

Newsletter October 2013



Le Thi Ban with her granddaughter, Viet Nam. Credit: Abbie Trayler Smith/Oxfam

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1. GADN News

GADN Trustee Vacancy

At this critical time for the international development sector, as the final post 2015 framework is negotiated, GADN is recruiting for a new member of its Board of Trustees. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone to be involved in the governance and future direction of our dynamic network, as we seek to develop our next strategy for 2014-17. We are particularly interested in finding a new Board member with knowledge and experience of monitoring and evaluation and / or organisational development.

Please download the [application pack](#) from our website for more details including criteria selection. The closing date for applications is 9am, Mon 21st October.

GADN working group update

Our working groups bring members together around thematic areas to collaborate on projects and share resources, learning and experiences. We currently have the following groups:

- [Violence Against Women and Girls](#) (VAWG)
- [Gender Mainstreaming](#)
- [Campaigners](#)
- [Post-2015 framework](#)
- [Development Alternatives](#)
- [Humanitarian](#)
- [Girls Education](#)
- [Political Participation and Leadership](#) (operating as an email list)
- [Aid effectiveness](#) (email list only)
- [Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights](#) (email list only)

Key updates from the groups this month are:

- The **VAWG** group is working on a publication on harmful traditional practices, bringing together member's expertise on FGM/C and child marriage. This will be launched at an event in the 16 days of activism against violence against women and girls later this year (date tbc.). The group is also looking to organise a training course on VAWG in early 2014.
- The **Post-2015** group has been sharing updates after the UN General Assembly in September which focused on the MDGs and post-2015 development framework. The group will continue this year to support member's advocacy on keeping gender equality and women's empowerment as central in the new framework.

- The **Gender Mainstreaming** working group recently held a meeting to discuss integrating gender into HR policies. The next meeting in December will discuss gender training courses and how to make them effective.

If you would like further information about being involved in the working groups please contact us (you must be a member of the network to participate) – Francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk

Event: The Changing Shape of Gender Equality in South Asia: Shifts, Challenges and a New Global Partnership

Jessica Woodroffe, director of GADN will be speaking on the topic of ensuring gender equality is built into post-2015 development framework at **The Changing Shape of Gender Equality in South Asia: Shifts, Challenges and a New Global Partnership**. The event takes place on Monday 4 November 2013 at Asia House, 63 Cavendish Street, London W1G 7LP. The conference will explore the women's movement in South Asia and the progress that has been made, the inequalities that still exist and the challenges that lie ahead. It will explore how a new global partnership might be mobilised to achieve gender equality, through exploring action that governments, the private sector and civil society can take to accelerate progress towards gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. The Conference Overview can be found [here](#) and if you want to attend, please fill out the [reply form](#) and return to Raiqah.walie-khan@bd.britishcouncil.org at British Council Bangladesh before **19 October**.

Gender Training

GADN has created a database of gender and development related training and university courses which is available to download [here](#). Please note that not every course available will be listed. Should your organisation or institution have any courses on offer that you feel may be applicable, then please do not hesitate to email GADNvol@actionaid.org and subject to verification, we will add this onto the database. Please also note that the courses listed in the databases are not necessarily endorsed by GADN or its member organisations. It is always worth checking the credibility of the participating institutions and their courses before registering for any course.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **The International Journal *Gender and Development***, published by **Oxfam** is launching this November its third Learning Project, focusing on Integrating Care into Development Practice. This Learning Project aims to collate, synthesise and inspire learning on Care by: highlighting new research, practice and policy initiatives in different contexts; exploring ways in which programmes, policies and legislation can be designed to reduce and redistribute the Care load; and sharing experiences and approaches that can influence current and future work. The project includes an e-Discussion on 4-5 November 2013 exploring Care as it affects development and humanitarian work and a face-to-face Learning event in London 10-11 February 2014. If you are a practitioner, policymaker, researcher or activist with interest and experience in this area, please signal your interest in participating to csweetman@oxfam.org.uk before 15th October 2013. For more details, please see [here](#) or visit www.oxfam.org.uk
- **Central America Women's Network (CAWN)**'s [Autumn edition of their newsletter](#) is now available. Honduran and Panamanian feminists call for solidarity; Astrid Pérez Piñán looks into the reliability of Nicaragua's aid effectiveness indicators for gender equality, and Jennifer Kennedy questions claims from the Nicaraguan government that it is successfully combating the country's high maternal death rate. **CAWN** have also published a report on ['Exploitation and Trafficking of Women: Critiquing narratives during the London Olympics'](#) commissioned to inform their work around the role of civil society and the media in shaping public understanding of the different forms of exploitation experienced by women at major sporting events. CAWN believes that trafficking and exploitation is a global problem requiring a global response, and that policies and actions should be guided by the findings of evidence-based research exploring the impact of global trade agreements, structural adjustment and austerity measures and the labour practices of transnational corporations. Their report calls for more robust narratives that recognize the complex problems linked to trafficking, taking into account these intersecting issues and draws recommendations that can be applied to other major sporting events. To request a hard copy of the report, please email campaigns@cawn.org
- For the past five years the Care and Support Thematic Group of **STOPAIDS** has been leading the debate on the need for better monitoring of HIV care and support services globally. With support from DFID and The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, STOPAIDS has led a project to pilot test care and support indicators in two countries in Southern Africa. Results

of the piloting process, including decisions made on indicator quality by the Indicator Review Panel, have now been gathered and are being shared with UN agencies and civil society organisations providing care and support services. [Click here to read the Final Report](#), or a [Summary Report](#) that provides an overview of how HIV care and support services can be monitored. [Read more here about the indicators work of the Care and Support Thematic Group](#) and for more information on the project or to join the Care and Support Thematic Group please contact [Debbie](#).

- The [Bridge](#) team at the [Institute of Development Studies](#) launches [a new Cutting Edge Pack and online multimedia resource](#). This exciting new resource is the result of a three year collaborative programme involving over 150 activists and scholars from a range of social movements and global regions. It's full of brand new insights, experiences and strategies on the integration of women's rights and gender justice into the external agendas and internal cultures of progressive social justice movements. [Visit the website to find out more](#).
- [WaterAid](#) have released a [short paper](#) on how a lack of safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) disproportionately affects women. In addition to meeting women's specific practical needs, WASH is also essential for their social and economic development, contributing towards gender equality and the realisation of their rights. This paper gives an overview of the issues and explains how practitioners and decision-makers can address the persisting inequalities between women and men, embracing the human rights principles of equality and non-discrimination to ensure universal access to water and sanitation for all women everywhere.
- **Restored** is launching a Photo Exhibition on **Thursday 24th October** (first public day Friday 25th October) which will run until early December. Displaying in **The Salvation Army, International Headquarters, 101 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4EH**, entry is free. The exhibition contains members' photos representing work undertaken on transforming relationships and ending violence against women. They have also released two more videos as part of our '**In Churches Too**' campaign aiming to highlight that domestic abuse also happens in churches. The first video, entitled 'My daddy hurts my mummy' looks at emotional and verbal abuse from a 7yr old child's perspective. The *Myths and Truths* video is 6 mins long and goes through the most popular myths of abuse and debunks them. Both videos are available at [Restored's You Tube site](#). A further video release is planned for

the 25th Nov highlighting statistics around violence against women. The videos are targeted at Christians but can be useful to anyone wanting to engage people of the Christian faith in addressing issues of violence against women.

- **Oxfam's Innovations in Care** project aims to build solutions to the centuries-old challenge of providing effective care for people whilst also ensuring women's human rights. The [toolkit](#) can be used to assess context-specific patterns of unpaid household work and care of people and is designed to integrate into existing tools on livelihoods, food, security or vulnerability. A [background paper](#) clarifies the main conceptual issues, overlapping terms and debates relevant for local programming and research on 'care in households and communities'. It also reviews approaches to bring about change patterns of providing care: the '3Rs' framework to 'recognise, reduce and redistribute' care and unravels debates about measuring care - time use surveys, monetary valuation and recent research on time-and-income poverty. The project can be found at www.oxfam.org.uk/care and for more information, read Thalia Kidder's [blog post](#) on Duncan Green's From Poverty to Power.
- The **Girls not Brides UK Network** has issued its first joint paper, with six recommendations to the UK government for ending child marriage. These are; continue to demonstrate global leadership, support quality education for all children, support the creation of an enabling environment, promote an integrated multi-sectoral approach, establish a funding stream and use all international opportunities to promote action on child marriage. You can access the paper in full [here](#). As 11th October is the International Day of the Girl, Plan UK has a big [public event](#) at Trafalgar Square as part of their *Because I am a Girl Campaign*, including a giant 'erasable' billboard showing how girls lives can be transformed – join them there between 10:30-3pm.

If you are a GADN member and would like to include an update in a future newsletter, please email it to Francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk

3. DFID/EU/UN

- [Gender equality, free trade crucial for economic development says Sweden](#)
UN News Centre, 24 September 2013
 - [Joint Statement on the Right to Education](#)
ICAE, 20th September 2013
 - [Women's economic empowerment is critical to build lasting peace](#)
UN Women, 26 September 2013
 - [Women's inclusion in peace process critical for successful transition in Afghanistan](#)
UN Women, 7 October 2013
 - [Innovating for Girls' Education : Empowering for Equality](#)
UN Women, 8 October 2013
 - [Lakshmi Puri visits centre for women survivors of violence in Morocco](#)
UN Women, 4 October 2013
 - [UN Secretary General issues reports underscoring status of women globally](#)
UN Women, 27 September 2013
 - [Gender Equality is also smart peace-building](#)
UN Women, 26 September 2013
 - [Gender Equality and women's empowerment central to sustainable development](#)
UN Women, 24 September 2013
 - ['Lighting a Billion Lives' throughout India](#)
DFID, 20 September 2013
 - [Her own boss : giving hope to the poorest women in Bangladesh](#)
DFID, 16 September 2013
 - [MDG Countdown 2013 : Girls and Women Transforming Societies](#)
DFID, 20 September 2013
 - [Greening : Syrian children must not become a lost generation](#)
DFID, 23 September 2013
 - [A life saved every three minutes – Britain leads the way in fight against HIV / AIDS, TB and malaria](#)
DFID, 23 September 2013
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4. Development News

- [The world we want: an end to child marriage](#)

Graça Machel, Gunilla Carlsson and Emilia Pires, The Lancet, 21 September 2013

- [Inside the brutal and hopeless world of Mumbai's trafficked teenage sex slaves](#)

The Observer, 28 September 2013

- ['Breast Ironing': Girls 'have chests flattened out' to disguise the onset of puberty](#)

The Independent, 26 September 2013

- [EWL joins calls for gender perspective to be taken into account by UN](#)

European Women's Lobby, 26th September 2013

- [Little Girls Killed, Who Cares](#)

IPS News, 7 October 2013

- [Egyptian Revolution Brings an IVF Rush](#)

IPS News, 3 October 2013

- [Ugandan Women Put on Their Boxing Gloves](#)

IPS News, 2 October 2013

- [Survivors Question U.N. Focus on Legalising Sex Work](#)

IPS News, September 26 2013

- [OP-ED: Sustainable Development Goals After 2015](#)

IPS News, September 25 2013

- [MidEast and Africa Still Holdouts on Women's Rights](#)

IPS News; September 25 2013

- [Malala must not fall victim to our expectations](#)

The Independent, October 7 2013

- [Malala Yousafzai: 'It's hard to kill. Maybe that's why his hand was shaking'](#)

The Guardian, October 7 2013

- [Namibia: Gender Mainstreaming Crucial in Policy Implementation](#)

All-Africa, 4 October 2013

- [113 Countries Commit to Stop Rape in Conflict with Historic Declaration at UN](#)

AWID, 29 September 2013

- [Women Rights Organisations Strategize for Democracy in Zimbabwe](#)

AWID, 4 October 2013

- [Kenyan women sue for ownership of Nairobi slum](#)

The Guardian, 2 October 2013

- [Saudi Arabian cleric says female drivers risk damaging ovaries](#)

The Guardian, 29 September 2013

- [Kenya's other great catastrophe: women and infants dying in childbirth](#)

The Guardian, 28 September 2013

- [Child Rape gets more media attention in Pakistan](#)

IRIN News, 24 September 2013

- [Top Afghan Female Police Officer Gunned Down](#)

IPS News, 16 September 2013

5. Blogs

Please note that the views expressed in the following blogs are not necessarily endorsed by GADN or its member organisations.

- [Women's Leadership as a force for change](#)

Gazalla Amin, 18 September 2013

- [If Technology is the answer, where are the women?](#)

Jess McCabe, 1 October 2013

- [Justice Obstructed](#)

Lindsey Greising, 10 September 2013

6. Publications & Resources

- [Draft opinion - Saudi Arabia, its relations with the EU and its role in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

European Union, 2013 ; Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality - Barbara Matera

- [OPINION on women with disabilities](#)

European Union, 2013; Committee on Development - Corina Crețu

- [Programmatic aspects of postpartum family planning in developing countries: a qualitative analysis of key informant interviews in Kenya and Ethiopia](#)

AJRH, September 2013

- [Feminists in Development Organisations, Change from the Margins](#)

Edited By Rosalind Eyben, Laura Turquet, October 2013

- [Literacy, Women and Empowerment](#)

UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, 2013

7. Podcasts/Videos

- [The World we Want – End Child Marriage](#)

Girls Not Brides; International Day of the Girl, October 2013

- [Seeking Safety: Stepping Stones in Malawi](#)

Salamander Trust and the Coalition of Women living with HIV and AIDS (COWLHA) in Malawi; 2013

- [Despite 3rd sex recognition, life is hard for transgenders in Nepal](#)

Rajneesh Bhandari; IPS TV, 7 October 2013

- [Public places, but not for gays in Cameroon](#)

Anne-Mirelle Nzouankeu; IPS TV, 2 October 2013

- [Should there be restriction on wearing the niqab? Five minute video debate](#)

The Guardian, 23 September 2013

8. Campaigns / Funding Opportunities and Tenders

- **Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women (GrOW)** have a five-year research programme which aims to generate new evidence on women's economic empowerment, gender equality and economic growth in low-income countries. The research program aims

to strengthen evidence that informs social and economic policies to enhance women's economic empowerment and close gender gaps. The program is jointly supported by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), the William and Flora Hewett Foundation and Canada's International Research Centre (IDRC). It will fund 15-20 research projects which will be selected following a competitive call for research proposals, deadline 25th October 2013. For more information about the completion and for full details about how to apply please follow the link [here](#).

- **The International Journal of Gender and Development** has a call for contributions, looking at Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning in international development and humanitarian programmes, advocacy and campaigns from a gender justice and women's right's perspective. The commissioning deadline is 15th October 2013 and commissioned articles will need to be completed for a deadline of 20th January 2014. For more information please follow the link [here](#).
 - **Friends of the Earth** have launched a project aimed at identifying the big changes that are needed to providing well-being for everybody. They have identified ten questions (found [here](#)) – one question is: **could women's empowerment transform the chances of achieving sustainability?** FOE are commissioning some 800-1000 work articles that answer the question 'why environmental groups should be actively pursuing women's empowerment'. These will be published but unpaid. If you are interested, please contact anna.watson@foe.co.uk sending a short 50-100 word abstract by 31st November. Final articles need to be completed by Christmas with the aim to publish them in January.
 - **Plan West Africa Regional Office** have launched a tender to recruit a consultant for a research project for the BIAAG 2014 report. The research topic is the access of girls and women to decision making processes in West Africa. They are looking for a consultant (or team of) with proven expertise in human rights / gender based programming and in the statistical analysis of macro-socio-economic data. The person needs to be familiar with Sub-Saharan Africa and be fluent in French and English. Details found [here](#).
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9. Events and Conferences

- **Empowering Women through Education: challenges and strategies:** On behalf of the **APPG on Global Education for All**, Baroness Goudie invites you to a parliamentary event on the global crisis in women's literacy on **15th October 2013 15:00-17:00** Committee Room 15, Houses of Parliament. Despite the progress in Education for All, 775 million adults still lack literacy skills, and two thirds of these are women. This represents a reduction of just 12% since 1999, falling far short of the Education for All 50% reduction target. Join us to hear an expert panel of speakers from **The Literacy Working Group** discuss not only the challenge facing us, but also strategies and solutions for positive change. **RSVP by Thursday 10 October** to Rachel Fox: rachel.fox@actionaid.org
- **Maplecroft's** CEO Alyson Warhurst invites you to a webinar entitled '**Girls Discovered: Mapping the Issues Affecting Adolescent Girls**', taking place on **Friday 18th October at 15.00 BST**. *Girls Discovered* is a partnership between Maplecroft, the Nike Foundation and the United Nations Foundation in which a global database of key indicators pertaining to the social, economic and legal welfare of adolescent girls has been developed to raise awareness of the issues adolescent girls face globally. Please see: <http://girlsdiscovered.org/> for more information. The webinar will highlight the obstacles faced by adolescent girls globally, using the maps and data available on the Girls Discovered website and explaining; the issues currently faced by adolescent girls and why they are particularly vulnerable; why it makes sense to focus on girls from a developmental, economic and social point of view; how the Girls Discovered website works; areas for future research and potential opportunities for other organisations; links to other useful resources, such as Maplecroft's and the UN Global Compact's [Human Rights and Business Dilemmas Forum](#). Registration for this webinar is available [here](#).
- **Care International** invites you to '**Arab Spring or Arab Winter for Women's Rights: What are the implications for politics, business and the media in the region?**', taking place on **31st October 6:30-8pm**, Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James' Street, London, SW1A 1LR. New research by Care International in Egypt, Morocco, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Yemen suggest that the popular uprising have created a complex set of challenges and opportunities with regard to women's political participation. An explosion of new activism by women and some concrete gains has been undermined by

powerful factions outbidding each other's conservatism. **Please RSVP by 28 October** to events@careinternational.org

- **Marie Stopes International** invites you to **'The Right to Health: making rights and accountability a reality'**, taking place on **15th October 12:30-2pm**, The Churchill Dining Room, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA. Please join leading public health advocates to talk about practical solutions for tackling poverty, inequality and addressing the barriers to healthcare, in particular reproductive health. Full details found [here](#).
 - The [Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence](#) invite you to **'Raising Voices, SASA! Study'** taking place on **10th October 3:30-5:30** Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Please join them to discuss what it takes to prevent violence against women and HIV. See www.raisingvoices.org/sasa for more information on the study. They also invite you to a free film screening of [Weapon of War](#) on **24th October 6:30pm**, Lighthouse Cinema, Smithfield, Dublin 7 with the film's director Femke van Velzen in attendance. *Weapon of War* is an award-winning film honored by Amnesty International. It journeys to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where after decades of conflict between rebels and government forces, Congolese women and girls have fallen victim to rape on a massive scale; with the numbers continuing to rise. The event will include a panel discussion and Q&A and will be followed by a drinks reception. *Please note: This film contains scenes some viewers may find disturbing.* RSVP to info@gbv.ie. More details found [here](#).
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10. Job Openings

- [Senior Programme Officer – Body / Mama Cash / Amsterdam](#)
13th October 2013
- [ERT Women's Protection and Empowerment Coordinator / International Rescue Committee / Global](#)
Deadline is within 60 days
- [Trustees, a New Chair, Treasurer/Accountant / Widows for Peace through Democracy](#)
ASAP
- [Gender Specialists – Water and Sanitation / Gender Resources Inc., / South Sudan](#)
ASAP

- [Senior Program Officer / International Women's Health Coalition / Washington D.C.](#)
October 15th 2013
- [Senior Specialists for Women's Economic Empowerment / Gender Resources Inc., / Kosovo](#)
ASAP
- [Senior Specialist for Women's Empowerment / Gender Resources Inc., / Jordan](#)
ASAP
- [Gender and Land Tenure Specialists / Gender Resources Inc.,](#)
ASAP
- [Content Producer, Ignite: Women Fueling Science and Technology Global Online Exhibition / International Museum of Women / San Francisco](#)
31 October 2013
- [Program Manager: Girls Economic Empowerment Program / TechnoServe / Rwanda](#)
Open until filled
- [Research Coordinator Gender and Development / United Nations Research Institute for Social Development \(UNRISD\) / Geneva](#)
13 October 2013
- [Director / Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice / The University of San Diego](#)
Open until filled
- [Humanitarian Gender Advisor / Oxfam GB / Amman or Beirut](#)
13th October 2013
- [Secretary General / European Women's Lobby / Brussels](#)
10th November 2013
- [Disaster Risk Management Unit Gender Volunteer / Plan UK / London](#)
15th October 2013
- [Gender Consultant / Adam Smith International](#)
Open until filled
- [Real Lives, Real Choices Cohern Intern / Plan UK / London](#)
16th October
- [GRB Consultant / Oxfam / Baku](#)
ASAP
- [WISE \(Women in Small Enterprise\) Program Coordinator](#)
15th October 2013
- [Chief of Staff / UN Women / New York](#)
28th October 2013

- [Consultant – Production of Video on Gender Equity / RECOFTC / Bangkok](#)
14 October 2013
- [Board of Trustees / Gender and Development Network](#)
October 21 2013
- [Deputy Representative \(Programme & Operations\) / UN Women / Liberia](#)
October 21st 2013
- [Gender Specialist / International Center for Research on Women / Senegal](#)
October 20 2013
- [Director / Young Changemakers Program / Akili Dada / Nairobi](#)
October 15 2013
- [Lecturer in Gender and Public Policy / School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University / New York](#)
Open until filled
- [Gender Programme Officer / The Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa / Nairobi](#)
30 November 2013
- www.minorityrights.org are looking for a consultant specifically with experience of working with Haratine women in Mauritania, supporting research and advocacy project working with this marginalised enslaved/ex-slave group. For more details, please email Claire.thomas@mrgmail.org

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