

Newsletter October 2012



Liberians march through the streets of capital, Monrovia, to support the first International Day of the Girl Child and ending child marriage, with messages on the theme, "I am a Girl, Not a Wife".

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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

- **Date for your diary: From Alternative Visions to Alternative Policies – online discussion Dec 5-6th**

The current strong focus on women and girls and unprecedented level of apparent political commitment among donors is most welcome for striving towards gender equality. It potentially provides a highly conducive environment for increased funding for women, girls and gender equality, and transformational programming in donors' country offices. However, many donors' gender strategies and programmes continue to focus on meeting women's practical needs in daily life. While important, such interventions will not necessarily transform the power relationships between women and men, which is essential to achieving gender equality. Hence while programmes of this kind are needed, we believe that they are not sufficient for achieving gender equality and the rights of women and girls.

On the other hand, while the importance of the strategic needs of women and girls and transformation in gender power relations have been widely recognised by feminist scholars and practitioners and elsewhere, much less has been done to translate these, and women's own priorities, into practical policy proposals and programmatic solutions which can be implemented at national or international level. We think of these as alternative visions of development.

The Gender and Development Network (GADN) is now seeking to bridge this gap between current ways of developing development policy and programmes and current donor thinking, and these alternative visions. This will be done by firstly collating and further articulating these alternative development visions and the overall changes needed to achieve these. Then, the changes in policy and practice needed to achieve these alternative visions will be identified and articulated in a policy briefing targeting policy makers and practitioners. This will include defining the areas where transformative change is most needed, as well as identifying the necessary processes needed to achieve this change.

On December 5th-6th 2012, GADN will host an online discussion bringing together researchers, feminist activists, gender and development advocates, programme staff and community workers, from the Global South and North for the first stage of this programme. If you would like to be kept up to date with the details for participating in the discussion then please email Francesca – Francesca.rhodes@gadnetwork.org.uk.

- **Gender Equality and the post-2015 framework**

As the 2015 deadline for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) approaches, debate has begun in earnest as to what should follow. GADN has this month submitted a response to the UNICEF and UN Women consultation on addressing inequalities in the post-2015 framework. We are also currently finalising an in depth report which will look at the evidence for why a standalone goal on gender equality is essential.

The UN High Level Panel tasked with the post-2015 agenda are meeting this week in London and there are various events taking place to consult with civil society. GADN has responded to online consultations and attended in person meetings organized by the Beyond 2015 campaign, and Rachel Carter, GADN Chair and Director of Policy and Advocacy at WomanKind Worldwide, will attend a roundtable meeting with the panel on Friday.

- **Call for Blog Submissions for the GAD Network Website**

The Gender and Development Network is currently looking for blog posts from GADN members, newsletter readers, and those working in gender and development, to post on our website. We would like to hear about your experiences in the field or thoughts on all topics relating to gender and development. For this month, insights about violence against women are especially welcome, to coincide with the 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women on November 25. Please direct submissions to **Kate Stonehill**.

- **New GADN members**

We are delighted to welcome Traidcraft Exchange to the network and look forward to working with them. If you are not currently a member of the network but would like to join please read more on our **website**.

2. GADN Members' Update

- On 28 September, **CAWN** published '**Maternal Health, Reproductive Rights and the Criminalisation of Abortion in Central America**' to coincide with the day of action and demonstrate solidarity with the 28 September campaign in Central America.

Abortion is criminalised throughout Central America. El Salvador and Nicaragua have the most stringent bans on abortion, which allow for no exception for cases of rape, incest, threat to the mother's health or severe foetus abnormality – not even to save a woman's life in immediate risk. Honduras and Guatemala share similar legislations although emergency abortion - to save the mother's life - is permitted. The effects of this criminalisation are causing widespread human rights violations and reflect systemic discrimination against women in the region.

Women and girls are forced to continue with pregnancies which endanger them and can be left to die from an ectopic pregnancy or obstetric emergency, denied life-saving treatment whilst pregnant if it could provoke a miscarriage and reluctant to seek medical help after a miscarriage in case they are accused of procuring an abortion. CAWN's report outlines the current situation in Central America, as well as recommendations for improvement moving forward.

- **Oxfam** will be hosting an online discussion about how to achieve food justice for women, running for two weeks **November 19 – November 30**. This is the first in a series

of online discussions to help deepen Oxfam's understanding of the issues that drive its GROW campaign. The discussion will take place **here**.

The purpose of the online discussion is to reframe the discourse on food security from the perspective of women's rights and women's agency. Rather than critique the current state of affairs, the discussion will seek to generate bold proposals for building a collective agenda to advance gender justice within the food system.

10 invited experts (academics, activists, entrepreneurs, and partners) will write short essays to get the discussion started. Each essay articulates a unique vision for how to tackle the system and institutional power imbalances between men and women in the food system.

The discussion will be held simultaneously in English, French and Spanish. Each day, Oxfam will post one essay online and invite your comments. For more information, please contact **Lauren Ravon**.

- **Social Development Direct** is currently recruiting for two positions. They are looking to hire a Senior Consultant on Violence Against Women and Girls/Gender and Conflict based in Central London, UK, with international travel. Applicants must be eligible to work in the UK and able to travel internationally. Please send a cover letter and CV to **jobs@sddirect.org.uk** stating "In-House Senior VAWG/Gender and Conflict Consultant" in the subject line. Closing date for applications is **Friday 9 November**.

SDD is also looking to hire an In-house Senior Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant. The job is based in Central London, UK, with international travel. Please send a cover letter and CV to **jobs@sddirect.org.uk** stating "In-house Senior M&E Consultant" in the subject line if interested. Closing date for applications is **Monday 12 November**.

- **CAFOD** is looking for a consultant to lead on a mid-term review of a partner in Lebanon (10 working days). The programme addresses gender inequality of Palestinian women refugees in Lebanon. Applicants should have a minimum of three years of experience in qualitative and quantitative research, excellent oral and written communication skills, as well as written and spoken fluency in Arabic and English. Please direct your CVs to **Tania Haque** in order to apply.
- **ActionAid** has published a new report titled **Righting the MDGs: Contexts and Opportunities for a Post-2015 Framework**. The report outlines how political, social and economic landscapes have shifted since the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were conceived in the 1990s and how the follow up framework should best address these changes.

Environmental concerns, the changing demographics of poverty and the persistence of gender inequalities are among the key concerns, as is the need to deepen the impact of a new framework by ensuring that human rights lie at its core. The report also explores how new sources of development finance, including progressive taxation, could fund a post-2015 framework helping to end aid dependency for developing countries.

- **Plan** is recruiting a Global Education Adviser to be based at Plan International Headquarters in London. Please direct applications to **recruitment@plan-international.org**. The closing date for applications is **November 13 2012**.
- **ActionAid** is recruiting a Part-time Co-Coordination for its Safe Cities for Women and Girls programme to be located in Johannesburg, South Africa or Nairobi, Kenya or any other Country Programme/Member where ActionAid has an office

The Coordinator will work alongside the Women's Human Rights Coordinator for delivery of our objectives around making cities safe for women and girls. A member of the Programme Directorate, the position will report directly to the Senior Programme Manager for Women's Rights.

The ideal candidate will have relevant qualifications in women's rights, gender and development. ActionAid's preference is for an individual with demonstrable experience working on gender-based violence (preferably on sexual violence or harassment in the public sphere, with some experience engaging with the issue of urban poverty). The role will require strong analytical skills, both programming and policy expertise and the ability to engage directly with our programmes in the Africa region and potentially also the Americas, depending on language skills. This is a 12-month part-time position (with the possibility of extension).

Applications should be sent with your CV, motivation cover letter and two names of your nominated referees to **programmes.jhb@actionaid.org** by no later than November 14th 2012.

- **ActionAid** is looking for a skilled Project Manager to review and scope its work as well as create a strategic plan to develop a high profile public engagement project for 2014. Working with an external consultant, ActionAid will look to the Project Manager to secure resources and lay the foundations for partnerships and activities for 2014.

Applicants should have experience working on high profile public communications campaigns and managing complex projects. Those interested, please send your CV, covering letter and equal opportunities monitoring form to **jobs@actionaid.org** by **November 16 2012**.

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **Justine Greening: Bond's Annual General Meeting**
DFID, October 23 2012
- **Women Entrepreneurship to Reshape the Economy in MENA through Innovation: High-Level Panel during European Development Days**
UN Women, October 17 2012
- **EU Commission – UN Women Launch New Partnership on Women's Empowerment**
UN Women, October 17 2012
- **Mobilization by Municipalities to End Violence Against Women**
UN Women, October 16 2012

- **On international day of rural women, Ban calls for more empowerment and end to discrimination**
UN News Centre, October 15 2012

4. Development News

- **UN DCF: Can Development Cooperation Work for Gender Equality?**
AWID, October 26 2012
- **Malala Yousafzai's Courage Can Start New Movement for Global Education**
The Guardian, October 25 2012
- **Malaysia Conference Pinpoints Need to Address Gender Gap in Agriculture**
The Guardian, October 23 2012
- **Gender Equality Plays a Key Role**
Gulf News, October 23 2012
- **Rio+20: What Was Agreed and What This Means For Women's Rights Moving Forward**
AWID, October 19 2012
- **Africa: UN Launches New Initiative to Empower Rural Women and Girls**
AllAfrica, October 11 2012
- **The Gendered Dimensions of the Eurozone Economic Crisis—An Update**
AWID, October 5 2012

5. Blogs

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

- **The Future WE Want: Occupy Development**
Christa Wichterich, October 22 2012
- **Women Key to Shaping Afghanistan's Future**
Stephenie Foster, October 17 2012
- **Research to Improve Women's Economic Potential**
Isobel Coleman, October 16 2012
- **What Does Education Mean to Girls in Ghana?**
Nicole Goldstein, October 15 2012
- **The Word on Women: Gender Equality Matters for Development**
Anna Nadgrodkiewicz, October 5 2012
- **Day of the Girl (and a small revolution in the birthplace of humanity)**
Carron Basu Ray, October 11 2012
- **Because I'm a Girl**
Shahina Kabir, October 11 2012
- **When We Empower Girls, Everybody Benefits**
Graça Machel, October 11 2012

6. Publications & Resources

- **Gender Equality in Emergencies: Programme Insights**
Oxfam, October 8 2012
- **What the Women Say (Brief 4): Egypt's Fitful Revolution: Women in the Balance**
International Civil Society Action Network, October 2012
- **Gender Action: "Banking on Health: World Bank and African Development Bank Spending on Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa"**
International Civil Society Action Network, October 2012
- **Inequalities and the Post-2015 Development Agenda**
UNRISD, October 3 2012
- **Marrying Too Young: End Child Marriage**
UNFP, October 2012

7. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Gender and Justice in South Asia since 1757**

Recent popular campaigns in South Asia designed to highlight and root out corruption at both the local and national level show that the subject of `justice`, fairness and equitable treatment, remain a pressing issue. South Asian women's social, cultural, religious and economic position has also repeatedly been identified since the eighteenth century as an area particularly deserving of attention. This has led to a thriving women's movement, as well as problematic colonial notions of `eternally oppressed South Asian women` that are still used as a symbol to justify a plethora of conservative viewpoints in the West.

This international and multidisciplinary conference will explore the manifold ways in which the ideas of gender and justice have been approached in South Asia and in the South Asian Diaspora since 1757. Its aim is to foster dialogue between scholars from different fields and to provide an historical dimension to contemporary issues and debates around the broad themes of gender, sexuality and justice. Papers which have a transnational and/or comparative focus between countries in South Asia and elsewhere in the world are particularly welcome.

The conference will take place **September 12-13 2013** at **Wolfson College, University of Oxford**. Please send an abstract of no more than 500 words and a one-page CV to **daniel.grey@wolfson.ox.ac.uk** by **31 December 2012**. Notification of acceptance will be given before 31 January 2013.

- **BRIDGE is announcing a forthcoming Cutting Edge Pack on Gender and Social Movements**

This new Cutting Edge Pack will be published next summer and BRIDGE would like to find interesting and relevant images to appear in the overview report. BRIDGE would like to hear from you if you have taken photographs that are relevant for the topic, which you have permission to use, and which you would like to see included in the report (photographers of course will be fully credited in the report).

The specifications for photographs are that they do not exceed 5MB, are no less than 300 dpi in resolution, and are in TIFF/JPEG format only. Please contact **Jenny Birchall** for further information.

- As the co-convenors of the global thematic consultation on Addressing Inequalities in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, **UN Women** and **UNICEF** are very pleased to invite you to join this global conversation. The aim of the consultation is to review progress on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in terms of major inequalities and to discuss the options for ensuring that these inequalities are effectively addressed in a new development framework after 2015.

You can find your invitation to join the global consultation **here**. Please click the link and follow the instructions to register. This website, co-owned by the UN System and Civil Society, is hosting a series of online, moderated discussions on major, globally-prevalent forms of inequality related to gender, disability, indigenous and minority group status, sexual orientation, etc. New discussions will be launched on the site every two weeks, led by expert moderators from the UN system and Civil Society.

Contributions are welcomed from all those with a stake in the next development agenda. This is an opportunity to influence that agenda, and you are encouraged to share the voices of the people or communities you represent, particularly those who are not able to access the consultations online. You can read more about the consultation **here**.

8. Events and Conferences

- **UN Women is holding a UK Educational Training Programme on Friday 2 November from 6-9pm and on Saturday 3 November from 9am-3pm.**

If you think you would like to raise awareness, fundraise or promote the work of UN WOMEN, then you should think about attending UN Women's forthcoming Education Training Programme in November. The training is suitable for students/teachers/lecturers studying development, economics, gender and associated areas, interns who would like to extend their knowledge of UN WOMEN, those working in International Development, fundraisers and campaign managers, volunteers and new UN WOMEN members, as well as people are simply interested in finding out more about UN Women's work.

The sessions will be held at a central London location on **Friday, 2 November, from 6 – 9pm** and on **Saturday, 3 November, from 9am – 3pm**. You need to attend on both days. Training

includes the UN WOMEN Essential Knowledge Base, Key Subject Areas, Good Practice, How to run a campaign, and planning & delivering your own UN WOMEN seminar/class or workshop.

The fee of £60 for students and £160 for those in work covers the essential costs of running the training and a donation to the UN WOMEN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women. Please contact Alice Fookes at alicefookes@hotmail.com if you wish to register or find out more.

- **Marie Stopes International, in collaboration with Baroness Jenny Tonge, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health, invites you to “Women’s Reproductive Health and Rights in Afghanistan: Opportunities, Challenges and Recommendations for Action.”**

Afghanistan has made important steps to reduce maternal mortality but it remains one of the most unsafe places in the world to be a pregnant woman. Please join leading Afghan parliamentarians to discuss recent developments and opportunities from their work in securing reproductive health in the country, including the launch of new post abortion care guidelines. **Marie Stopes International** will discuss their work in engaging with religious leaders to deliver programmes and influence policy reform. Learn how you can be involved in promoting positive change for Afghan women.

The event will be held on **Wednesday 7 November** at **The Macmillan Room, Portcullis House, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA**. Please RSVP to Bethan Copley at bethan.copley@mariestopes.org or 0203 219 8052.

- **The 29th Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Disability and Diversity: Being in Community will be held on April 29th and 30th 2013 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.**

Formally called the Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities, Pacrim is one of the world’s top rated international educational offerings. The 2013 Call for Proposals will be open from August 1 2012 through December 14 2012. Topics will include Gender and Sexuality and War, Peace and Disability. To learn more visit www.pacrim.hawaii.edu or email prinfo@hawaii.edu.

- **Health in the Post-2015 Development Framework: What next after the Millennium Development Goals?**

The event will be an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of the Millennium Development Goals and to initiate a dialogue about health in the post-MDG framework. It is being jointly organised by the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on HIV/AIDS; Global Health; Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases; Population, Development & Reproductive Health; and Tuberculosis. Speakers include: Lord Nigel Crisp (chair), Prof Sir Andy Haines, Dr Richard Horton, Dr Titilola Banjoko. The event will take place from **17:00 to 18:30** on **Wednesday 21st November** in **Committee Room 9, Houses of Parliament**. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to **Helen Fry**.

- **Restored Annual Conference and AGM**

Restored is pleased to announce that CNN Hero and CEO of Girl Child Network Worldwide, Betty Makoni, is the keynote speaker at its free annual conference and AGM. Taking place in Teddington, UK, the conference will look at a Christian response to ending violence against women. Workshops include masculinities, objectification of women and girls and shame based violence. For more info and how to book see [here](#).

9. Job Openings

- **Communications and Research Officer/Aga Khan Foundation/London, UK**
Closing Date: November 2 2012
- **Chief, Fund for Gender Equality/UN Women/New York, USA**
Closing Date: November 9 2012
- **Female Assistant Support Worker/ADVANCE Advocacy Project/London, UK**
Closing Date: November 9 2012
- **Gender Equality Volunteer/Plan/London, UK**
Closing Date: November 12 2012
- **Fundraising & Marketing Manager/Restored/Teddington, Middlesex**
Closing Date: November 23 2012
- **Women's Protection and Empowerment Economic Specialist/IRC/New York, USA**
Closing Date: Not specified
- **Intern, Finance & Administration/International Center for Research on Women/Washington, DC, USA**
Closing Date: Not specified
- **Women's Protection and Empowerment (GBV) Coordinator/IRC/Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
Closing Date: Not specified

10. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **Choices for Girls: Ending Child Marriage**
PLAN, October 2012
- **UN Launches New Programme to Empower Rural Women and Girls**
UN Women, October 15 2012
- **Women of Kenya denied Law's Land Entitlement by Husbands**
Bloomberg, October 26 2012
- **Somalia's Refugee Camps Leave Women & Girls Vulnerable to Violent Assault**
The Guardian, October 30 2012

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