

## **Newsletter November 2012**



Women in Sharga, North Darfur, prepare food at the village's SAFE Centre during a visit from a delegation of European Union ambassadors

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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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On 28<sup>th</sup> November GADN co-hosted an event in parliament with the APG on Women, Peace and Security and DFID titled *Saving lives: preventing & responding to violence against women and girls in emergencies*. The event was chaired by Margot James MP, with the following speakers:

- [The Rt Hon Justine Greening MP](#), Member of Parliament for Putney, Roehampton and Southfields and Secretary of State for International Development
- [Emma Hopkins](#), Head of *Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative*, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- [Sophia Swithern](#) Humanitarian and conflict policy adviser, Oxfam GB
- [Sanj Srikanthan](#) Emergency Field Director, International Rescue Committee

The speakers and discussion highlighted the need for violence against women and girls to be seen as an integral and lifesaving part of first response in emergencies, as well as ensuring effective prevention and prosecution programmes are created. The SoS also used the event to launch a new £25m VAWG Research and Innovation Fund. The fund will drive innovation, generate ground-breaking new evidence, and support new prevention programmes. More information on the fund is available [here](#). The full text of the SoS's speech is available on DFID's [website](#).

The FCO spoke about the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, updating on the completed recruitment process for the first deployment of experts who will support UN missions and local civil society to investigate allegations of sexual violence, gather evidence and build country capabilities.

The event was followed by a GADN members meeting, where two speakers from the Central American Women's Network - Renya Quintanilla and Patricia Dyata, gave an account of their organisations' work on tackling violence against women.

### **Gender and Development Journal – Beyond Gender Mainstreaming**

In this issue, gender and development policymakers, practitioners, and feminist activists debate the progress of gender mainstreaming in development institutions and the state. The articles here come out of the Beyond Gender Mainstreaming Learning Project convened during 2011 and 2012 by Gender & Development and GADN - which involved around 200 women and men from the global South and North.

You can access the issue online [\*\*www.genderanddevelopment.org\*\*](http://www.genderanddevelopment.org) and please save the date of February 19<sup>th</sup> for a GADN public event which will look at some of the issues raised in the journal. Exact timing and location will be confirmed in the new year.

The Nov 2013 issue of the journal is on the subject of conflict and violence, a call for papers have been issued (see below and the [journal website](#)).

## GADN New Working Group Announcement

GADN is delighted to announce a new working group on Girls' Education in International Development. The group is comprised of UK-based experts on gender and education from NGOs and academia. We aim to share, develop and promote knowledge and learning on programming and policy for girls' education rights in international development contexts. Please visit our **web page** or contact **francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk** for more information.

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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This month our members' update focus on activities for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls on 25 November, and the 16 Days of Activism which follow.

- **ABColumbia (CAFOD, Christian Aid UK, Oxfam GB, SCIAF and Trócaire)** will be hosting a visit from one of its Colombian partners in early December.

Linda Cabrera, a lawyer from the organisation SISMA Mujer, will be taking part in a public discussion on **December 12 at 5:30-8:00 pm**. The discussion will be: "Roundtable Discussion: 'Violence against Women in Post-Conflict Societies: Comparative Perspectives.'" For more info click **here**.

- **ActionAid** will be participating in the 16 Days through its various initiatives in different countries worldwide. The key ask is for countries to enact and enforce legislations and policies to stop all forms of violence against women and girls with an emphasis on social change and community involvement.
- **Amnesty UK** is running a solidarity action in support of the Afghan grassroots feminist organisation Young Women for Change. They are also asking activists to write to the UK Embassy in Kabul to ask for implementation of the EU HRD Guidelines.
- **Concern** is collaborating with various civil society organisations to promote activism against violence against women. Highlights include theatre performances in Tanzania, trainings on gender-based violence in Haiti, and a twitter campaign from Dublin involving facts about violence against women.
- **GAPS** are planning a joint campaign with Amnesty UK around women human rights defenders in Afghanistan. They are encouraging activists to write to Sir Richard Stagg, the British Ambassador to Afghanistan, with **this letter**.
- **Oxfam GB** released a collection of evaluations, case studies, journal articles, research and policy papers which deal with issues of gender violence **available on their website**.

- **Restored** is launching a new resource, 'Christians Ending Violence Against Women,' in conjunction with White Ribbon Campaign UK. It can be accessed [here](#).

Restored is also hosting '16 days, 16 prayers' for its members focusing on praying for an end to violence against women. These will be daily prayers from members all over the world focusing on the work they are doing and specifically praying for change in those contexts. See [here](#).

- **Reproductive Health Matters** (RHM) is publishing a paper in the November issue of the journal *Reproductive Health Matters* titled: "Count me IN!: Research report on violence against disabled, lesbian, and sex-working women in Bangladesh, India, and Nepal" by Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action (CREA), New Delhi, India, 2012.
- **Tearfund** launched a **new research report** looking at sexual violence in Russia, they also held several events to raise awareness within the organisation.
- The **UN Women** All-Party Parliamentary Group was re-launched on 5 November. It is supported by **UN Women UK** as the secretariat, and will meet quarterly.
- **Womankind** are running a **series of blog posts** called 'Sixteen Stories' from 25 Nov to 10 Dec, featuring women we have supported talking in their own words about their experiences of violence and how they have worked to end it.
- **Women Living Under Muslim Laws** have been highlighting and circulating, via their **website** and social media, 16 different narratives of activists worldwide working on gender violence in their won contexts.

The series kicked off on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women with a spotlight on Samira Ibrahim, the young Egyptian activist known for her challenge to military 'virginity testing.'

### 3. DFID/EU/UN

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- On 17 November 2012 the **UN Trust Fund** launched its 17<sup>th</sup> global Call for Proposals, soliciting applications from across the world that address and respond to violence against women. The 2012 UN Trust Fund Call invites proposals in the following areas of action:
    - Closing the Gap on the Implementation of National and Local Laws, Policies and Action Plans that Address Violence against Women
    - Addressing Violence against Adolescent and Young girls

The timing of the UN Trust Fund's special thematic focus on adolescents is particularly relevant as it comes at the heel of the first International Day of the Girl Child, commemorated on 11 October 2012, signifying an opportunity to seize on the momentum created through this recognition and reinforcing the commitment to promote and protect the rights of girls. Through this special window, the UN Trust

Fund aims to expand both the resources and the knowledge base on programming to address this issue, by funding proposals working with young people of both sexes on prevention, as well as developing gender-responsive strategies and age-tailored responses for girl survivors of violence.

Applicants are invited to submit grant proposals for a minimum of US\$100,000 up to a maximum of US\$1 million for a period of two to three years. The complete Call for Proposals detailing criteria, eligibility requirements and application guidelines is available [here](#). The application deadline is 21 January 2013.

- The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women has announced USD \$8.2 million in new grants to 12 initiatives. The link to the press release can be accessed [here](#).

Four of these 12 programmes will address violence against women in conflict, post-conflict and transitional settings under the new UN Trust Fund's thematic window on this issue. In 10 countries that include, for the first time, Libya, UN Trust Fund grantees will make a difference in women's lives and the lives of their communities by ensuring that transitional justice mechanisms put women and their needs at the center, demanding accountability for gender-based crimes committed during conflict or securing medical assistance and integral support for women survivors.

The full list of UN Trust Fund cycle 16<sup>th</sup> grantees with the summary of each of the programmes is available [here](#). With these 12 new initiatives, the current active portfolio of the UN Trust Fund now comprises of 95 grants in 85 countries for a value of USD 63.5 million, touching the lives of 24,095,516 women and girls and influencing 5,256 formal and informal institutions across the globe.

- **Indigenous women leaders in Southeast Asia unite against development-based violence**  
UN Women, December 5 2012
- **#AskUNWomen Twitter chat on ending violence against women and the engagement of men and boys**  
UN Women, December 4 2012
- **Removing barriers to women's participation fuels economic development**  
UN Women, December 4 2012
- **I too am a woman: Uruguayan women with disabilities speak out for their rights**  
UN Women, December 3 2012
- **Women & Girls: Millions to access justice against violence**  
DFID, November 28 2012

## 4. Development News

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- **Cote d'Ivoire: Marital Equality Law Sparks Controversy**  
IRIN, December 4 2012
- **Dangerous Misconceptions**  
The Guardian, November 28 2012

- **Abuse Behind Closed Doors**  
The Guardian, November 28 2012
- **WLUML: 16 Days Campaign Together Against Gender Based Violence**  
AWID, November 27 2012
- **Zambia: Women's Empowerment and Survivors of Gender-Based Violence**  
Huffington Post UK, November 27 2012
- **Burundi breaks new ground on maternal health with emergency care**  
The Guardian, November 26 2012
- **Women Human Rights Defenders: Activism's Front Line**  
Open Democracy, November 25 2012
- **USAID Promotes Gender Equality and Improved Health Through Half the Sky Movement Mobile Games**  
USAID, November 15 2012
- **Liberia: Min Cassell rates rape above all other GBV cases**  
AllAfrica, November 30 2012

## 5. 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.

- **How gender sensitive parliaments aid empowerment**  
Phyllis Papadavid, December 6 2012
- **How Kenyan girls are using the law to fight back against rape**  
Liz Ford, December 4 2012
- **Tackling sexual violence: shaping the UK government's initiative**  
Caroline Green, November 30 2012
- **DFID commits new money to tackling violence**  
zohra moosa, November 29 2012
- **Emerging Voices: Stephanie Hanson on Empowering Female Smallholder Farmers**  
Stephanie Hanson, November 27 2012
- **The cost of conflict for women in DRC**  
Sophie Tholstrup, November 25 2012
- **Love, death and violence against women in the DRC (and elsewhere): what are we missing?**  
Rachel Hastie, November 25 2012
- **Why do we need an international day for the elimination of violence against women?**  
Ann-Marie Wilson, November 24 2012
- **Sharing the post-2015 framework**  
Hannah Ryder, November 8 2012

## 6. Publications & Resources

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- **Gender and Development: Beyond Gender Mainstreaming**  
Gender and Development, November 2012

- **Behind Closed Doors: The Hidden Story of Sexual Violence and Substance Abuse in Russia**  
Tearfund, November 2012
- **Engaging Men: The Abatangamuco and Women's Empowerment in Burundi**  
CARE/PRIO, November 2012
- **Rights out of Reach: Obstacles to Health, Justice, and Protection for Victims of Gender-Based Violence in Colombia**  
Human Rights Watch, November 2012

## 7. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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- The graduate students in Islamic and Middle East Studies are pleased to announce a call for papers for the third-annual Graduate Student Islamic Studies Conference on March 8-10 2013 at the University of California, Santa Barbara, titled: "Reconstituting Female Authority: Women's Participation in the Transmission and Production of Islamic Knowledge."

All submissions are due by December 20, 2012. You may also read more about the conference by visiting the [website](#). Please direct additional inquiries to [ucsbislamicstudiesconference@gmail.com](mailto:ucsbislamicstudiesconference@gmail.com).

- The November 2013 issue of the international journal **Gender & Development** (published for Oxfam GB by Routledge/Taylor and Francis) will look at Conflict and Violence from a gender justice and women's rights perspective.

Development and feminist policymakers and 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](mailto:csweetman@oxfam.org.uk) as soon as possible, and before the commissioning deadline: **15 January 2013**. If we are able to offer space for your contribution, we will write to you by 25 January 2013 to say so. Commissioned articles will need to be completed for a deadline of **15 April 2013**.

You can find more information about submitting to the issue [here](#).

## 8. Events and Conferences

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- **LAAMP is announcing its European Speakers Tour 2012, Rural and Indigenous Women Land and Environmental Rights Defenders: Testimonies of Struggle, Courage, and Need for Protection**

Speaking to members of parliament and the European public, women from Venezuela, Peru, and Guatemala will share their experiences and the dangers and risk they face as a result of their work in defense of the environment. For more information, click [here](#) and [here](#). Anyone interested in attending should email [glevys@lammp.org](mailto:glevys@lammp.org).

- **Tackling Human Trafficking in Europe: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution**

Human trafficking is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon in Europe with terrible consequences for victims, the majority of whom are forced into prostitution, street crime, domestic servitude and other forms of labour exploitation. The recently adopted *EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012-2016* sets out concrete and practical measures to be implemented

This event, held by **Public Policy Exchange**, will take place on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013** at the **Silken Berlaymont Hotel** in Brussels. If you would like to attend, please **book online**. See **here** for a registration form.

- **Call for Applications: Building Youth Leadership – Africa Regional Training for Sexual and Reproductive Rights Advocates**

The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR) is an international organization of young people (ages 15-29 years) committed to promoting adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive rights at the national, regional and international levels. The deadline for applications is **December 14 2012**.

In 2014-2015, the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (ICPD PoA) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will be reviewed. Throughout 2012 and 2013, the YCSRR will hold a series of regional trainings for young SRHR advocates. The next training will be held in **Nairobi, Kenya** on **February 18 – 21, 2013**.

The YCSRR welcomes Letters of Interest from progressive youth-led and youth focused organisations to nominate two young people from your organisation to participate in the training. All organisations applying must support the **YCSRR's principles and values**.

For information on whether or not your organisation is eligible, click **here**. Interested and qualified organisations must complete the application form (accessible **here**), clearly responding to all questions. In the application form, please also identify 2 nominees from your organization who will participate in the training. For any inquiries, please contact **programs@youthcoalition.org**. Please submit completed application forms by **December 14, 2012**.

## 9. Job Openings

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- **Project Manager, Women, Citizenship, & Peacebuilding Project/International Alert/DRC**  
Closing Date: December 7 2012
- **Director, Family Planning 2020 Task Team/Egon Zehnder International/New York, USA**  
Closing Date: December 9 2012
- **Researcher on Gender, Peace, and Security/Institute for Security Studies/Pretoria, South Africa**  
Closing Date: December 9 2012

- **Adviser, Gender-Based Violence/Norwegian Refugee Council/Oslo, Norway**  
Closing Date: December 10 2012
- **Head of Fundraising/Fawcett Society/London, UK**  
Closing Date: December 17 2012
- **Program Officer, Law & Health Initiative & Sexual Health & Rights Project/Open Society Foundations/New York, USA**  
Closing Date: December 31 2012
- **Program Director/CARE/Malawi**  
Closing Date: January 4 2013

## 10. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **FGM: Education can empower women and girls**  
The Guardian, December 5 2012

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