



Happiness appears on the face of an Egyptian woman who received her National ID card at the celebration of the first day for Egyptian women to receive their ID cards

UN Photo/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

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### **GADN is recruiting for the Board of Trustees and Advisory Group**

As a result of GADN's restructuring there are now vacancies allowing more individuals to participate on either the Board of Trustees or the Advisory Group. Click **here** for a summary of the different bodies and the selection criteria. We are currently seeking two new Trustees and two new Advisory Group members. You are welcome to indicate an interest in any or all of the posts.

Advisory Group positions are open to all members of the network. Membership of the Board of Trustees is also open to individuals who are not currently members of the network.

Broadly speaking, the Trustees act in an individual capacity and are responsible for the governance of the network. Members of the Advisory Group represent their organisations and work with the Secretariat to implement the work plan. They normally have gender or women's rights as part of their job. However, consultants or individuals prepared to meet the time commitments are also welcome to join the Advisory Group.

One place on the Advisory Group will be decided through election by the wider GADN membership. Once the outcome of the election is known, a Selection Committee made up of existing Trustees and Advisory Group members will decide on the remaining places. Selection will be based on the attached criteria, with particular attention to any identified gaps on either group.

**Application:** Please email [lauren.donaldson@gadnetwork.org.uk](mailto:lauren.donaldson@gadnetwork.org.uk) with the subject 'Trustee/Advisory Group recruitment' and include the following:

I would like to apply for:

1. Membership of the Board of Trustees
2. Membership of the Advisory Group

In addition to contributions expected of all Advisory Group members, one member will also have particular responsibility for linking to the wider GADN membership. This person will be elected onto the group by GADN members. Please indicate if you wish to stand for this role and therefore wish to stand for election by the membership.

**Please note:** You are welcome to apply for membership of the Board of Trustees and membership of the Advisory Group, however you will only be selected for one of the two bodies. Applying for both will not affect your chance of selection. If applying for both, please state if you have a preference for one of the two.

Please submit a CV and cover letter of no more than 400 words outlining how you meet the criteria of the post(s) for which you are applying. Please include no more than 400 words on why you would be suitable for each post.

If you are standing for election to the Advisory Group your 400 words will be circulated to all members during the election to enable them to make an informed vote. Your CV will not be circulated.

### **Timetable**

**4pm 3 September:** Deadline for applications

**6 September:** Applications collated and Advisory Group (AG) candidates standing for election sent round members for voting

**9am 20 September:** Deadline for voting. Member of AG with an additional responsibility of being the members' link is decided

**By 27 September:** Remaining trustees and AG members decided by Selection Committee

### **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. The recommendations of the Gender and Development Network (GADN) outlined in a **briefing** produced in July are intended to complement the various proposals for a post-2015 development framework currently being debated, rather than to add yet another alternative. We argue that it is critical to maintain a strong and explicit focus on gender equality in any new global framework, with priority given to reaching the poorest women and girls. Achieving this will require a two-pronged approach of mainstreaming gender in targets and indicators across the board, *and* a standalone goal or domain for gender equality.

There are numerous consultations currently taking place around the new framework. The EC is holding a public consultation (see [here](#)), which GADN is currently working on a response for, as well as supporting the Beyond 2015 campaign with their submission by providing comments on their draft versions.

### **International Women's Consultation on Aid Effectiveness**

Caroline Green (Oxfam GB) represented the GAD Network at a two day meeting on development effectiveness in Nairobi on 25 and 26 July 2012.

The priority was to review the proposed CSO structure which will coordinate civil society engagement in the aid and development effectiveness agenda – the CSO Partnership for

Development Effectiveness (CPDE). The consultation aimed to produce feedback on the proposed CPDE purpose, function and structure from a feminist perspective.

Participants also took stock of significance of gender equality wins at Busan and post-Busan and discussed potential advocacy priorities on women's rights in development effectiveness spaces.

### **DFID's Family Planning Summit**

GADN continued to engage in consultations in the run up to the Family Planning Summit which was held on 11 July, and attended two side events in the afternoon organised by MSI and Save the Children. GADN Advisory Group member zohra moosa (ActionAid) was tweeting live from the Summit and produced a **report back**.

The day before the Summit, members of GADN and the UK SRHR Network met with Rt Hon. Andrew Mitchell MP to discuss concerns that had been raised in the run up to the Summit. Now that the **commitments have been made**, GADN members will continue to engage to ensure these are upheld, that the work is carried out using a rights-based approach and that tackling violence against women and girls is addressed.

### **Putting women's rights at the heart of campaigning**

Women and girls are the subject of an unprecedented focus by development actors, donor governments and the international community. Development NGOs are increasingly taking up the cause of gender equality in their advocacy and campaigning, either through specific women's rights campaigns, or through incorporating a gender focus into other campaigns.

Whilst this renewed focus provides exciting opportunities, it also poses challenges for the development sector.

- How can we make sure that women's rights are advanced and women's voices and experiences are heard in our campaigns?
- How should we make sure that gender equality runs through all our campaigning, from strategy to activity planning?
- Do we undermine women's rights by using 'instrumental' arguments to show that women's involvement leads to 'good development'?
- How can we practise what we preach?
- Is it really enough just to add 'especially women and girls'?

At the start of July, GADN and Womankind Worldwide held a training day for 20 individuals involved in campaigns, fundraising and communications at UK INGOs. The aim of the day was to help everyone get to grips with these issues and discuss the challenges people face in putting women's rights at the heart of their campaigning. The interactive training used examples and case studies and drew on Womankind's

**advocacy toolkit.** As part of the GADN briefing series, GADN will shortly publish a '12 steps' guide to putting women's rights at the heart of campaigns. Keep an eye out for this on the **briefings page** over next couple of months.

### **DFID publishes 'How to' notes on Violence Against Women and Girls**

The guidance package that the Gender and Development Network produced for DFID on tackling violence against women and girls is now available on the DFID website. Follow the links below to access the resource:

- **A Theory of Change for Tackling Violence against Women and Girls**
- **A Practical Guide on Community Programming on Violence against Women and Girls**
- **Guidance on Monitoring and Evaluation for Programming on Violence against Women and Girls**

## **2. GADN Members' Update**

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- **Saferworld** has released a new report exploring women's role in street and institutional politics and their effect on wider change processes in Yemen.

*"In the peaceful protests that swept Yemen in 2011 women did not simply 'join' the protests but were at the very heart of the calls for change. Yet while Yemeni women have made moral and social gains, there have been few tangible political gains as a result of the protests."* Based on consultations with diverse groups of women from across Yemen, ***Strong voices: Yemeni women's political participation from protest to transition*** suggests that while women feel that they have made their voices heard, for many the transition process remains out of reach and dominated by a small circle of political elites. There is a recognition among those consulted that women needed to unite to ensure that their demands are heard in the country's transition period.

The report recommends that national and international actors should support opportunities for a united voice for women, while also recognising and respecting regional differences. They should also encourage new and emerging women's voices from among political parties and young activists through networking and capacity building initiatives – promoting a broad spectrum of women's voices and helping to ensure they influence the transition process. At the same time, there is a need to work at the local level to sensitise local authorities towards women's participation and to encourage women's participation and representation in local councils.

According to the consultations, women see their participation as part of a wider struggle against broader systems of oppression and in support of justice and equality for all Yemeni citizens. However, despite receiving support from many sectors within

Yemeni society, women also faced harassment, threats or slander by both pro- and anti-regime forces as a result of their participation in the street protests. Women discussed how attempts to include or exclude them were used as strategies by political forces to weaken the protests at various stages.

While women expressed guarded optimism about the future, they are also fearful: for their own security, for the loss of gains they have made and for their children's livelihood in a struggling economy. The two pressing concerns that emerged from the consultations relate to the political priority of addressing the Southern Issue and the need to ensure security and stability in all areas affected by on-going violent conflict. This raises an important consideration: how can effective participatory politics in Yemen's transition take place in a context where insecurity remains a primary concern for many citizens?

***Strong Voices*** is part of Saferworld's EU-funded '**People's Peacemaking Perspectives**' project, a joint initiative implemented by Conciliation Resources and Saferworld and financed under the European Commission's Instrument for Stability. Saferworld is currently embarking on a new FCO-supported project that will support new and emerging women activists in Egypt, Libya and Yemen to strengthen their public voice through demand-led capacity building, networking and advocacy. **Read the report.**

**For further information contact: Saleem Haddad, Yemen Programme Coordinator**

- **BRIDGE** will be celebrating its 20th anniversary later this year. In preparation for this, and to help us plan our work for the future, BRIDGE would like to hear your thoughts and views about BRIDGE products and services. If you have 10 minutes to spare to take part in our online survey, please click **here**.
- **Womankind Worldwide** is recruiting a **Monitoring, Evaluation And Learning Advisor (11 Months Fixed Term Contract)**. Womankind Worldwide is the only UK charity focusing entirely on international women's rights, working with partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America and giving women the confidence and freedom to live their lives free from violence and injustice. They are looking for an exceptional candidate to lead in the review of their current monitoring, evaluation and learning methodologies to create a system that is fit to purpose. The adviser will work in close collaboration with Womankind Worldwide teams and local partners to lead the gathering, analysis and presentation of best practice and data to demonstrate and improve the effectiveness of our work.

For more information and to apply please download an application pack **here** or email **recruitment@womankind.org.uk**. The **closing date for applications is 21 August**. Interviews will take place on **28 / 29 August**.

### 3. DFID/EU/UN

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- **UN Women amplifies women's voices at the International AIDS Conference**  
UN Women, July 19 2012
- **New UN Women documentary launched on women, conflict and peacekeeping**  
UN Women, July 18 2012
- **UN Women welcomes first woman head of African Union Commission**  
UN Women, July 18 2012
- **Statement of UN Women Executive Director Michelle Bachelet at ECOSOC dialogue of executive heads on QCPR**  
UN Women, July 16 2012
- **Leading change at every level: HIV-affected women in Cambodia claim their rights**  
UN Women, July 13
- **UN Women condemns violence against Afghan women and calls for justice**  
UN Women, July 13 2012
- **Ensuring equity and promoting rights – including those of young people**  
UN Women, July 11 2012
- **The Women Citizenship Initiative will ensure citizenship rights to two million women in Egypt**  
UN Women, July 10 2012
- **Bringing CEDAW to life: the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women turns 30**  
UN Women, July 9 2012
- **Focusing on Women's Political Participation and Leadership: In Pursuit of Equality**  
UN Women, July 9 2012
- **Better services opening new doors for women in Tajikistan**  
UN Women, July 9 2012
- **Recognition and protection for Pakistan's home-based workers**  
UN Women, July 6 2012
- **Discrimination against women persists around the globe hampering development**  
UN Women, July 5 2012
- **Women migrant workers find a voice in Bangladesh**  
UN Women, July 5 2012
- **UN Women calls for more women and social protections in the workplace as key to global economic recovery**  
UN Women, July 5 2012
- **The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women turns 30**  
UN Women, July 3 2012
- **Tokyo Conference on Afghanistan**  
DFID, July 8 2012
- **Girls Education Challenge**  
DFID, July 2012

#### **DFID/Gates Foundation Family Planning Summit:**

- **Rich countries pledge \$2.6bn for family planning in global south**  
Guardian, July 11 2012
- **Various Publications & News**  
WHO website, July 2012
- **Family planning: population numbers game must add up for women**  
Guardian, July 10 2012
- **Family Planning: London Summit, 11 July 2012**  
DFID, July 11 2012
- **New Financial Commitments by Donors and Private Sector at the London Summit on Family Planning (USD Millions)**  
London Summit on Family Planning, July 2012

## **4. Development News**

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- **Forcible sterilisation leaves legacy of pain and stigma for Namibian mothers**  
Guardian, July 31 2012
- **New award for women scientists in low output countries**  
Science and Development Network, July 31 2012
- **Beyond Equal Rights, Michelle Bachelet**  
America's Quarterly, July 2012
- **Liberia: Gov't Donates U.S.\$50,000 to Women Groups**  
AllAfrica, July 31 2012
- **Namibia court rules HIV-positive women sterilised without consent**  
Guardian, July 30 2012
- **India is a massive country – you cannot reduce it to being 'bad' for women**  
Guardian, July 27 2012
- **Indian sex workers are a shining example of women's empowerment**  
Guardian, July 26 2012
- **Joyce Banda reforms encourage UK MPs to urge budget support for Malawi**  
Guardian, July 24 2012
- **Anti-prostitution pledge in US Aids funding 'damaging' HIV response**  
Guardian, July 24 2012
- **Tanzania: Mwanza Committed to Protect People With Albinism**  
AllAfrica, July 22 2012
- **Indian campaign confronts prevalence of female foeticide**  
Guardian, July 13 2012
- **Can South Sudan under Salva Kiir become a better place to be a woman?**  
Guardian, July 10 2012
- **World leaders accused of backsliding on women's rights**  
Guardian, July 5 2012
- **New EU-funded project to endorse gender equality in Morocco**  
Euro Med, July 5 2012

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **Strategies of Feminist Bureaucrats: United Nations Experiences**  
IDS, July 2012
- **Strategies of Feminist Bureaucrats: Perspectives from International NGOs**  
IDS, July 2012
- **Adapting to climate change in Africa: Mainstreaming gender**  
Care International, July 2012
- **Safe abortion: technical and policy guidance for health systems (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)**  
WHO, July 2012
- **Can lessons be learnt from eradicating footbinding in China and applied to abandoning female genital mutilation in Somalia? A critical evaluation of the possibilities offered for developing strategies to expand current promising practice**  
Journal of Gender Studies, July 2012

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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### Call for papers: wH2O: The Journal of Gender and Water

**wH2O: The Journal of Gender & Water** at the University of Pennsylvania is an open-access, peer-reviewed academic journal on the nexus of **gender and water**. wH2O is now accepting abstracts from students, faculty, NGOs, writers, and professionals. wH2O is listed with the Library of Congress and seeks to be a hub of information for students, researchers, practitioners and governments alike. You may read and download **our first issue here**.

Appropriate submissions include, but are not limited to, papers, case studies, opinion pieces, photo journalism, interviews and other research with a focus on gender and issues in water. Topics can be international or domestic, but must address the nexus of gender and water (which includes agriculture, sanitation, energy, and so on). **A one page abstract should be submitted by August 20 2012 to wH2Ojournal@sas.upenn.edu**. The next issue will be published in the Spring of 2013. Submissions do not have to be in final form, but abstracts should cover the scope of the research project. To see more about submission and editorial guidelines and policy, **please click here**.

Decisions will be made by September 20th, 2012 and authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit their paper for peer-review and editing.

We also accept blog posts on gender & water issues on a rolling basis. Please send posts (~500-800 words) to [wh2journal@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:wh2journal@sas.upenn.edu).

Please contact [wh2journal@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:wh2journal@sas.upenn.edu) with any questions.

### **One Billion Rising: Strike, Dance, Rise!**

**One Billion Rising** is an international coalition of campaigners speaking out for action to tackle violence against girls and women across the world. It is taking place on 14 February 2013 to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V-day, the global movement to end violence against women and girls. Across the world the OBR campaign will highlight the challenges in every country – from calling for better reproductive rights for women in the Philippines and challenging Republican lawmakers who wish to stop female politicians using the term vagina in Michigan to supporting women organising street marches in Afghanistan, taking on street harassment in Egypt and backing Croatian campaigners against sexual violence in warfare.

Over the next eight months they are seeking to contribute to this campaign in the UK because they believe in times of economic difficulty it is even more important we work towards a more socially just, safe and prosperous society for all as part of rebuilding Britain. Building on the **Everywoman Safe, Everywhere report** they want to develop our actions around five themes:

- Safe at Home
- Safe Growing Up
- Safe through Financial Freedom
- Safe on our Streets
- Safe in the World

If you would like to know more about this campaign and how you could be involved please do let them know- they are seeking volunteers to help in a variety of different ways in making ending violence against women and girls a priority here in Britain and internationally over the coming months. Whatever time you can give, or skills you have they are interested in hearing from you! Please do also feel free to send information which you feel may be relevant to the themes for the workshop to consider. The twitter hashtags for this campaign are **#1billionrising** and **#OBRUK** for UK specific actions - to stay in touch please like **the Facebook Page** and visit **their website**.

**Governments of Afghanistan US, UK, Germany & Japan: Afghan woman publicly executed – bring the killers to justice**

Please support this petition on Change.org '**Afghan woman publicly executed – bring the killers to justice**' that is aimed at the biggest donors of the \$16 billion of civil aid to Afghanistan - UK, USA, Germany and Japan.

Asks include: ensuring the government Afghanistan catch and punish killers; make aid conditional on women's rights; ring fence aid for women; take measures to improve safety and security of women and increase their access to justice.

Please sign and share on social media: <http://chn.ge/MDN6ib>

## **7. Events and Conferences**

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### **Conference on Women's Human Rights Defenders: Request for support**

**Peace Brigades International (PBI)** is organising a working conference on women human rights defenders (WHRDs), to take place during late October 2012. The conference will be held over two days with key stakeholders from parliament, government and civil society. The focus is on raising the need for greater recognition of women change-makers as WHRDs, and their protection needs, with a focus on what the UK Government can do - both to improve protection for WHRDs through its work on VAWG and Women, Peace and Security (in part by linking these to the human rights defender protection framework), and in its implementation of EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders and VAWG.

PBI would like to hear from GADN members working with women human rights defenders at risk i.e. women working to create positive change on any human rights issue who face challenges or are at risk as a result of their work, or women and men working specifically on women's rights issues who are likewise under threat. They would welcome suggestions for speakers and participants, particularly any partners that are likely to be over in the UK towards the mid to end of October. Please contact **Iona Liddell**.

### **Improving services for young carers and families affected by HIV - 1/2 Day Toolkit Launch Events**

**York - Tuesday 4 September 2012**

**Sheffield - Wednesday 5 September 2012**

**Manchester - Thursday 6 September 2012**

**London Parliament - September date TBC**

Whilst most children and young people help parents to some degree, some may be taking on caring responsibilities that are inappropriate for a child and that have a negative impact on their own wellbeing. The 2001 census found 175,000 young carers in

the UK, many of which have significant unmet needs. This number is an underestimate, as it is unlikely to include those caring for parents with HIV, those with an alcohol or drug dependency and other stigmatised illnesses or impairments.

The number of HIV affected children (those living in families where one or more members is HIV infected) in the UK is unknown but has been estimated as between 15,000 to 20,000 (Conway 2006)

The Include Programme has been funded by the Elton John Aids Foundation to build the capacity of organisations and professionals to improve good practice support for young carers and their families affected by HIV. Throughout this project we have been developing an online resource which will act as a toolkit for relevant practitioners in the statutory and voluntary sector to promote awareness raising and understanding of the needs of young carers in these families. The voices of young carers affected by HIV are being heard throughout this resource which will be accessible on our **website**.

The young people are keen to have their messages heard and bring about positive change so please join them to celebrate the launch of the toolkit and have the opportunity to see how it can work for you.

Click **here** for more information.

## 8. Job Openings

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- **Communications Officer/Fawcett Society/London**  
Closing date: 10 August 2012
- **Fundraising Assistant/Afghanaid/London**  
Closing date: 16 August 2012
- **Consultant/Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence/Home-based**  
Closing date: 19 August 2012
- **Trustees and Advisory Group members/Gender and Development Network/UK**  
Closing date: 3 September 2012
- **Campaigns Assistant/Fawcett Society/London**  
Closing date: 3 September 2012

## 9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **Side by Side – Women, Peace and Security**  
UN Women, July 2012

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development issues since its founding in 1985. You can find out more about us on our website **[www.gadnetwork.org.uk](http://www.gadnetwork.org.uk)**.

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