



# Newsletter on Children's rights – Children and Armed Conflict

August 2020

## [Table of content](#)

Burkina Faso – Protection de l'enfant dans les conflits armés : Le CIMDIH forme des membres de la société civile à Bobo-Dioulasso.....	1
Colombia – FARC Leaders Testify Over Child Soldier Recruitment .....	2
Global – Seizing Opportunities to Better Protect Conflict-Affected Children is Critical as the World Responds to COVID-19 .....	2
Global – The U.N. Secretary-General Is Letting Powerful Countries Get Away With Killing Kids ...	2
Global – The United Nations Isn't Jeopardizing Children in Conflict Zones. It's Protecting Them..	2
Global – Un rapport de l'ONU s'inquiète de l'augmentation des violences sexuelles liées aux conflits .....	3
Haïti – A la rencontre d'adolescentes survivantes de viol.....	3
Philippines – Significant Measures to Protect Conflict-Affected Children in Place but Full Implementation Essential for Effective Protection .....	3
RDC – l'ONU s'inquiète de l'escalade des violences entre communautés dans le Sud-Kivu .....	4
Russia – Russia evacuates 26 children from Syria.....	4
Sahel – Schools caught up in armed conflict sweeping across the Sahel.....	4
Turkey – PKK recruits more children as terror group continues to be condemned on social media .....	4

## **Burkina Faso – Protection de l'enfant dans les conflits armés : Le CIMDIH forme des membres de la société civile à Bobo-Dioulasso**

4 août – Afin de veiller à la protection de l'enfant contre l'enrôlement dans les forces ou groupes armés et la participation aux conflits armés, le Comité interministériel des droits humains et du droit international humanitaire (CIMDIH) a organisé, le mardi 4 août 2020 à Bobo-Dioulasso, un atelier de formation au profit de 25 membres des Organisations de la société civile des Hauts-Bassins.

Le faso – [Article complet](#)



## **Colombia – FARC Leaders Testify Over Child Soldier Recruitment**

20<sup>th</sup> August - Fifteen FARC have been summoned by a special court over the forced recruitment of minors and other crimes. Former FARC rebels began testifying Wednesday before a special court over allegations the group recruited thousands of child soldiers to fight its guerrilla war against the Colombian government.

The Defense Post - [Full article](#)

## **Global – Seizing Opportunities to Better Protect Conflict-Affected Children is Critical as the World Responds to COVID-19**

25<sup>th</sup> August - As the vulnerability of boys and girls living amidst hostilities continues and is further exacerbated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, processes such as ceasefires, peace processes and security sector reform must be seized as opportunities to strengthen mechanisms to protect children, emphasized the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Children and Armed Conflict, Virginia Gamba, in her Annual Report to the General Assembly published this week.

Children and armed conflicts UN - [Full article](#)

## **Global – The U.N. Secretary-General Is Letting Powerful Countries Get Away With Killing Kids**

10<sup>th</sup> August - By removing Saudi Arabia and other serial violators of children's human rights from the annual list of shame, António Guterres is weakening one of the U.N.'s most effective accountability mechanisms.

Foreign Policy - [Full article](#)

## **Global – The United Nations Isn't Jeopardizing Children in Conflict Zones. It's Protecting Them.**

19<sup>th</sup> August - In 2019, the United Nations verified more than 25,000 grave violations against children, according to the report of the secretary-general on children and armed conflict published in June 2020. A recent article in these pages by Jo Becker of Human Rights Watch alleged that the U.N. secretary-general is letting some countries get away with killing children.



This is not the case. In fact, the secretary-general has repeatedly expressed his consternation at the continued high level of violations, called for parties to end violations against children, and advocated for the protection of children by all.

Foreign Policy - [Full article](#)

## **Global – Un rapport de l'ONU s'inquiète de l'augmentation des violences sexuelles liées aux conflits**

11 août - Malgré une décennie de lutte, l'ONU constate que les violences sexuelles restent une arme de guerre dans de nombreux conflits et qu'elles continuent d'augmenter sur toute la planète. L'ONU analyse dans son dernier rapport les violations constatées dans 19 pays, principalement contre des jeunes filles et des femmes. Les violences sexuelles augmentent dans la plupart des conflits armés. C'est ce qui ressort du dernier rapport de l'ONU sur les violences sexuelles liées aux conflits publié en juillet dernier.

Info Migrants – [Article complet](#)

## **Haïti – A la rencontre d'adolescentes survivantes de viol**

10 août - Elles sont âgées entre 16 et 19 ans et habitaient des quartiers qui sont (ou ont été) contrôlés par des gangs armés, notamment La Saline et Carrefour-Feuilles. Certaines d'entre elles ont été violées parfois en présence de leur mère qui ont, elles aussi, subi le même sort, au même moment. Pour échapper aux traumatismes, certaines d'entre elles voulaient se suicider. Aujourd'hui, les filles passent une grande partie de leur temps avec une psychologue et un travailleur social qui les aident à surmonter leurs traumatismes.

Le Nouvelliste – [Article complet](#)

## **Philippines – Significant Measures to Protect Conflict-Affected Children in Place but Full Implementation Essential for Effective Protection**

25<sup>th</sup> August - Although notable progress to protect boys and girls has been made, including as part of the peace process between the Government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), children in the Philippines suffered the direct impact of armed activities such as large-scale military operations, notes the fifth report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) in a recently published report.

Children and armed conflicts UN - [Full article](#)



## **RDC – l'ONU s'inquiète de l'escalade des violences entre communautés dans le Sud-Kivu**

11 août - Au moins 128 personnes, dont 21 femmes et sept enfants, ont été tuées lors de violents affrontements entre des groupes armés et les forces armées nationales ainsi que lors d'attaques contre les civils dans la région des Hauts Plateaux du Sud-Kivu, entre février 2019 et juin 2020, déplore le Bureau conjoint des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme (BCNUDH) en République démocratique du Congo.

ONU info – [Article complet](#)

## **Russia – Russia evacuates 26 children from Syria**

18<sup>th</sup> August - Twenty-six Russian children were evacuated by the Russian Defense Ministry from Syria last night. The children will be placed in quarantine for 14 days in accordance with the rules introduced in connection with the coronavirus pandemic, and then will be transferred to their relatives, Russian Children's Rights Commissioner Anna Kuznetsova told reporters in the capital Moscow Tuesday. Most of the children who arrived last night were found in orphan homes and prisons in Damascus, Kuznetsova said. "Now we can say that almost all the children from Damascus have been taken out, there are very few left," she said.

Anadolu Agency - [Full article](#)

## **Sahel – Schools caught up in armed conflict sweeping across the Sahel**

27<sup>th</sup> August - By end-2019, more than 3,300 schools were shut, affecting almost 650,000 children and more than 16,000 teachers.

The UN Refugee Agency - [Full article](#)

## **Turkey – PKK recruits more children as terror group continues to be condemned on social media**

7<sup>th</sup> August - The PKK terrorist group continues to recruit more children as its affiliated websites revealed over 10 underage girls joined the terror cell on Friday. The group's continued recruitment of children was again condemned on social media. A website affiliated with the terrorist group, Nuçe Ciwan, praised the children as if they willingly joined the ranks of the group, calling them "young women."

Daily Sabah - [Full article](#)