

Newsletter August 2013



Fardosa, 28, is an Oromo refugee from Ethiopia, currently living in Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya. "I am a catering student and celebrating Ramadan this month. So far it's going well, but it's a challenge to cook during the day when we're supposed to fast because we normally taste the food as we learn to prepare it. I've resisted the temptation so many times, it strengthens my faith." Photo and text by Brendan Bannon for UNHCR

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1. GADN News

Communications and Research volunteer recruitment

GADN is recruiting a new Communications and research volunteer to start in September. The volunteer will support the secretariat to create engaging and useful communications through our newsletter, website and social media. They also support and attend GADN events and meetings and have the opportunity to support research tasks for the network.

Volunteers usually commit one day a week for 6-9 months, so the role is great for someone undertaking a masters or final year degree in 2013-14. The full role description and how to apply is on our [website](#).

Please pass on to anyone you think might be interested.

Consultant database

GADN is putting together a database of the independent consultants in the network. This will be available on our website and will be a useful tool both for consultants to promote their work, and for members and others to get in contact with consultants who have skills they might need.

If you are a member of the network and would like to be included in the database, contact Francesca – Francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk for a template to fill in with your details. If you are not a member but would like to know more about GADN, please do also get in contact.

In the future the database will also have space for members to recommend consultants, from within and outside the network. Inclusion in the database will not imply an endorsement from GADN.

Communications review

We are currently conducting a review of the ways in which we communicate with our members – to include our website, newsletters, social media, reports, working group meetings and member's meetings.

We will be looking at the current strategies we use for communicating with members, gather feedback on how effective they are and create an action plan for improving them.

Francesca will be contacting a number of members to request an informal interview about our current communications. However, if you have any particular issues you would like to bring up, or

recommendations to make, please do get in contact – Francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk (by the end of August)

Girls Education Working Group at the UKFIET conference

The Girls' Education in International Development working group is hosting a discussion on 'evidence of change in girls' access to quality education' at the UKFIET conference on 9th September.

The event will look at:

- What, in the context of girls' education do we mean by evidence, and what kind of evidence is going to help most in informing and improving programming and education for girls?
- How can we use qualitative and quantitative research together for building evidence?

A range of organizations will share insights and evidence on 'what works' from recent research on issues ranging from 'learning' to 'violence in schools' followed by an informal Q&A session to explore the issues more deeply and make recommendations on how to ensure girls' quality education remains central to the post-2015 debates.

The event will be held in the McGregor Matthews room at New College, from 6-7.30pm on Monday 9th September. For more information please click [here](#). Please forward to any colleagues who might be attending the conference.

See our website for more information on the [Girls' Education in International Development](#) working group.

Anita Reilly, Education Adviser at Plan UK and a member of the working group has recently posted [this blog](#) on improving the quality of Girl's Education.

Post – 2015 and Inequalities

In July GADN convened a meeting between those working on different forms of inequality in the post-2105 agenda, including disability, age, gender, income and social inequalities. The meeting was a chance to understand each other's positions and strategies, and to explore ways of working together. We will be working with those that attended and our post-2015 working group to take these ideas forward.

See [our website](#) for the latest GADN post-2015 activities.

2. GADN Members' Update

- July saw **IDS** launch a new [interactive online resource](#) as part of its Empowerment of Women and Girls research programme, which provides insights into the collective forms of activism taking place in Egypt that are attempting to monitor and tackle gender based violence.
- **28 Too Many** have published a new report '[Country Profile: FGM in Uganda](#)'. The purpose of the report is to provide an enhanced understanding of issues relating to FGM within a wider framework of gender equality and social change. The report acts as a benchmark on the current situation of FGM in Uganda. 28 Too Many hope it will be a valuable resource for organisations to communicate their initiatives, shape their own policies and programmes, and network with each other; facilitating collaborative strategies for change.

Any questions about the report should be directed to Louise Robertson, Operations Co-ordinator - louise.robertson54@gmail.com

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

- The July issue of the **Gender and Development** journal has been released. This special issue on Feminist Solidarity and Collective Action is available for free online [here](#).

The issue includes articles from researchers, activists and practitioners focussing on how the ideals of the feminist movement has been heard, absorbed and responded to by development and humanitarian policy and practise: both as ends in themselves, and as critical elements in the process of attaining economic, political and social rights for all.

- The **UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development**, who have recently become a member of GADN, have released the latest in a series of factsheets focused on [Violence Against Women and HIV](#). The fact sheet explores how violence against women and girls increases vulnerability to HIV, why women living with HIV face violence and current interventions to address violence.

- **Reproductive Health Matters** are organising an evening of speakers to mark **International Day of Action for Decriminalisation of Abortion** on 26th September 2013. The event will take place in London with the venue to be announced. A draft list of topics include: Conscientious objection and the Glasgow midwives court case and appeal, The Northern Ireland abortion guidance, Criminal investigation of abortion providers in England following the sex selection debacle, What happens when women and abortion providers are reported to the police for illegal abortions around the world and Women in prison for abortion: where, who and why?

They welcome offers of involvement, suggestions for speakers and additional topics. For more information please contact mberer@rhjournal.org.uk

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

- [A transformative stand-alone goal on achieving gender equality, women's rights and women's empowerment: Imperatives and key components](#)
June 2013, UN Women
- [Empowering women with learning disabilities](#)
11th July 2013, UN Women
- [UN Human Rights office launches global campaign for LGBT equality](#)
26th July 2013
- [Modernising development finance: The future of official development assistance](#)
29th July 2013, DfID
- [Young women being 'left behind' in efforts to tackle HIV](#)
12th July 2013, DfID
- [Violence Against Women: a problem of epidemic proportions](#)
20th June, WHO

4. Development News

- [Women's status on the global development agenda: The future of the MDG's post 2015](#)

- Paul Okumu, 28th June 2013
- [Obstacles to improved maternal health care in Timor-Leste](#)
IRIN, 8th July 2013
 - [Why is Family Planning seldom prioritised in refugee settings?](#)
Guardian, 25th July 2013
 - [Boost for fistula treatment in Liberia](#)
IRIN, 10th July 2013
 - [Are not for profits getting away lightly on female leadership?](#)
Ama Marston, 9th July 2013
 - [Political cost of defending gay rights in Africa](#)
IRIN, 18th July 2013
 - [75% of brides in Niger are children](#)
IPS, 30th July
 - [Housework not Homework for millions of children in Pakistan](#)
IRIN, 26th July 2013
 - [Lean in or lean back? Making the most impact as a women in development](#)
Guardian, 24th July 2013
 - [Women in leadership it's not going to work the way we are doing it](#)
Ama Marston, Guardian, 1st August 2013

5. Blogs

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

- [To Care, Comfort and safeguard our children: The role of midwives in safeguarding children from FGM practices](#)
31st July, Amanda Epe
- [Urban Inequality and why it matters for the 2015 development agenda and beyond](#)
16th July 2013, Tricia Callender, UNICEF
- [Feminism: The radical idea that women are people](#)
16th July 2013, Caroline Sweetman, Oxfam
- [Spices and Women's Empowerment: I have been surprised](#)
31st July, Devika Menon, IDS

- [Yes minister... it's a human rights issue](#)
30th July, Baroness Sayeeda Warsi
- [Quality Education for all: Improving Girls Experience of Education rather than simply their Access](#)
11th July, Anita Reilly, Plan UK
- [From Content to Coalitions: The Politics of Post 2015](#)
31st July, Heiner Janus, German Development Institute

6. Publications & Resources

- [Real time insights into Gender based violence in Egypt](#)
5th July 2013, IDS
- [Gender and Development Special Issue: Feminist Solidarity and Collective Action](#)
July 2013
- [Female Genital Mutilation: My way of saying No](#)
2013, GAMS
- [Q & A: Child Marriage and Violations of Girls Rights](#)
June 2013, Human Rights Watch

7. Campaigns / Funding Opportunities and Tenders

- **Rosa** have announced a 3 year small grants programme to tackle Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in the UK. Funded by Comic Relief the grants of between £500 and £5000 will be available to voluntary and community organisations across the UK.
Grants are available for training, mentoring, research, networking and delivering advice and support services.

The first of 5 funding rounds will open on the 27th August and will close on 30th September. Round 2 will launch in mid-December. Application forms and guidance notes are available on request. For further details please contact FGMsmallgrants@rosauk.org.

- **Trócaire** are seeking tenders to adapt a SASA! Activist Kit for Faith-based Communities. The SASA! approach seeks to demonstrate how understanding power and its effects can help people prevent violence against women and HIV and AIDS and combines working with men and women with a positive, asset building methodology. Trócaire would like to adapt the current SASA! methodology for faith-based communities and develop a practical user-friendly international version for use in faith based Catholic and Christian communities across Africa. The successful candidate will report directly to the Trócaire Gender Programme Officer in Uganda and will be based in the Trócaire office in Kampala, Uganda. The work output will be managed by a steering committee comprised of Trócaire and Raising Voices. This piece of work will take place from September 2013 for one year.

For full terms of reference please Joanita Nassuna at: jnassuna@trocaireug.org

The deadline for expressions of interest is Friday 16th August, 2013

- The **Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Human Rights and Democracy Programme** Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative's funding round for 13/14 is now open. The initiative's key objective is to tackle the culture of impunity that exists for crimes of sexual violence and replace it with greater accountability by increasing the number of perpetrators of sexual violence crimes brought to justice both nationally and internationally, with a focus on national ownership, leadership and responsibility.

Implementers are invited to submit project proposals commencing from November 2013 and running for a maximum length of 16 months (until February 2015). Projects must be submitted via the relevant British embassy or high commission. The HRDP team will not accept proposals submitted directly. The deadline for submitting project proposals to the relevant embassy or high commission is close of business Wednesday 28 August 2013. More information including the strategy, guidance on the bidding process and project proposal forms can be found [here](#).

8. Events and Conferences

- **Forward** are organising an OCN accredited training on Female genital Mutilation (FGM) for professionals and frontline staff to increase knowledge, awareness and understanding in the area. This will help strengthen competency and skills and enable multi-agency cooperation in

relation to safeguarding and support services for those affected. The training 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.

The course is running on the 3rd October from 10am-4.30pm at NCVO, London and costs £100. For more information or to register for the course please contact training@forwarduk.org.uk or Yvette@forwarduk.org.uk.

- On the 13th August **Maplecroft** are hosting a webinar entitled 'Girls discovered: Mapping the issues affecting adolescent girls'. **Girls discovered** is a partnership between Maplecroft, the Nike foundation and the United Nations foundation aimed at helping donor, policy makers and implementing agencies target their investments in gender issues. For more information about this webinar or Girls discovered more broadly please see [here](#) for more information.
- The **World Bank** board is meeting on the 17th September to discuss the second update to its gender equality strategy, originally set out in and initiated after the 2012 World development report on gender equality and development.

The board will be reviewing a draft of the second annual update, before it is sent to the ministerial body that oversees the Bank's work during October's annual meetings, the Development Committee, comprising development and finance ministers from Bank member states (UK sends Justine Greening, from DFID).

The board meeting on the 17th of September will decide whether to approve the draft of the 2013 update for sending to the Development Committee.

Last year's document can be viewed here:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DEVCOMMEXT/0,,pagePK:64000837~piPK:64001152~theSitePK:277473~contentMDK:23276764,00.html>

The UK World Bank delegation advisor tasked with responsibility for policy on gender is Lucy Gordon, lgordon@worldbank.org

9. Job Openings

- [Women in Governance Advisor/ ActionAid International Zimbabwe/ Harare](#)
12th August 2013
- [Communications Manager/ Womankind Worldwide/ London](#)
8th August 2013
- [Gender Socio-Economic Programme Manager/ IRC/ Mafrag](#)
24th September 2013
- [Gender and Education Consultant/Social Development Direct/ London](#)
23rd August 2013
- [Expres Consultant-Gender and Crisis/UNDP/Multiple](#)
9th August 2013
- [Senior Gender Advisor/ Save the Children/ London](#)
1st September 2013
- [Global Campaigns Funding Manager/ Oxfam International/ Oxford \(Preferred\) Brussels, Geneva, Washington DC, New York City \(possible\)](#)
9th September 2013
- [Resilience Advisor-Gender and Governance/ Oxfam/ Oxford](#)
4th September 2013

10. Podcasts/Videos

- [My Daddy hurts my Mummy](#)
May 2013, RestoredR
- [Can FGM be eradicated in a generation?](#)
29th July 2013, Guardian Development
- [Women rising: Political leadership in Africa](#)
May 2013, FEMNET Prog
- [Women and Peacekeeping](#)
2013, UnitedNations

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