

Newsletter February 2012



Egyptian women line up to vote in parliamentary elections. Many women ran as candidates in 2011-2012, yet just nine were elected and two appointed

UN Women/Fatma Elzahraa Yassin

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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

DFID, Women's Rights and Family Planning

The UK Government is currently working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and partners to host a Family Planning summit in London in July 2012. The event will aim to generate unprecedented political commitment and resources from developing countries, donors, the private sector, civil society and other partners to meet the family planning needs of women in the world's poorest countries by 2020. See [here](#) for more information.

In early February, GADN were invited to a meeting with DFID and other NGOs to discuss initial plans for this event. GADN are excited to see DFID has prioritised this issue, and extremely pleased to see the strong focus on rights.

In March, GADN will hold a meeting with members to discuss how we can support DFID to make sure women's rights are central in this process. An update will be provided in the March newsletter.

Beyond Gender Mainstreaming Learning Event

As part of its 2011/2012 Beyond Gender Mainstreaming Learning Project, **Gender & Development** held a highly-successful 2-day learning event in London on February 13 and 14, 2012, in partnership with **IDS/BRIDGE, Plan UK, and GADN**. Practitioners and academics from around the world met to share learning and experiences and assess the progress and future of gender mainstreaming in development.

At the Learning Event, GADN Trustee and Independent Development Consultant Helen Derbyshire presented a synthesis of learning paper on gender mainstreaming within GADN member organisations. We aim to share the learning more widely in the next financial year.

Read G&D Journal editor Caroline Sweetman's event **blog**. To view videos from the event, and to learn more about the journal's Beyond Gender Mainstreaming Learning Project, click [here](#).

From beneficiaries to participants: Peruvian women driving change from the bottom up

In February, GADN was delighted to host Womankind's partners from Peru for a meeting which allowed GADN members to hear from development practitioners and women beneficiaries on how participatory approaches can empower vulnerable women to become active change makers in their communities to reduce violence against women and young women's susceptibility to HIV.

DEMUS (Institute for the Defence of Women's Rights) is a Peruvian organisation working for 24 years for the defence of women's rights. We heard how they have been working to enable a grassroots women's leader to monitor government policies and services on violence against women and to demand that their interests and needs are represented locally, regionally and nationally.

FEPROMU (Federation of Ica's Women) is a federation of women's organisations established in 1989 in the Ica Region in Peru. We learnt about their participatory approaches to enabling young people to be community promoters so that they can sensitise their peers on sexual health and HIV, as well as participate in advocacy and lobbying activities with regional authorities.

MEP (Movimiento El Pozo) works with women in prostitution and victims of trafficking providing counselling to spaces for women to discuss their experiences, but also providing them with some income generating skills. At the same time MEP is actively sensitising schools, police officers and the general society on the issue of women in prostitution, to fight some of the myths around it and to lobby for the improvement of services offered to these women from police officers.

For a copy of the minutes from the meeting, please email **Lauren**.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **Oxfam's Red Alert** campaign on Syria is now up and running and will be a key priority for UK Campaigns for the coming days. Take action **here** and use the following tweet: End Syria violence, allow aid in. Stop arms supplies fuelling human rights abuses <http://oxf.am/o2z> #controlarms #armstreaty #syria
- **CARE** has launched a report called 'Reaching New Heights: The Case for Measuring Women's Empowerment' for IWD 2012:

"Whilst there is broad international consensus that gender equality is key to achieving the MDGs, evidence of how and why has been absent. In an effort to better understand why CARE's huge rights based poverty reduction programme in

Bangladesh (SHOUARDO), had significantly reduced child malnutrition, CARE and the Institute for Development Studies sought to explore the assumption that women's empowerment was the decisive factor.

The research revealed that in four years, the annual stunting rate of children fell by 4.5% percent, overshadowing the 0.1% decline in Bangladesh as a whole. Declines were most striking in regions where more women had partaken in empowerment interventions – including where they had organised themselves into community groups to press for their rights to be respected at local levels, where special child care centres were established and where women's participation in parent-teacher associations were increased. In addition the in- depth research revealed that women's overall decision making power within the household had increased by 23%. Efforts to promote women's rights and child health were mutually reinforcing.

More evidence needs to be gathered at the international level to start measuring progress for women — or lack of it — in a systematic way to achieve MDG 3 on gender equality. The EDGE initiative, launched at the November Busan Aid Effectiveness conference aims to do this by developing a list of core indicators to track women's status in education, employment and entrepreneurship. The UN will partner with governments around the world to start collecting the data. To date it appears that only the US and South Korea have committed to the initiative. We urge you to encourage the UK Government to support it.”

To read the report, please **click here**

- **Water Aid** is excited to finally have two briefing notes on violence against women related to sanitation on the website. These have been written by two students from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, with support from **WaterAid** in India and **WaterAid** in Uganda. For further information please contact **YaelVelleman@wateraid.org**. Read the briefing papers here:
 - **Fear and anger: Perceptions of risks related to sexual violence against women linked to water and sanitation in Delhi, India** and
 - **Insecurity and shame: Exploration of the impact of the lack of sanitation on women in the slums of Kampala, Uganda**

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **Family planning: UK to host summit with Gates Foundation**
DFID, March 6 2012
- **Women's Equal Participation Fundamental to Democracy and Justice**
UN Women, February 29 2012
- **A Comprehensive Response to Rural Women and Girls' Economic Empowerment**
UN Women, February 28 2012

- **Pakistan's First Oscar Win Explores Efforts to End Acid Violence in Pakistan**
UN Women, February 27 2012
- **Introductory Statement by Ms. Michelle Bachelet – 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**
UN Women, February 27 2012
- **The 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women Is an Opportunity for Rural Women's Voices to Be Heard by Policy Makers**
UN Women, February 26 2012
- **Rural Women in Bolivia Make Their Demands Heard, and Their Presence Felt**
UN Women, February 23 2012
- **Breaking the Cycle of Violence and HIV in Liberia**
UN Women, February 23 2012
- **Rural Women, Their Contributions and Challenges, to Be Highlighted at UN Commission on the Status of Women, 27 February – 9 March**
UN Women, February 23 2012
- **UN Women–Sponsored Film Premieres at the Berlin Film Festival**
UN Women, February 22 2012
- **Palestinian Women: Bread Makers, Bread-Winners**
UN Women, February 22 2012
- **Rural Women Take on a New Role in Delivering Services in Tajikistan**
UN Women, February 21 2012
- **UN Women at Its First Birthday: Systems and Visibility Growing, More Funding and Civil Society Engagement Needed**
AWID, February 17 2012
- **Rural Women in Viet Nam Train for a Rainy Day**
- UN Women
- **As World Celebrates the First World Radio Day, Community Radio Expands Dialogue on Women's Rights in Rural Communities**
UN Women, February 13 2012
- **Women's Empowerment Is Central to Global Sustainability, Says New UN Report**
UN Women, February 9 2012
- **On the First Year Anniversary of the Arab Spring, Egyptian Women Continue to Call for Real Change and Opportunities to Shape the Future**
UN Women, February 9 2012
- **Women Farmers Yielding Profits and Better Futures in Rural Rwanda**
UN Women, February 9 2012
- **Historic Gain for Women in Pakistan as Women's Commission Gains Autonomous Status**
UN Women, February 7 2012
- **Using Performing Arts to End Violence against Women in Papua New Guinea**
UN Women, February 3 2012
- **Commission on the Status of Women**
UN Women, February – March 2012

4. Development News

- **The Female Face of Farming**
The Guardian, March 2 2012
- **Letters: It's time for a more women law - Christian Aid**
The Guardian, March 7 2012
- **Calm down, dears? Why it's a bad time to be a British woman**
The Guardian, March 7 2012
- **Donor policies fail to bring real and sustained change for women**
The Guardian, March 5 2012
- **India 'most dangerous place in world to be born a girl'**
The Telegraph, February 1 2012
- **Men who stabbed and stoned lesbian to death are sentenced to 18 years' jail**
The Guardian, February 1 2012

5. Publications & Resources

- **Global Report on the Situation of Women Human Rights Defenders**
The Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition (WHRD IC), February 2012
- **Humanitarian Response Index: Summary Report**
DARA, March 2012
- **Humanitarian Response Index: Full Report**
DARA, March 2012
- **Girls and Women: Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS into DFID's Strategic Vision**
The UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development, March 2012
- **Reaching New Heights: The Case for Measuring Women's Empowerment**
CARE, March 2012
- **Gender WDR: Limits, gaps and fudges**
Bretton Woods Project, February 2012
- **Fear and anger: Perceptions of risks related to sexual violence against women linked to water and sanitation in Delhi, India**
Water Aid, February 2012
- **Insecurity and shame: Exploration of the impact of the lack of sanitation on women in the slums of Kampala, Uganda**
Water Aid, February 2012
- **Busan Partnership Agreement: now available in Spanish and Arabic**
OECD, February 2012
- **Mobilising Men in Practice: Challenging Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Institutional Settings**
IDS, January 2012

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

Call for Nominations: Women Inspiring Europe

In 2010 on 8 March, the European Institute for Gender Equality started collecting nominations for the Women of Europe resource pool which is used to highlight women's achievements and success stories. Inspiring experiences and stories of women from this pool are published on **EIGE's website weekly**.

Selected women who display *outstanding experiences and achievements* are chosen to be portrayed in EIGE's annual "Women Inspiring Europe" calendar.

For each nominee a short biography and a photo should be sent to EIGE. Preferably, a written agreement should accompany the nomination, allowing EIGE use of their data in the event it should need to be made public (e.g. on EIGE's website, in social media or in EIGE's Calendar 2013).

While nominations for EIGE's resource pool are received all year round, **Calendar candidates for 2013** need to be submitted before **1 June 2012**. To nominate a Woman Inspiring Europe please use the nomination form **available online**.

The institute look forward to your nominations before the deadline 1 June 2012! For further enquiries, please contact **Barbara Wurster**

Call for Applications: "Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development"

USAID, the Government of Norway, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges Canada, and DFID invite applications to respond to "Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development" (Round II). The partners aim to invest at least \$50 million in "groundbreaking" and sustainable projects that cut across the domains of science and technology, service delivery, and demand-side innovation. They anticipate awarding 25 seed grants and five transition-to-scale grants this year. Applications shall be received no sooner than March 19, 2012 and no later than Monday, April 2, 2012.

For further information please click **here**.

Call for Submissions: Second Edition of "Connect"

Publishers are now accepting submissions in the form of articles/case studies for the second edition of the "connect", a women's journal to be published in April 2012 and subsequent issues. The aim of the journal is to establish a dialogue between academics, practitioners, feminist activists working on women's issues nationally and internationally. Articles/case studies can explore any of the following area but not limited to:

- Women and development
- Women, social movements and struggles
- Women, democracy and governance
- Women and human security
- Case studies on how women are making a change

Original submission in the length of 3 to 4, A4 pages should be **emailed here** . Deadline for submissions is March 10, 2012.

Call for Proposals: Disability Rights Fund: Addressing India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Mexico, and Ukraine

The Disability Rights Fund (DRF) - a grantmaking collaborative between donors and the global disability community which supports the human rights of persons with disabilities - announced its first 2012 grants round, "Implementing Our Rights". Grantmaking in this round will be targeted to disabled persons' organizations (DPOs) in India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Mexico, and Ukraine. Interested organizations are urged to review the full eligibility criteria and application details posted at the **Fund's website**. Any questions on the proposal process should be directed **emailed here**. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2012.

7. Events and Conferences

Tunaweza (We Can in Swahili) Festival, Saturday 17 March 2012, 3-7 pm, The Africa Centre, 38 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2E 8JT

FORWARD is a campaign and support charity that safeguards and protects the **Foundation for Women's Health and Development (FORWARD)** reproductive rights of African girls and women. We focus on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), child marriage and obstetric fistula. All proceeds from the day will go to continue FORWARD's invaluable work.

FORWARD is organising a mini-festival to mark International Women's Day on Saturday the 17th of March to bring together organisations from the women's sector, the youth sector and organisations that have an affiliation with African culture, history and heritage. The event will be feast for all the senses; mixing entertainment and information, inspiration and fun, culture and celebration as we dedicate a day to celebrate the amazing African Young Woman!

The programme of the day includes performances from Bumi Thomas, Ruby and the Vines and many more. There will also be a screening of the film 'Africa Rising' – a positive and uplifting documentation of the grass root activism that women in Africa are spearheading to end FGM in their communities. The day will also have several stalls from a variety of different organisations and groups offering everything from Afro-

centric goods to information and resources. Finally there will also be a variety of tasty African food on sale as well as cocktails and 'mocktails' named after inspiring African women. **Entry Cost:** £5 or £3 concession/student

The 12th AWID International Forum On Women's Rights And Development, 19-22 April 2012, Istanbul, Turkey

"Are you willing to move beyond your comfort zone? To question your usual thinking? To engage with actors outside of your every day activism or workplace? Are you ready to build alliances across boundaries so that together we can transform economic power?"

For more information, please visit the **AWID Forum website page**.

HIV in Europe Conference at the Panum Institute, Faculty of Health Sciences, Copenhagen University, March 19-20, 2012, Copenhagen, Denmark

The conference will mark 5 years of the initiative joining civil society, policy makers, health professionals and European public health institutions to enhance the evidence base around topics related to optimal testing and earlier care of HIV.

Call for Applications: Women Deliver Scholarship. May 28-30 2013, Malaysia

Women Deliver is a global advocacy organization bringing together voices from around the world to call for action on maternal, sexual and reproductive health. The third global Women Deliver conference will take place in 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In order to maximize participation from those traditionally under-represented, namely young people and those from the Global South, Women Deliver will be offering full conference support to a select number of participants. Deadline for scholarship applications: April 15, 2012.

For further information and to apply, please click **here**.

8. Job Openings

- **Manager, Humanitarian Unit/Oxfam Canada/Ottawa, Canada**
Closing Date: March 23 2012
- **Senior Gender Advisor/Futures Group/Washington DC, USA**
Closing Date: not specified
- **Internship/Front Line Defenders/Banjul, the Gambia**
Closing Date: March 15 2012
- **Supporting Public Advocacy For Regional Competitiveness (SPARC) Economic Advocacy Consultant/ The Vital Voices Global Partnership/Washington DC, USA**
Closing Date: March 16 2012

- **Country Director, Uganda/War Child Canada (WCC)/ Kampala, Uganda**
Closing Date: March 19 2012
- **Special Advisor/UN Women/New York, USA**
Closing Date: March 20 2012
- **Corporate and Foundations Fundraising Intern/Women for Women International UK/ London**
Closing Date: March 18 2012
- **Director of Donor Services/ The Global Fund for Women/San Francisco, CA**
Closing Date: open until filled
- **Finance and Administration Officer/Women Living Under Muslim Laws/London**
Closing Date: March 14 2012
- **Finance Officer/The Global Fund for Women/San Francisco, CA**
Closing Date: open until filled
- **Bank of Montreal Visiting Scholar in Women's Studies/The Institute of Women's Studies at the University of Ottawa/Canada**
Closing Date: February 29 2012
- **Finance and Administration Officer / Women Living Under Muslim Laws / London, UK**
Closing Date: March 14 2012
- **West Asia Project Officer/ Women Living Under Muslim Laws / London, UK**
Closing Date: March 21 2012
- **Executive and Communications Assistant/Gender Action/Washington DC, USA**
Closing Date: not specified

9. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **Podcast with Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee**
DFID, March 2012
- **A Tale of Two Mothers**
Marie Stopes International, March 2012
- **From Fear to Freedom: Ending Violence Against Women**
Women's Learning Partnership, March 2012
- **Changing Women's Lives Across the World**
Action Aid, March 2012
- **Global development podcast: Tunisia, Egypt and the global jobs crisis**
Guardian, February 2012

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