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1. Global Development on Children's Rights

[Nouvelle] «Aucun signe d'amélioration» des droits de l'homme en Biélorussie, selon une étude indépendante reprise par l'ONU

24 décembre 2014 – Qu'il s'agisse de l'utilisation répétée de la peine mort, du harcèlement des défenseurs des droits de l'homme et des journalistes indépendants ou de la nouvelle loi de censure restreignant la liberté sur l'internet, le gouvernement de la Biélorussie ne montre aucun signe d'amélioration de son bilan en matière de droits de l'homme, a déploré mercredi un expert des Nations Unies sur la base d'un rapport indépendant.

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

[Nouvelle] Renforcement des capacités pour observer la représentation des jeunes dans les médias au Maghreb

5 janvier 2015 – Du 15 au 20 Décembre 2014, à Tunis, seize représentants d'organisations travaillant sur les questions de la jeunesse dans le Maghreb ont discuté d'une méthodologie d'observation (monitoring) de l'image des jeunes femmes et hommes dans les médias, et ont appris sa mise en pratique. Les participants se sont réunis lors d'un atelier organisé par l'UNESCO en partenariat avec MENA MEDIA MONITORING, dans le cadre du projet réseau de jeunesse méditerranéenne (NET-Med Jeunesse), qui est financé par l'Union européenne et mis en œuvre dans 10 pays de la rive Sud de la méditerranée.

[Voir article complet](#) (UNESCO)

[Nouvelle] « Myanmar: une experte de l'ONU se rendra dans le pays pour évaluer la situation des droits de l'homme »

5 janvier 2015 - Le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme ([HCDH](#)) a annoncé lundi l'envoi d'une experte au Myanmar afin d'évaluer la situation des droits de l'homme dans le pays. Dans un communiqué de presse publié à Genève, l'agence a déclaré que la Rapporteuse spéciale des Nations Unies sur la situation des droits de l'homme au Myanmar, Yanghee Lee, entreprendrait sa deuxième visite officielle dans le pays du 7 au 16 janvier, afin notamment de recueillir des informations de première main sur la situation actuelle des droits humains dans les États de Rakhine et de Shan du Nord.

[Article complet](#) (ONU)

[Nouvelle] Child Sex Crimes: Uruguay's Ugly Hidden Face

January 5th 2015 - Karina Núñez Rodríguez was only 12 when she was forced into prostitution. Now age 50 and a mother of six, she is an outspoken fighter against sexual exploitation of children and teenagers in Uruguay, a country reluctant to recognise this growing scourge.

In Uruguay, a countless number of children, mostly girls, have their childhoods stolen, to be sold for a pack of cigarettes, a cell phone card, food, clothes, shelter or plain cash. Some are exploited by their own relatives, others by neighbours or organised criminal networks.

[Full article](#) (IPS)

[News] India: only two convictions came out of 289 cases of child sexual abuse in past two years in Bengaluru

January 5th 2015 Bengaluru saw a number of cases of child sexual abuse in 2014 and people were out on streets protesting against the rise in crime against children. Out of 289 cases registered under Protection of Children Against Sexual Offenses Act (POCSO) in the last two years, there have been only eight trials and just two convictions. In July 2014, a three-year-old child was allegedly gangraped by two gym instructors in a school in East Bengaluru. In October, a kindergarten student was allegedly raped in a North Bengaluru school and in December, a three-year-old child was allegedly raped by a school assistant.

[Full article](#) (CRIN)

[Blog] Dispatches: Top 10 Conflicts Where Students Need Protection in 2015

January 8th 2015 - The year 2014 ended with the starkest of reminders of the deadly dangers some students in the world face just trying to attend school. On December 16, 132 school children (and 13 others) were killed in an attack on their school in Peshawar, Pakistan, by a splinter group of the Pakistani Taliban. But 2014 also brought some signs of hope. Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her extraordinary activism on behalf of children's right to education, as demonstrated by her unwavering commitment to this goal even though it made her into a target of attack. The United Nations continued to increase the quality and effectiveness of its own monitoring, reporting, and shaming of the perpetrators of attacks on schools and the military use of schools (although more progress toward consistent reporting continues to need to be made). And encouraging progress was made with the unveiling of new Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict toward ending the practice of national armed forces and armed groups occupying and converting schools into barracks, bases, storage depots, and detention centers.

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

[Report] The Haitian Earthquake Five Years On — Children's Psychological Scars Remain

January 8th 2015 - Although the catastrophic physical damage to housing, roads and public buildings wrought by the Haitian earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010 is still visible, the psychological legacy that many young earthquake survivors are still struggling to live with is less easy to see with the naked eye. Five years since the earthquake hit the tiny Caribbean island nation of Haiti, many children there still have limited access to education, and some report exposure to exploitation and sexual violence after the already-fragile country descended into chaos in the aftermath of the disaster. Many Haitian children still show signs of emotional and psychological stress, and remain in desperate need of assistance and protection today.

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

[News] Border Enforcement Policies Ensnare Parents of US Citizen Children

January 8th 2015 - On November 20, 2014, US President Barack Obama used his executive authority to make sweeping, though non-permanent, changes to the US immigration system without legislative action by Congress. The resulting Immigration Accountability Executive Actions delay the deportation of over four million unauthorized migrants living in the United States. To qualify for the new category of deferred deportation, migrants must have been living in the United States for more than five years without certain criminal convictions and have US citizen or legal permanent resident children. The president also de-prioritized the deportation of some categories of unauthorized migrants and streamlined the process for people with US family members to obtain visas to stay in the country legally.

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

[Statement] Statement from Mark Shriver Praising Education Secretary's Call For Expanded Early Education For U.S. Children

January 12th 2015 - Mark Shriver, president of Save the Children Action Network, today issued the following statement praising U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan for calling on Congress to improve access to high-quality preschool in a re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. "Every child deserves a strong start to life, and we can ensure all American kids have an equal opportunity to succeed by expanding access to high-quality preschool. Save the Children Action Network applauds Secretary Duncan for reinforcing the administration's commitment to early childhood education by making early learning a top priority in education reform."

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

[Nouvelle] Un garçon dans une vidéo d'exécution de l' État islamique

12 janvier 2015 - Il dit s'appeler Abdallah et venir du Kazakhstan. Il n'a pas plus de 11 ans. Il a les cheveux mi-longs et les yeux en amande des peuples d'Asie centrale. Dans une nouvelle vidéo du groupe État islamique (EI), il semble exécuter deux otages. Dans la vidéo en russe de plus de sept minutes, les deux otages confessent être des Kazakhs travaillant pour le FSB, les services secrets russes. « Ils sont maintenant aux mains des lionceaux du califat », dit un combattant du groupe État islamique, en treillis, qui se tient aux côtés de l'enfant.

[Article complet](#) (La Presse)

[News] Helping to Reduce Child Labor on Farms

January 12th 2015 - More children work in agriculture than in any other industry in the world. But the scale and complexity of the problem is no excuse for tolerating a practice that traps children in multi-generational cycles of poverty, or, worse, leaves them injured, maimed, or dead. It's critically important for Mexico, which recently raised its minimum working age, to better enforce its laws and apply substantial penalties to growers who violate it.

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

[News] Children in crises: why stronger protection systems must be adopted

January 13th 2015 - During the Sierra Leone war, an estimated [10,000 children](#) were recruited or used by armed forces and groups, and at least [692,000 children](#) suffered sexual abuse. In 2002, [almost half](#) the states engaged in conflict were using children under the age of 15 in their armed forces. But amid the devastation of war, children are often forgotten with the full extent of their suffering only emerging afterwards. New data shows that [1 billion](#) girls and boys live in areas that were affected by armed conflict in 2013 or 2014. Over the last decade, more than 250 million people were affected by disasters each year – more than half were children.

[Full article](#) (The Guardian)

[News] Fragile States, Vulnerable People: The Human Trafficking Dimension

January 13th 2015 – (Declaration by Sarah Sewall, Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC). Good evening and thank you, Sarah, for this opportunity to sit down with you and members of the Human Rights Initiative to discuss human trafficking. It is apposite to be here at CSIS because trafficking touches on so many elements of our foreign and security policy and CSIS has long been home to a multi-dimensional understanding of international security. It is a real honor to be in a room full of trafficking experts, people who have been a central part of this extraordinary movement to protect human rights. My thoughts are shaped by my role as “J” – the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, who supports the work of the State Department’s Trafficking in Persons (or TIP) Office. My goal is to offer my perspective on how far we have come in a fight in which the State Department and entire Administration are working hard. I also want to discuss what I see as the next layer of challenges facing those committed to ending human slavery.

[Full article](#) (US Department of State)

[Nouvelle] UNICEF Steps Up Assistance for Children Affected by the Bitter Winter Sweeping through the Middle East [EN/AR]

January 13th, 2015 - Amidst the harshest conditions of the winter so far, UNICEF has delivered warm clothing, blankets, heating supplies, cash and vouchers to more than 900,000 children in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey. As the Syria conflict nears the four-year mark, UNICEF estimates that at least 7 million internally displaced and refugee children are in desperate need of assistance. Many continue to live in unfinished buildings and inadequate shelters that expose them to sub-zero temperatures, heavy snow and strong winds.

[Full article](#) (ReliefWeb)

[Nouvelle] Des réseaux de trafic d’enfants démantelés en Chine

14 janvier 2015 - La police chinoise a démantelé plusieurs réseaux de trafic de nouveaux-nés et d’enfants, parmi lesquels certains étaient hébergés dans des conditions sordides dans une morgue désaffectée. Plus d’une centaine de personnes, appartenant à huit différents gangs ont été interpellées au cours d’une vaste opération policière dans la province du Shandong (est), a indiqué le quotidien Global Times. Parmi eux, un groupe soupçonné d’accueillir des femmes enceintes dans les locaux d’une usine abandonnée, avant de vendre les enfants peu après leur naissance.

[Article complet](#) (Égalité et réconciliation)

[Report] UN Special Rapporteur Urges States to Ban all Commercial Advertising and Marketing in Schools

January 15th, 2015 - The UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Farida Shaheed, in a report submitted to the UN General Assembly, has raised concern about the growing presence of marketing and advertising in schools. "Schools should be considered as a distinct cultural space, deserving special protection from commercial influence," she stressed. In the Report, the Special Rapporteur explains: "Schoolchildren offer a captive and credulous audience. Companies see school based marketing and advertising as perfectly suited to 'branding' children at an early age. Marketing and advertising programmes are normalised and given legitimacy when embedded in the school context; the strategies deployed lead children to interact and engage with particular brands during school time."

[Full article](#) (Right to Education)

[Nouvelle] Cinq moyens d'agir maintenant en faveur de Raif Badawi

15 janvier 2015 - Il faut de toute urgence que les autorités saoudiennes mettent fin à la flagellation de Raif Badawi et le libère immédiatement. Voici ce que vous pouvez faire.

En mai 2014, les autorités saoudiennes ont condamné Raif Badawi à 10 ans de prison et 1 000 coups de fouet. Il a été reconnu coupable d'avoir insulté l'islam dans ses écrits et sur son site Internet, créé pour encourager le débat public.

[Lire la suite](#) (Amnesty International)

[News] Australia asylum: Protests continue at Manus Island camp

January 18th 2015 - A protest by asylum seekers at an Australian offshore detention centre has entered its seventh day, with hundreds reportedly on a hunger strike. Detainees at one compound on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea (PNG) have locked staff out, according to Australian media reports. Australia has accused the detainees of aggressive and disruptive behaviour. The policy of detaining asylum seekers offshore - intended as a deterrent - has been criticised by rights groups. Australia sends all asylum seekers arriving by boat to offshore camps in PNG and the Pacific territory of Nauru for detention and processing. The Manus Island centre was the scene of deadly riots last February, when local residents entered the facility and clashed with detainees. One asylum seeker was killed and at least 70 were hurt in the violence.

[Full article](#) (BBC)

[Nouvelle] La Cour pénale internationale ouvre un examen préliminaire de la situation en Palestine

16 janvier 2015 - La Procureur de la Cour pénale internationale (CPI), Fatou Bensouda, a ouvert vendredi un examen préliminaire de la situation en Palestine. Cette décision fait suite à l'adhésion, le 2 janvier 2015, du gouvernement palestinien au Statut de Rome, qui régit la CPI. Parallèlement, ce même gouvernement a déclaré qu'il acceptait la compétence de la CPI s'agissant de crimes présumés commis « dans les territoires palestiniens occupés, notamment à Jérusalem-Est, depuis le 13 juin 2014 ». « Un examen préliminaire n'est pas une enquête mais un processus consistant à examiner les informations disponibles afin de déterminer en toute connaissance de cause, s'il existe une base raisonnable pour initier une enquête au regard des critères posés par le Statut de Rome », a précisé la CPI dans un communiqué de presse.».

[Article complet](#) (ONU)

[Report] Unequal and Unprotected

January 19th 2015 - Lebanon does not have a civil code regulating personal status matters. Instead, there are 15 separate personal status laws for the country's different recognized religious communities including twelve Christian, four Muslim, the Druze, and Jewish confessions, which are administered by separate religious courts. Religious authorities often promoted this judicial pluralism as being essential to protecting Lebanon's religious diversity. In reality, the multiplicity of laws means that Lebanese citizens are treated differently when it comes to key aspects of their lives, including marriage, divorce, and custody of children. This variation has prompted rights activists in Lebanon to advocate for civil personal status law that would guarantee that citizens are treated equally, while ensuring that their freedom of belief is respected.

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

[Rapport] Les adolescents risquent deux fois plus d'être non scolarisés que les enfants en âge de fréquenter l'école primaire, affirment l'UNESCO et l'UNICEF

19 janvier 2015 - Un nouveau rapport montre pourquoi les méthodes habituelles ne mèneront pas à l'éducation primaire et secondaire pour tous. Environ 63 millions d'adolescents âgés de 12 à 15 ans sont privés de leur droit à l'éducation selon un nouveau rapport commun de l'Institut de statistique de l'UNESCO et de l'UNICEF. Réaliser la promesse non tenue de l'éducation pour tous : résultats de l'initiative mondiale en faveur des enfants non scolarisés, publié aujourd'hui lors du Forum mondial sur l'éducation.

[Voir rapport complet](#) (UNESCO)

2. Conferences, Courses and Events

Conferences

International Conference on Combatting Human Trafficking: With Special Reference to Women and Children

Human trafficking, unfortunately, is the fastest growing means by which people are enslaved, and one of the fastest growing international organized crime. Approximately 80 per cent of human trafficking is women and girls and up to 50% are minors.

Against this backdrop, Campus Law Centre, university of Delhi, a premier legal institution takes pride in organizing three day International Conference on “Combating Human Trafficking : With Special Reference to Women and Children ”. It will offer a unique opportunity to the academia, NGOs and policy makers to deliberate upon the issues to be discussed over there. The international and national experts are invited to deliberate upon legal and policy matters related to of monitoring, inadequate training, lack of coordination between anti-trafficking measures and the authorities, enforcement: investigation, enforcement: prosecution, public awareness, victim services and Research, technical cooperation among countries and international law enforcement agencies, etc.

Objective of the Conference:

- To address and enhance prevention strategies through legal instruments;
- Law enforcement, detection, investigation and prosecution of traffickers;
- Strengthen the assistance and protection of human trafficking victims;
- Improve the identification, disruption and prosecution of human trafficking;
- Enhance national, regional and international cooperation and coordination to combat human trafficking;
- Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Repatriation of Trafficked Victims.

Location: Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, Delhi, India

Dates: 13-15 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi)

Venezuela in Crisis: The decline of Democracy and the Repression of Human Rights

This conference will present two key witnesses of state repression in Venezuela: Carlos Vecchio, a Venezuelan lawyer, political exile and the main ally of Leopoldo López, and Diana López, Director of “Accion por la Libertad”, an initiative in defense of Human rights in Venezuela and sister of Leopoldo Lopez. They will discuss the grassroots causes of the protests and will share their stories. They will be joined by Professor emeritus and former Justice Minister and Attorney General of Canada Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, member of Parliament for Mount Royal, Liberal Party critic for Rights & Freedoms and International Justice, and Vice-Chair of the House of Commons Subcommittee on International Human Rights.

Location: Montreal, Canada

Dates: 4 February 2015

[For more information](#) (McGill University)

Children’s Rights in the Digital Age

Are children’s rights enhanced or undermined by access to the internet? Charters and manifestos for the digital age are proliferating, but where do children fit in?

Speakers: Professor Sonia Livingstone, Jasmina Byrne, Professor Robin Mansell.

Location: London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom

Dates: 11 February 2015

[For more information](#) (LSE, public events)

Histocriizing ‘Food Labour’ and Law - Seminar

A recent surge of interest in the contemporary relationship between food and (unfree) labour invites critical historical reflection. How have historians understood the relationship between labour unfreedom and food production through the ages? And what role does law play in these understandings? Surveying three prominent historical accounts on food and slavery — Eric Williams’s *Capitalism and Slavery*, Sidney Mintz’s *Sweetness and Power* and Judith Carney’s *Black Rice* — Adrian Smith will examine the unfree labour-food-law nexus with a view toward historicizing the study of contemporary ‘food labour’ regulation.

Location: Montreal, Canada

Dates: 13 February 2015

[For more information](#) (McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism)

Human Rights, Democracy, and the Conception of Persons as Equals

Professor Song will argue for a human right to democracy. She understands this right as offering, in a way that is consistent with understanding persons as equals, (i) an institutional safeguard against threats to basic interests in political participation; and (ii) a solution to the problem of coordinating diverse political opinions. Her argument issues from a general account of human rights as including in their content a conception of persons as equals. It is thus also a rejection of what she calls the discontinuity thesis, or the influential view that democracy is robustly egalitarian in a way that human rights are not. She argues that the considerations to which proponents of the discontinuity thesis appeal—about political obligation, self-determination, and toleration—fail to make the thesis persuasive.

Location: Montreal, Canada

Dates: 13 February 2015

[For more information](#) (McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism)

Courses

Use of Information and communication technologies (ICTs) and Social Media for Human Rights Work

This e-learning course is intended for staff members of human rights and social justice NGOs and inter-governmental organisations who are responsible for information and communication (i.e. information officers, web editors, communication specialists) within their organisation. Information and communication technologies (ICTs) and social media are a dynamic field where success is dependent upon skill development and practical experience. Participants will be introduced to proven methods of using ICTs and social media to promote their human rights work. They will become equipped with the knowledge and tools to more effectively design and implement web sites, databases, social media like Facebook and Twitter or multi-media for advocacy campaigns, training and information management.

Location: online

Dates: 25 February-7 April 2015

[For more information](#) (HREA)

International Humanitarian Law

This e-learning course offers a basic introduction to international humanitarian law (or the law of armed conflict). It is a foundation course for other HREA e-learning courses in this area and serves as a stepping stone for developing expertise in specialised areas of the law of armed conflict. The course examines how international humanitarian law guides the conduct of hostilities, restrains the use of force, mitigates the consequences of warfare and protects civilians in international and non-international armed conflicts and in situations of occupation. The course also discusses the role of international criminal law and international human rights law in armed conflicts as well as ways and means to enforce adherence to international humanitarian law.

Location: online

Dates: 11 February -24 March 2015

[For more information](#) (HREA)

Data Collection and Analysis for Project Monitoring and Evaluation

In this e-learning course human rights, humanitarian and development workers will be introduced to the fundamentals of qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, including survey design, interviewing and associated techniques for analysis in support of project-based monitoring and evaluation. This course will be helpful for those with modest experience in monitoring and evaluation. Participants are encouraged to come to the course with an instrument and/or associated protocols for analysis that can be developed. This should not be viewed as an advanced course on data analysis and will not address sampling or regression analysis.

Location: online

Dates: 4 February-3 March 2015

[For more information](#) (HREA)

Law, War, and Human Rights

This six-week programme, carried out by way of a two-hour seminar each Monday evening, examines the laws of war and international criminal law from the perspective of international human rights law. It confronts the crucial questions: are human rights law, the laws of war and international criminal law three distinct disciplines? Have they now become so entwined that it is not possible fully to understand one without some knowledge of the other?

Course components

- The nature of armed conflict and the rules applying to the use of force
- International humanitarian law and international armed conflict
- Human rights in times of armed conflict
- Human rights, conflict and international criminal law
- Women in war and armed conflict
- Terrorism, war and conflict

Location: Centre for the Study of Human Rights, London School of Economics (LSE), London, United Kingdom

Dates: 16 February-23 March 2015

[For more information](#) (LSE, Centre for the Study of Human Rights)

3. Vacancies

Child Protection Program Manager

As a Child Protection (CP) manager in today's Yemen, Save the Children expects you to drive our programmes to be as coordinated, efficient and handle-able as possible in a context with rapid onsets of humanitarian emergencies while at same time ensuring programmatic focus is in place for the on-going transitional development for strengthened national child protection systems, currently including rollout of Child Protection in Emergencies (CPiE) and the minimum standards on child protection in humanitarian actions.

Location: Sana'a, Yemen

Deadline: 10 February 2015 (midnight UK time)

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Emergency Women Protection and Empowerment Manager

The Emergency Women Protection and Empowerment (WPE) Manager will lead International Rescue Committee's (IRC) Gender-based violence (GBV) emergency response programming start up in new locations in Unity State and ensure that all programming is implemented in line with IRC's GBV Emergency Response Model. He/She will be responsible for leading GBV assessments, programming design, implementation, building national staff capacity to provide direct support to women and girls and GBV survivors, mentor, supervise and monitor team activities, and ensure financial and logistical controls are implemented according to IRC protocols. The position will be based in Nyal (Payinjiar County) and reports directly to the Field Coordinator. Technical support is provided through the Senior WPE Manager (DFID).

Location: Nyal (Payinjiar County), South Sudan

Deadline: 6 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Gender Specialist

Counterpart International is seeking a Gender Expert for the anticipated USAID-funded Congo Demokrasia program in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Congo Demokrasia will promote Congolese citizens' informed voting and active and peaceful participation in the 2015-16 elections. The program will support civil society organizations (CSOs) to conduct voter education activities and strengthen their ability to conduct oversight and advocacy to protect citizens' electoral rights in the upcoming elections. With the support of the local and headquarters staff, the Gender Expert will work to improve gender and youth-positive messages among CSOs working to improve electoral participation. The Gender Expert will ensure that gender is appropriately integrated into program activities, methodologies and approaches in a manner that is results-oriented. The Gender Expert should have competence and extensive past experience working on gender-related projects, the monitoring and evaluation of gender-related projects and writing official reports.

Location: The Democratic Republic of Congo

Deadline: 15 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Child Protection Coordinator

The Child Protection Coordinator will be responsible for providing strategic direction and vision to the International Rescue Committee's (IRC) Protection programming in Nigeria. The Child Protection Coordinator will be responsible for the overall quality design and implementation of child protection programming and will work extensively with other sectors to ensure that protection principles are mainstreamed into all programs. The Child Protection Coordinator will report to the field coordinator.

Location: Yola, Nigeria

Deadline: 2 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Deputy Chief of Party

DI provides technical assistance, analytical services and project implementation for democracy, human rights, governance and conflict mitigation programs worldwide for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. State Department and other development partners. Democracy International, Inc. (DI) seeks a Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP) for its USAID-funded Systems to Uphold the Credibility and Constitutionality of Elections in South Sudan (SUCCESS) program. Through SUCCESS, DI is working to promote effective, inclusive, and accountable governance to promote an increasingly stable South Sudan. To achieve this goal, the SUCCESS consortium works with a range of actors in South Sudan including civil society organizations.

DI seeks a DCOP to contribute to the implementation of the program's various components. In addition to programmatic duties, the DCOP will provide senior-level oversight of all program support functions including, but not limited to, administration, procurement, human resources, financial management, and regulatory compliance.

Location: Juba, South Sudan

Deadline: 15 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Gender Specialist

QED Group is recruiting for a Gender Specialist for a USAID-funded project in Afghanistan. The purpose of the Gender Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning project (GENMEL) is to supplement existing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) efforts by USAID/Afghanistan for the Mission's three gender activities under the Advancing Women's Empowerment Project (AWEP):

- Promoting Gender Equity in National Priority Programs (Promote),
- Ministry of Women's Affairs Restructuring and Women's Empowerment (MORE)
- Gender Legacy Initiatives

The Gender Monitoring, Evaluation and learning project will systematically collect and analyze performance information by monitoring and evaluating the results of Promote, MORE, and the Gender Legacy Initiatives to ensure that AWEP is achieving its goal of advancing gender equality and women's empowerment in Afghanistan.

Location: Afghanistan

Deadline: 4 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

Summary Counterpart International is seeking a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist for the anticipated USAID-funded Congo Demokrasia program in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Congo Demokrasia will promote Congolese citizens' informed voting and active and peaceful participation in the 2015-16 elections. The program will support civil society organizations (CSOs) to conduct voter education activities and strengthen their ability to conduct oversight and advocacy to protect citizens' electoral rights in the upcoming elections. With the support of the local and headquarters staff, the M&E Specialist will be responsible for developing, revising, implementing, and overseeing the performance management and reporting system, including preparing and updating the PMP, ensuring the accuracy and effectiveness of calculation methodologies used in the Performance Monitoring Plan, establishing data collection and management systems, coordinating with organizations, ensuring data integrity, verifying data, preparing and submitting in a timely manner all required performance reports to USAID. S/he will also be responsible for providing technical assistance to CSO partners, grantees and participants as required.

Location: The Democratic Republic of Congo

Deadline: 16 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Project Manager, Generation Amazing

Right To Play is a global organization, using the transformative power of play to educate and empower children facing adversity. Reporting to the Director of Program Operations, the Project Manager serves as the principal support function to ensure quality project management, implementation and compliance in Jordan, Pakistan and Nepal. A member of the Program Operations unit and the International Programs team, and working closely with the Country Teams, this role is responsible for overseeing the project activities in each country while liaising closely with the Vice President, Global Partnerships Group in London and the donor. The position will be based in Toronto or London. The successful applicant must have documentation to work in at least one of the locations. This is a 1 year contract position for the Generation Amazing project. The Generation Amazing project aims to use the power of football to develop youth leadership skills through an Ambassador Program, the development of safe play spaces and the implementation of community programming in Jordan, Pakistan and Nepal.

Location: London, United Kingdom / Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Deadline: 8 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Children in Emergencies Manager – Syria Response Kurdish Region Iraq

World Vision (WV)—a global network of people committed to enhance the well-being and protection of children everywhere by empowering them, their families and communities to overcome the challenges of poverty and injustice.

The Children in Emergencies Manager - Syria Response Kurdish Region Iraq will provide sector technical leadership and management in project and proposal design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and documentation for multiple CiE projects (including both Child Protection and Education) for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) response in Kurdish Region of Iraq (KRI). The project area covers both camps and host communities. S/he will identify capacity gaps and training opportunities for national staff in the education and protection space, including internal child protection policies and procedures. The CiE Manager will represent WV KRI in inter-agency forums and lead in advocacy and research related to child protection and education in emergencies for the Syria Crisis Response, as well as build a strong network and rapport with the Syria Crisis CiE community.

Location: KRI, Iraq

Deadline: 6 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Devex)

Consultant International – Protection de l’Enfant dans les Situations d’Urgence

Le bureau de l’UNICEF au Niger recherche 1 Consultant International pour contribuer à la planification, la gestion, la mise en œuvre, le suivi et l’évaluation des programmes de protection de l’enfance dans les situations d’urgence.

Lieu: Niger

Date limite: 2 Février 2015

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)

Arigatou International Knowledge Management Intern

The Arigatou International office in Geneva, Switzerland manages the Ethics Education initiative through its enhancement, further development and partnerships. It also serves as liaison office with UN agencies and child-rights-focused NGOs. The Knowledge Management intern will work with the Arigatou International staff in Geneva to strengthen the work and visibility of the ethics education initiative and child rights work. She/he will provide particular support to the website development and of other knowledge management systems and processes and will be involved in the roll out of the Ethics Education E-learning Platform.

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Deadline: 2 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)

Research Intern for Global Study on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism

The ECPAT International internship programme is designed to provide an opportunity to eligible candidates to contribute to and learn about child protection issues, particularly children's rights to live free of commercial sexual exploitation. Interns are eligible to participate in the ECPAT International Secretariat activities. Interns are expected to carry out the duties assigned to them under the responsibility of the designated supervisor.

Location: Bangkok, Thailand, or – alternatively – home based

Deadline: 1 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Reliefweb)

Campaigner – Central America

Amnesty International's Central America Campaigner will work in close collaboration with researchers and other programme teams to launch campaigns for action by developing innovative campaign tactics and techniques, capitalising on communications and social media channels, and identifying and fostering opportunities for partnership and collaboration with other social and human rights movements and communities addressing issues affecting countries in Central America.

Location: Mexico City, Mexico

Deadline: 4 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Amnesty International)

Campaigner – Human Rights Defenders Project

Amnesty International's Human Rights Defenders Campaigner will work in close collaboration with HRDs Researcher and other country/regional teams to launch campaigns for action by developing innovative campaign tactics and techniques, capitalising on communications and social media channels, and identifying and fostering opportunities for partnership and collaboration with other social and human rights movements and communities addressing issues affecting HRDs across the region.

Location: Mexico City

Deadline: 1 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Amnesty International)

Regional Researcher – Great Lakes

As a research-based campaigning organization, investigating and documenting human rights issues is fundamental to Amnesty International's advocacy and lobbying work. Our Rwanda and Burundi Researcher will take the lead in initiating research and action for change on human rights issues from the East Africa regional office by providing regional and thematic expertise, excellent research skills and sound political judgement. An action oriented approach to your work is essential. You will be required to conduct and co-ordinate research activities, monitor, investigate and analyse political, legal and social developments and human rights conditions, give authoritative advice on these areas and prepare human rights action materials.

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Deadline: 15 February 2015

[For more information](#) (Amnesty International)

Chief Executive Officer

CARE India seeks a Chief Executive Officer who will lead the organization during its recently completed post-transition phase. Through a transformational process undergone in the last few years, CARE India has now emerged as a locally governed and globally engaged partner of public, private and civil society actors in India and beyond to address poverty and social injustice in a sustainable manner and at scale. The organization has also positioned itself very strategically within the global CARE International (CI) Confederation, as one of its new Members, and re-affirmed its commitment to proactively draw on and contribute to the CARE's world-wide network to pursue the CI Vision 2020.

The organization is looking for a leader who has demonstrated record of running large multi-cultural and multi-geography operations and working with a variety of partners at local, regional, international levels. The person needs to have keen interest in finding durable solutions to the problems of poverty and inequality in a large and diverse country, such as in India, but would collaborate with other Asia Regional and global actors for this purpose too. While a background in the development sector is nice to have, it is not a required job competency and will confer no advantage to the applicant.

The overall accountability of the CEO position will be the Board of Directors of CARE India. Direct line-management of the position would be carried out by the Board Chair.

Location: New Delhi, India

Deadline: 1 February 2015

[For more information \(CARE\)](#)

4. Sub-Regional and Country Updates

Afghanistan: Afghan children pay the heavy price of conflict

5 January 2015 - Children pay the heavy price of conflicts throughout the world and the story is no different in Afghanistan. Afghanistan's orphans are the victims of a prolonged conflict and power struggle between the government and the Taliban. In most instances, they have been forgotten in the morass created by bad administration coupled with corruption. It is incumbent upon newly-elected President Ashraf Gani to look into the well-being, comfort and security of these helpless children. It is even more important that his government follows the money in a bid to unearth where the huge amounts of aid that is being disbursed towards the benefit of these vulnerable children is actually being siphoned off to.

[Full Article](#) (Gulf News)

Bangkok: Children in South need urgent protection

10 January 2015 - It is going to be a mixed bag of celebrations for children across Thailand today as the country celebrates National Children's Day. Similar to previous years, some children will get an opportunity to take a tour of Government House and sit on Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha's official chair. Others will witness a new generation of weaponry such as tanks, guns and helicopters displayed by the Royal Thai Army, while others will board battleships at naval bases across the country. Others in the restive South will not be so fortunate. A new report by the Cross Cultural Foundation and the UK-based human rights organisation Child Soldiers International shows evidence of children as young as 14 having been recruited and used by the Barisan Revolusi Nasional Melayu Patani (BRN) and other armed groups operating in the South.

[Full Article](#) (Bangkok Post)

Bangui: CAR Data: a crisis in number

12 January 2015 - Over the last year, violence has continued across the Central African Republic (CAR) despite multiple cessations of hostilities agreements and attempts to end the conflict. The weeks since mid-December have seen fresh inter-communal violence break out at different locations across the country, prompting thousands of people to flee their homes. Human Rights monitoring groups such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have called repeatedly for accountability. The International Criminal Court Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda announced in September that the ICC was ready to open its second investigation in the country.

[Full Article](#) (IRIN News)

Democratic Republic of Congo: 152 Former Child Soldiers Reunited with Families

12 January 2015 - Families living in the eastern provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu and Orientale are due to be reunited with their children today after months or even years apart. The 147 boys and five girls all belonged to armed forces or groups until recently. “Voluntary and forced recruitment of children is still a widespread problem in this country,” explained Tanja Cisse, who runs civilian-protection activities for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). “Such recruitment is prohibited by both national and international law. This is the message we must get across.” Children are sometimes recruited by force but, more often than not, they volunteer to join armed groups, either because it is a means of survival, or to avenge or defend their community. They may be sent to fight on the front line or be used as cooks, porters, messengers, scouts, mascots, spies or sex slaves, particularly girls, who are sometimes forced into marriage.
[Full Article](#) (News from Africa)

Egypt: 16-YEAR-OLD minor tried before military court next Monday

8 January 2015 - Geneva-based human rights organisation Alkarama submitted a request to call on the Egyptian authorities to the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD) on Tuesday to release a 16-year-old boy who currently faces a military trial, the organisation stated Wednesday.

Seif al-Islam Osama Shousha was arrested March 8, 2014 in Damietta and now he will soon face a military trial over “fabricated charges,” the statement added. The organisation told The Cairo Post via mail Thursday that “first hearing with the military prosecutor will be held on January 12 2015.”
[Full Article](#) (CRIN)

Nigeria: two suspected child suicide bombers attack market

12 January 2015 - The bombing by two suspected child suicide bombers in a crowded market on Sunday capped a week of horror and marked an ominous escalation in violence with elections in Africa’s most populous nation less than five weeks away. A day earlier in neighbouring Borno state another young girl, who is also believed to have been about 10 years old, was stopped for a security check in the capital’s main market when bombs strapped to her detonated, killing at least 16 people.
[Full Article](#) (The Guardian)

Nigeria UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Calls for Urgent Action to Protect Children in North East Nigeria

16 January 2015 - Children growing up in Nigeria's northeast are in desperate need of protection from relentless violence, concluded Leila Zerrougui, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, at the end of a weeklong visit in Nigeria. The Special Representative traveled to Nigeria to assess the conflict's impact on children. She met the country's federal authorities, the authorities of Adamawa State, the United Nations, the diplomatic community, civil society and other partners to galvanize efforts to gather and verify information on grave violations committed against children. This will help the Government and its partners provide better protection for children and promote accountability.

[Full Article](#) (Office of the Special Representative of the Security General for Children and armed conflict)

Nigeria : L'explosion d'une bombe fixée sur une fillette fait 19 morts

10 janvier 2015 - Au moins 19 personnes ont péri samedi lorsqu'une bombe fixée sur une fillette d'une dizaine d'années a explosé dans un marché bondé de Maiduguri, grande ville du nord-est du Nigeria, un attentat dont le groupe islamiste Boko Haram qui ravage la région semble être à l'origine. Peu de temps après, une autre explosion a secoué Potiskum, la capitale économique de l'État de Yobe, à une centaine de kilomètres à l'ouest. Un policier a été tué alors qu'il contrôlait un véhicule devant un poste de police. Le kamikaze qui conduisait la voiture piégée a également trouvé la mort.

[Article Complet](#) (Le Devoir)

Nigeria Suspected Boko Haram fighters 'abduct dozens in Cameroon raid'

18 January 2015 - Some 80 people were abducted on Sunday during a fresh cross-border attack by suspected Boko Haram fighters on villages in northern Cameroon, army and government officials said. A senior army officer told Reuters news agency that the fighters took around 30 adults and some 50 children aged between 10 and 15 years. Government spokesman Issa Tchiroma Bakary said at least three people had also been killed in the attack, but put the number of those abducted at "between 30 and 50." The Boko Haram group, based in Nigeria, killed thousands of people last year alone in its five-and-a-half-year campaign to establish an Islamic state in Africa. It has been recruiting fighters in neighboring Cameroon, Chad and Niger

[Full Article](#) (Deutsche Welle News)

Nigeria: Visit by UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict to Nigeria

11 January 2015 - The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed conflict, Leila Zerrougui, will travel to Nigeria from 11 to 17 January to assess the situation of children affected by armed conflict in the country's northeast and engage with authorities and partners to improve their protection. The Special Representative will travel to Abuja on 11 January to meet with Nigerian authorities, the diplomatic community as well as UNICEF, the UN country team and NGO partners. Ms. Zerrougui is also planning to travel to the northeast of the country to exchange with authorities and meet displaced children and their families. [Full Article](#) (Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict)

Russie: Un garçon aurait exécuté deux Russes

14 janvier 2015 - Poursuivant sa campagne de propagande sur les réseaux sociaux, le groupe État islamique (EI) a diffusé mardi une vidéo qui montrerait un jeune garçon exécutant avec un pistolet deux hommes accusés de travailler pour les services de renseignements russes. Cette vidéo est la première diffusée par le groupe montrant un enfant exécutant des prisonniers en Syrie ou en Irak. L'enregistrement de sept minutes montrerait deux hommes agenouillés qui sont abattus par un enfant d'une dizaine d'années après avoir été filmés durant leur interrogatoire sur leurs prétendues tentatives d'infiltrer l'EI en Syrie. La vidéo est commentée en russe et débute par l'interrogatoire de l'un des deux hommes qui dit être un citoyen kazakh.

[Article Complet](#) (Le Devoir)

South Sudan: Major Setbacks for the Protection of Children, States First UN Report on Children and Armed Conflict in South Sudan

30 December 2014 - The conflict that started a year ago in South Sudan has brought about major setbacks for the protection of children, concludes the first report on children and armed conflict in South Sudan published today by the United Nations Secretary-General. The report documents grave violations of children's rights committed between March 2011 and September 2014 and describes how, following more than two years of relative peace, children's vulnerability increased dramatically after the resumption of conflict. The report states that "the number of instances of grave violations perpetrated against children from mid-December 2013 to September 2014 [is] greater than [...] 2012 and 2013 combined." (emphasis added)

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

Syria: New Year in Syria offers little chance of children's education as schools remain targets of conflict

6 January 2015 - Continuing conflict and the recent closure of some schools in Raqqa and Deir-ez-Zour governorates and parts of rural Aleppo in Syria is believed to have disrupted education for 670,000 children of primary and lower high school age, said UNICEF today." In addition to lack of school access, attacks on schools, teachers and students are further horrific reminders of the terrible price Syria's children are paying in a crisis approaching its fifth year," said Hanaa Singer, UNICEF representative in Syria.

[Full Article](#) (UNICEF)

Uganda: Uganda Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) commander Dominic Ongwen 'to be sent to the International Criminal Court (ICC)'

13 January 2015 - Dominic Ongwen, considered by some to be a deputy to LRA chief Joseph Kony, was taken into US custody last week. Rebels in the Central African Republic (CAR) said he was captured; US officials say he defected. The LRA has abducted thousands of children for fighting and sex slavery. Both Mr Ongwen and warlord Joseph Kony are wanted by the ICC for crimes against humanity. Paddy Ankuda from the Ugandan army told Reuters that the transfer would be made by the CAR, where Mr Ongwen also known as the White Ant had surrendered.

[Full Article](#) (BBC News)