



# Newsletter on Children's rights – Global

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## **Bangladesh – Bangladeshi courts freeing child suspects due to virus risk**

5<sup>th</sup> June – Authorities in Bangladesh have been releasing hundreds of children suspected of committing mostly petty crimes as they try to keep the coronavirus from spreading in overcrowded detention centers, officials said Friday. The orders for their release on bail came from virtual courts set up by the country's Supreme Court with the help of UNICEF, officials said. About 400 children have been granted bail in recent weeks and more than 300 of them have already been reunited with their families, said Natalie McCauley, chief of child protection at UNICEF in Bangladesh.

AP News – [Full article](#)



## **Europe – Europe risks seeing a rise in child labour**

12<sup>th</sup> june – As the world celebrates the World Day against Child Labour, it is important to remember that child labour continues to be a reality in Europe. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), 152 million children are still engaged in child labour, accounting for almost one in ten of all children worldwide.

Council of Europe – [Full article](#)

## **Global – Birth registration can accelerate children’s access to justice: the African Union and UNICEF launch “No Name Campaign”**

17<sup>th</sup> june – With the increasing realization that registration of children at birth is one of the key elements to accelerate access to a child-friendly justice system for all African children, the campaign seeks to rally for the speedy implementation of commitments by the African Union member states, towards universal registration of children at birth and the urgency to reposition civil registration and vital statistics in Africa, to address the indignity of invisibility. The launch of the campaign is equally timely as concerns rise on the threat of birth registration rates falling behind amid COVID-19 pandemic.

Unicef – [Full article](#)

## **Global – Council of Europe discusses COVID-19 impact on child rights**

25<sup>th</sup> june – FRA joined the first exchange of views of the Council of Europe’s Child Rights Steering Committee. Committee members and observers shared their perspectives on the disruptive impact of the coronavirus on children’s lives, their wellbeing and their rights. FRA referred to its own bulletins on the fundamental rights implications of COVID-19 and relevant country studies.

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights – [Full article](#)

## **Global – Covid-19 has increased children’s exposure to traffickers**

10<sup>th</sup> june – With Covid-19 bringing economic activities across nations to a halt, more and more people are being pushed into poverty. Job losses, business losses and farming losses, leading to economic stress, are pushing many to the fringes of poverty. And as families are being rendered helpless, the worst sufferers are invariably the children.

The Daily Star – [Full article](#)



## **Global – Des millions d'enfants risquent de devoir travailler en raison de la pandémie**

11 juin – Selon une étude conjointe de l'Organisation des Nations unies pour l'enfance (UNICEF) et l'Organisation internationale du travail (OIT), le nombre d'enfants qui travaillent dans le monde a diminué de 94 millions depuis 2000. Mais « cet acquis est aujourd'hui en danger » en raison de la pandémie, préviennent les agences de l'ONU dans un communiqué. Selon l'étude, qui cite des données de la Banque mondiale, le nombre de personnes en situation d'extrême pauvreté devrait monter en flèche de 40 à 60 millions cette année en raison de l'épidémie de COVID-19.

La Presse — [Article complet](#)

## **Global – Émission spéciale : l'école au temps du coronavirus**

1<sup>er</sup> juin – Depuis le mois de mars, des milliers d'élèves et d'étudiants, en Afrique, en Allemagne et dans d'autres pays du monde, sont privés d'école. Comment vivent-ils la situation ? Comment cela s'organise ? Réponses à ces questions, témoignages et confidences dans cette émission.

DW — [Article complet](#)

## **Global – El aislamiento produjo un aumento de casos de niños vulnerados**

28 de junio – El aislamiento social, preventivo y obligatorio, aumentó la exposición de los niños, niñas y adolescentes a situaciones de violencia en el hogar: la convivencia ininterrumpida y la suspensión de clases limitan y dificultan las posibilidades de pedir ayuda o hacer una denuncia.

Primera Edición — [Artículo completo](#)

## **Global – How coronavirus could wipe out two decades of progress in the war against child labor**

30<sup>th</sup> June – Experts warn that the COVID-19 pandemic could force millions of children in developing nations out of classrooms for good and into the workforce, reversing two decades of hard-won progress against underage labor and exposing vulnerable girls and boys to hazardous conditions, physical stress, emotional trauma and exploitation.

Los Angeles Times — [Full article](#)



## **Global – KidsRights Index 2020 report receives global media attention**

9<sup>th</sup> June – The KidsRights Index 2020 has been picked up by news outlets such as The Guardian, India Times and Le Monde and has received an overwhelming amount of attention. The Index shows that countries worldwide allocate insufficient funding for furthering children's rights, particularly in domains such as protection, health, and education. With the economic consequences of the corona crisis, there are no expectations that this will change anytime soon.

Erasmus University Rotterdam – [Full article](#)

## **Global – School Closures Particularly Hard on Children with Disabilities**

15<sup>th</sup> June – With schools around the world closed due to Covid-19, many students are struggling to keep their education on track. But children with disabilities can be among the hardest hit, as they and their caregivers face particular obstacles, respondents in an ongoing Human Rights Watch survey explained.

Human Rights Watch – [Full article](#)

## **Global – We Need To Do Better: Policy Brief for Enhancing Laws and Regulations to Protect Children in Disasters**

30<sup>th</sup> June – This policy brief, “We Need To Do Better”, seeks to improve knowledge of and evidence for strengthening child protection elements within laws and regulations related to disaster risk management. Specifically, this study calls on governments and disaster agencies to counter the lack of attention, systems and inadequate investment in child protection and to recognize the consequences of disasters—including those increasingly influenced by climate change—on girls and boys around the world.

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

## **India – UN chief asks India to protect children of Kashmir**

16<sup>th</sup> June – In a report released on Monday, he called upon the Indian government to take preventive measures to protect the children by ending the usage of pellet guns, while also showing concern over the detention of children including their arrest during night raids, internment at army camps, torture in detention and detention without charge or due process.

Anadolu Agency – [Full article](#)