



A portrait of a girl during a food distribution by Peruvian UN peacekeepers in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

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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 launches GADN guidance on Violence Against Women and Girls

In June DFID launched the 'How To Notes' on VAWG, produced by the Gender and Development Network. Although they were produced with an internal DFID audience in mind, DFID are very happy for us to share them widely and they are available on GADN's **website**. These are the first three guidance notes in a Guidance Note Series which CHASE (the Conflict and Humanitarian team) has planned to support country offices expanding and strengthening their work on tackling VAWG.

In mid-June DFID hosted an event to launch the guidance, which was presented by Emily Esplen (Womankind Worldwide), zohra moosa (ActionAid) and members of the expert group established specifically for the project. Around 40 people attended the event, including many members of the GADN VAWG working group. There was positive feedback from DFID after the event and they are planning another event in September to outreach to more DFID country offices.

In addition, the Theory of Change has been used by DFID as a briefing for the Champion for International Violence Against Women, Lynne Featherstone MP. DFID plan to share the guidance notes widely with donors and multilateral partners, and country offices are already using them with multilateral agency partners in country.

GADN and the Family Planning Summit

In June GADN continued to engage in consultations around the Family Planning Summit hosted by DFID and the Gates Foundation.

GADN produced a briefing, welcoming DFID's stated commitment to the promotion of women's rights and, within this, to the proposed focus on family planning with a 'Golden Moment' in July. GADN sees reproductive health and rights as important components in achieving gender equality and women's rights. Leveraging additional support and funds to meet women's unmet demand for contraception is a valuable first step. However this can be a difficult agenda to navigate and it is vital that women's rights are at the heart of any initiative. Whilst the Summit has now passed (11 July), GADN's suggestions for how women's rights should be further embedded in DFID's plans now the commitments have been made remain relevant. Read the briefing **here**.

GADN also signed onto a letter coordinated by Oxfam to the Gates Foundation, welcoming their collaboration with DFID to address the large unmet need for family planning in poor countries through the Summit. The letter also expressed some serious concerns and highlighted key ways in which the initiative could be strengthened in order

to deliver the best results for women and girls. This included promoting women's choice by addressing social barriers to access, especially violence against women and girls.

The Summit took place on Wednesday 11 July and saw very impressive financial commitments from governments and donors to increase contraceptive supplies and services, as well as commitments to ensure women can access and use them. For a report back from Zohra Moosa (ActionAid) who was blogging live from the Summit, click [here](#). Further analysis and news items will be included in the July newsletter.

DFID's Strategic Vision for Girls and Women: A move in the right direction?

The changes that have taken place in DFID's approach to gender equality since 2010 represent a major shift in analysis; one which many gender experts fear represents a step backwards, rather than forwards, for women's empowerment. In GADN's second **briefing**, we look briefly at the historical context for these changes, at DFID's current approach, at the views of members of GADN on this shift in strategy, and at new developments since the introduction of the Strategic Vision.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **Acid Survivors Trust International (ASTI) is seeking a new Chair.** The current Chair, Dr John Morrison, is standing down towards the end of this year. ASTI have engaged **Trustees Unlimited** to help them in their search for a Chair and any interested candidate could go to their website (Trustee vacancies) and apply through the link given there. Alternatively, anyone who is interested in first having a discussion about the role could contact ASTI's Director (**Jaf Shah**) on or **John Morrison**.
- **Gender & Development Special Issue on Post-disaster Humanitarian Work out now!** Understanding how disasters affect people differently depending on gender and other aspects of their identity is a critical starting point for emergency response. So, too, is recognising and valuing the extent and worth of the contribution of women and girls to the survival of households and communities in the aftermath of disasters. The articles in this issue of G&D, in which authors share experiences and learning from a wide range of post-disaster contexts, bear witness to the great strides that have been made in incorporating a gender perspective into disaster responses, and highlight the areas where more needs to be done to ensure that women's rights are supported, and gender equality promoted.

Gender & Development provides **free access to individual articles**. If you would like information on subscribing to the journal visit the Taylor & Francis **website**.

- Oxfam and GAPS have produced a report on **Putting Women's Rights into the Arms Trade Treaty**. This report complements the call for the inclusion of gender-based

violence within the Arms Trade Treaty by Amnesty International, IANSA Women's Network, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Religions for Peace International. It details the issue of gender-based violence and language needed in the treaty. It also sets out how the threshold to determine the risk of an arms transfer leading to the perpetration or facilitation of gender-based violence can be identified by licensing agencies and which mechanisms can promote women's rights as part of national-level implementation of the treaty.

- **ActionAid has launched a new report - Sex, Choice and Control: the reality of family planning for women and girls today.** 'Women's ability to control when and whether they have children is fundamental to the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals.' This is the finding of ActionAid's new report '**Sex, choice and control: the reality of family planning for women and children today**'

"Over 200 million women and girls in developing countries still cannot access effective methods of contraception, leading to over 75 million unintended pregnancies every year. The UK Government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in partnership with UNFPA, national governments and others, are launching a ground-breaking effort to address this. The aim is to make affordable, lifesaving contraceptive information, services and supplies available to an additional 120 million women and girls in the world's poorest countries by 2020. It also aims to prevent over 200,000 dying in pregnancy and childbirth."

This effort was launched on the 11 July at the **London Family Planning Summit**. ActionAid fully supported the Summit, recognising that it was a timely and positive step. However, participants must recognise that improving access to contraceptives is just one of many issues.

We know that many women and girls are prevented from using contraceptives because of social barriers caused by gender inequality. Many women and girls' sexual experiences are forced. Often husbands make decisions about family size, and compel their wives to have unsafe sex.

ActionAid's report presents the stories of four women from across sub-Saharan Africa, and shows how important it is to take these complexities into account.

Contraception should be a woman's choice, but it is not solely her responsibility. Men and women, families and communities, donors and governments need to take measures to ensure all women are able to take control of their lives.

- **Save the Children** launched its new campaign '**Family Planning: Girl Power Saves Lives**' in the run up to the London Family Planning Summit:

“Hundreds of thousands of babies and mums die needlessly every year because millions of women don't have the power to plan their families. Providing more condoms, injections and pills is crucial. So too is making sure that women are empowered to decide when to have children. Join our campaign to make sure world leaders act on both fronts at July's London Family Planning Summit.”

In advance of the Summit, as well as funding increased access to contraception, **Save the Children** urged world leaders to agree to the following commitments:

- **Access to contraception:** all women, everywhere, must be able to access safe and reliable contraception.
- **Empowerment:** women everywhere must have the power to plan their families; they must have rights and protection enshrined in law. This must include equal access to education, including sex education, to ensure contraception is used effectively.

Please do read the report **Every Women's Right: how family planning saves children's lives**, watch the film **I Remember My First Time** and play the game **Give Girls Power** to find out more!

- A new study has been published by **VSO** titled '**Service Users' Perceptions of the Domestic Violence and Victims' Support Unit, Ghana Police Service'** by GADN member and independent consultant Laura Mitchell:

“Studies in Ghana estimate that three out of five women suffer some form of domestic violence and one in three women have experienced some form of assault during their life. The family is the prime site of violence and abuse and the perpetrators primarily men known by the victim. The Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU), a special unit of Ghana Police service, has addressed issues related to domestic and gender based violence since 1998. During this time new legislation (2007) and policy (2008) has also been introduced in Ghana.

This study was conducted at the Kaneshie DOVVSU office in Greater Accra region. The service users that participate had all reported crimes of domestic and sexual violence to DOVVSU. Their experience and expectations of the service are at the centre of this study. Their perceptions provide a gauge of DOVVSU's performance in a range of areas. An international human rights framework and set of indicators was used to steer and guide the research process”

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

- **FORWARD invites you to two very special events at London's legendary venue the Roundhouse on 21 July 2012.** For full details please visit FORWARD's **website**.

Carlou D and guests in conversation, 5.45pm, Saturday 21st July, Dorfman Hub, Roundhouse, London

“Conversations with African Male Artists: The role of men in the campaign to end Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)”

Senegalese superstar, musician and FORWARD ambassador **Carlou D** and guests in conversation with **Ade Daramy** (Colourful Radio) discuss the power of music in ending the centuries old practice of FGM. FGM has affected between 100 - 140 million African women worldwide. Join us to explore the role of music and art in bringing about social change and discuss how men can play a key role in ending FGM within their communities.

These men from FGM affected communities in Africa will share their views and thoughts on how men can play an active role in the campaign to end this practice. They will be focusing on the use of music as a platform for social change and share insights on the way forward. Finally you will have the pleasure of listening to a short acoustic set by Carlou D and guests.

Carlou D: A Fundraising concert for FORWARD 7.30pm, Studio Theatre, Roundhouse, London

Carlou D and special guests are performing in a one-off concert to raise funds for FORWARD's work and awareness of FGM and child marriage. Carlou D will be joining us straight from Senegal, a week before his performance at WOMAD festival, come along for an evening of music and entertainment!

“The part of hip-hop which I have kept in my music is the courage to be direct” says Carlou D.

Carlou D is definitely one of Senegal’s greatest musical talents!!! Check out Carlou D’s music [here](#) and his Twitter: @carlouofficial

Venue- Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EH

Tickets: £5 for the ‘Conversation’, £12 for the Fundraising concert. **Special offer:** both events for £15 only by phone bookings Box office: 0844 482 8008
www.roundhouse.org.uk

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **Aid effectiveness: Mitchell co-chairs 'post-Busan' panel**
DFID, June 29 2012

- **From villages to cities, mobilizing to increase women’s participation in decision-making in Mexico**
UN Women, June 28 2012
- **Call for Communications: allegations of human rights violations affecting the status of women**
UN Women, June 26 2012
- **Looking at the way forward in implementing the expected outcomes of the Conference**
UN Women, June 21 2012
- **UN Women and Latin American Development Bank sign cooperation agreement**
UN Women, June 20 2012
- **Join the conversation at UN Women Rio+20 events**
UN Women, June 18 2012
- **The importance of the social dimension of the sustainable development goals**
UN Women, June 18 2012
- **The role of business to realize gender equality and sustainability—securing the future**
UN Women, June 18 2012
- **The Women’s Empowerment Principles: Bringing gender equality into the corporate sustainability framework at Rio+20**
UN Women, June 15 2012
- **Expanding jobs for rural women in India**
UN Women, June 14 2012
- **Information bureaus offer new opportunities for rural women in Moldova**
UN Women, June 13 2012
- **UN Women amplifies Women’s Voices at events during UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro**
UN Women, June 13 2012
- **New online tools launched to help campaign against violence**
UN Women, June 12 2012
- **In Papua New Guinea, a new initiative boosts women candidates ahead of national elections**
UN Women, June 11 2012
- **Bolivia Approves a Landmark Law against Harassment of Women Political Leaders**
UN Women, June 11 2012
- **Statement by Michelle Bachelet at the Harvard Ministerial Health Leaders’ Forum**
UN Women, June 7 2012
- **Changing beliefs, inspiring change: A Men’s Forum to end violence against women in Lebanon**
UN Women, June 6 2012
- **EC gives €20 million to fight discrimination in developing countries**
New Europe Online, June 1 2012

4. Development News

- **New EU-funded project to endorse gender equality in Morocco**
Euro Med, July 5 2012
- **No girl should die giving birth**
Guardian, June 27 2012
- **Eurozone austerity hits world's poor as Europe's aid falls by €700m**
Guardian, June 25 2012
- **SACKS emblazoned with Union Jacks are to be used to distribute the £8.4billion of British aid abroad**
Sun, June 25 2012
- **Summit to pledge £1.5bn**
Independent, June 24 2012
- **Alternative voices from Rio+20**
Al Jazeera, June 23 2012
- **Critical issues for Asia Pacific women missing from "The Future We Want"**
APWLD, June 22 2012
- **Assault on Reproductive Rights and Gender Equality at Rio+20**
Center for American Progress, June 21 2012
- **Philippines: How gender impacts development**
Inquirer Opinion, June 21 2012
- **UK: Women's human rights must be at the centre of the Family Planning Summit**
Human Rights Watch, June 19 2012
- **Can Rio+20 bring change for women?**
Guardian, June 19 2012
- **Gender equity helps G-20 countries achieve sustainable development**
Globe and Mail, June 17 2012
- **Nigeria: Gender and Health - Issues for Action in Nigeria**
All Africa, June 12 2012
- **Cameroon: Strategy Plan for Female Politicians Underway**
All Africa, June 11 2012
- **Global summit aim to reverse years of family planning neglect**
Guardian, June 10 2012
- **Forced marriage: 120 cases a month this year as David Cameron outlaws 'virtual slavery'**
Telegraph, June 8 2012
- **Lesotho: Peaceful Transition but Disappointing Outcome for Women**
All Africa, June 8 2012
- **Gender Inequality - the Way Out**
All Africa, June 8 2012
- **Zuma appoints nine for gender commission**
Daily News, June 1 2012
- **EC gives €20 million to fight discrimination in developing countries**

5. Publications & Resources

- **Every Women's Right: how family planning saves children's lives**
Save the Children, June 2012
- **Global Impact Report 2011 Delivering choice and rights for women: past, present and future**
Marie Stopes International, June 26 2012
- **Department for International Development's Annual Report 2011-12**
DFID, June 2012
- **The 2012 Data Report**
One, June 2012
- **Sex, choice and control: the reality of family planning for women and girls today**
ActionAid, June 22 2012
- **Response to the FCO initiative on tackling sexual violence as a tactic of war and conflict**
GAPS, May 2012
- **Safe Abortion: Technical and Policy Guidance for Health Systems**
World Health Organization, June 2012
- **Putting Women's Rights into the Arms Trade Treaty**
Oxfam and GAPS, June 2012

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

Online MA in Peacebuilding at Coventry University, Scholarships available

The online MA in Peacebuilding is designed to enable professionals working in various peacebuilding areas including humanitarian action, post-conflict reconstruction, education, security, social development, law, and governance, to acquire an MA qualification.

The programme evaluates participants' professional and training experience and maps it against the first 120M credits of a Masters programme by the Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL), and allows them to complete the MA course in one year.

Participants benefit from online access to a dedicated team of tutors, discussions with other course participants, and electronic information resources. This course of study consists of one online module on "The Theory and Practice of Peacebuilding," two residential workshops, and independent research leading to a dissertation.

The structure of the course is as follows:

- Induction workshop (in Coventry, Early January)
- Online module: Theory and Practice of Peacebuilding (January – July)
- Dissertation workshop (in Istanbul, June)
- Online dissertation supervision (July – December)
- Dissertation submission (Mid December)

Fees for all participants are £7,500. In addition to tuition fees, participants cover all travel, accommodation and subsistence costs to attend the workshops.

Scholarships are discretionary for tuition fees up to a maximum of £7,000. Priority will be given to candidates from low to middle income economies working for local or national organisations. The deadline for scholarship application is **1 August, 2012**.

For more information, please visit the course **website**.

The 16 Days team are pleased to announce that the 2012 16 Days Campaign will continue with the global theme: *From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women!*

This year's Campaign marks our third year of advocacy on the intersections of gender-based violence and militarism.

The sub-themes of the Campaign are:

- Sexual and gender-based violence committed by state agents, particularly the police or military
- Proliferation of small arms and their role in domestic violence
- Sexual violence in and after conflict

The global theme announcement is available in 35 languages from the CWGL 16 Days **website**.

7. Events and Conferences

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For full details please visit FORWARD's website pages:

<http://www.forwarduk.org.uk/news/events/91>

<http://www.forwarduk.org.uk/news/events/90>

Please see also members' news above.

Trust Women Conference, 4 and 5 December 2012 - A new initiative launched by the International Herald Tribune and Thomson Reuters Foundation

With a unique legal framework, Trust Women will help spark new collaborations, commitments and solutions to defend women.

Much more than a talking shop – the Conference is to bring law firms and corporates together with NGOs working on the front line and policymakers to pool intelligence and resources and debate what works and what doesn't in the defence of women's rights.

Speakers include Cherie Blair, Lawyer and founder, Cherie Blair Foundation for Women; Chris Patten, Chairman, BBC Trust, Chancellor, Oxford University; Christy Turlington Burns, Founder, Every Mother Counts, Filmmaker, Author, Model; Queen Noor, Author and Humanitarian; Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Author and Founder of the AHA Foundation and Mariane Pearl, Journalist and Author, A Mighty Heart...

Main themes for the conference include 'When culture clashes with the law' and 'Women for sale', engaging issues such as:

- Child marriage
- The modern day slave trade
- Embedding women's rights in new constitutions
- FGM and "cultural" attitudes affecting women's health
- Access to finance and education
- Corruption
- The Arab spring: opportunity or disaster for women

For more information visit: www.trustwomenconf.com. To secure your place **register here**. You can also email your full contact details to **Amber Smart** or Call the Customer Service team on +44 20 7061 3524.

8. Job Openings

- **Women's Protection & Empowerment Program Advisor/IRC/DR Congo**
Closing Date: not specified
- **Chair of Trustees/Acid Survivors Trust International/London**
Closing Date: July 31 2012
- **Policy Advisor – Conflict and Gender/Oxfam GB/Kenya**
Closing Date: July 28 2012
- **Human Rights and Gender Coordinator/Swedish Committee for Afghanistan/Kabul**
Closing Date: July 20 2012

- **Programme Manager/Soroptimist International/Cambridge**
Closing Date: July 18 2012
- **Chair & Trustees/Henna Asian Women's Group/London**
Closing Date: July 17 2012
- **Campaigner (with an EU focus)/Water Aid/London**
Closing Date: July 15 2012
- **Consultancy/UN Women/Bangkok, Thailand**
Closing Date: July 13 2012

9. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **I Remember My First Time**
Save the Children, June 2012
- **Rio+20 Series**
DAWN, June 2012
- **When You Don't Exist**
Amnesty International, June 2012
- **From Participation to Power: Making Women's Voices Count**
Oxfam GB, June 2012

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