

Newsletter February 2013



Women and their young children walk along the road between the towns of Balcad and Jawahar in the Middle Shabelle region of Somalia. December 10 2012

UN Photo/Stuart Price

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If you are a member of the Gender and Development Network and would like to publicise an event or send us an update on your work, we will gladly include it in the newsletter. If you are not yet a GADN member and would like to become one please download the application form on our website or contact the GADN Coordinator for more information.

1. GADN News

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- **GADN Post-2015 report now online**

GADN's new report, 'Achieving Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the Post-2015 Framework', argues that to achieve real and sustainable change, the Post-2015 framework must tackle the underlying causes of gender inequality and promote women's empowerment. It is now available online at <http://www.gadnetwork.org.uk/gadn-post-2015-report/> as well as in hard copies. The Post-2015 working group is continuing to coordinate influencing opportunities for the Post-2015 agenda.

- **19th Feb - Gender Mainstreaming event and Members Meeting**

The next GADN event is taking place on **19th Feb 2- 3.30pm** and is the launch of the Gender and Development Journal's Gender Mainstreaming edition. Panel members will be Sylvia Chant, Helen Derbyshire, Hannah Warren and Jenevieve Mannell.

This will be followed by a GADN members meeting 3.45-5.30, where we will consult members on the plans for next year that the Board and Advisory Group are working on. A full agenda for the meeting will follow shortly.

Both events are taking place at **Plan: Finsgate 5-7 Cranwood Street, London EC1V 9LH**. Please RSVP to Francesca.Rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk if you are planning on attending.

- **GADN is looking for blog entries to post on its new blog!**

The blog post will end up **here**. Entries should be between 250 and 500 words and should be based on your experiences in gender and development. Please email entries to kate.stonehill@gadnetwork.org.uk.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **Bread for the World** and the **Protestant Development Service** are looking for a Social Scientist for Developing and Implementing a Gender Policy for YMCA in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Please send your CV to judith.kaehler@brot-fuer-die-welt.de (job account number: 22890). The deadline to apply is **28th February 2013**.

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **UN Women Executive Director Calls for Bold Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls During AU Summit**
UN Women, February 6th 2013

- **UN Women Signs Agreement to Better Track Female Leadership and Participation at the Local Level**
UN Women, February 1st 2013
- **Executive Director of UN Women Michelle Bachelet Expresses Deep Concern Over Escalating Violence Against Women in Egypt**
UN Women, January 31st 2013
- **Training Experts to Investigate Cases of Sexual and Gender-based Violence as International Crimes**
UN Women, January 29th 2013
- **Girls & Women: UK Call to End Violence Against Women**
DFID, January 21st 2013

4. Development News

- **Outcome Document of the CSOs Monrovia Consultoiant for the Post 2015 Development Agenda**
AWID, February 6th 2013
- **Foreign Aid for Sexual Health Sparks Hot Budget Debate**
EurActiv, February 4th 2013
- **Gender Equality 'Central' to All Other Development, Say Women's Groups**
The Guardian, February 1st 2013
- **Bangladesh's Women Take Rocky Road to India in Search of Freedom and Cash**
The Guardian, January 31 2013
- **Forced Contraception of Jewish Ethiopian Women is Tip of Global Iceberg**
The Guardian, January 30th 2013
- **Presidential Memorandum – Coordination of Policies and Programs to Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women and Girls Globally**
The White House, January 30th 2013

5. Blogs

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

- **Fundamentalism Without Borders?**
Jolene Tan, February 7th 2013
- **Why Do We Need to Make Customary Laws Work for Women**
Mark Tran, February 6th 2013
- **The Dangers of a Gender Essentialist Approach to Sexual Violence**
Jos, January 31st 2013
- **The Power of Association**
Naila Kabeer, January 21st 2013
- **V-Day: Then and Now**

Louise Robertson, January 20th 2013

- **Global Goals for Human Rights and Governance After 2015**
Terra Lawson-Remer, January 17th 2013

6. Publications & Resources

- **Putting Women at the Centre of the Post 2015 Transformation Agenda**
ActionAid, January 2013

7. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- The Human Rights Council in its resolution A/HRC/RES/21/3 of 9 October 2012 has requested the **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)** to collect information from States Members of the United Nations and other relevant stakeholders on best practices in the application of traditional values while promoting and protecting human rights and upholding human dignity, and to submit a summary thereon to the Human Rights Council before its twenty-fourth session.

The text of the resolution, which should guide the content of the inputs, is available in all UN languages from the following webpage: <http://goo.gl/YzwGq>. Submissions from civil society organizations are welcome before **28 February 2013**, to be provided in the electronic format (MS Word document or compatible format) to registry@ohchr.org and spuvimanasinghe@ohchr.org. Concise submissions not exceeding 2 pages are encouraged. All submissions will be made available at OHCHR website.

8. Events and Conferences

- **Tearfund** is holding a day for Christian women who lead, and aspire to lead. Join **Tearfund** for 'Talitha Koum'.

A core part of Tearfund's work has for decades, involved empowering and working with women in a range of leadership roles. Now we feel it's time to explore together how we can personally practice what we preach! The main speaker will be Rev Dr Kate Coleman, founder and co-director of Next Leadership, Chair of the Evangelical Alliance Council, (formerly president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain 2006/7), and an associate pastor. Kate is the author of 7 Deadly Sins of Women in Leadership.

We will also be joined by Arianna Walker, Executive Director of Mercy Ministries UK, Elaine Storkey, Tearfund President and Director of Education for the Church of England Church Army, and Hilary Nichols, principle stylist from FrockChicks. The event will take place on **Saturday 9th March 2013** from **9.30am to 4.30pm**. at Tearfund, 100 Church

Road, Teddington, TW11 8QE. The cost is £20 (+ £1.85 booking fee) which includes a sandwich lunch. Please visit www.tearfund.org/talitha for more information.

- **In March 2013, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) is hosting the *End Forced Marriages Event*, which will focus on the impact and effects of forced marriages in the UK and around the world.**

Forced marriage is a marriage in which one or both of the parties are married without consent or against their will. The United Nations views forced marriage as an abuse of human rights as it violates the principle of freedom and autonomy of individuals. The purpose of the event is to provide a platform to discuss forced marriage among healthcare professionals, charities and community groups. There will also be a medical perspective offering information on related issues including teenage pregnancy, unwanted and unplanned pregnancy, and ante/postnatal depression.

This event is free to attend but places are strictly limited and offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Please send expressions of interest to **Caitlin Walsh**, Health Policy and Public Relations.

The event will take place on **March 8 2013** from **2:00-5:00 pm** at **RCOG, Regent's Park, 27 Sussex Place, London NW1 4RG**. For more information on the event, please visit the event webpage [here](#).

- **Women for Women** is holding an evening of discussions and presentations in association with **One Billion Rising UK Art Festival** and **Congo Connect** on **Thursday, 14 February 2013** at **Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL** at **18:30**.

'I Dream of Congo' is a multi-media exhibition of images, words and music created by international photographers, writers, artists, and women and children in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The exhibition will support Women for Women International and V-Day's work in DRC. For details and to RSVP please email supportuk@womenforwomen.org.

- The **Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation** and **FORWARD** are holding an **international conference, "Ending female genital mutilation in Europe"**.

The conference will take place from **9.30am-5.30pm** on **28th February 2013**, at **Amnesty International UK, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA**. The conference is **admission free** and is funded by DAPHNE III under the Sheroes project. It will be a place of learning from different experiences, case studies, discussion and networking.

The conference will include speeches on FGM in Africa, Middle East and Europe, UK policy framework, European policy development, working with young people, policy issues in relation to refugees and migrant communities, and asylum and FGM issues in Europe. Please

find attached the flyer and booking form for the conference. To book a place, RSVP to ikwro@gmail.com by **February 21st 2013**.

9. Job Openings

- **Africa Programme Officer/FORWARD/London, UK**
Closing Date: March 1st 2013
- **Landesa Women's Land Rights Visiting Professionals Program/Landesa/Seattle, USA**
Closing Date: February 28th 2013
- **Girls' Education Programme Manager/World Vision/Milton Keynes, UK**
Closing Date: February 21st 2013
- **Head of Fundraising & Marketing/Womankind/London, UK**
Closing Date: February 15th 2013
- **Experienced Evaluator/Womankind/Zimbabwe**
Closing Date: February 11th 2013
- **Researcher, Girls Education/Plan/Sierra Leone**
Closing Date: February 8th 2013

10. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **Reflections on Researching Women's Empowerment**
Naila Kabeer Lecture at SOAS, January 28th 2013
- **Women of Congo DRC: We are not victims**
The Guardian, January 25th 2013
- **Women for Refugee Women Support One Billion Rising**
The Guardian, January 21st 2013

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The GAD Network has been active in advocacy and awareness-raising on gender and development issues since its founding in 1985. You can find out more about us on our website www.gadnetwork.org.uk.

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