

Newsletter September 2013



Young Murle women gather in Dorein to help their families with the day's food distribution. The colour of the beaded necklaces they wear denotes their age group. © UNHCR/T.Irwin

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1. GADN News

Evidence of Change: Girls Quality Access to Education

On September 9, The Girls Education in Development Working Group of GADN held a discussion on *Evidence of Change: Girls Quality Access to Education* at the UKFIET conference in Oxford. The event explored how girls' quality education will remain central to the post-2015 debates, and the progress that has been made in programmes across the developing world.

Members of the working group presented their latest research at the event:

- A team at the **Institute of Education** has investigated **Interventions to enhance girls' education and gender equality**, discovering that there is considerable knowledge on interventions to changes in policy, but much less on interventions to change attitudes.
- **Plan's Girls' Learning: Investigating the classroom practices that promote girls' learning** has shown a gender gap in favour of boys in national exam results in developing countries by analysing school-based factors that impact differently on girls' learning and attainment.
- **VSO's Gender equality in teaching and education management** in Cameroon and Rwanda has identified deeply engrained attitudes to women's roles and behaviours as significant barriers to women's advancement in education. By promoting gender equality amongst teachers and managers can ensure positive role models that challenge these stereotypes.

- The **Africa Educational Trust's School Mothers** worked in 100 primary schools in South Sudan from 2008-2010, providing strong female role models and educating on issues such as early marriage and pregnancy. They have seen girls' retention increase by 2% in all participating schools.
- **ActionAid's Stop Violence Against Girls** project has enabled girls the right to education in a violence-free environment in Ghana, Kenya and Mozambique.
- **Save the Children's, Addressing female teacher shortages** project in South Sudan has seen a rise in the percentage of female teachers through their Women into Teaching (WIT) programme from 6% in 2005 to now 12%. By recruiting women in remote and poor areas and providing them with basic training, they have seen over 600 women complete their training and become teachers in community-led schools.

[A list of resources](#) from this research has been uploaded to the GADN website, and you can find out more about the working group's activities [here](#).

New members

GADN are delighted to welcome 5 new member organisations to the network who have joined over the summer:

- [Concern Worldwide](#)
- [Girl Hub](#)
- [One Woman a Year](#)
- [Sense International](#)
- [Trocaire](#)

To find out more about GADN membership, please go to [this](#) section of our website.

Trustee recruitment

Nadja Dolata, Gender Advisor at Save the Children and GADN Trustee recently left the UK to take up a new position in Sweden. Nadja has been enormously helpful to the network for a number of years, including through her role as a Trustee, co-chair of the Gender Mainstreaming working group, and in taking forward our work on feminist alternatives to development. GADN would like to thank Nadja for her support and wishes her the best of luck for the future.

The GADN Board of Trustees now has a vacant position which will be advertised in the next few weeks. Please email Francesca – Francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk if you would like to receive details (as recruitment may take place before the next monthly newsletter is due).

2. GADN Members' Update

- **Oxfam** have this month released the [My Rights, My Voice Annual Progress Report 2012](#). The project (MRMV) is an innovative three-year global programme, engaging marginalized children and youth in their rights to health and education services in eight countries. The belief behind the MRMV initiative is that children and youth have a right not only to access good quality and free health and education services, but also to voice their needs, hold their governments to account to deliver on these provisions effectively, and ultimately to be listened to as members of society and rights-holders as 'active citizens'.

The 2012 Annual Progress Report provides an overview of the programme's progress as well as developments and highlights in the first year. Children and youth, especially girls and young women, living in poverty are among the most marginalized and voiceless within society. Almost half the world's population are under the age of 25 and almost 85 per cent of those live in developing countries, yet they are rarely central to decision-making processes affecting their lives and do not always have the relevant information about their choices or rights. MRMV is working through partner organisations and directly with marginalized children and youth, their allies and with duty bearers around the world to engage these groups in ways that strengthen and support their voice and rights to health and education, and to ensure that the interests and voices of children and youth will be heard long into the future.

- **Plan** has released a new report, [Savings Groups and Educational Investments](#). Despite the introduction of free primary education in many developing countries, households continue to face direct and indirect costs of education. The paper explores if access to better, village-level facilities for saving and borrowing money help lower these financial barriers?

An extensive review of research and evaluations of savings groups facilitated by Plan and others around the world was undertaken, as well as qualitative research in two communities in rural Ghana. The research suggests that while savings groups don't necessarily allow for increased household education spending or increased enrolment rates in the short term, probably their greatest potential comes from the income smoothing effect: participants are able to pay formal and informal education fees in a more timely manner, thus reducing absenteeism. You can read a short briefing paper [here](#) and the full report [here](#).

For more information on GADN members work in this area please see our [Girls Education in Development](#) working group.

- **VSO** have released a new report entitled '[Women in Power: beyond access to influence in a post 2015 world](#)'. The report sets out why and how this focus should be incorporated into the post-2015 framework under a standalone goal on gender equality and women's empowerment. Women are estimated to account for almost two-thirds of the people globally who live in extreme poverty. Women perform two-thirds of the world's work, produce 50% of the food, but earn only 10% of the income and own only 1% of the property. At the same time, all around the world, women are not participating in public and political life on equal terms or in equal measure as men. This report draws on research commissioned into current measurement of women's participation and influence and the barriers that were identified through their own programme work.

For more information on GADN member's work in this area please see our [post-2015](#) working group.

- This month saw IDS release a briefing [Achieving Gender Equality through a Post-2015 Framework](#). The briefing examines how a post-2015 framework can help to promote women and girls' empowerment and achieve gender equality. It calls for both a gender specific goal and for targets integrated across all other goals as well as arguing for a new framework to promote gender equality as a human right and address the underlying structural causes of gender inequality by incorporating gender-specific targets across all goals.
- **Plan International** is seeking to commission a consultant to support their headquarters in conducting a Gender Equality Self-Assessment (GESA). The purpose of the GESA is to:

undertake a learning and review process on gender equality across Plan Internationals both internal and external work, conduct a gender document review of human resource policies and procedures and make recommendations for alignment with Plan's Policy on Gender Equality; and to learn and identify the strengths and challenges of Plan's gender work in order to determine concrete steps for making improvements. The TOR is available [here](#), please contact Sarah.hendriks@plan-international.org for more info or to apply, and note the timing for carrying out the work is flexible.

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

- [UNDP Helen Clark: Women In Leadership, Yes we can.](#)
UNDP, 3rd August 2013
- [Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: A statistical overview](#)
UNICEF, July 2013
- [International Day of the Worlds Indigenous Peoples](#)
UN Women, 9th August 2013
- [Gendercide: The missing women?](#)
European Parliament, 28th June 2013
- [Caribbean joint statement on Gender Equality and the Post 2015 and SIDS Agenda](#)
UN Women, 29th August 2013

4. Development News

- [Therapeutic abortion faces political resistance in Chile](#)
IPS, 5th August 2013
- [Sex and survival: Reducing fertility rates among adolescent girls](#)
Guardian, 6th August 2013
- [Guatemala's 'Femicide' courts hold out new hope for Justice.](#)
IPS, 2nd August 2013
- [Access to Family Planning](#)
Guardian, 8th August 2013

- [Thank you Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for keeping gender equality on top of the agenda](#)
Cherie Blair Foundation for Women, Huffington Post, 16th August 2013
- [China's one child policy human cost fuels reform](#)
Guardian, 16th August 2013
- [Montevideo Consensus urges countries to change abortion laws](#)
IPS, 16th August 2013
- [16 tips to change social norms for girls](#)
Guardian, 20th August 2013
- [Targeting hard-core urban poverty with a female face](#)
IPS, 12th August 2013
- [Female students in Indonesia may be forced to undergo virginity tests](#)
Guardian, 21st August 2013
- [Lack of proper legislature and a constitutional limbo increase risks to women's human rights defenders in Nepal](#)
AWID, 23rd August 2013
- [Ending female genital mutilation, one household at a time](#)
Guardian, 22nd August 2013
- [Evaluating Cairo+20 And Looking Toward 2015](#)
AWID, 30th August 2013
- [Breaking the Silence: How online mapping is tackling gender based violence](#)
Girl Hub, 31st August 2013
- [Sex workers bear the brunt of human trafficking](#)
IRIN, 3rd September 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
- [Do Cultural Norms and Customs Derail Women's Empowerment?](#)
31st July 2013, Kabukabu Ikwueme
- [Giving the Poor What They Need, Not Just What We Have](#)

6. Publications & Resources

- [SOGI UN Database](#)
ICJ, August 2013
- [Barometer of Women's Access to Modern Contraceptive Choice in 10 EU Countries](#)
IPPF Europe, June 2013
- [Conducting safe, effective and ethical interviews with survivors of sexual and gender based violence](#)
Witness, August 2013
- [Achieving Gender equality through a Post-2015 framework.](#)
IDS, August 2013
- [What added value do organisations that are led and managed by women and girls bring to work addressing the rights, needs and priorities of women and girls.](#)
Comic Relief, July 2012
- [Shifting Sands: Changing gender roles among refugees in Lebanon](#)
Oxfam, September 2013
- [Gender equality and the United Nations framework convention on climate change: A compilation of decision text](#)
Women's Environment and Development Organisation and Global Gender and Climate Alliance, August 2013

7. Campaigns / Funding Opportunities and Tenders

- **Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture and Social Justice** have issued a call for papers for their 37.1 issue. The issue will consist of two thematic clusters and one open topic cluster.

Cluster one is titled 'Intimacies/Affect', they are seeking contributions that consider the (re)productive work of intimacies and affect. They invite work that engages with these two concepts (individually or together) as ways of challenging and renegotiating the boundaries of what has come to count as public and private.

Cluster two is titled 'Transgressing Borders/Boundaries: Gendering Space and Place'. They invite work which explores the extent topics of inquiry common to Women's and Gender Studies actually considers questions of spatiality? Frequently, it is the transgression and maintenance of borders and boundaries that lend themselves to a feminist analytic; an approach which they are seeking to explore in this issue.

They also welcome submissions on themes other than those detailed which fit with the Journals mission statement. The deadline for submissions is the 1st November 2013. For more information on the journal and the submission process please see [here](#).

- **Gender at Work, the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), BRIDGE, Gender Society and Policies Area and Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales - FLACSO Argentina** announce the launch of a global competition: **End Gender Discrimination Now!** They want to hear your experiences and stories of making change happen. They are interested in both formal and informal strategies for tackling gender discrimination and are interested in how the internal cultures of organisations change, as well as how the impact or products of an organisation's work become more gender equitable.

If your entry is selected, your example will be featured on the websites of AWID, FLACSO, BRIDGE and Gender at Work, and in Gender at Work's upcoming publication: Making New Rules: Secrets and Stories from the House of Gender. Winners will also be supported to attend and/or feature their experience at: a) a Gender at Work Collaboratory, a venue where practitioners, activists and academics working on gender equality issues meet to share strategies and build collaborations, OR b) the AWID Forum 2016, where they will have an opportunity to present their experiences during a relevant workshop. Winning selections will also receive a year-long subscription to the IDS Bulletin and a back catalogue of BRIDGE publications.

For more information about the completion and for full details about how to apply please follow the link [here](#).

- **Comic Relief** is seeking a research institution or a team of consultants with extensive technical expertise in gender and experience of developing monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) systems in the context of international development, to co-develop and manage the MEL design of its focused women and girls initiative.

Interested parties will need to submit their tender by 5pm on 17th September 2013. Short listed candidates will be invited to give a brief presentation and discuss their proposal on 23rd of September 2013.

For more information relating to this tender please see [here](#). If you are interested in bidding for this work, and would like to discuss your ideas before submitting an application please contact Joanna Monaghan j.monaghan@comicrelief.com or Chris Wignall c.wignall@comicrelief.com.

- **African Women's Journal** has announced a call for abstracts for their July-December volume. The seventh and special edition of the Journal will seek to address questions such as; What is the world that we want? Not only for ourselves, but for our children, and their children's children (if we choose to have them). What are our non-negotiables? What agenda will see us truly transforming the worlds in which we live? What would it take to realize our visions? What factors will enable us not simply to survive, but to thrive?

Submissions are particularly encouraged from communities whose voices have often been silenced, including, but not limited to: those living with disabilities, pastoralist communities, slum dwellers, rural, indigenous, religious or ethnic minorities. For more information about this please see their [website](#). Those interested should submit an abstract written in English or French of no more than 200 words to communications@femnet.or.ke by the 13th September 2013.

- **Oxfam Canada** has announced a call for proposals from a consultant to carry out the final evaluation of their Engendering Change programme, a programme co-funded by Oxfam and CIDA. The programme is a stand-alone Women's Rights and Gender Equality programme that supports organisational capacity building as well as gender justice programming. The programme is being implemented with 44 southern based partners in Central America, Cuba, Southern Africa and the Horn and East Africa. The deadline is the 20th September 2013. More information can be found [here](#).

8. Events and Conferences

- On 16th-18th September 2013, **INTRAC** are running a Gender Analysis and Planning Training Course. The course is intended for gender advisers in NGOs and UN agencies, and

development practitioners with an interest in gender mainstreaming. It will enable you to effectively and systematically analyse contexts and plan development and humanitarian programmes from a gender equality perspective.

For more information about the course or to apply online please see their [website](#).

- On Tuesday 8th October 2013, from 16.00-18.00 Baroness Jenny Tonge and **MADE in Europe** are co-hosting a reception to celebrate the **At Our Mothers' Feet project Mobilising Muslim communities to campaign on global maternal health**. The reception will be held in Dining Room A, House of Commons, where afternoon tea will be served. To RSVP contact Tel: 020 7650 3043 or Email: sarah@madeineurope.org.uk by the 25th September.
- KODE have announced the autumn dates for their [Understanding and Addressing Gender Based Violence in Development Contexts](#) and [Child protection in development](#) courses. These distance learning modules run for 8 weeks at a cost of €500 and €600 respectively. Applications should be made through the KODE [website](#) for more information please contact Niamh Rooney on niamh.rooney@kimmagedsc.ie.
- **Women for Women International** and **the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development** are holding a joint conference entitled '[Bridging the gap: The gender impact of the rule of law and its application](#)'. Bringing together leading financial institutions, NGOs, and researchers to explore the impact of written law and its application on the economic opportunities and empowerment of women. The event will explore the impact of the 'laws in the books' and 'laws in action' on the economic opportunities and empowerment of women in a country – particularly in relation to access to finance. Women for Women International will focus on Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. The EBRD will focus on Morocco and Kyrgyz Republic. The conference will be held at EBRD HQ, London on Friday 27 September 2013. To book your place, please contact Elizabeth Sarney at esarney@womenforwomen.org.
- On the 16th September 2013, (16.30-20.30), over three months on from the High Level Panel report on the post-2015 development agenda, and with international attention turning to events in New York around the September UN General Assembly and to the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, **ODI** are hosting an event entitled '**One hundred days on from the High Level Panel report**' asking the question: *What does the experience of the High Level Panel, and the responses to its report, tell us about how to manage and influence the politics and processes to define a set of post-2015 goals?*

For more information and to register for this event please see their [website](#).

9. Job Openings

- [Legal Fellow For Judicial Strategy/The Center for Reproductive Rights/New York](#)
12th September 2013
- [Senior Gender Advisor/ Save the Children/ London](#)
15th September 2013
- [Gender Consultant/The Women's Refugee Commission/Jordan](#)
ASAP
- [Internship/ Central America Women's Network/London](#)
25th September 2013
- [Strategic Information Advisor/UNFPA/New York](#)
13th September 2013
- [Trustees/Women's International League for Peace and Freedom/UK](#)
ASAP
- [Africa regional officer/ Girls not Brides/ London](#)
13th September 2013
- [Research Coordinator: Gender and Development/UNRISD/Geneva](#)
13th October 2013
- [Fundraising officer/ Thomas Reuters Foundation/ UK](#)
20th September 2013
- [Student Stop Aids Coordinator/Stop Aids/ London](#)
16th September 2013
- [Programme Advisor: Gender Responsive Peacebuilding/Columbia](#)
15th September 2-13
- [Chief of Branch, Gender, Equality and Diversity International Labour Organization / Geneva](#)
22nd September 2013
- [Economic Empowerment Advisor/ UN Women/ Istanbul](#)
25th September 2013

10. Podcasts/Videos

- [Final Moments](#)
Justice For Iran, June 2013

- [Speaking Out Against Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting](#)
UNICEF, July 2013
- [Decade](#)
RSA, May 2013
- [Breakfast with UNICEF: Ela Bhatt](#)
UNICEF, July 2013
- [Peace, Power and Patriarchy in Africa's Great Lakes](#)
The Elders, 13th August 2013
- [Real Voices](#)
IPM Global, 22nd August 2013
- [Viewing gender, sexual reproductive health and very young adolescents through a wide angle lens](#)
Media HRP, 6th August 2013

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