



# Newsletter on Children's rights – Middle East and North Africa

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## **Afghanistan - 'What choice do I have?': coronavirus fallout sending Afghan children into work or marriage**

7<sup>th</sup> July - The economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic is pushing Afghan children into early marriage or labour work and away from education. Few children in Afghanistan have suffered severe coronavirus-related health issues, but pandemic-induced economic hardships expose families to inequalities that many richer countries don't face.

The National – [Full article](#)



## **Afghanistan - Afghan lawmaker to present proposal allowing women to be named on children's documents**

30<sup>th</sup> July - Naheed Farid, one of Afghanistan's few female lawmakers, has said that the country's women have a chance to win the legal right to have their names on their children's birth certificates and identity cards under a proposal to be presented to parliament.

Geo Tv – [Full article](#)

## **Algérie - Journée nationale de l'enfant : Le droit à la protection**

14 juillet - La journée nationale de l'Enfant a été célébrée hier à Alger lors d'une rencontre organisée par le ministère de la Solidarité nationale, de la Famille et de la Condition de la femme en partenariat avec l'APN sous le slogan : l'enfant berceau de la responsabilité. Le président de l'APN, Slimane Chenine, a procédé à l'ouverture de la séance parlementaire de l'enfant en mettant en exergue « les grandes réalisations en matière de protection et de droits de l'enfance » par le biais d'un arsenal juridique pour lui garantir une vie saine sur fond d'épanouissement.

El Moudjahid - [Article complet](#)

## **Egypt - 'COVID-19 risks kids' health, development, protection'**

17<sup>th</sup> July - The novel coronavirus pandemic poses negative effects on children's health, development and protection because of the disruption of routine activities of families, friends and society, according to a sociology professor. Ahmed Zayed, who teaches sociology at Cairo University in Egypt administered a workshop on media interaction with implications for children's rights in light of the coronavirus crisis.

Anadolu Agency – [Full article](#)

## **Lebanon - More than half a million children in Beirut are struggling to survive**

29<sup>th</sup> July - The collapsing Lebanese economy has pushed more than half a million children in Beirut into a struggle for survival or even hunger, a new analysis by Save the Children showed today. Their families cannot afford the basic food, electricity, cooking fuel, hygiene and water needed to survive. In the Greater Beirut area, 910,000 people, including 564,000 children do not have enough money to buy the basic essentials, including sufficient food.

Relief Web, Save the children – [Full article](#)



## **Lebanon - The Government of Italy to rehab additional 7 Lebanese public schools for improved learning for children and youth in Lebanon**

8<sup>th</sup> July - The Embassy of Italy in Beirut signed today a €2 million funding agreement in support of UNICEF's school rehabilitation programme. The program, part of UNICEF and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education RACE II initiative, seeks to improve the physical learning environment in public schools throughout Lebanon, with a focus on the most vulnerable communities. The intervention supports the most-in-need Lebanese public schools and employs MEHE's standards for public school rehabilitation and safety which benefits children enrolled in all grades from KG to Grade 12.

Unicef Lebanon – [Full article](#)

## **Libya - Charity urges release of 200 migrant children held in Libyan detention centres**

29<sup>th</sup> July - An international charity Wednesday urged Libyan authorities to release over 200 Europe-bound migrant children intercepted in the Mediterranean Sea and returned to detention centres in the conflict-stricken country this year. Most of the children are African and between 12 and 15 years old, and some are infants, said the International Rescue Committee. Over 50 of the children have disabilities or are children at risk because their caregivers are sick, it said.

Global News – [Full article](#)

## **Oman: Sultanate Outlines its Experience in Child Protection**

15<sup>th</sup> July - The Sultanate today outlined its experience in the field of children's protection against violence during a High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) held via videoconferencing under the auspices of the United Nations. The UN and participating countries commended the efforts exerted by the government in cooperation with various civil society institutions in the Sultanate to provide a comprehensive cover of protection to youth and children against violence and any other negative influences.

Oman News Agency – [Full article](#)

## **Qatar: Promotion of children's rights a priority in Qatar's development plan**

3<sup>rd</sup> July - The State of Qatar reaffirmed that it attaches great importance to the promotion and protection of children's rights, and considers it a priority in its development plan that relies primarily on investment in human capital. On this basis, Qatar asserted its keenness to provide



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the necessary infrastructure and a healthy environment to ensure the proper development of all children on its soil.

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## **Tunisie : Migration irrégulière : 596 mineurs tunisiens ont atteint les côtes européennes en 2019**

3 juillet - Publié ce vendredi 3 juillet par le Forum tunisien pour les droits économiques et sociaux, le rapport annuel de 2019 sur la migration révèle que 596 migrants irréguliers tunisiens mineurs ont atteint les côtes européennes en 2019 dont 472 étaient seuls et 97 qui étaient accompagnés.

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## **Turkey - Child Marriage Is on the Rise in Turkey as Syrian Refugees Struggle During COVID-19**

8<sup>th</sup> July - Families around the world that struggle to provide for their children might turn to child marriage to ease financial burdens. In Turkey, more Syrian refugee families are marrying off their daughters to Turkish men for money to stay afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report.

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