

**Newsletter November 2010**



PICTURE: Newly Displaced Sudanese Settle in Tawila, North Darfur

Ashia Suleiman Abbackar (right) is among a group of newly displaced Sudanese who have fled the towns of Fanga and Taraba, and are now settling near the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)'s compound in Tawila, North Darfur. She is pictured with two of her seven children, Shadia (left) and Fatna. Photo ID 450569. 26/09/2010. Tawila, Sudan. **UN Photo/Albert Gonzalez Farran**

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## 1. GADN News

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### **EuroNGOs Conference: 'Gender and SRHR at the Heart of the MDGs'**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November, together with Marie Stopes International and EuroNGOs, GADN co-hosted the conference 'Gender and SRHR at the Heart of the MDGs'.

Expert speakers, policymakers and participants from across the globe came together to find common ground and a joint way forward on gender, the MDGs and SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights).

GADN Chair, Jessica Woodroffe, chaired the opening session on 'The Importance of Women's Sexual and Reproductive Rights and of Engendering Poverty Alleviation Policies and Programming'. This set the scene to the conference by looking from different angles at Gender and SRHR as main drivers to alleviate poverty.

Several GADN members participated in the conference, with Interact Worldwide, ActionAid and Nanci Hogan (a Gender Consultant) presenting in the parallel sessions. Katie Tong from Interact Worldwide looked at 'Assessing and responding to adolescents' SRHR needs in emergency settings: Lessons from Haiti and Pakistan', zohra moosa of ActionAid presented on 'Beyond motherhood: how violence against women undermines sexual rights' and Nanci Hogan discussed 'Tools and Strategies for Overcoming Obstacles to Women's SRHR posed by Religious Fundamentalism'. Copies of all presentations are available [here](#).

### **UN Women: Update from the GADN UN Women Working Group and the next GADN Members Meeting**

UN Women will become operational in January 2011. There has been a very positive response from CSOs and women's organisations to the research commissioned by Oxfam Novib and GADN, which aims to identify what women want from the new UN gender equality entity at country level. Over 1000 organisations responded to the call for interest to be involved. The research is near completion and it is hoped that the findings will be launched in early 2011. This report, based on the survey results, will honestly and accurately capture the needs, aspirations and concerns of women's rights advocates and their organisations at country-level. Thanks to all who circulated the call to their partners across the world.

In November, the Working Group met with Harriet Harman MP and members of the Shadow International Development team for the second time to discuss what they see as being the critical factors in ensuring UN Women is a success.

**\*\*Please save Thursday 20 January for the next GADN Members Meeting and Public Seminar on UN Women. More information will be published shortly. \*\***

### **Violence against women and girls: your questions, our answers**

The **VAW Working Group** has produced a resource on VAWG – ***Violence against women and girls: your questions, our answers***, launched today, Monday 6 December. Copies of the resource are available to all GADN member organisations and it is also available to download from the **GADN website**.

The resource provides statistics on VAWG around the world and provides GADN's answers to the following ten questions:

1. What is violence against women and girls?
2. What are the causes of violence against women and girls?
3. Violence against women and girls and poverty – what are the links?
4. What are the costs of violence against women and girls?
5. Does violence against women and girls happen only in conflict?
6. What about men and boys?
7. Isn't violence against women and girls a cultural issue?
8. What is the role of faith organisations?
9. What about the international community?
10. Are we doing enough?

## 2. GADN Members' Update

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- **CARE International UK and One World Action** have launched an **Online Petition** to urge the government to ensure the new UK Gender Champion responsible for tackling international violence against women has the access and authority to push forward an agenda to protect women from violence globally. **Click here** to sign your name and show your support.
- **Oxfam** has published a new report titled '**Women and Men: Hand in Hand against Violence**' detailing strategies and approaches of working with men and boys for ending violence against women. The training resource was developed for use in Arab countries in order to teach the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to promote gender equality and to prevent violence against women through the effective engagement of men. It explores the concepts surrounding VAW, what factors are involved, and the consequences. It presents case studies, tips, and lessons learned, drawn from different experiences and from programmes that work with men as partners in VAW prevention.
- **Save the Children** have produced a briefing paper on **Gender, Discrimination and Child Survival**. This briefing is part of a series of outputs produced for their campaign on child survival. The brief is an introduction to Save the Children's thinking on gender dynamics and child survival and marks the beginning of a body of work on gender and child health.
- In October, **SDDirect** held a screening of *The Greatest Silence* on sexual violence in DR Congo. Showing this film in the DRC is now part of the FCO commitments in the new National Action Plan. To follow up on their screening and successful post-card campaign to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, SDDirect have launched an **online petition**, to lobby William Hague to implement 1325 and 1820 in the DRC.
- **Plan** have launched **Because I Am A Girl: Youth Summary 2010**. This youth-friendly digest of the State of the World's Girls Report has a special focus on street girls and online technologies. It was created in collaboration with Plan's Youth Advisory Panel highlights issues that they felt were critical from within the broader themes of urbanisation and technology.

- **Women for Women International** have launched their research report **Gender, Conflict and the Millennium Development Goals**, produced by **Ceri Hayes**, GADN member and Independent Gender & Human Rights Professional. The report finds that violence against women is the single, greatest impediment to development and peace. It explores the implementation of UN SCR 1325 and the Millennium Development Goals in this, the tenth year anniversaries of both policy frameworks. Assessments at the ten-year mark reveal that despite some progress, the implementation of both frameworks has fallen strikingly short of expectations. While many countries are behind on their promises to meet the MDGs, particularly those goals in which gender is explicit, conflict-affected countries are more likely to be lagging.

This small-scale research project explores the possibilities of linking the two policy agendas to craft real change for women in conflict-affected countries. It focuses on five countries at different stages of conflict and recovery - Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Sudan – and is informed by a literature review, interviews with several southern NGOs, and responses to a detailed questionnaire that was disseminated through networks working on gender, peace and security issues. Findings reflect a rich seam of experience from organisations working with women towards inclusive security and development in conflict-affected countries, and contributing to the realisation of both frameworks. In addition, they outline development policies and practices that have made a difference to women’s lives and the role that governments and donors can play in enabling women and men to participate equally in peace-building and development.

- Join **Women for Women International** for a screening of the incredible film ***Pray the Devil Back to Hell***, **15th December 6pm – 9pm, Passing Clouds, 1 Richmond Road, E8 4AA**. Tickets £5.00 – book at 020 7922 7772 or [filmscreening@womenforwomen.org](mailto:filmscreening@womenforwomen.org)

This award-winning documentary chronicles the extraordinary story of the courageous efforts of brave and visionary Liberian women who brought lasting peace to their country, a nation torn to shreds by a decades-old civil war. *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* honours the strength and perseverance of the women of Liberia. Inspiring, uplifting, and most of all motivating, it is a compelling testimony of how grassroots activism can alter the history of nations. The event will take place at arts collective Passing Clouds, where you can watch the film from cosy sofas in this intimate East London venue. Doors will open at 6pm for pre-film mulled wine, hot chocolate, home-baked cakes, and other Christmassy treats.

Following the film, there will be speakers as well as a Q&A session about the film, the Liberian Civil War, Women for Women International’s work, and how you can get involved.

Book your tickets asap, as there is limited space.

- **GAPS** responded to the launch of the renewed **National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security**, launched 25 November 2010. GAPS welcomes the publication of the new National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security but calls for senior leadership and resources to bring about real change for women in conflict affected countries. See the full statement **here**. The Government has committed to reviewing it annually through a report tabled in parliament.

- **One World Action** are currently taking applications for a limited number of guaranteed places for the 2011 Virgin London Marathon. Money raised by runners over the last ten years has helped OWA provide invaluable support to women in developing countries. As a reward for joining OWA's fundraising efforts, you'll receive the following: One World Action Team branded T-shirt or vest; OWA skills & expertise - over 10 years experience of team support; opportunities to meet One World Action's overseas partners in London; *FREE* copy of *Ed & Phil's* Runners Log training book; *FREE* pair of Wigwam 'Distance' socks; goodie bag & certificate at the finish line; big picnic for friends & family on the day; runners info evening with speakers including - *ULTRA MARATHON runner & motivational speaker, Ed Chapman from Ed & Phil, Healthy & Fit*; personal advice on training & preparation by Ed Chapman; tailored fundraising support & materials. Already got your own place in the London Marathon? You could still benefit from OWA's experience & dedication. For more information call Verity on 020 7833 7314 or check out **OWA's website**.

### News from WIDE

- The new publication from **WIDE**, entitled '**Women's Labour Migration in the Context of Globalisation**' offers an introduction to important contemporary political analysis on the influence of globalisation on women's work, mobility and empowerment. Authors of the report **Anja K. Franck** and **Andrea Spehar** highlight how globalisation shapes women's labour migration.
- **New Dates: WIDE** invite you to participate in their next capacity building activity, '**Women at the crossroads: walking paths for Gender and Economic Justice and sustainable development**' on the **24 and 25 February 2011 in Belgium**. This workshop aims to enable participants to conduct a critical feminist analysis of the current development paradigm and how it is manifested in the current European trade and development cooperation agenda. It will also increase participants' capacity to make their voices heard and change policies, practices and mindsets. The methodology will be participative; the premise and starting point is that all will learn from one another. Participants are therefore at the same time "trainers". Please send your letter of interest to participate to Luisa Antolin ([luisa@wide-network.org](mailto:luisa@wide-network.org)) and copy to Nerea Barrio ([nerea.barrio@wide-network.org](mailto:nerea.barrio@wide-network.org)) no later than **17 December 2010**.

### 3. DFID/EU/UN

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- **Lynne Featherstone New Violence against Women Champion**  
DFID, 25 November 2010
- **Women's Welfare Belongs at the Heart of International Policy**  
The Guardian, 25 November 2010
- **Harman Call to Tackle Global Violence against Women**  
BBC, 25 November 2010
- **It's wrong to assume results-based aid will lead to a culture of quick wins**  
Andrew Mitchell in the Guardian, 25 November 2010
- **UN Elects Executive Board of New UN Women**  
UN Women, 10 November 2010

- **New GEAR Campaign Toolkit**  
UN Women (GEAR), 23 November 2010
- **Say NO–UNiTE to End Violence against Women Initiative Records More than 1 Million Actions**  
UNIFEM, 25 November 2010
- **New Global Initiative to Make Cities Safer for Women**  
UNIFEM, 22 November 2010
- **30 Years is About Time to Take Violence against Women Seriously**  
European Women’s Lobby, 24 November 2010
- **Navi Pillay: Are We Accomplices to Violence against Women?**  
Huffington Post/OHCHR, 26 November 2010
- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: Message of the Secretary General for 2010**  
UN, 25 November 2010

## 4. Development News

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- **Uganda: ICT Boom for Economy, A Bust for Some Women**  
IPS, 25 November 2010
- **Pope Benedict says that condoms can be used to stop the spread of HIV**  
The Guardian, 21 November 2010
- **Africa: Southern Africa Lags Behind Gender Targets**  
Afrol News, 19 November 2010
- **Mexico: Sexist Violence Invisible in War on Drugs**  
IPS, 24 November 2010
- **Indian Village Bans Unmarried Women From Using Mobiles**  
The Guardian, 24 November 2010
- **Congo: U.N. Ups Anti-Rape Training for Congo Peacekeepers**  
We.News, 22 October 2010
- **Asia-Pacific: Despite Laws, ASEAN Women Still Suffer**  
Bangkok Post, 25 November 2010
- **America: A Woman. A Prostitute. A Slave.**  
New York Times, 27 November 2010
- **Thailand: Thai Police Find 2,000 Illegally Aborted Fetuses**  
New York Times, 19 November 2010
- **Gender gap is narrowing around the world, report claims**  
Guardian, 12 October 2010
- **Global: How to Close the Gender Pay Gap**  
CNN International, 26 November 2010
- **Australia: Gender Pay Backflip Lashed**  
The Age, 20 November 2010
- **Gambia Launches Set on Course to Make History as Women Federation is Launched**  
Today, 29 November 2010
- **Middle East: Private Sector Still Has Huge Room For Women Entrepreneurs**  
24 November 2010
- **Nigeria: Two Inches Below The Neck**

50.50 Inclusive Democracy, 19 November 2010

- **Brazil's President-Elect Brings Gender to Government**  
IPS, 19 November 2010
- **Global: Bemba Trial - The International Criminal Court Takes on Gender Crimes**  
The Guardian, 24 November 2010
- **Fiji: Violence Free Zone**  
Fiji Times, 26 November 2010

## 5. Publications & Resources

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- **HM Government: Call to End Violence against Women and Girls**  
November 2010
- **UN Gender Inequality Index**  
November 2010
- **UNCTAD: Least Developed Countries Report**  
November 2010
- **Social Watch: Time for a New Deal – After the Fall**  
November 2010
- **AWID: The Impact of the Crisis on Women**  
November 2010
- **UNFPA: State of World Population – From Conflict and Crisis to Renewal: Generations of Change**  
November 2010
- **HPG Policy Brief: Gender, violence and survival in Juba, Southern Sudan**  
November 2010
- **ODI Briefing Paper: Gender, politics and social protection**  
October 2010
- **ODI Briefing Paper: Gendered risks, poverty and vulnerability in Ghana: is the LEAP cash transfer programme making a difference?**  
November 2010
- **ODI Project Briefing: Gender and social protection in Indonesia: Raskin, the food subsidy programme**  
October 2010
- **ODI Project Briefing: A gender lens for Viet Nam's flagship poverty reduction programme**  
October 2010
- **ODI Working Paper: Rethinking social protection using a gender lens**  
October 2010
- **ODI Manual/Toolkit: How to design and implement gender-sensitive social protection programmes**  
October 2010
- **AWID: New reference tool for women human rights defenders**  
November 2010
- **Gender Action: Mounting criticism of World Bank's gender strategy**  
October 2010
- See also publications under '**GADN Members Updates**'

## 6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

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- **Call for Proposal: UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women Issues Annual Call for Proposals**

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women launched its annual global Call for Proposals for programmes that support country-level efforts to end violence against women and girls. The criteria, eligibility requirements and application guidelines are available [here](#). The deadline for application is **20 January 2011**.

Civil society organizations, governments, and UN Country Teams (working in partnerships with governments and civil society) are invited to submit applications for grants of a minimum of US\$100,000 up to a maximum of US\$1 million for a period of two to three years.

As one of his UNiTE campaign benchmarks, the UN Secretary-General has set a target of raising a minimum of US\$100 million for the UN Trust Fund by 2015, in order to realise existing commitments to ending violence against women and girls. Established in 1996 by the UN General Assembly, the UN Trust Fund is managed by UNIFEM (part of UN Women) on behalf of the UN system. Today, the UN Trust Fund is an essential source of support and a hub of knowledge for promising approaches to address violence against women and girls. In 2009, the UN Trust Fund received a total of 1,643 proposals and awarded US\$20.5 million to 26 initiatives in 33 countries and territories.

- **Campaign: End FGM European Campaign!**

Three million girls and women are subjected to female genital mutilation worldwide each year. That's 8000 girls per day. Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a form of violence against women and children that can amount to torture.

Female genital mutilation has been documented in certain parts of Africa, Asia and Middle East, and it is now being encountered in Europe as well. Most often, girls and women are taken to their countries of origin during school holidays to be mutilated. The European Parliament estimates 500,000 girls and women living in Europe are suffering with the lifelong consequences of female genital mutilation.

FGM constitutes a persecution qualifying for being granted refugee status according to the international human rights standards as well as European law. However, because of lack of uniform implementation among all member states of the European Union (EU), women and girls are put at risk of being returned to countries where they could be subjected to FGM. **END FGM European Campaign** is run by Amnesty International Ireland, in partnership with non-governmental organisations across the European Union. To sign the petition and support this campaign, [click here](#).

- **Campaign: Stop AIDS campaign**

Each year over 400,000 children become infected with HIV. The vast majority of these children get passed the virus when they are born or when breast feeding. **Act now to make sure all children are born HIV-free by 2015**



Please ask Andrew Mitchell, Secretary of State for International Development, to help deliver an AIDS-free generation. Right now the government is deciding how much to contribute to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria for the next three years. By giving its fair share of what is needed – £840m over the next three years – the UK could help stop children being born with HIV by 2015.

- **Call for Applications: Six Weeks Women’s Human Rights Education Institute (WHRI)**

This unique educational institute brings feminist perspectives and an activist orientation to the inextricably related issues of peace, human rights and life-sustaining development. Participants will gain an understanding of the global economic, ecological, legal, cultural and political contexts of this work, as well as of the groundbreaking work that is currently being done and has been done over decades by women and men around the world. Participants will develop a practical understanding of the UN Human Rights system and how to apply a women’s human rights framework to a multiplicity of issues. Participants will also develop practical facilitation skills to help them become human rights educators in their own regions and organizations.

Important milestones such as the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, The African Protocol on Women’s Rights, the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women, UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820, the Beijing Platform for Action, and the Jakarta Principles, among others, will be featured as resources for social change. Effective ways of using them as tools for education and practice will be explored. The course will take place from **2 May 2011 – 10 June 2011**. The course is limited to twenty Canadian and International participants. For more information, visit the **WHRI website**.

- **Campaign: Take Back the Tech!**

Take Back The Tech! is a collaborative campaign that takes place during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence (**25 Nov - 10 Dec**). It is a call to everyone - especially women and girls - to take control of technology to end violence against women. From 25 Nov to 10 Dec, Take Back The Tech! calls on women and men to take control of technology to protect the right to freedom of expression and information. Since it began in 2006, campaigners in more than 30 countries have used the internet, mobile phones, radio and more to document and fight violence against women. Women's rights to expression and information are increasingly under threat. The UN estimates that 95% of aggressive behaviour, harassment, abusive language and degrading images in online spaces are aimed at women. As more and more women go online using computers and mobile phones, many are silenced through acts of violence, sexism and censorship. Nowadays the first object that is destroyed by a woman's violent partner is her cellphone.

It's critical that we are able to use the internet to share information and opinions and document and tell our own stories including the stories of violence and discrimination that many women and girls face every day.

We need to be able to speak out and share our ideas to challenge attitudes and beliefs that sustain violence against women.

This year, Take Back The Tech! calls for action to defend our right freedom of expression and information ? the basic building blocks for us to be able to come together, organise for change, inform public debate, define culture, build safe spaces and end violence against women. To find out how you can Take Back The Tech! **click here.**

- **Call for Applications: Anita Borg Scholarship**

As part of Google's ongoing commitment to encourage women to excel in computing, we are pleased to announce the 2011 Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship: Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship, established by Google in 2004, honors Dr. Anita Borg, a computer science pioneer who dedicated her life to changing the way we think about diversity and technology.

In 2010, 350 students applied for the award, and among them, our first applicants and winners from Africa. Google awarded a total of two scholarships and two finalist positions to female sub-Saharan African students, from four universities in South Africa, Ghana and Uganda. You can find a complete list of all US, European, Middle Eastern and African scholars and finalists on the Official Google Blog.

The 2011 Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship hopes to be as successful as it has been in the past. The scholarship is for female students studying Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Informatics or closely related technical fields. Every year scholarship finalists and recipients are invited to visit Google's Engineering Centre in Zurich for an all-expenses-paid retreat. The deadline for applications is **1st February 2011**. For more information about Anita Borg and the Memorial Scholarship, please visit the **scholarship site**.

- **Campaign Update: At UN Human Rights Council, Norwegian Government Recommends that the United States Remove its Restrictions that Deny Abortions to Victims Raped in Conflict**

Norway became the first country to challenge the legality of the anti-abortion conditions that the United States imposes on all of its foreign aid, in a question posed at the Universal Periodic Review of the United States before the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Citing a Global Justice Center shadow report identifying the alarming effects of these restrictions, Norway asked the United States if it has, "[A]ny plans to remove its blanket abortion restrictions on humanitarian aid covering the medical care given women and girls who are raped and impregnated in situations of armed conflict?" During the interactive dialogue, Norway went on to recommend that these restrictions be removed on humanitarian aid for medical care to rape victims in conflict. This recommendation is included in the draft report of the Council.

The Global Justice Center applauds Norway's question as a breakthrough for the rights of girls and women. Says Global Justice Center President Janet Benshoof, "By questioning the global effect of the US abortion restrictions on humanitarian aid to women and girls raped in armed conflict, Norway is breaking the silence about a practice of denying abortions for rape victims that is deadly, cruel and illegal."

The UN Human Rights Council is the UN body tasked with monitoring the human rights records of the 192 members of the United Nations. Every four years, member states are

required to sit for a Universal Periodic Review in front of the, during which each country receives recommendations on how to comply with their human rights obligations. The US State Department has said it will now “conduct a considered, interagency examination” of all recommendations and give their “formal response at the March 2011 Council session”, when the final report of the Council will be adopted.

Women who have been raped and impregnated in armed conflict in countries such as the Congo and Sudan have the legal right to non-discriminatory medical care under the Geneva Conventions. This includes the right to abortions wherever victims of rape request them. However, U.S. abortion restrictions effectively deny all girls and women raped during armed conflict this essential component of complete medical care, in violation of their obligations under international humanitarian law.

The United States is the largest provider of humanitarian aid in the world. The abortion restrictions placed on U.S. foreign aid originated in the 1973 Helms Amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act. These restrictions have since expanded to include bans on all abortions and all abortion related speech in U.S. foreign aid. This policy often undermines the aid programs of the UN and other governments. When a grantee that receives humanitarian aid from a government also receives funding from the United States, the grantee is subject to US abortion speech restrictions.

President Obama, by issuing an executive order removing the application of these restrictions to humanitarian aid, can unilaterally reduce the scope of the Helms Amendment so that the United States complies with its Geneva Conventions obligations, as recommended by Norway.

The Global Justice Center (GJC) is a New York based human rights legal organisation that develops innovative strategies to enforce international law to guarantee equal access to justice and political power.

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## 7. Events and Conferences

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- **Inequalities, MDGs and Social Justice: A platform for action - Roundtable to explore a new agenda for tackling social exclusion, 9 December 2010, 10am, Church House, Westminster, London**

Social inequality emerged as a common theme during September’s UN MDG summit but how do we keep it at the top of the MDG agenda? The Institute of Development Studies and the Millennium Achievement Fund are hosting a roundtable for senior managers who want to understand more about the challenges of social inequality and explore what a new social equality agenda might look like.

The roundtable follows *Can the MDGs Provide a Pathway to Social Justice? The Challenges of Intersecting Inequality*, a **report** on the Millennium Development Goals and social justice written by Professor Naila Kabeer (now at SOAS) which was launched at the MDG Summit. Participants will look at how development actors can be more strategic on this issue and examine how the issue of social exclusion and inequality can be put firmly at the centre of the fight against poverty and all efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

To book a place, please contact Clare Gorman at [C.Gorman@ids.ac.uk](mailto:C.Gorman@ids.ac.uk) or by telephone on 01273 915657.

- **Stemming girls' chronic poverty: Catalysing development change by building just social institutions, 9 December 2010, 1 - 2:30pm.** This is an ODI public event and it will also be screened live online. This event launches a new report which places girls and young women centre stage and focuses the analysis on context-specific social institutions which inform and determine their life opportunities and agency. For more information, please visit the **ODI website**.
- **The Day I shall never Forget, 15 December 2010, 1 – 3pm, KLT Room, SOAS, Russell Square.** This film set in contemporary Kenya, is about young girls who experience "female circumcision" [also known as female genital mutilation], women who seek to mitigate its effects, and young women who are courageously resisting the practice. The filmmaker has made a number of highly effective films about women's lives, in Iran, in W.Africa. The film is a challenge to cultural relativists, but there has been at least one woman anthropologist who has voluntarily experienced the procedure, and defends it. Not easy-viewing, but who ever said understanding other life-worlds had to be easy? For more information, visit the **SOAS website**.
- **The DSA gender policy study group and ODID, Oxford University** are convening a one-day workshop, **'A perfect storm: what happens to women in the context of the perverse incentives of development aid funding'**. It will take place on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011** at Queen Elizabeth House, Mansfield Road, Oxford. Speakers will include Maria Jaschok (International gender Studies, University of Oxford), Deniz Kandyotti (recently retired from SOAS), Anna Hozyainova, Research Director in Kabul, and David Lewis (Social Policy at LSE). There will be a panel of activists and NGO workers in the afternoon, drawing in especially women from the south currently working in the south and people with new research to share on these issues. To register please email [fenella.porter@btinternet.com](mailto:fenella.porter@btinternet.com). There are places for up to 70 people.
- **CSW 55 and NGO events: Consultation Day - February 21 2011; Reception - February 22 2011; Parallel Events - February 22 - March 4 2011; Artisan Fair - February 24 2011**  
Start planning now for the CSW in NY. The priority theme is Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work. The review theme is 'The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child'. The deadline to submit applications for a Parallel Event is **December 13, 2010**.

## 8. Job Openings

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- **Gender Advisor/CARE Canada/Ottawa**  
Closing date: 10 December 2010
- **Head of Finance and Resources/ Womankind Worldwide/London**  
Closing date: 15 December 2010
- **Policy Adviser, Essential Services and Development Finance/Oxfam GB/Oxford**  
Closing date: 17 December 2010
- **Administrative Officer/The Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)/Manila**  
Closing date: 27 December 2010
- **Programme Specialist (Women's Political Participation)/UNIFEM/New York**  
Closing date: 30 December 2010
- **Gender Advocacy Advisor/Progressio/East Timor**  
Closing date: 2 January 2011
- **Executive Assistant/AWID/Toronto**  
Closing date: 16 January 2011

## 9. Podcasts/Videocasts

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- **World AIDS Campaign, the World YWCA and the Women Won't Wait Campaign: Where did the Money go? Women's rights and HIV** available in **English, French and Spanish.**  
December 2010
- **CAMFED: Sisters**  
November 2010
- **WIDE: 'Through Their Eyes'**  
November 2010
- **Juliet Stevenson on Radio 4 in support of Women and Children First's lifesaving work with mothers and babies**  
November 2010
- **Engagingmen.net: I am a real man**  
November 2010

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