

Newsletter June 2013



A baby is weighed in a sling-scale at a UNICEF-supported baby-friendly tent in Cité L'Eternel, a slum in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Baby-friendly spaces offer nutrition counselling, food and medicine, and a safe place for mothers to breastfeed. © UNICEF/Roger LeMoynes

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1. GADN News

Post-2015

The UN High Level Panel report on the Post-2015 development agenda was released at the end of May. GADN has argued that a standalone goal is crucial to act as a catalyst to provide the necessary political will and resources to achieve women's empowerment and gender equality. We welcome the inclusion of a standalone goal to "empower women and girls and achieve gender equality", and the commitment to mainstream gender throughout the framework. The report includes recommendations for targets on violence against women and girls, child marriage, women's rights, sexual and reproductive health rights and maternal mortality.

GADN's report '[Achieving gender equality and women's empowerment in the post-2015 framework](#)' has been cited by government officials as influential in the process and final recommendations. Moving forward, GADN will continue to advocate for a strong focus on women's rights and gender equality in the new framework, including making proposals for transformative targets and indicators. A full response to the report will be published by GADN shortly.

Various GADN members have also commented on high level panel report's focus on gender:

- **ActionAid** - [UN report shows strong leadership on women's rights and tax avoidance](#)
- **VSO** – '[Hugely encouraged' by High Level Panel proposal to put women's empowerment at the heart of future efforts to fight poverty](#)
- **Womankind** - [Post 2015 sights set on gender equality](#)

Just before the report was released, GADN Director Jessica Woodroffe and Naila Kabeer published the blog '[Gender Equality must be a development priority in its own right](#)' in the Guardian Poverty Matters. At CSW in March we also held a multi-stakeholder roundtable on gender equality and the post-2015 framework which was attended by civil society, government, multi-lateral and research organisations. The key messages developed at the event can be found [here](#).

Political Empowerment

A GADN Political Empowerment group was set up in May. The group will initially operate as an information sharing platform for members working on both advocacy and programming. The group plans to carry out a mapping of GADN member's activities in this area, and also to support GADN's work on DFID's strategic vision for women and girls and its 'enabling environment'.

In April 2013 GADN held a meeting to share information and discuss approaches on political participation and leadership. Oxfam, Womankind Worldwide and VSO shared aspects of their work in this area.

A video by Womankind Worldwide – '[Women's Voices](#)' sees partners from Africa and Asia talking about women's leadership matters.

VSO's '[Women in Power](#)' campaign is calling for increased involvement of women in decision making at all levels. Watch the [campaign video](#) for more information.

If you are a GADN member and would like to join the group please email Francesca Rhodes – Francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk

2. GADN Members' Update

- **Plan UK** has published [The Girls' Learning Report](#). The report finds a gender gap in national exam results in favour of boys, across many developing countries, and seeks to analyse how school-based factors might impact differently on girls' learning and attainment and ultimately lead to those observable gaps between girls and boys. The report explores an under-studied area, the intersection between learning outcomes and gender equality, and is important for understanding reasons why girls in school are disadvantaged in learning. The findings of this report are a starting point for further investigation and have implications for girls' education programming, emphasising the need to focus on barriers to girls' learning, as well as barriers to access.

For more information on GADN member's work in this area please see our [Girl's Education in International Development](#) working group.

- **Women Living Under Muslim Laws** have launched a global campaign to end the stoning of women. Their [petition](#) strongly urges the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to heed this urgent call by openly denouncing the practice of executions by stoning. The campaign calls for stoning to be recognised as one of the most brutal forms of violence against women and a form of torture or cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment.

For more information on GADN member's work in this area please see our [Violence Against Women and Girls](#) working group.

- **Christian Aid** are looking for a consultant to facilitate a gender equality self-assessment/gender learning and development process. The consultant will work with Christian Aid's Gender Champion to roll out a process that will enable us to understand to what degree Christian Aid's policies, practices, systems, procedures, staffing, culture and

resources deliver on the organisation's commitment to addressing gender equality. The consultant will use this process to develop an action plan/strategy to guide our work towards implementing this commitment. Terms of reference are available [here](#).

Please send expressions of interest to Nina O'Farrell and Josh Levene by midday Monday 24th June, nofarrell@christian-aid.org, jlevene@christian-aid.org. Expressions of interest should be no longer than 8 pages, including appendixes. Interviews will be scheduled for 2nd July.

- In an article for CNN, Cherie Blair of the **Cherie Blair Foundation for Women** urges the UN High Level Panel for the post-2015 framework not to drop the standalone goal for gender in favor of an equalities goal. Read the article [here](#).

Please see our website for more information on GADN's work on the [post 2015 agenda](#).

- On 26th April **Womankind Worldwide, ODI and Plan UK** presented at an expert workshop 'Empowering adolescent girls by tackling social norms'. Organised by the UK Department for International Development, OECD Development Centre, Overseas Development Institute and Girl Hub, the objectives of the workshop were to share learning on the topic of social norms, social institutions and adolescent girls by exploring concepts and definitions, measurement approaches and programme and policy responses. The workshop brought together approximately forty experts, practitioners, academics and policymakers representing a range of thematic areas. The presentations from the workshop are [available online](#).

Prior to the workshop, an [online discussion](#) was held on how social norms shape the lives of adolescent girls and which interventions are effective changing discriminatory social norms and practices.

GADN will be organising an event on social norms this year, details of which will appear in a future newsletter.

- **Reproductive Health Matters** are launching their new journal issue, 'Young people, sex and relationships'. Their launch event will take place on the 13th June 2013 at the Grange

Langham Court Hotel at 6.30pm. The event offers an opportunity to meet some of the authors: Jo Heslop (Moving beyond the “male perpetrator, female victim” discourse in addressing sex and relationships for HIV prevention in Eastern Zambia), Lesley Hoggart (The experience of side effects from contraceptive implants: a challenge of bodily control among young women), Gitau Mburu (Rights-based services for adolescents living with HIV: adolescent self-efficacy and implications for health systems in Zambia), Laura Hurley and young people from Education for choice and Chair Lisa Hallgarten.

For more information and to RSVP to the event please follow [this link](#) or contact on lhallgarten@rhjournal.org.uk.

- **IDS** in conjunction with **Oxfam GB** have released the year 1 results of their project, [‘Squeezed: Life in a time of food price volatility’](#). The project explores the implications of the accumulation of food price rises for well being and development in developing countries and what can be done to improve life in times of food price volatility. This report is based on the first year results of a four year project conducted across 10 countries with a variety of exposure to price rises. It provides reasons to prepare for the next food price hike and recommendations for how best to do so.

3. DFID/EU/UN

- [DfID launch £39 million programme to improve prospects for women and girls in Nigeria](#)
15th May 2013, DiFD
- [UN in Nigeria Launches Gender Equality Briefing Kit](#)
30th April 2013, UNDP
- [UN Women calls for urgent and effective action against femicide](#)
15th May 2013, UN Women
- [Protecting the rights and unleashing the potential of Indigenous girls in rural Guatemala](#)
14th May 2013, UNFPA
- [EU wide protection for victims of domestic violence to become law](#)
23rd May 2013, European Commission

4. Development News

- [Where are laws equal for men and women?](#)
May 2013, World Bank.
- [Giving Women in Zimbabwe's Informal Sector Rights](#)
1st May 2013, IPS.
- [Kenyan women to break glass ceiling in Cabinet](#)
9th May 2013, IPS
- [Why girls need economic control](#)
10th May 2013, The Girl Effect
- [Mayor of Osaka maintains that sex slaves were a necessity during the second world war](#) 17th
May 2013, The Guardian
- [HPV vaccine to become widely available to girls in developing countries](#)
9th May 2013, CBC News
- [Ghanaian Women call for immediate implementation of affirmative action bill](#)
16th May 2013, All Africa
- [No Justice for Mali rape survivors](#)
6th May 2013, IRIN
- [South East Asia's human trafficking conundrum](#)
6th May 2013, IRIN
- [The first arms trade treaty recognises gender based violence](#)
16th May 2013, AWID
- [Born into a crisis: Unwanted pregnancies in Syria](#)
29th May 2013, IRIN
- [Adolescent Girls are critical post 2015 Agenda](#)
29th May 2013, AWID
- [Adolescent girls issues: moving up the development agenda](#)
30th May 2013, The Guardian

5. Blogs

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

- [Gender Equality and Women's rights](#)
Kristine Albrektsen, VSO, May 29th 2013
- [We need to talk about masculinity](#)
Laurie Penny, 16th May 2013
- [Opening opportunities to differently able women and girls](#)
Arpita Mitra, 14th May 2013
- [Is education the most powerful weapon in the fight against FGM?](#)
Louise Robertson, 14th May 2013
- [Women's Equality in the UK- a health check](#)
Ava Lee, 17th May 2013
- [Focus on Gender: Moving on from top down gender policies](#)
Henrietta Miers, 30th May 2013

6. Publications & Resources

- [Getting at the roots: Reintegrating human rights and gender equality in the post 2015 development agenda](#)
April 2013, AWID
- [Girls on the move: Adolescent girls & migration in the developing world](#)
May 2013, Population Council & Girls Count
- [Country Profile: FGM in Kenya](#)
May 2013, 28 to Many
- [Girls Learning: Investigating the classroom practices which promote girls learning](#)
May 2013, Plan UK
- [Women's Equality in the UK: A health check](#)
April 2013, Women's Resource Centre
- [Squeezed: Life in a time of food price volatility](#)
May 2013, Oxfam/IDS

7. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- The March 2014 issue of the international journal **Gender & Development**, will look at Education and Learning from a gender justice and women's rights perspective.

This issue hopes to explore these concerns in grounded case studies of real experience from developing countries. All articles need to draw on first-hand research and to focus on the implications for future policy and practice, and to be written in accessible, non-theoretical English for our wide audience of policymakers, researchers, advocates, campaigners, practitioners and activists.

Development and feminist policymakers, practitioners, and researchers, are all invited to share insights in this issue of Gender & Development. Please send a paragraph outlining your proposed idea for an article for this issue to csweetman@oxfam.org.uk as soon as possible, and before the commissioning deadline: **7 June 2013**. For more information please see the journal [website](#).

- One of our members is in the process of writing a book on men and gender equality and would appreciate your responses to [this questionnaire](#). There are 15 questions most of which are multiple choice and the survey should take less than 10 minutes. If you would like more information, please contact Niki van der Gaag on nikkivdg@yahoo.co.uk
- The Gender Innovation Lab of the World Bank Africa Region gender Practises have launched a request for expressions of interest: Seeking organisations and teams with projects in Africa designed to improve economic opportunities for men and women, who would like to work with the gender innovation lab on the impact evaluations of their project. The deadline for submissions is 5pm US Eastern daylight time on the 8th July 2013. More information can be found [here](#).

8. Events and Conferences

- 12th June 5.30-7.30pm, Institute of Education, London. The London International Development Centre and the Department of Geography, Environment and Development Studies at Birkbeck invite you to the launch of **'Aid, NGOs and the realities of women's lives: a Perfect Storm'** edited by Fenella Porter and Tina Wallace. The presentation of the book will be followed by a discussion.

For more details see the [event flyer](#). This event is in addition to the launch taking place in Oxford.

- Reproductive Health Matters invites you to a meeting in London on June 13th to hear about our most recent journal issue: **Young people, sex and relationships**.

To find out more about this event and sign up for a free ticket please click [here](#)

- The University of Worcester is running a number of course both in standalone module and masters qualification form around the topic of sexual and domestic violence. For more information please see their website <http://www.worcester.ac.uk/> or contact r.jones@worc.ac.uk

9. Job Openings

- [Senior Programme Officer: Gender /BMGF/ Seattle USA](#)
ASAP
- [Head of Policy and Influencing/ Womankind Worldwide/ London](#)
14th June 2013
- [Chair of board of trustees/ Womankind Worldwide/ UK](#)
14th June 2013
- [Regional Director Africa or EMEA/Women for Women International/Kenya Europe](#)
14th June 2013
- [Child Protection Coordinator/IRC/ Bamako, Mali](#)

13th June 2013

- [Consultant: Gender Learning and Development/ Christian Aid/ London/ UK](#)

24th June 2013

- [Deputy Project Director RECOLTE programme/ Catholic Relief Service/ Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso](#)

30th June 2013

- [Research Fellow- Governance Team/ IDS/ Brighton, UK](#)

14th June 2013

- [Project leader: Global programme quality framework/ Plan UK/ Woking, UK](#)

10th June 2013

10. Podcasts/Videos

- [Why Invest in Women?](#)

May 2013, USAID

- [The Riddle: A anti- homophobia message from the UN human rights office](#)

14th May 2013, UN Humanrights

- [A schoolgirls world in Zaatari refugee camp](#)

16th May 2013, WFP

- [Life in a time of food price volatility](#)

22nd May 2013, IDS Sussex

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