

**Newsletter May 2013**



Initiation of a Mayan ceremony, led by Ana Laynes, indigenous leader and Mayor of Nebaj, Guatemala, to open the Post-2015 Consultation with Indigenous Women on 8 April. Photo credit: UN Women/Marco Barrera

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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 Members' Update

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- **Save the Children** have published their 14<sup>th</sup> annual **State of the World's Mother's** report, **Surviving the First Day**. Every year, nearly 3 million babies die within the first month of life, most from preventable causes. More than a third of these babies die on their first day of life – making the birth day the riskiest day for newborns and mothers almost everywhere. This report shows which countries are doing the best – and which are doing the worst – at preventing these deaths. It also examines the need to strengthen health systems, train and equip more health workers and make proven, underused solutions available to every mother and newborn who needs them. The report is available to download [here](#).

## 2. DFID/EU/UN

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- **Women are the silver bullet to ending extreme poverty says UNDP head**  
DIFD, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013
- **New DIFD Education Programs to see 250,00 Afghan girls in education**  
DIFD, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- **New Support for female Haitian survivors of violence**  
DIFD, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013
- **Zimbabweans say yes to a new constitution strong on gender equality and womens rights**  
UN Women, 19 April 2013
- **Latin American and Caribbean Women chart their priorities for a new global development agenda**  
UN Women, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

## 3. Development News

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- **Bangladesh factory collapse could force rethink for garment industry**  
The Guardian, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013
- **Gender relations are changing along with the climate**  
IRIN 25 March 2013

- **Refugees: Further from home but closer to school**  
IRIN 17 April 2013
- **Dalai Lama: I would be pleased if my successor was a female**  
The Telegraph, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013
- **Nepal struggles to contain human trafficking problem**  
The Guardian, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- **Pressure is mounting in the Philippines to end ban on formula milk aid**  
IRIN, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- **Ladies in White finally able to collect their Sakharow prize awarded in 2005**  
Global Post, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013
- **Uganda Pilots mobile courts for refugees**  
IRIN, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013
- **Pakistan's women face battle for the right to vote**  
The Guardian, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## 4. Blogs

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

- **Breaking the cycle of child marriage in India**  
Jennifer Abrahamson, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- **Investing in Girls and Women equals a more prosperous world**  
Donna Barne, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- **Broken Promises: Local women hit hardest by corporate land deals**  
Marc Wegerif, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- **El Salvador: UN Experts call on the government to provide treatment to save the life of a woman at risk**  
Womens Rights and the Media, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **Unspeakable Crimes Against Children: Sexual Violence in Conflict**  
Save the Children, April 2013
- **Women's collective action: Unlocking the potential of agricultural markets**  
Oxfam, March 2013
- **Surviving the First Day: State of the Worlds Mothers**  
Save the Children, May 2013

- **Unfinished Business- Women and Girls front and centre beyond 2015**  
OECD, May 2013

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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- In preparation for a forthcoming thematic report to the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly (October 2013) the **Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights**, Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, invites you to **submit contributions on unpaid work, poverty and women's human rights**. The Special Rapporteur also seeks examples of relevant policies or programmes that address or impact on unpaid work, either implemented by States, development partners, international organisations or civil society organisations. Information on programmes that specifically target women living in poverty is particularly appreciated

Copies of assessments, programme outlines and evaluations are also most welcome. Should you need more information, please check the website of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights: <http://goo.gl/u8eXo>. Please send your contributions, in English, Spanish or French, in MS Word document, PDF or compatible format **no** later than **31 May 2013** to: [srextremepoverty@ohchr.org](mailto:srextremepoverty@ohchr.org)

## 7. Events and Conferences

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- On 16<sup>th</sup> May **FORWARD** are holding accredited training on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The training will increase knowledge, understanding and awareness for professionals on the practise of female genital mutilation (FGM). This will help strengthen competency and skills and enable multi-agency cooperation in relation to safe guarding and support services for those affected. The day is aimed at GPs, Midwives, Nurses, Social Workers and key staff at any agency involved in treating and supporting women and girls affected by FGM. Held at NCVO, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL the training costs £100. To register contact [training@forwarduk.org.uk](mailto:training@forwarduk.org.uk)
- On 28<sup>th</sup> May (18.30-20.30) Join Women and Children First (UK) at the **Women Deliver** conference (room 407) to hear ground breaking new evidence on: **Women's Groups Help Improve Maternal, Newborn and Child Health: Community-led, Evidence-based Action from Bangladesh, India, Malawi and Nepal**. The Lancet's Richard Horton will be

moderating a panel of speakers including Professor Anthony Costello (UCL's Institute for Global Health) and representatives from Ekjut (India), the Perinatal Care Project (PCP) (Bangladesh), MaiMwana (Malawi) and MIRA (Mother Infant Research Activities), Nepal. For more information please contact Ruth Duebbert : [r.duebbert@wcf-uk.org](mailto:r.duebbert@wcf-uk.org)

- On the 19<sup>th</sup> of June the **public policy exchange** is hosting **Zero Tolerance on Forced Marriage and 'Honour' Based Violence: The Way Forward**. This seminar will provide an invaluable opportunity to gain a current understanding of the legal framework and implications of criminalising forced marriage. The symposium will examine how a multi-agency approach can be strengthened, especially at the local level and explore issues around prevention, the importance of specialist services and the greater role of education providers in ensuring better awareness and early intervention. For more information please see: <http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/DF19-PPE.php>
- On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 4:15-6pm the Reception to launch **New evidence to save mothers' lives: Findings from Bangladesh, India, Malawi, and Nepal show that women's groups significantly reduce maternal deaths** hosted by Baroness Jenny Tonge, Chair UK APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health and Lord Crisp, Chair UK APPG on Global Health in collaboration with UCL, Institute for Global Health and Women and Children First (UK) the event is being held in Strangers' Dining Room, Houses of Parliament, London. For more details email [h.hopkins@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:h.hopkins@ucl.ac.uk)

## 8. Job Openings

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- **Short Term Gender Budgeting Consultancy/Ministry of Public Health/Afghanistan**  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- **Womens Protection and Empowerment Programme Manager /IRC /Mafraq, Jordan**  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- **Fundraising and Database Officer/ Womankind Worldwide/ London**  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- **Gender Specialist/ ACDI/VOCA /Haiti**  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013
- **Programme Officer WSH/Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation/ Seattle, USA.**  
ASAP
- **Girls Education Programme Manager/ Care International UK /London**  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2013
- **Head of Programmes/ Afrikids/ London**  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2013

- **Programme Funding Manager/ Womankind Worldwide/ London**  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## 9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **Stopping Violence Against Women**  
UNDP, 29 April 2013
- **Unspeakable crimes against children**  
Save the Children, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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