Islamic State,” said Mohamed. “And Libya’s three governments have given us no support at all. So where is NATO now?”

[Full Article](#) (IRIN)

Occupied Territories of Palestine - Government of Japan and IFRC Partnership to Strengthen Community Health Capacity and Prevent Violence in Gaza Strip

May 9th, 2016 - Since mid-2015, Palestine Red Crescent Society has been improving health and preventing violence in the Gaza Strip through community-based programmes backed by the people of Japan. Recognizing the success of their efforts, the Japanese Government has renewed its support through a 240,000 US dollar contribution which will enable the Red Crescent to continue its community-based health first aid and prevention of violence programmes, in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

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



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Occupied Territories of Palestine - End of Mission Statement of the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices

May 6th, 2016 - The United Nations Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories met with a range of civil society organisations, UN representatives and Palestinian officials during their annual fact-finding visit to Amman (2-5 May 2016). During the visit, representations were made on a wide range of issues affecting the Palestinian and Syrian people in territories occupied by Israel.

[Full Article](#) (United Nation Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner)

Occupied Territories of Palestine - UNRWA Promotes Colours Festival in Gaza to Enhance Positive Relations Between Children and their Parents

May 6th, 2016 - Under the theme 'colour your life with rainbow colours,' 300 students from UNRWA schools in Gaza city participated with their parents in the colours festival organized by the UNRWA Community Mental Health Programme and the Education Programme at UNRWA Gaza Training College in Gaza city on Saturday, 16 April 2016. The Colours Festival aimed at enhancing and encouraging positive relationships between children and their families. It also provides a free space for students to express their feelings through creative arts while having fun.

[Full Article](#) (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine in the near east)

Pakistan - Comparative Analysis of Education in Gilgit Baltistan Pakistan

May 6th, 2016 - Enrollment by Gender & Type of School: Early Years education enrollment should be promoted in GB as 91% of the children of age group 3-5 year never enrolled in ECE/ECD followed by Skardu with 81%, Ghanche with 58%, Astore with 57%, Ghizer with 48% and Hunza Nagar with 29%. However overall 40% of children of GB are receiving Early Childhood Eductaion as compare to 37% at national level.

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Pakistan - SMART Survey Report: Taluka & District Umerkot, Sindh-Pakistan

May 11th, 2016 - Concern Worldwide is an international, non-governmental, humanitarian organisation dedicated to the reduction of suffering of vulnerable people. Concern Worldwide is implementing a project titled “Integrated Multi-Sector Support to Nutrition at Risk Communities in Sindh, Pakistan”. The principal objective of the project is to improve resilience of the drought affected population in Sindh province, with a special emphasis on immediate humanitarian needs of drought affected communities.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Pakistan – Vaccination of Refugees to be Ensured

May 10th, 2016 - The Coordinator of the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC), Balochistan, Dr Saifur Rehman, has said a taskforce constituted last month will ensure that every child living in Afghan refugee camps is vaccinated against polio. A meeting held here on Monday to review the taskforce’s preparation was attended by representatives of the United Nations refugee agency, the Afghan Refugee Commissioner’s Office, Taraqee Foundation, World Health Organisation and the UN children’s fund. The participants decided to hold meetings on a monthly basis and share information.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Syria - QC Continues Aiding Aleppo

May 12th, 2016 - QC continues offering its urgent relief aids to the people of Aleppo through its field team. The team identifies the needs then offers food and health relief services based on the results. In a press release, Mr. Mohammed Rashid Al Ka'bi, Director of Operation Management at QC, said, "Under the current exacerbating circumstances, QC's field team has finished preparing for the medical aids it is offering to bridge the dire shortage in the medical needs of the city".

[Full Article](#) (Qatar Charity)

Syria – Child Labour on the Rise in Opposition Areas

May 25th, 2016 - Khalid is 12 years old and works as a shepherd in the village of Kafruma in Idlib’s countryside. “My father is an opposition fighter, and he entrusted me with looking after his sheep,” he told Damascus Bureau. “I had to leave school, but I don’t regret it. Most of the schools in my village have been shut anyway.” Child labour is on the increase in Syria’s opposition-held areas. In Idlib governorate, the on-going war has forced many children to become family bread-winners.

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



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Syria - Food Security Bulletin 3: Food Insecurity and Negative Coping Reach Alarming Levels

April 30th, 2016 - The Cessation of Hostilities that came into effect on 27 February has resulted in a de-escalation of fighting in most parts of the country. There were fewer displacements in March thanks to the reduced violence. However, there continue to be intense clashes and displacement in western rural Dar'a (Sheikh Miskine) - where 12,500 people were displaced from the worst affected areas, including Sehm Al-Golan, Hit, Tassil and Jlein by the second half of March, and in northern rural Aleppo - where at least 40,000 people has been displaced from the affected areas and sought refuge in rural areas between A'zaz and Al-Raee. During the last week of April, the security situation has also quickly deteriorated in Aleppo city, where violence had gradually escalated causing significant number of casualties and widespread material damage.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Turkey – Secretary General's Special Representative on Migration and Refugees Visits Turkey

May 30th, 2016 - The Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees, Ambassador Tomáš Boček, is conducting a fact-finding mission to Turkey from 30 May to 4 June 2016 to assess the situation of refugees and migrants and identify areas where the Council of Europe could be of concrete assistance to Turkey, particularly in respect of children and unaccompanied minors.

[Full Article](#) (Council of Europe)

Turkey - Showpiece Syrian refugee camp hit by child sex assault case

May 12th, 2016 - A Turkish man has gone on trial in southern Turkey charged with sexually assaulting at least eight Syrian children at the refugee camp where he was working, reports and official sources said on Thursday. Turkey's emergencies agency AFAD, which is responsible for the camp, said in a statement it was aware of the man's arrest and was following the case closely. The crimes are alleged to have taken place at the tented camp for refugees in the district of Nizip in Gaziantep province in southern Turkey, close to the Syrian border.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)



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Yemen - Children can keep their childhood thanks to Red Crescent volunteers in Yemen

May 12th, 2016 - For more than a year, communities across Yemen have had to endure the turmoil wrought by the country's ongoing armed conflict. Over 6,500 people have been killed in the fighting, half of whom were civilians caught up in the clashes. Insecurity and instability has forced about 2.8 million others to flee their homes, seeking safety and the possibility of hope in the future in other towns, villages and cities, or in neighbouring countries. Schools, hospitals and infrastructure have endured severe losses - many have been completely destroyed.

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

Yemen - WFP Yemen Situation Report #21

May 11th, 2016 - In April 2016, WFP exceeded its monthly General Food Distribution (GFD) target of 3 million beneficiaries, reaching 3.18 million people in 19 governorates. 225,515 people in Sana'a, Aden and Taizz benefited from 2,352 mt of food assistance received through commodity vouchers. In March, WFP distributed food for 3.4 million beneficiaries in 17 governorates, surpassing its monthly GFD target of 3 million people assisted. In addition, 195,000 people received food received 2,364 mt through WFP's commodity vouchers distributed in Sana'a and Aden.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Yemen - Yemen Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 11

May 8th, 2016 - A Cessation of Hostilities (CoH) was declared in Yemen on 10 April, paving the way for the resumption of peace negotiations in Kuwait on 21 April. The prospect of a much needed respite in violence at a time of appalling suffering and trauma was welcomed by the humanitarian community. Since March 2015, the escalation of the conflict has taken a severe toll on the population; an estimated 21.2 million Yemenis (82 per cent of the total population) need some sort of humanitarian assistance.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)



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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)

[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)

[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)

[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)

[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)

[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)

[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)

[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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[Article complet](#) (Le Monde)

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)

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)

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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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)

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)

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

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

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

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

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

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

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

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

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)

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

[For more information](#) (ReliefWeb)

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)

4. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Afghanistan – Time to Pull the Rug from under Child Labour

June 12th, 2016 – Today is the UN Day Against Child Labour, a day that is not widely acknowledged in the media. Decades of armed conflict have devastated Afghanistan's economy and employment opportunities for adults are scarce. Many children are sent to work by their parents, just to survive. Some children work as street vendors, porters, shoe-shiners, shop assistants or collect paper or metal off the streets. Other children work in brick factories or in the carpet industry.

[Full Article](#) (War Child)

Afghanistan – Textbook Printing and Distribution

June 1st, 2016 – USAID's Textbook Printing and Distribution Project supports Afghanistan's Ministry of Education (MoE) to expand access to and improve the quality of basic education for Afghanistan's school-aged children. Through this project, USAID partners with the Afghan government to procure and distribute appropriate, MoE-approved textbooks in Pashto, Dari and English.

[Full Article](#) (USAID)

Afghanistan – Education for Afghan Girls the Focus on UN-Backed Event in Herat

June 5th, 2016 – Calling for more Afghan girls to be educated, participants at a UN event in the western province of Herat discussed the importance of raising awareness among community residents about the critical need for girls to acquire an education so they can contribute more effectively to the western region's development. More than 30 people, including religious scholars and tribal elders from Badghis, Ghor and Herat, attended the event, which was organized by the regional office of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) to foster discussion about education, gender equality and social development.

[Full Article](#) (UNAMA)

Afghanistan – Urban Displaced Youth in Kabul – Part One: Mental Health Matters

June 1st, 2016 – Largely ignored for over 10 years, the role of Afghanistan's youth in transition has been increasingly in the spotlight since 2013, the year of the National Youth Policy. Much more needs to be done to bring change for youth as 60% of Afghanistan's population is under the age of 24. Taking the case of Kabul's urban displaced youth, this study shows just how. This is the first of a three-part series that will be released between now and August 2016, ahead of the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan.

[Full Article](#) (Samuel Hall Consulting)

Afghanistan – After Taliban Music Ban, Songbook Teaches Afghan Children to Sing Again

June 14th, 2016 – When Louise Pascale, an American music teacher, pulled a three-decade-old Afghan children's songbook from her bookcase, she realized she was likely holding a treasure lost to Afghan children following a music ban imposed by the Taliban. Playing instruments was banned during the period of Taliban rule in late-1990s Afghanistan, and even today, many conservative Muslims frown on most forms of music.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Algérie: M. Sellal installe Mme Cherfi déléguée nationale à la protection de l'enfance

09 juin 2016 - *Le Premier ministre, Abdelmalek Sellal, a procédé jeudi à Alger à l'installation de Mme Meriem Cherfi déléguée nationale, président de l'Organe national de la protection et de la promotion de l'enfance.* Cet Organe, placé auprès du Premier ministre, a pour mission de veiller à la protection et la promotion des droits de l'enfant en matière sociale et judiciaire.

[Article complet](#) (All Africa)

Iraq – WHO Expresses Concern Over Disease Outbreaks in its Response to Fallujah Crisis

June 16th, 2016 – WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Ala Alwan arrived in Baghdad yesterday to review firsthand WHO's response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Fallujah city, where more than 42 000 Iraqis have been displaced since the beginning of the military operations in the city in May 2016. Tens of thousands of besieged and displaced men, women, children and older people face major health risks as they lack adequate access to health services.

[Full Article](#) (WHO)

Iraq – Two Years After Capture of Mosul Displaced Iraqis Struggle

June 10th, 2016 – Iraqi mother-of-six Ahlam Tariq Ali once enjoyed what she calls a “luxurious life” in Iraq's second city of Mosul. But that ended when militants stormed the city two years ago. As fierce street fighting closed in on her neighbourhood near a military base in the northern city, she fled on foot with her daughter, Zeinab, a lawyer, clutching only vital documents.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR)

Iraq – Cash Assistance Helps Syrian Children in Iraq Catch up on Education

June 27th, 2016 - “Isra had missed out on a year of her education by the time she arrived here,” says Sirwan, deputy principal of Tarin School. “But she’s a very good student. It’s good that she’s back in class.” Isra, 8, is in the third grade. She lives with her mother, older sister and two brothers. Originally from Damascus, the family has been displaced twice, first to the Syrian town of Hasakah and then to the Kurdistan region of Iraq where they now live in a village on the outskirts of Erbil. The locals in their new community have gone out of their way to help make them feel welcome.

[Full Article](#) (UNCIEF)

Iraq – Nuriya’s Grandchildren Drowned Trying to Flee Besieged Fallujah

June 14th, 2016 Two young girls aged 16 and 8, and a little five-year-old boy. Nuriya's three grandchildren drowned in the river Euphrates trying to escape war-torn Fallujah.

“We stayed in Fallujah’s city centre after it was taken over by ISIS. At first it was bearable, but then hunger started to hit us”, said Nuriya, when NRC's Karl Shembri and Asmaa Nuri met her in the Amiriyat Al - Fallujah camp on Saturday. A few days earlier, the 50-year-old mother of five from Fallujah had to tell her own son about the loss of his three children.

[Full Article](#) (Norwegian Refugee Council)

Jordan – Rebuilding Youth: The Value of Going Local in Jordan

June 1st, 2016 – As Syrian refugees continue to stretch Jordan’s resources, local peacebuilding organisations are filling a crucial gap. Jared Wright reports from a recent trip to Jordan. Tucked away in the basement of the neighborhood mosque in a quiet pocket of the northern city of Irbid, Jordan, the sound of singing children floods into the dusty, sundrenched streets. Inside the building, over 40 children and their families enjoy a new found sense of peace and safety, a small slice of solace in a foreign land after fleeing their homes in Syria.

[Full Article](#) (Peace Direct)

Lebanon – UNHCR Lebanon: Back to school

June 8th 2016 - Several subjects in the Lebanese curriculum are taught in either French or English, as opposed to the all-Arabic curriculum the students were used to in Syria, making it difficult for Syrian refugee students to catch up. Many additional second shift programs were opened in Lebanese schools over the past years, especially in areas with a high number of refugees. However, for many students the distance to school and lack of transportation is still a barrier for attendance as transportation is only provided to the most vulnerable refugees and those living 2.5 kilometres or more from the nearest school.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Lebanon – Joint Declaration: Germany and Poland Support Upgrading of Schools in Lebanon

June 22nd, 2016 - Every child in Lebanon, and that includes every refugee child, should be able to go to school. Germany and Poland will support the Lebanese education ministry in achieving this ambitious goal. That was agreed between BMZ State Secretary Friedrich Kitschelt and Undersecretary of State Joanna Wronecka at today's Polish-German government consultations.

[Full Article](#) (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)

Lebanon – Sport brings together Lebanese and Syrian Adolescents

June 5th, 2016 - The Ministry of Education, Germany, US, France and UNICEF have united their efforts in an attempt to reinforce integration among Lebanese adolescents and Syrian refugees in Lebanon. The partnership aims to invest in the future of a generation of children affected by the conflict in Syria, enrolled in sixty (first and second shift) public primary schools across the country.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Lebanon – Kuwait Provides Additional Support to UNESCO for Education of Syrian Youth

June 3rd, 2016 - The USD 500,000 contribution comes in addition to the USD 5 million granted by the Emir of Kuwait in 2015 for UNESCO's regional education response strategy, "Bridging Learning Gaps for Youth" (2016-2017). This new contribution will support the "Enhancing Access to Secondary Education and Quality Results for Youth Affected by the Syria Crisis in Lebanon" to address critical learning gaps of vulnerable youth. It will assist the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon in their efforts to reach out-of-school Syrian refugees, by building capacity to manage catch-up programmes and more active learning strategies.

[Full Article](#) (UNESCO)

Libya – Must Have Functioning Government to End Tragic Humanitarian Situation, UN Envoy Tells Security Council

June 6th, 2016 - The top United Nations official for Libya today told the Security Council about the "tragic" humanitarian situation there, underlining that "personal tragedies and collective suffering" are the consequence of the continued lack of State authority in most parts of the North African country.

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

Lybia – One Child Killed, Three Wounded by Air Strikes in Eastern Lybia

June 16th, 2016 – Air raids in the eastern Libyan city of Derna killed one child and wounded three more, a resident and medical sources said, the second time in a week that civilians have been killed by strikes there. Military forces allied to Libya's eastern government have been carrying out regular air strikes in Derna which they say are targeting al Qaeda-linked militants.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Maroc: Formation à Meknès au profit des encadrantes pédagogiques des foyers féminins et des garderies d'enfants

08 juin 2016 - Des sessions de formation ont été organisées cette semaine à Meknès à l'initiative du ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports, au profit des encadrantes pédagogiques des foyers féminins et des garderies d'enfants. Cette troisième rencontre nationale, inscrite dans le cadre de la proclamation de Rabat en tant que capitale de la jeunesse arabe en 2016, a été marquée par l'organisation de diverses activités et le lancement d'initiatives visant en premier lieu à promouvoir les approches conçues en matière de mise à niveau des foyers féminins et centres de formation professionnelle œuvrant dans le domaine de la femme, la jeune fille et la petite enfance.

[Article complet](#) (All Africa)

Maroc: L'exploitation des "petites bonnes" bientôt bannie au Maroc?

15 juin 2016 - *L'intérêt supérieur de l'enfant doit prévaloir dans toutes dispositions législatives.* Le vote en début de ce mois par la Chambre des représentants de la loi 19.12 sur « les conditions d'emploi et de travail des travailleur(e)s domestiques », constitue une grande avancée dans « l'harmonisation de notre législation avec nos engagements internationaux et avec la lettre et l'esprit de la Constitution concernant les droits de l'enfant dans notre pays », a estimé le Collectif contre l'exploitation des mineures dans le travail domestique. Notamment après introduction d'un amendement fixant à 18 ans l'âge minimal d'accès au travail domestique. « C'est une disposition qui répond aux attentes de la société civile réitérées depuis près de nombreuses années, aux recommandations du CNDH et du CESE ainsi qu'aux appels de l'UNICEF et de l'ONU Femmes », a indiqué le Collectif.

[Article complet](#) (All Africa)

Syria: Bomb Attack Damages Children’s Hospital in Aleppo – Explosion Forces Medical Facility to Close

June 8th, 2016 - An aerial bomb attack in Syria on Wednesday severely damaged the Malteser International-supported pediatric hospital in Aleppo – forcing it to cease operations and stop accepting new patients. “An explosion directly outside the facility caused severe material damage to an entire floor of the building, but thankfully no casualties were reported in the hospital itself,” said Janine Lietmeyer, Malteser International’s Middle East Manager. Hospital staff regularly carry babies being treated at the hospital to the building’s cellar in their incubators during air attacks.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Syrie : Le mirage de la trêve à Alep

17 juin 2016 - *“Une nouvelle trêve temporaire à Alep a été battue en brèche le 16 juin par des raids du régime sur les quartiers rebelles, quelques heures après l’annonce par la Russie de son entrée en vigueur”*, relève **L’Orient-Le Jour**. Le quotidien beyrouthin rappelle que, ces derniers mois, des trêves ont été régulièrement annoncées dans cette ville, *“avant que le front s’embrase à nouveau”*.

[Article complet](#) (Courrier International)

Syrian Arab Republic - Rebuilding Syria Through Innovation: Empowering Syrian Youth to Become Entrepreneurs

June 1st, 2016 - Despite the limited transportation, perpetual security threats and bombings ravaging her adopted city, Leen Darwish, an optimistic 23-year-old woman, stayed steadfastly determined to continue her education at the University of Damascus and graduate with a degree in computer science.

[Full Article](#) (UN Population Fund)

Syrian Arab Republic – From Inside Darayya: UNICEF on First Humanitarian Convoys to Enter Besieged Syrian City in Four Years

June 1st, 2016 - UNICEF teams have seen a bleak reality of fear and trauma inside Darayya – as well as strength and hope among children – while taking part in the first two humanitarian convoys to reach the city in four years. During their brief time inside the city on the first convoy, health teams vaccinated 169 children against diseases such as polio and measles, as well as 30 women against tetanus. A UNICEF nutritionist conducted rapid assessments to determine the priority nutrition needs for children, as well as pregnant and lactating women.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Turkey – What Leaders Can Learn from Syria’s Youth

June 6th, 2016 – Sami was nervous at first, but his voice grew steady as he described how he fled his home in Aleppo to start a new life in Gaziantep, Turkey. “We had to leave everything behind and say goodbye to the city we love,” he said. “At first, I wasn’t sad because I did not realize that we would not be returning, and I didn’t know how hard it would be. It was difficult for me to start a new life in this city – I missed my home, I often felt alone, and it was difficult to make new friends.”

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Yemen – Government Says to Free 54 Children Captured in Fighting with Houthis

June 7th, 2016 - Saudi Arabia has handed over to Yemeni President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi's government 54 child prisoners who were captured during fighting with the Iran-allied Houthi militia, Yemen's foreign minister said on Tuesday. Abdel-Malek al-Mekhlafi, who heads Hadi's peace negotiating team, said the children were aged between 8 and 17 years and their release showed the government and its Saudi-led coalition ally "reject the Houthi crime of using children in war".

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Yemen – Saudi-Led Yemen Coalition Removed from UN Child Rights Blacklist Pending Review

June 7th, 2016 - The United Nations said on Monday it had removed the Saudi Arabia-led coalition fighting in Yemen from a child rights blacklist pending a joint review by the world body and the coalition of the cases of child deaths and injuries. The U.N. report on children and armed conflict - released last Thursday - said the coalition was responsible for 60 percent of child deaths and injuries in Yemen last year, killing 510 and wounding 667, and half the attacks on schools and hospitals.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Yemen – Futures on the Line: Yemen’s Children Missing an Education

June 12th, 2016 – 1,600 schools have been damaged or destroyed, occupied by IDPs or closed due to insecurity. Attacks on school, students and personnel as a result of aerial bombardments or ground attacks has resulted in deaths and injuries of educators and children and rendered many schools unusable – 51 attacks on schools were verified during 2015. The military use of schools has likewise disrupted education and endangered the lives of children – 50 cases of military use of school were verified in 2015.

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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)



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[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)



[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. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Afghanistan – Children in Afghanistan struggle to access education and healthcare

April 18th, 2016 – Jointly produced by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and UNICEF, the report documents how conflict-related violence, threats and intimidation by all parties to the conflict harmed health and education personnel, reduced the availability of healthcare, and limited children's access to essential health and education services. The report covers the three-year period, 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Afghanistan – Afghans protest murder of Setayesh Ghoreishi in Iran

April 22nd, 2016 – Afghan civil and human rights activists have staged a rally outside the Iranian regime's consulate in Herat, north-west Afghanistan, demanding justice over the rape and murder of a six-year-old Afghan girl in Iran earlier this month.

[Full Article](#) (NCRI Iran News)

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

April 25th, 2016 – 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.

[Full Article](#) (UNAMA)

Egypt – Children Reported Tortured, 'Disappeared'

April 21st, 2016 – Beirut – Egyptian security forces allegedly tortured a group of 20 people, eight 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)



Iran – Iran regime plans to execute juvenile offender

April 9th, 2016 – Iran's regime is planning to execute Amanj Veisee for a crime he committed at the age of 15, Rebecca Carr of Amnesty International's 'Children's Human Rights Network' says. "At his retrial in December Juvenile offender Amanj Veisee was resentenced to death for the murder of his cousin – despite an official forensic report concluding that he had not attained 'mental growth and maturity' at the time of the crime," Ms. Carr wrote on the website of Amnesty International UK.

[Full article](#) (NCRI Iran News)

Iraq – 'It was a children's soccer game. Of course he knew he was going to kill children'

April 8th, 2016 – In Asriya, Iraq The suicide bomber who blew up a youth soccer match late last month left barely a dent in the hard, dry earth, and only a faint scorch on a concrete wall nearby. But he gouged a chasm of grief in the heart of the small community that lost more than two dozen of its sons in a single moment, at 6:15 on the evening of March 25. A total of 43 people died in the bombing at the game, according to figures provided by the local government. Of those, 29 were boys younger than 17 who had either been participating in the match or watching their friends play.

[Full Article](#) (The Washington Post)

Iraq – Slump hurts refugee schools in Kurdistan region of Iraq

April 8th, 2016 – The classroom is Spartan. Student numbers are high and teachers have not been paid for months, but deputy principal Mohammed Zekkhi refuses to give up hope. "These children are our future, we cannot let them down," says Zekkhi, of the primary school at Kawergosk refugee camp, in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, or KR-I, which has 1,700 pupils.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR News)



Iraq – Iraq GBV Sub-Cluster Strategy for 2016

April 19th, 2016 – Iraq is experiencing a double crisis of displacement. Syrian refugees, which currently total over 244,5271 individuals, have fled the armed conflict in Syria and have sought refuge primarily in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI). Compounding this crisis is the larger scale internal displacement of Iraqis who continue to flee areas controlled by the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and the subsequent military operations by government and allied forces to regain territory.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Lebanon – WFP Launches School Meals Programme To Support Both Lebanese And Syrian Children

April 4th, 2016 – “Education is vital to equip the youth of Lebanon and Syria with the tools they will need to contribute to a region that is going through such turmoil and difficulty,” said WFP Lebanon Country Director Dominik Heinrich. “By providing children with daily, nutritious meals at school, WFP can ensure improved nutritional intake for these children as well as encouraging their parents to send them to school regularly.

[Full Article](#) (WFP News)

Lybia – 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](#) (Reliefweb)

Lebanon – Ministry of Social Affairs, Université Saint Joseph, UNICEF, European Union - Strengthening Child Protection across Lebanon

April 20th, 2016 – Under the patronage and in presence of the Minister of Social Affairs, H.E. Mr. Rachid Derbas, a toolkit designed to strengthen national systems of protection of children against violence, exploitation abuse and neglect, is being launched in Beirut today.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



Maroc – Les droits des enfants restent insuffisamment respectés

14 avril 2016 – Un trop grand nombre d'entre eux continue à être exposé aux violences, y compris dans les formes extrêmes. 86 000 enfants travaillent et 55% des élèves n'achèvent pas l'enseignement obligatoire. Le Conseil économique, social et environnemental (CESE) a tenu, le 31 mars à Rabat, la 60e session ordinaire de son assemblée générale au cours de laquelle a été présenté le projet de rapport sur les droits de l'enfant intitulé : «L'effectivité des droits de l'enfant, condition de développement du Maroc et responsabilité de tous».

[Full Article](#) (La vie éco)

Maroc – Dans le quotidien des enfants de la lune

15 avril 2016 – Selon l'Association de solidarité avec les enfants de la lune, 400 enfants souffrent de cette maladie au Maroc. Les parents déplorent l'absence de prise en charge sociale et médicale de leurs enfants. Sana a 27 ans. Depuis toute petite, elle souffre d'une maladie qu'elle était rare: elle ne peut pas s'exposer aux rayons du soleil. Ses parents avaient décidé très tôt de ne plus l'envoyer à l'école. Ce qui ne l'a pas empêchée de suivre un cursus scolaire chez elle. «Comme nous n'avions aucune idée de la maladie, nous avons perdu notre fils Mounir en 1994. Il avait sept ans. Dès lors, on a tout fait pour préserver la vie de notre fille», explique Mohamed Yakdane, père de Sana.

[Full Article](#) (La vie éco)

Maroc – Un réseau d'avocats pour la défense et la protection des enfants au Maroc

24 avril 2016 – Un réseau d'avocats, coordonné par l'Observatoire national des droits de l'enfant (ONDE), a été créé, samedi 23 avril à Rabat, pour défendre les droits de l'enfant et le protéger contre toutes les formes de violences et d'exploitation. La création de ce réseau a eu lieu dans le cadre d'une réunion nationale des avocats, organisée par l'ONDE sous le signe "les avocats se réunissent pour défendre les enfants contre la violence et l'exploitation".

[Full Article](#) (Al Huffington Post)

Palestine – Israeli Police Abusing Detained Children [EN/AR/HE]

April 11th, 2016 – Israeli security forces are abusing Palestinian children detained in the West Bank, Human Rights Watch said today. The number of Palestinian children arrested by Israeli forces has more than doubled since October 2015.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



Palestine – Dubai Cares safeguards the rights to education for Palestinian children in Gaza

April 14th, 2016 – Dubai Cares, part of Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, announced a new program in Gaza, Palestine amounting to AED 11,402,550 (USD 3,103,824) over the next two years to ensure access to education for 2,570 refugee Palestinian children, in partnership with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). This program is part of a series of programs that Dubai Cares has been launching under its “Rebuild Palestine. Start with Education” initiative that was announced in October 2014.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Palestine – No Way to Treat a Child, Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system

April 14th, 2016 – Today, Defense for Children International - Palestine published a new report, No Way to Treat a Child, detailing the widespread and systematic ill-treatment of Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system. From meals prepared in a makeshift kitchen to adult prisoner "caregivers," the report also gives a rare glimpse into Palestinian children's daily living conditions in Israeli prisons.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Children’s Alliance)

Palestine – Rise in Palestinian children held by Israel 'alarming'

April 24th, 2016 – A jabbing pain in his shoulder and thigh roused Obada from his sleep at 3am. In the half-light, the 15-year-old could make out eight masked men surrounding his bed, their rifles pointed at him. "I felt terrified," he said of the experience of being arrested in February from his home in the village of al-Araqa, near Jenin in the northern West Bank.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Palestine – Meet the youngest Palestinian female prisoner

April 25th, 2016 – After spending 2.5 months in a prison cell, 12-year-old D* al-Wawi, the youngest Palestinian female detainee, was released on Sunday on early parole. D, arrested on February 9 near the illegal Israeli settlement of Karmeit Zzur, was convicted of attempted voluntary manslaughter and illegal possession of a knife in a plea bargain by Israel's military court days after her detention. She was sentenced to 4.5 months in Israeli military prison, and completed more than half of her sentence.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)



Palestine – Janna Jihad: Meet Palestine's 10-year-old journalist

April 28th, 2016 – Palestinian Janna Jihad Ayyad, who turned 10 years old this month, counts herself among the youngest journalists in the world. A resident of the village of Nabi Saleh in the occupied West Bank, Janna, along with many other local children, regularly participates in demonstrations against the Israeli occupation. She began making videos of what was happening in her village when she was only seven years old.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Pakistan – Polio vaccination drive to cover 1.3m children

April 25th, 2016 – At least 1.3 million children of less than five years will be vaccinated against poliovirus during a three-day campaign that is set to commence on Monday. Balochistan Emergency Operation Centre Coordinator Dr Saifur Rehman said at a meeting that the campaign would be carried out in 12 districts of the province, including the high-risk areas.

[Full Article](#) (DAWN)

Saudi Arabia – 3 Alleged Child Offenders Await Execution

April 17th, 2016 – Three Saudi men are awaiting execution for alleged, protest-related crimes committed while they were children. Saudi judges based the capital convictions primarily on confessions that the three defendants retracted in court and said had been coerced. The courts did not investigate the allegations that the confessions were obtained by torture.

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

Syria – Children in Besieged Syrian Suburb Are Forced Out Of School And Into Work

April 5th, 2016 – Violence, poverty and displacement have affected millions of Syrian children, sometimes forcing them to become the sole providers for their households. In the besieged Damascus suburb of Eastern Ghouta, many are forgoing their education and turning to the streets to help support their families.

[Full Article](#) (The World Post)



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Syria – A future in the Balance: How the conflict in Syria is impacting on the needs, concerns and aspirations of young people across the Middle East

April 20th, 2016 – An entire generation of young people in the Middle East faces unprecedented challenges in an environment of insecurity and poverty, risking losing their untapped potential to hopelessness.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Syria – Child refugees and their families are being denied crucial disability benefits

April 26th, 2016 – A two-year wait until refugees in the UK are eligible to apply for disability living allowance has left people with war-inflicted injuries and other serious medical conditions without support.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Syria – Dozens Dead As Air Strikes Destroys Syrian Hospital

April 28th, 2016 – Air strikes destroyed a hospital and killed dozens of people in rebel-held areas of Syria's Aleppo including children and doctors, and the United Nations called on Moscow and Washington to salvage a "barely-alive" cease-fire. The city of Aleppo is at the epicenter of a military escalation that has undermined peace talks in Geneva to end the five-year-old war and U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura appealed to the presidents of the United States and Russia to intervene.

[Full Article](#) (The World Post)

Syria – Syria army readies Aleppo offensive as civilian toll rises

April 28th, 2016 – The Syrian army was preparing an offensive to retake the northern city of Aleppo, where 53 civilians were killed in fighting Thursday in a new blow to a tattered truce. It was the highest death toll for a single day in a week of fighting in the divided city of Aleppo between rebels and regime forces that has cost more than 200 lives, a monitoring group said.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)



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Syria – WFP Launches Cash Cards For Displaced Families And Syrian Refugees In Iraq

April 28th, 2016 – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has launched a digital cash card programme to provide food assistance to thousands of displaced Iraqi families and Syrian refugees across Iraq. Through electronic cards, known as SCOPE cards, WFP is providing both cash and voucher assistance to people in need, allowing them to choose and buy their own food from local shops across the country.

[Full Article](#) (WFP News)

Syria – Syria's peace talks fade as violence escalates

April 29th, 2016 – A Palestinian boy and his sister were killed in Hamas-controlled Gaza Saturday when they were hit by fragments from a missile fired by an Israeli aircraft, while three senior Hamas leaders traveled to Cairo to try to repair relations with Egypt after years of tension. The incident in Gaza took place hours after militants launched rockets into Israel. An Israeli military statement said aircraft had targeted four militant training camps belonging to Hamas after four missiles landed in open areas in southern Israel Friday night. No casualties were reported from the rocket strikes.

[Full Article](#) (Reliefweb)

Yemen – Yemen children bearing the brunt of brutal conflict – UN

April 10th, 2016 – “The children of Yemen are bearing the brunt of a brutal conflict. The cessation of hostilities that has come into effect today is an opportunity for parties to take action to improve their protection. “In the past year, the United Nations verified a significant increase in grave violations against children by all parties to the conflict in Yemen.

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



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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. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Turkey – ISIS does the unimaginable, uses child to Carry out terror attack

August 22th 2016 – Turkey - A suicide bombing attack on a wedding in Turkey this weekend turned a happy day into a scene of horrific carnage. Terrorists not only targeted a sacred day but did something else unimaginable, they used a child to carry out their evil plot.

[Full article](#) (CBN News)

Iraq – See it: Child suicide bomber foiled in Iraq before he could detonate his explosive belt

August 22th 2016 – Irbil, Iraq - A child would-be suicide bomber was apprehended in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk before he was able to detonate his explosive belt, Iraqi police said Monday.

[Full article](#) (NY Daily News)

Syria – How four child Refugees said Goodbye to Syria

April 19th 2016 - On the morning that Sara and her family fled their home in Aleppo, she asked her mother a question that will sound familiar to parents of young children everywhere: “Can I take the toys with me?”

[Full article](#) (Frontline News)

Syria – Children among dead in Syria barrel bomb attack

August 26th 2016 - The video shows a devastating scene: Two boys covered in dust desperately cling to each other and cry. "My brother is gone," one sobs. It's one of several harrowing videos activists shared after a barrel bomb in the Syrian city of Aleppo killed at least 15 people, including children, according to two groups monitoring the situation.

[Full article](#) (CNN News)

Syria – 1 in 3 Syrian Children have grown up knowing only crisis as conflict reaches 5 year point – UNICEF

March 14th 2016 - An estimated 3.7 million Syrian children – 1 in 3 of all Syrian children – has been born since the conflict began five years ago, their lives shaped by violence, fear and displacement, according to a UNICEF report. This figure includes more than 151,000 children born as refugees since 2011.

[Full article](#) (Children of Syria)

Syria – Portraits Capture Piercing Gaze of Syrian Refugee Children

March 16th 2016 – Syria- About half of the 4.8 million Syrians who fled their homeland are children.

Over several days, Associated Press photographer Muhammad Muheisen captured portraits of some of these children at a camp near the Syrian border on the outskirts of Mafraq, Jordan. Refugees from a conflict that is now more than six year old, it's doubtful if many of them can remember Syria before war, but they miss their homeland nonetheless.

[Full article](#) (NBC News)

Syria – Rescue ‘Em All: Activists Use Pokemon Go to spotlight Syria kids

July 22th 2016 – Syria - A little boy sits holding a picture of the well known Pokemon character, Pikachu, looking beyond the camera, for what seems like a thousand yards. Some might take it as a stare of longing for a new plush toy and if the child was anywhere other than his home country of Syria, it might have been just that.

[Full article](#) (NBC news)

Lybia – Newborn twins among thousands rescued in the Mediterranean

August 30th 2016 – Tripoli, Lybia - Twins who were only five days old and born prematurely were among the thousands of migrants who were rescued on Monday in the Mediterranean, according to a humanitarian group. The mother was traveling alone with her two infant boys. One of the babies was sick — he was vomiting and had a dangerously low body temperature, according to Doctors Without Borders, an international nonprofit agency also known by its French acronym, MSF.

[Full article](#) (KNEB)

Lybia – Twins born at sea: Eritrean mother tells of migrant journey

September 2th 2016 – Lybia - The migrants and refugees fleeing to Europe are often numbers until you meet them. Then they become people, with names and faces and stories of hardship, tragedy and hope. It all came together for me when in Italy I met Merhawit Tesfamariam, a 26-year-old Eritrean who gave birth to twins on board a rickety boat off the Libyan coast in late August.

[Full article](#) (Gant News)

Iraq - Iraqi Sunni militia groups 'recruiting refugee children to fight IS'

August 30, 2016 - Iraqi Sunni militia groups have recruited refugee children as young as 15 to fight the Islamic State (IS) group, a report from Human Rights Watch (HRW) says. HRW said two tribal militia groups had recruited at least seven children from the Debaga camp and drove them to a town close to Mosul, where Iraqi security forces were preparing an offensive to kick IS out of the city.

[Full article](#) (Middle East Eye)

Egypt – Private hospital shuts down after a young girl dies from FGM procedure

May 30th 2016 – Egypt - Suez governor Ahmed Al-Hitamny shut down a private hospital in the city after a young girl died on Sunday while undergoing a female genital mutilation (FGM) procedure, which is illegal according to Egyptian law.

[Full article](#) (Daily News Egypt)

Egypt – No guarantee that FGM law amendments will discourage practice: researcher

August 30th 2016 – Egypt- Despite the recent amendment to the law against female genital mutilation (FGM), there is no guarantee that people will be discouraged from performing this controversial operation unless they are made aware of the dangers, thus not forcing their female relatives to undergo such operations, according to Dalia Abdel Hamid, the women's rights officer at the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR).

[Full article](#) (Daily News Egypt)

Egypt - Egypt Parliament Toughens Penalties for Female Circumcision

August 31st 2016 - CAIRO — Egypt's parliament on Wednesday toughened penalties for female genital mutilation, adopting amendments that punish perpetrators with up to 15 years in prison if a child dies and up to seven years for performing the procedure.

[Full article](#) (The New York Times)

Lebanon - UNRWA schools in Lebanon open their doors to Palestine refugees

September 1st 2016 - The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is working to support the Palestine refugee community in Lebanon. Today, staff members of UNRWA, led by the Director of UNRWA Affairs in Lebanon, Matthias Schmale, and the Chief of the Field Education Programme, Ahmad Mouh, recognized the importance of access to education for Palestine refugee children and attended the openings of schools across the country.

[Full article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Syria - Syrian refugee children prepare for school in Turkey

September 5 2016 - Syrian refugee children living in Istanbul have been taking part in a summer pre-school programme to help them prepare for their first year of schooling in Turkey. Run by Plan International – the global child rights and humanitarian organisation – in partnership with the Mother Child Education Foundation (known locally as ACEV), the project is helping them learn Turkish and adjust to a whole new curriculum in a different language. This is important because, before arriving in Turkey, the children had only ever spoken Arabic – their mother tongue – and the language barrier has been a major factor in preventing them from getting an education.

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

Tunisie - Tunisie: Journée de la science 2016 - Soutenir les enfants vulnérables

6 septembre 2016 - Le Centre de loisirs pour les enfants à Hammamet a organisé, le 3 septembre, une rencontre intitulée «Journée de la science». Des responsables du ministère, des experts et des spécialistes des questions éducatives se sont exprimés, en présence de Mme Naziha Laâbidi, ministre de la Femme, de la Famille et de l'Enfance, sur le thème des enfants sans soutien familial, focalisant essentiellement leurs interventions sur l'importance de sensibiliser le grand public aux problèmes des enfants sans soutien familial, dont la situation est précaire.

[Article complet](#) (AllAfrica)

13 millions d'enfants privés d'école à cause du conflit au Moyen-Orient et en Afrique du Nord

3 septembre 2015- D'après un rapport de l'UNICEF publié aujourd'hui, l'intensification du conflit et les troubles politiques au Moyen-Orient et en Afrique du Nord empêchent plus de 13 millions d'enfants de se rendre à l'école. Le rapport, intitulé « Education Under Fire », traite de l'impact de la violence sur les écoliers et le système éducatif dans neuf pays qui ont été, directement ou indirectement, touchés par la violence.

[Article complet](#) (UNICEF)

Jordan - In Jordan, schools to open doors to all Syrian children

September 16 2016 - Zarqa, Jordan: Intissar Ghozlan's two youngest boys haven't been in school since the family fled from Syria to Jordan two years ago. There's no space in local classrooms, and the boys, 12 and 14, can "barely write their names," having forgotten most of what they learnt back home, she says.

[Full Article](#) (Gulf News)

Tunisie - Tunisie: hausse d'abus sur les enfants

18 août 2016 - Chiffres inquiétants des violences sur les enfants. Plus de 630 enfants tunisiens ont été victimes d'abus sexuels cette année. Un chiffre multiplié par trois par rapport à 2013. Dans ce pays, 80% de victimes d'agressions sexuelles répertoriées sont des enfants. Des chiffres qui avoisinent les 96% dans certaines régions où la violence est banalisée et sert de moyen d'éducation dans les foyers,» déplore la responsables de l'association SOS enfant.

[Article complet](#) (BBC Afrique)

Syria - New Stats From Aleppo Show Devastating Impact of Airstrikes On Children

August 29, 2016 - Toronto, ON- - The viral video of 5 year old Omran covered in rubble has drawn international attention to the fate of children trapped in Syria. As many doctors in Aleppo say, “Omran is one of the lucky ones”. Today videos were released of children suffering severe burns from napalm attacks in Syria.

[Full article](#) (ReliefWeb)

Iraq - Iraq's neglected children

August 30, 2016 - Up to 50 per cent of Iraq's population is under 19 years old, according to the United Nations Development Programme. The population is getting younger. Under 19s in Iraq, those born after 1997, would have been at most six when the US-led coalition invaded the country, their earliest memories are clouded by war, violence and destruction. In the 13 years after the invasion, peace has been a word missing from the Iraqi vocabulary. According to a study by the Lancet, approximately one million innocent Iraqi civilians have died as a direct consequence of the war. This violence is rapidly on the rise and the Iraqi Body Count states that civilian deaths have doubled year-on-year. Last month saw the largest act of terror in Baghdad since the start of the war, with over 300 innocent lives lost in one day. The significant impact this is having on Iraq's younger generation is sadly overlooked.

[Full article](#) (Middle East Monitor)

Iraq - In Iraq, Nigeria and now Turkey, child bombers strike

August 23, 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)

Israel - Israeli army continue to flout regulations on child detainees

August 29, 2016 - Following numerous complaints and legal action concerning pain and injury caused by the use of single plastic hand ties by the Israeli military on detainees, including children, the office of the Military Advocate General announced the introduction of new procedures for the use of restraints in 2010. The nature of the complaints prior to the introduction of the new procedures relating to the use of plastic ties included swelling, ties cutting into wrists and severe pain.

[Full article](#) (Middle East Monitor)



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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

14th of September - 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](#) (Relief web)

[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. Sub-Regional and Country updates

Algérie - Les enfants autistes laissés en marge

4 septembre 2016 - Pour le professeur Mahmoud Ould Taleb, chef du service de pédopsychiatrie à l'EHS Drid Hocine (Kouba), l'intégration des enfants autistes dans un “milieu scolaire approprié”, contribuerait à “favoriser l'intégration de cette catégorie dans la société et leur offrir une chance de mieux s'assimiler et avoir des opportunités nouvelles”. Faute de structures d'accueils spécialisées et des moyens adéquats de prise en charge, les enfants atteints d'autisme seront privés de rentrée scolaire aujourd'hui. Cette frange de la société, dont le nombre dépasse selon une récente étude de l'Office national des statistiques (ONS) les 80 000, est laissée à l'abandon par les pouvoirs publics.

[Article complet](#) (Liberté Algérie)

Egypt - Egypt: New Penalties for Female Genital Mutilation

9th of September 2016 - More stringent penalties for female genital mutilation approved by Egypt's parliament on August 31, 2016, are a step toward eliminating the practice, but further legal and other reforms are needed, Human Rights Watch said today. Egyptian authorities should make sure that laws and policies against female genital mutilation are enforced, including holding accountable medical facility directors who allow the practice to take place.

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

Égypte - Enfants des rues en Égypte: l'impossible réhabilitation?

21 septembre 2016 - Aucun chiffre précis n'existe, mais les enfants des rues en Égypte seraient plusieurs dizaines, voire des centaines de milliers. Avec la crise économique que traverse l'Égypte, le phénomène s'amplifie. Ils vivent, en bandes, de petits boulots ou de mendicité. Au-delà des difficultés éprouvées pour se nourrir, se vêtir, trouver un endroit fiable pour dormir, les enfants sont aussi directement exposés à une multitude de violences et de menaces, tentés par la consommation de drogue et le repli. Devant cette situation dramatique, les associations tentent de s'organiser pour donner une seconde chance à ces enfants, les protéger de ces dangers, et leur donner la confiance que l'ensemble de la société ne veut pas ou plus leur accorder.

[Article complet](#) (RFI)

Iraq - Animal therapy comforts traumatised Iraqi children

14th of September 2016 - Erbil, Iraq - Eight-year-old Hiwa is delighted when she gets to pet the birds and puppies brought by a group of volunteers to Iraq's Qushtapa camp. "We are already friends. I sing with the birds all the time," Hiwa told Al Jazeera. In the Qushtapa camp for displaced Iraqis and Syrian refugees in Erbil, dozens of children between the ages of three and 18 have been participating in this volunteer-run animal therapy programme. Dogs, birds and even chimpanzees are brought in for the children to play with. They also spend time drawing and learning about the animals.

[Full article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Iraq - UNICEF launches back-to-school campaign to help millions missing out on education

30th of September 2016 - Iraq: UNICEF launches back-to-school campaign to help millions missing out on education several weeks before of the start of the new school year, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), together with the Iraqi Ministry of Education, launched a nationwide 'Back to School' campaign in 10 governorates. Some 3.5 million school-aged Iraqi children are missing out on education, which means they are at increased risk of early marriage, child labour and recruitment into armed groups. About one million school-aged children are internally displaced, and 70 per cent of them have lost an entire year of school.

[Full article](#) (UN News Center)

Iraq - Children disappear across Iraq, but critics say authorities lack plan

9th of September 2016 – BAGHDAD - The Baghdad Operations Command announced the release of two kidnapped children from southern Baghdad on Aug. 20. The crime itself was no surprise, as the abduction of children has become a serious and common social problem in Iraq. This summer, a UN report confirmed that 1,496 Iraqi children have been abducted during the past 36 months and few have been seen again. In one rare case, on Aug. 3, a kidnapped child was released from captivity and his kidnapper arrested in Baghdad.

[Full article](#) (Al Monitor)

Iraq/Iran - Iraq, Iran accused of sending children to fight 'jihad' in Syria

28th of September 2016 - Iraqi civil rights groups have accused their government of staying silent as Iranian-sponsored militias and organisations recruit child soldiers to fight a "jihad" in Syria, Al Jazeera reported on Monday. Campaigners accused Baghdad of adopting a policy of silence or complicity as Iran uses organisations and armed militant Shia factions under its control to press children to take part in the Syrian bloodletting that has now claimed 400,000 lives since 2011. The families of some of these children have complained that Iraqi officials have done little to address their grave concerns regarding the welfare of their children. Their complaints also

suggest that Iraqi children are seen as expendable as they are left unattended when they suffer wounds or their bodies are not repatriated to Iraq after they have been killed in Iran's so-called jihad in Syria.

[Full article](#) (Middle East Monitor)

Iran - Military theme park in Iran markets war, violence

30th of September 2016 - A military theme park where children play with weaponry has opened in Iran's city of Mashhad, the capital of Khorasan, for the second year in a row. The local authorities called it the "park of the revolution's children." In the park, the children are trained in shooting virtual fixed and moving targets. The targets carry the flag of countries which Iran view as their enemies, including the US and Israel. The Iranian-speaking website shahrvand-yar commented on opening this park by asking: "What future do you expect to these eight-year-old children who are being trained on carrying and using weapons at this age? What do you think the aim of these drills is?"

[Full article](#) (Al Arabiya)

Iran - Combien d'autres enfants doivent payer le prix de la négligence du régime iranien ?

30 septembre 2016 - Mehdi Fathi, un professeur de math à Sanandaj, au nord-ouest de l'Iran, dans une lettre publiée sur les réseaux sociaux, a expliqué la condition tragique des écoles à travers le pays. Voici des extraits de sa lettre : « Moins de cinq mois après que les murs vieux et usagers d'une école (dans la province du Sistan-Baloutchistan) se soient effondrés sur la tête du dévoué professeur 'Hamid Reza Gangouzehi', nous avons appris qu'une fois de plus dans le Sistan-Baloutchistan, les vieux murs et portes d'une autre école se sont effondrés sur 'Fariba Chardivari', une jeune écolière de 5 ans, qui, avec grand enthousiasme accompagnée d'autres enfants de son âge, allait à l'école pour prendre ses livres, en roulant (se balançant) sur la porte d'entrée de l'école dans son rêve de voler de son univers d'enfant.

[Article complet](#) (CNRI)

Lebanon – UNRWA schools in Lebanon open their doors to Palestine refugees

1st of September 2016 - The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is working to support the Palestine refugee community in Lebanon. Today, staff members of UNRWA, led by the Director of UNRWA Affairs in Lebanon, Matthias Schmale, and the Chief of the Field Education Programme, Ahmad Mouh, recognized the importance of access to education for Palestine refugee children and attended the openings of schools across the country.

[Full article](#) (UNRWA for Palestinians refugees in the near East)

Libya - children reduced to 'skin and bones' by military blockade of Benghazi

30th September 2016 - Electricity cut off for past two years, food running out. 'While bombs and shells continue to rain down on them, civilians are struggling to survive on rotten food and dirty water' - Magdalena Mughrabi. Fears are growing for hundreds of civilians trapped in a section of the city of Benghazi which faces intensified fighting after several months under military blockade, Amnesty International said today. The organisation has gathered testimony from some of the 130 Libyan families and hundreds of foreign nationals who have been trapped for months in the residential district of Ganfouda, in south-west Benghazi. All entry roads are blocked by the fighting or by the Libyan National Army - and food, water and electricity supplies have been cut off.

[Full article](#) (Amnesty International UK)

Palestine - Israel tells Palestinians: Our textbooks or no funding

1st of September 2016 - Occupied East Jerusalem - As tens of thousands of Palestinian children across occupied East Jerusalem begin a new school year on September 1, teachers, parents and human rights groups have raised concerns over a controversial funding proposal that would only benefit schools that drop the Palestinian curriculum in favour of an Israeli equivalent. The Jerusalem affairs and heritage minister, an irregular portfolio which the current government re-established in June 2015, is set to offer more than 20m shekels (\$5.3m) to schools in East Jerusalem on the condition that they teach the Israeli curriculum.

[Full article](#) (Al Jazeera)

Palestine - Five days, four children shot dead

22nd of September 2016 - Israeli forces shot dead four Palestinian children in Hebron, during the most concentrated period of deadly violence in the West Bank since June. In separate incidents between September 16 and September 20, four Palestinian teenagers were fatally shot by Israeli soldiers in Hebron. Seven Palestinians have been killed by Israeli soldiers in less than a week, marking the highest concentration of Palestinian deaths since June, when three Palestinians were killed in under 48 hours, according to Ma'an News Agency. Earlier this month, another child, Abdul-Rahman Dabbagh, was shot dead by an Israeli soldier in Gaza.

[Full article](#) (Defense for Children International Palestine)

Saudi Arabia - Saudi Arabia contradicts itself on child executions at UN

30th of September 2016 - Saudi Arabia has admitted to the UN in writing that it sentences children to death, despite denying the accusation in oral evidence to the body's child rights committee last week. The Saudi delegation to the UN's Committee on the Rights of the Child said last week, in a live webcast, that "the crime must have been committed by a perpetrator who is an adult at the time in order for them to be sentenced to capital punishment". According to the delegation's oral evidence, "the age of liability is always 18" in Saudi Arabia. However, in written evidence to

the same committee, the Saudi delegation confirmed that children as young as 15 can be sentenced to death in the kingdom. Executing people who were juveniles at the time of the offence is illegal under international law.

[Full article](#) (Middle East Eye)

Sudan - Children bear brunt of alleged chemical weapon attacks in Sudan, says Amnesty

29th September 2016 - Sudanese government forces have used chemical weapons repeatedly against civilians, including babies and young children, in one of the most remote regions of Darfur over the past eight months, according to allegations documented by Amnesty International. The alleged chemical attacks, believed to have killed up to 250 people, mostly children, represent a “new low” in the catalogue of serious abuses perpetrated by government forces in the region, said the human rights group. The most recent of the alleged offensives recorded by the investigation occurred on September 9th. The attacks are ongoing, said Amnesty.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

Syria - Why So Many Children Are Being Killed in Aleppo

27th of September 2016 - They cannot play, sleep or attend school. Increasingly, they cannot eat. Injury or illness could be fatal. Many just huddle with their parents in windowless underground shelters — which offer no protection from the powerful bombs that have turned east Aleppo into a kill zone. Among the roughly 250,000 people trapped in the insurgent redoubt of the divided northern Syrian city are 100,000 children, the most vulnerable victims of intensified bombings by Syrian forces and their Russian allies.

[Full article](#) (The New York Times)

Syrie - près de 100 enfants tués à Alep suite à la reprise des affrontements, selon l'UNICEF

28 septembre 2016 – Le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'Enfance (UNICEF) a annoncé mercredi qu'au moins 96 enfants ont été tués et 223 ont été blessés dans la partie est de la ville syrienne d'Alep depuis vendredi dernier. « Les enfants d'Alep sont pris au piège dans un cauchemar », a déclaré dans un communiqué le Directeur exécutif adjoint de l'UNICEF, Justin Forsyth. « Il n'y a pas assez de mots pour décrire la souffrance qu'ils vivent », a-t-il ajouté. Le système de santé dans la partie est d'Alep est en ruine avec le départ d'environ 30 médecins. Il ne reste pratiquement aucun équipement ou médecine d'urgence pour soigner les blessés alors que la ville connaît un nombre toujours croissant de cas de traumatismes.

[Article complet](#) (UN News Center)

Syria - Syria war: The toy smuggler bringing bags of joy to children

28th of September 2016 - For the girls, it is Barbie dolls. The boys love footballs, cars and teddy bears. Rami Adham knows exactly what brings the biggest smiles to the faces of Syrian children. The Finnish-Syrian father-of-six has become known as the "Aleppo toy smuggler". He says the feeling of handing out toys to children living through a war that is older than many of them is "indescribable". "The smile they give you back, the gratitude... you help them forget that they have lost their homes, their schools, their toys." With over 28 visits to Syria from Helsinki in the past four years, he has honed the logistics of his operation.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

Tunisie - Tunisie : ils sont mineurs, mais on a organisé leurs fiançailles

19 septembre 2016 - Gouvernorat de Gafsa, à un peu moins de 8 heures de route de Tunis. Deux familles procèdent aux fiançailles de leurs enfants. Il a quinze ans, elle en a douze. Les photos de la cérémonie sont partagées sur Facebook. On y voit la pré-ado maquillée, en robe décolletée, apprêtée comme une femme alors qu'elle n'est qu'une enfant. Ces quelques clichés partagés sur le réseau social, le média le plus puissant du pays avec près de cinq millions de comptes pour onze millions d'habitants, vont alerter des internautes. « L'affaire » quitte le giron familial et les profondeurs du Sud pour devenir publique. On s'indigne. Au pays du CSP (Code du statut personnel instauré par Bourguiba en 1956) qui offre aux femmes des droits (divorce, adoption...) peu développés dans le reste du monde arabe, on feint de découvrir qu'on peut fiancer une fillette.

[Article complet](#) (Le point Afrique)

Tunisie – Partenariat entre l'association « SOS village d'enfants Tunisie » et Les Cahiers Selecta

9 septembre 2016 - A la veille de la nouvelle rentrée scolaire, l'Association « SOS Villages d'Enfants Tunisie » les Cahiers Selecta ont décidé de construire un partenariat en joignant leurs efforts pour promouvoir les valeurs de l'égalité des chances d'accès à la scolarisation pour les enfants tunisiens. Ce partenariat vise à sensibiliser les responsables publiques et les autorités gouvernementales pour assurer aux enfants tunisiens une égalité des chances pour un accès équivalent aux instruments de l'éducation nationale leur permettant de devenir de véritables citoyens et des éventuels acteurs de développement pour leur pays.

[Article complet](#) (Tunisie numérique)

Turkey/Lebanon/Jordan - Educating Refugee Children in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan

16th of September 2016 - Human Rights Watch has created a dedicated webpage on access to education for Syrian refugee children, whose school year begins this month, in advance of the New York summits on the global refugee and migration crisis. In addition to the latest Human

Rights Watch findings, statistics, and recommendations, the webpage contains numerous links to videos and photos for journalistic use. The new Human Rights Watch publication on the subject, "Education for Syrian Refugee Children: What Donors and Host Countries Should Do," is based on extensive research in Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan. More than half of the 1.5 million school-age Syrian refugee children living in these countries do not have access to formal education.

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

Yemen – Yemen hospitals run out of medicine for dangerously malnourished children

27th of September 2016 - Desperate parents are being asked to provide their own medicines to treat their malnourished babies and children, as Yemen's hospitals run out of supplies and the health system has collapsed. But Yemeni families told Save the Children staff they are so poor they can barely afford fuel and transport costs to get to hospitals. Even when families are able to borrow cash to get to hospital, they cannot afford essential medicines once they get there. Dr Abdullah Thabit who runs the Malnutrition Section of Al Sabeen mother and child hospital in the capital Sana'a said: "On Saturday two twins died because of a lack of medicine. The situation here is very critical, we receive more than three cases of malnourished children every day from different governorates.

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

Yémen - l'UNICEF et ses partenaires viennent en aide aux enfants grâce à des équipes de santé mobiles

30 septembre 2016 - Le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) et ses partenaires ont mené au cours de la semaine passée une campagne destinée à apporter des soins de santé et de nutrition à des centaines de milliers d'enfants et de femmes au Yémen où le conflit se poursuit. Du 24 au 29 septembre, une campagne à l'échelle nationale a atteint plus de 600.000 enfants âgés de moins de cinq ans et plus de 180.000 femmes enceintes et allaitantes avec un ensemble de services de santé et de nutrition, incluant les vaccinations, les suppléments en vitamines, le déparasitage, le dépistage de la malnutrition et le traitement d'infections infantiles ainsi que les soins prénatals et postnatals pour les femmes.

[Article complet](#) (UN News Center)

Yemen - Yemen says rebels forced children to carry arms

7th of September 2016 - SANAA: A Yemeni minister with the internationally recognized government Tuesday accused the country's Shiite rebels of forcing children to fight in Yemen's civil war, saying the rebels have recruited as many as 4,800 boys over the past six months. Human Rights Minister Ezz Eddin al-Asbahi also said the rebels known as Houthis have killed about 1,000

civilians in the two-year conflict, and that more than 300 children have died – either because of gunfire or rockets.

[Full article](#) (The Daily Star Lebanon)



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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

[News] Algérie: "Des avancées significatives" sur la voie de l'élimination du travail des enfants (DOL)

2th of October 2016 - L'Algérie a figuré en 2015 parmi les 16 premiers pays dans le monde ayant réalisé des avancées significatives sur la voie de l'élimination du travail des enfants, selon un rapport du département du Travail américain (DOL) publié à Washington. Le rapport qui retrace les efforts entrepris par les gouvernements en 2015 pour éliminer les pires formes du travail des enfants, précise que seize pays, dont l'Algérie, ont réalisé "des avancées significatives" dans ce domaine, figurant ainsi dans la première catégorie des pays qui ont agi sur plusieurs fronts pour mettre fin au trafic et à l'exploitation des enfants.

[Full article](#) (Maghreb Emergent)

[News] MAROC. "La mort de Mouhcine Fikri est celle de trop"

31th of October 2016 – Un jeune vendeur de poissons marocain est mort vendredi 28 octobre, à Al-Hoceima, dans le nord du pays, broyé par le mécanisme d'un camion à ordures alors qu'il tentait d'empêcher la destruction de sa marchandise saisie par les forces de l'ordre. [Une mort tragique qui a entraîné des manifestations importantes](#) non seulement dans le Rif mais dans d'autres régions. Car les Marocains "en ont ras-le-bol [...] de se sentir méprisés" raconte l'ancienne présidente de l'Association marocaine de défense des droits de l'homme (AMDH) Khadija Ryadi.

[Full Article](#) (L'OBS)

[News] Universal Periodic Review Submission on Algeria

6th of October 2016 - Algeria has undertaken a number of legal reforms that promote women's rights. In 2005, following campaigning by women's rights groups, the parliament passed two laws that improved women's rights. The first amended the Nationality Code to allow Algerian women with foreign spouses to pass on their nationality to their children and to their foreign husbands. The second amended the Family Code by increasing women's access to marriage, divorce, and custody of children. Despite these positive steps, many of the Family Code's provisions remain discriminatory.

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

[News] Lancement de la première caravane "l'Algérie de l'enfant et du livre" à Adrar

21th of October 2016 - Une caravane intitulée l'Algérie de l'enfant et du livre a été lancée hier dans la wilaya déléguée frontalière de Bordj Badji Mokhtar (Adrar), à l'initiative de l'association "l'enfance heureuse" d'El-Atteuf (Ghardaïa), indique l'APS. Placée sous le signe de "Pour que la lecture soit un droit pour chaque enfant algérien", cette manifestation d'une semaine prévoit l'organisation, au niveau des établissements scolaires des communes de Bordj Badji Mokhtar et Timiaouine, d'ateliers sur l'enfant et le livre, encadrés par des psychopédagogues, chargés de l'initiation des enfants aux procédés de lecture et d'écriture, ainsi que de médecins pour la prise en charge médicale des enfants.

[Full Article](#) (Huffington Post)

[News] Saudi uses role on UN Human Rights Council to cover up its abuses

24th of October 2016 - This week, Saudi Arabia will be re-elected to the UN Human Right Council (HRC) for the fourth time, after another non-competitive election at the UN General Assembly (UNGA). While serving its third term on the council, Saudi Arabia blocked international inquiries into its human rights abuses, punished Saudi citizens who worked in collaboration with the HRC, and threatened to cut critical UN funding after being called out for violating children's rights.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Eye)

[News] Mothers urged to apply for children's free health services

8th of October 2016 - The Ministry of Health has urged Bahraini mothers to apply for special health cards to avail the free health services for their children, thanks to the royal decree issued by His Majesty the King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. "Children of Bahraini mothers are entitled to free medical services since the implementation of the Royal Decree issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa are being urged to apply for special health cards to continue to avail the services," an official at ministry told Bahrain News Agency (BNA).

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

[News] Pictures of two Egyptian children engaged to be married trigger outrage — once again

22th of October 2016 - At the wedding, held in a province about 75 miles north of Cairo, the guests didn't find it strange. Some would later tell Egypt's Al Watan newspaper that there was "nothing inappropriate," adding that it was only "an engagement, not a marriage". Omar is 12 years old. His fiancée, Gharam, is 11. Egyptian laws prohibit official registration for marriages for anyone under the age of 18. But the practice remains prevalent. According to UNICEF, 17 percent of Egyptian girls are married before the age of 18, the vast majority of the unions taking place in rural areas.

[Full Article](#) (Washington Post)

[News] No end in sight': detention wears on for American who ran Egypt children's clinic

17th of October 2016 - For two years after she was arrested, Aya Hijazi refused to give up hope that Egypt's courts would let her, an American who ran a child welfare clinic, go free to reunite with her family. Nine hundred days after her arrest, she has started to lose that hope. (...)Disenchanted by Egypt's convulsing politics, the couple used their wedding fund to start a not-for-profit group, Belady, meant to offer a refuge for homeless children.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

[News] European Union supports Egypt in collaboration with UNICEF to expand educational opportunities and enforce child protection systems

24th of October 2016 - The European Union (EU) and the Government of Egypt (GoE), represented by the Ministry of International Cooperation, the Ministry of Education, and the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM), in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) launched today the five-year programme "Expanding Access to Education and Protection for at Risk Children in Egypt". The programme's budget amounts to a total of 36 million Euro- out of which the EU has contributed 30 million Euro- to increase the access to education of the most vulnerable and socially excluded children and to strengthen child protection in up to 15 selected Egyptian governorates.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

[News] Egypt: Fears grow for 'disappeared' student Omar Khaled

31th of October 2016 - Fears are growing over the whereabouts of a 22-year-old Egyptian student who was last seen being dragged away from a Cairo metro station by a group of men, shortly before security forces raided his family home. (...)Rights groups accuse Egypt of abducting and torturing hundreds of activists. In a [report](#) published in July 2016, Amnesty International said children as young as 14 were being forcibly disappeared by the state security apparatus.

[Full Article](#) (Al Jazeera)

[News] Egypt: More education, rapid care for vulnerable refugee and host community children

10th of October 2016 - For the first time in Egypt, the European Union and UNICEF will work together on a humanitarian project to help children attend pre-school, to provide more education opportunities and a safer environment for refugee and Egyptian children. About 37,000 children, families and caregivers will benefit from this funding by the European Union.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

[News] UN refugee chief warns of "forgotten population" in Egypt

20th October 2016 - Filippo Grandi met African refugees in Egypt, many of whom are becoming increasingly vulnerable. (...) Sayida and her children are some of the over 70,000 African refugees now registered with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, in Egypt. She told her family's story to UN High Commissioner for refugees Filippo Grandi. He had come to Caritas, an NGO supported by UNHCR and which offers counsel and help to refugees, on his first day of an official visit to Egypt.

[Full Article](#) (UNHCR)

[News] Iran rocked by abuse allegations against top Qur'an reciter

26th of October 2016 - Complainants use banned media outlets to accuse Saeed Toosi of sexually abusing them when they were aged 12 to 13. Iran has been shaken by scandalous allegations against a top Qur'an reciter, who is accused of sexually abusing underage trainees, in the first case of its kind to cast a spotlight on the taboo topic. The allegations are unprecedented in the Islamic republic, where such figures are

generally trusted by the public and claims of this nature are usually kept in the dark, with few victims known to have ever dared to come forward.

[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

[News] Execution Looms for Iranian Child Bride

6th of October 2016 - On September 30, a young woman delivered a stillborn child in Euromieh central prison, in northern Iran. That would be tragic for any mother, but in Zeinab Sokian's case, the tragedy is runs even deeper: the delivery brings her one step closer to the gallows. Zeinab, who was sentenced to death for allegedly murdering her husband in 2012, when she was 17, was informed by authorities this week her execution could take place in the coming weeks. (Zeinab had married a fellow prisoner who fathered the child.)

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

[News] Stéphane Dion's gesture in the House offends mother seeking kids' return from Iran

6th October 2016 - Alison Azer, whose former husband is wanted by Canadian police for taking their children to Iran 14 months ago, says she was offended after Foreign Affairs Stéphane Dion made a "disrespectful" gesture Thursday while another MP was raising her case in the House of Commons. "I was truly disappointed to see the foreign [affairs] minister exhibit such unbecoming behaviour on such an important issue to Canadians," Azer told reporters on Parliament Hill after the incident, choking back tears when asked about Dion's gesture.

[Full Article](#) (CBC)

[News] Children's books in Iran glorify violence

27th October 2016 - Books in Iran, in general, are subjected to a strenuous approval process. But, the glorification of violence, even in children's books, does not appear to be a problem. The dog was a traitor, one of the wolf's accomplices. The punishment: execution by hanging. The same fate was meted out in another story to the defeated cat enemy. These are some excerpts taken from children's books in Iran.

[Full Article](#) (Deutsche Welle)

[News] Shell-shocked children and their mothers flee ISIS after being liberated by troops advancing on Mosul amid warnings of gathering humanitarian disaster

25th of October 2016 - Haunting images show scores of Iraqi families gathering on a roadside after being driven out of their homes by the ongoing battle to recapture Mosul. Women and children are seen congregated near the Qayyarah area, as the background is filled entirely with huge plumes of black smoke. Many can be seen looking on with fear and uncertainty in their eyes as they await the outcome of the fighting, which has been ongoing for a week.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Mail)

[News] UNICEF And Iraqi Ministry Join Hands To Educate 3.5 Million Children

5th of October 2016 - United Nations' children's fund (UNICEF) in partnership with the Iraqi Ministry of Education has launched a Back to School campaign in 10 governorates to reach an estimated 3.5 million displaced Iraqi children who are missing out on their education. "Some 3.5 million school-aged Iraqi children are missing out on education, which means they are at increased risk of early marriage, child labour and recruitment into armed groups," the UN News Centre reported on Friday.

[Full Article](#) (Examswatch)

[News]Time to invest Iraq's wealth in its future

25th of October 2016 - Recently I visited a primary school in Basra as part of a UNICEF team. As our plane landed at Basra airport by night, I could see flames shooting out of the oil wells that dot the landscape. Basra, which used to be best known for its port – Sinbad the Sailor journeyed from there – is now synonymous with oil. (...)The school is one of 419 schools across Iraq that will pilot a UNICEF and Ministry of Education project to allocate resources directly to schools and to involve parents in school management. The transition into a schools-based management system aims to improve the school environment and children's learning outcomes.

[Full Article](#) (Relief Web)

[News]Civilians Fleeing Through ISIS Minefields Face Detention, Prison-Like Conditions In Northern Iraq

31st of October 2016 - It took five attempts before Umm Khaled and her young children were able to flee their hometown of Hawija, controlled by the so-called Islamic State group. Each time, the nightmare played out the same: Under cover of night, they crept out of their homes, praying they would survive the ISIS landmines, though others had not. Each time, the militants hiding in the shadows would grab them as they ran and force them to leave the dead and dying behind. Each time, ISIS took what hard-earned money they had left and whipped the men traveling with them into submission.

[Full Article](#) (Huffington Post)

[News]Violating the rights of children

29th of October 2016 - It is with shock that one has learnt that about 20 per cent of marriages registered in Jordanian courts during 2015, according to figures recently issued by the Department of Statistics, involved brides as young as 15 to 18. As per the international norms that the country ratified, any person under the age of 18 is a child, requiring special treatment and protection. In 807 marriages contracted that same year, both the bride and the groom were minors. Families constituted of such young people cannot exercise their civil or political rights.

[Full Article](#) (The Jordan Times)

[News] Jordanian women more vulnerable to child marriage and FGM, says new report

30th of October 2016 - Jordan has ranked 58th globally for opportunities for girls, in the latest report by Save the Children exploring the barriers that hold girls back. The report, launched to mark the International Day of the Girl on October 11, measures countries against five indicators: early marriage, adolescent pregnancy, maternal mortality, women in parliament and secondary school completion. In Jordan, a recent report by the Sisterhood Is Global Institute (SIGI) said that nearly 20 per cent of marriages registered in Jordanian courts in 2015 involved brides aged between 15 and 18.

[Full Article](#) (Albawaba)

[News] Children's Race of Samsung Amman Marathon concludes

22th of October 2016 - The Children's Race of the 8th Samsung Amman Marathon concluded on Friday with the participation of 2,700 children representing various schools in the Kingdom. There were more than 500 children from the Junior Runners Programme participated in the Children's Race for free, representing the various governorates where this programme is successfully being implemented.

[Full Article](#) (The Jordan Times)

[News] Sally Faulkner On Her Final Moments With Her Children

24th of October 2016 - Brisbane mother Sally Faulkner has recounted the dramatic final moments with her children in Lebanon and revealed footage of the two kids, Lahela and Noah, after they were snatched off the street. In [the second episode of Australian Story's two-part special](#), Faulkner claims her children asked to come back to Australia with her as she initially ran from Lebanese authorities in a desperate attempt to keep her kids.

[Full Article](#) (Huffington Post)

[News] In Lebanon, getting Syrian children in school a huge task

7th of October 2016 - Twelve-year-old Abdulrahman has not set foot in a classroom for nearly three years. Instead of going to school, he works at the grocer's downstairs from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., packing fruit and vegetables to support his family. (...)He and his brother are among an estimated 250,000 Syrian refugee children in Lebanon who are out of school, often having missed years of formal education.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

[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.

[Full Article](#) (The Conversation)

[News] Oman to set up task force to fight child abuse

7th of October 2016 - Dedicated child abuse units will be set up across Oman in the coming months in a bid to eradicate child abuse in the Sultanate. According to Dr. Moza Al Hatmi, head of the Child Health section at the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Muscat, "We have sent circulars to all governorates to form this task force; it is a team where a group of physicians will be nominated to deal with cases of child abuse. Some of the governorates have already formed this team, but they haven't started operating yet, but in a few months' time, they will."

[Full Article](#) (Times of Oman)



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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

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[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. Subregional and Country updates

Afghanistan-Held in bonded labor, Afghan returnee children make bricks for a living

2nd of November 2016-Samina, an eight-year-old Afghan girl, hasn't been to school since she was forced to return home with her family from Pakistan. She spends each day at a dusty, dirty brick kiln near the eastern city of Jalalabad, making bricks with her father to help repay the money the family borrowed to pay the truck driver who brought them across the border.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Algérie-Enfance : viols, enlèvements, agressions diverses, les chiffres glaçants de la LADDH

20 novembre 2016-A l'occasion de la célébration du 27^e Journée internationale des droits de l'enfant, la Ligue algérienne pour la Défense des droits de l'Homme livre des chiffres qui donnent froid au dos sur les violences subies par les enfants en Algérie. C'est l'occasion pour la Ligue algérienne pour la défense des droits de l'homme (LADDH) d'exprimer son point de vue et brosser un tableau noir de la situation de cette catégorie fragilisée de la société sur la base de la réalité actuelle et le respect des engagements pris par le pays, en tenant compte des dispositions de la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant (CDE) et les Objectifs du millénaire pour le développement (OMD).

[Article complet](#) (Le matin d'Algérie)

Iraq-Iraq's children of caliphate face stateless future

15th of November-Ali and Sara, born in Islamic State's self-styled caliphate in northern Iraq, escaped to a camp for displaced people only to confront a new challenge -- with no identity documents, they risk joining a generation of stateless children.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Irak-En Irak, des enfants ravis de retourner à l'école sans l'EI

13 novembre 2016-"Une balle plus une balle égale?", "Deux balles": voici comment les enfants du village irakien de Jaraf ont appris à compter durant les deux ans passés sous le joug du groupe Etat islamique (EI).

[Article complet](#) (RTBF)

Irak-Irak: 600.000 enfants parmi les civils piégés dans Mossoul (ONG)

27 novembre 2016-Quelque 600.000 enfants figurent parmi les civils piégés dans Mossoul, a indiqué mardi Save The Children, qui a appelé à ouvrir des couloirs humanitaires pour permettre à la population de fuir ce fief du groupe terroriste Daesh que les forces irakiennes se préparent à reconquérir.

[Article complet](#) (TRT Français)

Iraq-Mosul families squat in squalor between frontline and camps

11th of November 2016-At the small mosque in Shahrezad village, piles of human faeces dot the ablutions room and rubbish is strewn around the garden. Women with infants huddle in the prayer room and dozens of others have slept on thin blankets in the open air.

[Full Article](#) (Reuters)

Iran-Child trafficking a growing problem in Iran

23th of November 2016-There is much to buy on the streets of Tehran. Iran's capital offers alcohol, drugs, sex, healthy kidneys and even infants. "It isn't new that babies are sold on the street," Shiva Nazar Ahari told DW. "It is on the rise, however. Desperate people aren't only selling their organs, but also their kids."

[Full Article](#) (Deutsche Welle)

Israël- Israël condamne un enfant palestinien à 12 ans de prison

7 novembre 2016- Les forces de sécurité israéliennes avaient arrêté l'enfant de 13 ans et tué son cousin âgé de 15 ans, dans une colonie au nord de Jérusalem-Est, le 12 octobre dernier, soutenant que les deux enfants ont tenté de poignarder deux soldats.

[Article complet](#) (TRT Français)

Israel-Committee: 8 Palestinian minors currently held by Israel

22th of November 2016-Palestinian Committee of Prisoners' Affairs head Issa Qaraqe said on Sunday that eight Palestinian children were being held in closed Israeli facilities upon orders by Israeli military courts until they reached the age of 14.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Monitor)

Liban-Journée des droits de l'enfant : la parole à 5 jeunes réfugiés syriens

18 novembre 2016-À l'occasion de la Journée internationale des droits de l'enfant, le 20 novembre, La Vie a rencontré des réfugiés syriens au Liban. Ils sont accompagnés par des associations locales, en partenariat avec Asmae, ONG fondée par Sœur Emmanuelle.

[Article complet](#) (La Vie)

Libya-ISIS Orphans Stranded in Foreign Prisons

15th November 2016-TUNIS—Tamim Jandoubi, a 2-year-old Tunisian boy whose father joined Islamic State, lives in a militia-run jail in the Libyan capital, where female inmates care for him. His grandfather

Fozi Trabulsi has been trying to bring him home, but has been stymied by bureaucratic hurdles and the stigma of his family's association with the extremist group.

[Full Article](#) (The Wall Street Journal)

Maroc- Maroc : Renoncer à poursuivre des adolescentes pour homosexualité

25 novembre 2016- Les autorités de Marrakech, au Maroc, devraient abandonner les poursuites engagées à l'encontre de deux adolescentes pour homosexualité présumée, ont déclaré aujourd'hui Human Rights Watch et Aswat, une organisation marocaine de défense des minorités sexuelles. Âgées de 16 et 17 ans, les jeunes filles risquent jusqu'à trois ans de prison sous prétexte qu'elles se seraient embrassées.

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

Middle East- 20 million children need immediate aid in Middle East, UNICEF says

20th of November 2016- More than 20 million children in the Middle East need immediate help, the U.N. children's agency said. Yesterday was Universal Children's Day and UNICEF has called for the rights of every child to be protected. "More than 20 million children, who have been affected by wars and clashes in the Middle East, particularly Syria, Iraq and Yemen, need immediate humanitarian aid," Juliette Touma, UNICEF's Middle East and North Africa communications chief, told Anadolu Agency.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Sabath)

Palestine- Palestinian children under siege forced to work

21th November 2016- Facing hard living conditions school-age children in the Gaza Strip continued to work in unsuitable jobs on the Universal Children's Day on Sunday like it was just another day.

[Full Article](#) (Daily Sabath)

Syria- The moral outrage of Aleppo child deaths

24th November 2016- Save the Children has hit out at the "moral outrage" of the mounting deaths and suffering of children in the battleground Syrian city of Aleppo, in a statement released Wednesday.

[Full Article](#) (Your Middle East)

Turkey- Turkish government withdraws child rape conviction bill after protests

21th of November 2016- Turkey's government has withdrawn a bill which proposed the overturning of men's convictions for child rape if they married their victim. The prime minister, Binali Yildirim, said on Tuesday: "We are taking this bill in the parliament back to the commission in order to allow for the broad consensus the president requested, and to give time for the opposition parties to develop their proposals.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Eye)

Yemen-Yemen: Houthi rebels accused by HRW of child torture, deaths in detention

17th of November 2016- Human Rights Watch accused Yemen's Houthi rebels on Thursday of arbitrarily detaining, torturing and forcibly disappearing opponents since they overran the capital in September

2014. The group said it had documented two deaths in custody and 11 cases of alleged torture, one of a child.

[Full Article](#) (Middle East Eye)



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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-État 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)

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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.

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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. Subregional and Country updates

[Report] Afghanistan - Assessment of Afghanistan's Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

4th of December - A new United Nations report released today indicates positive trends in Afghanistan's juvenile detention and rehabilitation facilities while also outlining a critical need to improve in-detention education and post-rehabilitation care for young Afghans. Extensive research carried out by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) into juvenile rehabilitation centres (JRCs) indicates the need for the Afghan government to focus, in particular, on helping young Afghans re-enter society.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[Report] Afghanistan - Child Marriages on the Rise in Afghan Province

7th of December - Laila, a 15-year-old girl from the Gozra district of Herat, was married off two years ago. She now has a six-month-old child. As she tried to soothe her fractious baby, she told IWPR how dissatisfied she was with her life. "When you get married, you can't go to school, can't play with your friends and you have to forget all your own wishes," she said. "Especially when you become a mother, then a world full of problems opens up to you and you suffer for the rest your life." Laila's mother said the family had been forced to get the young girl married off due to their poverty.

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

[News] Afghanistan – Government of Japan commits US\$ 12.4 million to provide life-saving vaccines and prevent the spread of infectious diseases in Afghanistan

13th of December - The Government of Japan pledged \$12.4 million today to Afghanistan to help eradicate polio and prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases in the country. This is in addition to over \$75 million of funding provided since 2010 to support the Polio Eradication Initiative and Expanded Programme on Immunization. His Excellency Mitsuji Suzuka, Ambassador of Japan, and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Representative in Afghanistan, Ms. Adele Khodr, signed the 12 month agreement in the presence of His Excellency, Dr. Ferozuddin Feroz, Minister of Public Health. It will be implemented in coordination with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[News] Afghanistan - No Respite for Kabul's Street Children

9th of December - Eight-year-old Sohrab spends her days looking through rubbish on the streets of Kabul. "I collect [empty] cans of Pepsi and then sell them to shopkeepers who buy these old things, and I earn so little money that is hardly enough for bread for dinner," she told IWPR. Sohrab is one of tens of thousands of children trying to scrape a living on the streets of the Afghan capital. Although the reintroduction of universal education is cited as one of Afghanistan's major achievements since 2001, children selling goods or begging are still a familiar sight in towns and cities across the country.

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

[Report] Afghanistan - Thousands of Children Face Early Marriage and Child Labour as Education Crisis Takes Hold among Afghan Children Repatriated From Pakistan

14th of December - New data from Save the Children reveals an alarming education crisis in Afghanistan, as 3,000 Afghans are repatriated daily from Pakistan, following a tightening in regulations by Pakistani authorities. More than 70 percent of returnee parents and community leaders who took part in an education survey compiled by the aid organisation said early marriage and child labour were major risks faced by repatriated children currently not in school. With lack of documentation, money and access identified as major barriers for schoolchildren, parents who are facing poverty often feel the only stable choice they can make is to arrange a marriage for their child or enter them into the workforce early.

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

[Report] Afghanistan - WFP & partners launch food fortification campaign to combat malnutrition in Afghanistan

7th of December - After months of preparations, the media campaign on fortified nutritious foods was eventually inaugurated on 29 November 2016 at MoPH's Sohaila Sediqu Conference Hall. The event was attended by senior officials of Ministry of Public Health, WFP Deputy Country Director, Ms Naoko Fukunaga, other WFO staff and representatives from other stakeholders including the media.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[News] Egypt - Egypt brings in tougher penalties against female genital mutilation

6th of December - An amended law that toughens penalties for female genital mutilation to up to 15 years in jail has come into effect, the health ministry announced Sunday. Health ministry

officials will monitor and oversee clinics and private hospitals to enforce the anti-FGM law that came into effect last Tuesday, the ministry said in a statement.

[Full Article](#) (Your Middle East)

[Report] Iraq - Freezing Temperatures in IDP Camps: UN Women Iraq Distributes High Thermal Blankets and Necessity Kits to Women and Girls in two camps Near Eastern Mosul

7th of December - The UN Women Iraq team went on mission near eastern Mosul this week to distribute 3,000 high thermal blankets to women and girls in two camps. Women and girls have mentioned freezing temperatures at night in the camps. UN Women has also distributed necessity kits for 20,000 individuals containing socks, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, feminine pads, vaseline, shampoo, nail clippers, laundry detergent, solar lamp/flashlight and other necessity items. One elderly woman mentioned "I am so grateful to receive the blanket so that my grandchildren and I are warm at night".

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[Report] Iraq - UN Women Iraq and COMSEC collaborate to engage women in humanitarian response and in conflict resolution

6th of December - In collaboration with Iraq's Council of Ministers Secretarial (COMSEC), UN Women organized a 3-day workshop on mainstreaming gender in humanitarian response/planning and in conflict resolution targeting the Ministerial Higher Committee for Relief in recognition of the importance of engaging women in humanitarian response and planning.

[Full Article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[News] Jordan - Exploring the links between gender-based violence and radicalisation in Jordan

13th of December - ACTED and its local partner AWO, launched a national workshop on Saturday 10 December 2016 in the Jordanian capital Amman to present the results of a study analysing the linkages between gender-based violence and radicalisation in Jordan. The event marked the end of the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" and International Human Rights Day (December 11), aiming to galvanise support to tackle violence against women as well as promote equal access to rights around the world.

[Full Article](#) (ACTED)

[News] Jordan - Providing Palestine Refugee Children in Jerash with the Tools They Need to Succeed

7th of December - For the second year in a row, the Chalhoub Group of Saudi Arabia has donated school bags and kits for Palestine refugee school girls and boys in Jordan. This year, the group donated 2,500 school bags and kit to Palestine refugees' school students from grades 1 to 3 in Jerash camp and to children attending the camp's Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre (CBRC). In 2015, the Group donated 1,500 bags and stationery to Palestine refugee children registered under the Agency's Social Safety Net in the North Amman area.

[Full Article](#) (UNRWA)

[Nouvelle] Maroc - Le Forum du Maroc : Les Droits de l'Adolescence et de la Jeunesse comme pilotes du Développement Durable

11 décembre - L'organisation du Forum Marocain "pour le rôle des adolescents et jeunes africains et arabe dans la mise en œuvre de l'Agenda de Développement 2030" organisé à Marrakech, s'inscrit dans le sillage des orientations de Sa Majesté le Roi Mohammed VI, et dans la continuité du plan d'action de l'ONDE relatif à la contribution dans la réalisation des Objectifs de Développement 2030, suite aux directives de Son Altesse Royale la Princesse Lalla Meryem, Présidente de l'Observatoire National des Droits de l'Enfant, pour que les enfants, adolescents et jeunes soient au cœur de la démarche mondiale de la mise en œuvre de ces Objectifs, en tant que cible et levier.

[Article complet](#) (Oujda City)

[Nouvelle] Maroc - Maroc : le procès de jeunes filles ravive le débat sur la dépénalisation de l'homosexualité

9 décembre - Deux jeunes filles surprises en train de s'embrasser sur le toit d'une maison, qui risquaient entre six mois et trois ans de prison, ont été ce vendredi, relâchées. Dénoncées par un proche, puis arrêtées le 27 octobre, Sanae et Hajar, respectivement 16 ans et 17 ans, sont poursuivies pour homosexualité et risquent de six mois à trois ans de détention, selon l'article 489 du code pénal, qui punit les « actes licencieux ou contre nature avec un individu du même sexe ».

[Article complet](#) (Middle East Eye)

[Nouvelle] MENA - Les pays arabes doivent accorder la priorité aux politiques favorisant la jeunesse, selon le PNUD

1^{er} décembre - Les pays arabes peuvent réaliser des progrès significatifs en matière de développement et de stabilité, et garantir ces gains de manière durable, s'ils accordent la priorité

aux politiques assurant le bien-être, la productivité, l'autodétermination et le sens civique des jeunes, selon un rapport du Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement (PNUD) publié cette semaine. « La vague de soulèvements qui a balayé la région arabe depuis 2011 nous a montré que nous ne pouvons plus traiter les jeunes de la région comme passifs ou comme une génération en attente », déclare Sophie de Caen, Directrice par intérim du Bureau régional pour les États arabes du PNUD.

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

[News] Syria - Gavi to support immunisation of children in Syria

8th of December - Gavi Board decisions also taken to strengthen emergency vaccine stockpiles and to accelerate human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine programme to protect 40 million girls against cervical cancer by 2020. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance has announced a special commitment aligned with the Syrian Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) to help partners purchase vaccines and cold chain equipment that will protect children living in war-torn Syria from deadly infectious diseases.

[Full Article](#) (Gavi)

[Report] Yemen - Malnutrition amongst children in Yemen at an all-time high, warns UNICEF

12th of December - Nearly 2.2 million children in Yemen are acutely malnourished and require urgent care. At least 462,000 children suffer from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), a drastic increase of almost 200 per cent since 2014. An additional 1.7 million children suffer from Moderate Acute Malnutrition. The situation of severely malnourished children in Governorates such as Hodeida, Sa'ada, Taizz, Hajjah and Lahej is most critical. These five governorates put together have the highest of all SAM cases in the country.

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