



PICTURE: A woman and her two children stand in their makeshift shelter, along a roadside in Pabbi Union Council, in the northwestern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. Their home was destroyed in the floods that have affected an estimated 2.5 million of the province's 3.5 million residents. Photo posted by **UN**.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/un_photo/4923165017/in/photostream/

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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

Members Meeting and Public Seminar: Peace, Security and Violence against Women – Is SCR 1325 delivering for women?

On September 23rd GADN in collaboration with Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS) hosted a public seminar on peace, security and violence against women in the context of the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Sharon Smee (ActionAid) introduced the work of the GADN Violence against Women Working Group and led a discussion about the causes and consequences of Violence against Women while Laura Hotchkiss (GAPS) introduced the work of GAPS, the No Women No Peace Campaign and the APG on Women, Peace and Security. This was followed by a discussion led by Mairi MacRae (Womankind Worldwide) on how GADN and GAPS can work together and what the two networks hope to see from a revised UK National Action Plan on 1325. The seminar then welcomed Chris Hunter and Alice Hutchinson (FCO) who addressed the UK government's approach to SCR 1325 and details of the revised National Action Plan, followed by a consultation space that allowed the FCO to answer questions from the audience about the revised plan. The second half of the meeting included presentations by different GADN members with case studies regarding the actual implementation of SCR 1325. Howard Mollett (Care International) gave a presentation on the 'Research on the impact of 1325 on the lives of women in Nepal, Uganda and Afghanistan'; Dr. Annalise Moser (Consultant) presented on 'Civil Society Monitoring of 1325: Global Analysis from 11 Countries' (Project of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders), and Katherine Ronderos (CAWN) gave a presentation on 'Women in Honduras: Trapped between Peacebuilding and Militarisation'. Minutes and notes from the presentations will be circulated shortly.

Meeting with DFID

On 8th September, members of the GADN Steering Group met with Ros Ebdon, DFID's Senior Gender Adviser in the Equity and Rights Team, and Simon Williams, Gender Equality Champion in DFID's Europe Department and DFID's lead co-ordinator for the European Development Practitioners Network. Plans for DFID's work on gender equality and women and girls was discussed, as well as how DFID and GADN can work together in the coming months on our common priorities:

1. Girls' primary and secondary education
2. Improving maternal health and family planning
3. Economic empowerment
4. Violence against women.

London consultation meeting on DFID's business plan on reproductive, maternal and newborn health

On the 29th September Jessica Woodroffe (GADN Chair) and zohra moosa (GADN Steering Group member and Women's Rights Advisor at ActionAid) attended a consultation meeting with DFID on the maternal health plan, with Andrew Mitchell speaking. Views expressed at the meeting will be assessed by DFID alongside all the consultation submissions, giving them a greater understanding of reproductive, maternal and newborn health issues around the world. After the consultation closes DFID will publish a final summary of responses to all the feedback submitted. Feedback will also be provided to explain how the consultation influenced the plan and explain why any items may not have been included.

International Womens Day 2011

GADN is hoping to get a brief overview of any events organisations may have planned to celebrate the Centenary of International Women's Day. Please do email us (gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org) with any forthcoming information so we can advertise the consolidated efforts of women's organisations in the UK.

GADN Working Group updates

The members meeting and public seminar on the 23rd September was successfully organised by the **GADN Violence Against Women Working Group**. A huge thank you to the group and in particular to the chair, Sharon Smee (ActionAid), for all their hard work.

The **Gender Mainstreaming Working Group** will have its next meeting on the 28th October from 2-5pm. CAFOD and Plan UK will present their experiences of gender mainstreaming; sharing and discussing in greater detail the challenges and approaches to gender mainstreaming in their respective organisations – as part of a wider process of action learning. It is hoped that these case studies will at a later stage be developed into a learning product or publication.

Following the Summit in New York, the **MDGs Working Group** is working with BOND on their submission to the International Development inquiry into the summit, to ensure a gender analysis is included. The working group is now thinking forward on the post-2015 MDG framework.

The **UN Women Working Group** is putting together a policy paper on the new UN Women's entity. It will be draw on past failures of gender bodies of the UN and will provide operational recommendations. Oxfam Novib and GADN are commissioning the international consultancy firm MDF Training and Consultancy to conduct a survey which identifies what women want from the new UN gender equality entity at country level by interviewing a diverse range of women's rights advocates and their organisations. Based on the survey results, a report that honestly and accurately captures the needs, aspirations and concerns of women's rights advocates and their organisations at country-level will be produced.

The **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Working Group** is pleased about the recognition that the new coalition government has given to increasing SRHR on the development agenda, and one of the priority issues of the working group will be to include gender and feminist perspectives in that debate. The group hopes to find expertise in that area, so please sign up to the group if you are interested. Currently, GADN is organising a conference with Marie Stopes International and Euro NGOs on the 8th and 9th of November (see <http://www.gadnetwork.org.uk/events/>), as well as working on a submission to DFID's maternal health consultation.

If you are a member of GADN and would like to join any working groups, please email gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **Social Development Direct**, in partnership with the Barbican, are hosting a screening of the award winning documentary *The Greatest Silence* directed by Lisa F. Jackson. The documentary was the winner of the Special Jury Prize at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. The screening of this documentary is to commemorate the 10th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on the participation and protection of women in conflict and peacebuilding. The documentary is a piercing look into the struggles of rape survivors in the Congo over the last two decades and was an inspiration for a 2008 UN Security Council Resolution demanding international action on rape. A survivor of rape herself, Lisa travels through the Democratic Republic of Congo to bring to light the plight of women and girls caught in the country's intractable conflicts. Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion with Lisa and Sarah Maguire, the Chief Executive of Social Development Direct. This event will take place at **8:45pm on Wednesday October 20th, 2010** at the Barbican Centre in London. Tickets are £8.50 online available from the **Barbican website**.
- **GAPS (Gender Action for Peace and Security)** will be hosting two events to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of SCR 1325. During conflict women are a prime target. Yet when it comes to building peace, women are often excluded. At the 10 year anniversary of an important UN resolution on women and peacebuilding, 'No women, No Peace' will make the case that you can't build peace leaving half the people out. On Friday, the **15 October 2010**, GAPS will be launching the 'No women, No Peace' campaign at the Frontline Club, London. This Public Launch and Party will include a night of drinks, art, comedy and music. The night will feature an exhibition of artwork from the 'No women, No Peace' creative competition, some inspiring speakers, and comedy from finalists of the 2010 Funny Women Awards!

GAPS will also be hosting the Parliamentary Launch of the 'No Women, No Peace Campaign on **11 October 2010**. This event will include a Panel Debate on 'How can the UK government facilitate women's participation in peacebuilding?' and will take place at the Grand Committee Room, House of Commons at 6pm. The event will also launch a new report by GAPS member **CARE International UK** examining women's participation in peacebuilding and post-conflict governance. Speakers include: The Foreign Secretary, Rt Hon William Hague MP; Kate Allen, Director, Amnesty International UK; Wazhma Frogh, Afghan women's rights activist; Chair: Deborah Haynes, Defence Editor, The Times and more.

For more information contact nowomennopeace@gaps-uk.org

- **CAWN** would like to invite you to the launch of the research report, 'Intersecting Violences: A Review of Feminist Theories and Debates on Violence against Women and Poverty in Latin America' on **Thursday 21st October 2010 from 2pm - 5pm** (followed by drinks reception). This research report, commissioned and published by CAWN, provides a critical review of academic literature on violence against women (VAW) and the links between violence and women's poverty. This paper aims to provide a greater understanding of why women are abused and discriminated against in Latin America: the structural causes of their subjugated status, the relationship between cultural, sexual, racial and economic structures, and the pervasiveness of both VAW and women's poverty. It also examines the connections between patriarchal constructions of the state and religious institutions and the particular forms of violence and poverty affecting women in Latin America. This is a free event, RSVP by email to info@cawn.org no later than **13th October 2010**. The event

will take place at the Congress Centre, Council Chamber, 23-28 Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LS. The line-up of the event will include:

Chair: Baroness Miller, Vice-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Central America and of the APPG on Latin America

Speakers: Yakin Ertürk, former UN Special Rapporteur on VAW, its causes and consequences

Patricia Muñoz Cabrera, author of the research report and Chair of the Women in Development Europe (WIDE) network

Discussant: Maxine Molyneux, Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of London

Hard copies of the report will be distributed at the event and it will subsequently be available to download, free of charge, from www.cawn.org

- **One World Action** has launched its MDG Report entitled **'Getting Back on Track: Putting Women at the Heart of the MDGs'**. Governments from around the world met in September to reaffirm the original vision of development that gave rise to the Millennium Development Goals. With only five years left to meet the MDGs, the MDG Review Summit is a chance to revisit the shortcomings of the last ten years and to make a lasting, tangible impact on the lives of the world's poorest people. One World Action believes that urgent action is needed to address gender inequality and discrimination that makes and keeps people poor.
- **Plan UK** is pleased to announce the 4th instalment of the yearly girls report entitled **'Because I am a Girl: The State of the World's Girls 2010'**. This year's 'Because I am a Girl' report looks at the lives of adolescent girls in two of the fastest growing arenas in the world today – the urban environment and the digital world. Both present new opportunities for girls and young women but also new dangers; risks which are little regulated or researched. This is particularly serious at adolescence, when girls are becoming sexual beings but have not yet developed the skills or the knowledge to protect themselves from harm. It is precisely at this time in their lives that they need the most support. Yet this is also when prejudice and discrimination – that treats girls as less equal and less important than boys – puts them most at risk. Young women should not have to put up with the abusive experiences that for many are part of their daily lives. In these new arenas girls have the right to the same protection, opportunity and equality that they should have always and everywhere.

Adolescent girls need access to information, to education, to safe spaces, decent housing and to networks of people who can support them as they grow into women. Without these we doom a new generation to unfulfilled and unproductive lives. But we don't have to. The digital and urban worlds provide real opportunities for girls and young women. If we plan our cities properly, if we keep girls safe on our streets and online; if we protect them from harm, but at the same time enable them to develop the skills they need, we have the chance to change lives. With genuine access to opportunity and protection from danger, girls will grow up as empowered citizens and our world will be the richer for it. Now, as we

build cities and the digital world expands, there is the opportunity to really equip girls with the skills and the knowledge to ensure a better and safer future for us all.

- **UNIFEM UK** will be marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women at the end of November with a series of seminars. Two of the seminars will be held in London. The first will be held on **Thursday 25 November** (evening) on **'Moving Public Advocacy Forward'** and will include a discussion about public advocacy campaigns to tackle gender related violence examining what has and hasn't worked in the past, how these campaigns will evolve in the future and innovative campaigns to target men, such as the White Ribbon Campaign. The second event will be held on **Thursday 7 December** (evening) and will speak about 'Does the UK have the right domestic violence laws and are they enforced?' The panel of speakers will focus on whether the UK has the correct laws for dealing with domestic violence. The venues are to be announced.
- On **Thursday 14 October** at The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA, **Amnesty International UK** hosts an exclusive screening of **'The Stoning of Soraya M'**, a shocking and powerful film which tells the story of a horrific punishment meted out to a woman in Iran. The film will be followed by a Q&A with director Cyrus Nowrasteh and an opportunity to take action to help stop the real-life execution by stoning of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani in Iran. There will be canapés from 6.30pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are free of charge. Please email soraya@organic-marketing.co.uk
- **WOMANKIND Worldwide: Freedom to achieve: Preventing Violence, Promoting Equality: Starting in schools, 25th November 2010, 10am – 4pm**

What does the government think about the prevention of violence against women and girls? What do we know works in schools? Tim Loughton MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Children and Families, is the keynote speaker for WOMANKIND Worldwide's event, which will launch the findings from a two-year research project which looked at how to develop a whole-school approach to end violence against women and girls, which in addition to the physical and psychological effects, is estimated to cost society £40 billion each year. The research team considered existing initiatives taken across secondary schools in England and Wales and how these approaches can create a safe and equal environment.

Are you aware that across the UK, 3 million women experience violence each year? Recent research suggests that this starts at a young age, with young women reporting daily experiences of sexual bullying in secondary school. This event will bring together policy-makers and practitioners to consider the recommendations from the report and discuss practical actions schools can take to stop violence against women and girls. This exciting event is being held to coincide with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and will take place at The Abbey Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BU. The event will cost £50. Email Hannah@womankind.org.uk to book your place.

- **WILPF UK** will be hosting its Autumn Seminar on **'Women, Peace and Security: UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Where are we after 10 years?'** It is now ten years since the much-welcomed United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 was passed. WILPF and other NGOs helped to draft UNSCR 1325 which highlights the vital role women can and

ought to be playing in conflict prevention, peace negotiations and post-war reconciliation and the reconstruction of civil society. This seminar will look at the importance of this resolution and those that followed, with particular reference to its application in the UK. The meeting will take place on **30th October 2010, 12.30pm – 5.00pm**, Tindlemanor, 52-54 Featherstone Street, EC1Y 8RT. The day will include a film, discussions and talks from Nicola Pratt (Warwick University & WILPF), Katherine McCollouch (Northern Ireland Women's European Platform) and Carlene Firmin (Race on the Agenda). Book your place either by email (office@ukwilpf.org.uk) or phone (0207 250 1968). Admission costs are £6 full, or £5 concession.

GEAR (UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform) Campaign News

- **SG Appoints New Head of UN Women** (14 September 2010)

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **New partnership to support developing countries' maternal health plans**
DFID, 22 September 2010
- **'Women and Girls must be front and centre – Andrew Mitchell MP'**
One World Action, 22 September 2010
- **UK to Increase Aid Money Sent to Conflict Countries**
DFID, 16 September 2010
- **MDG Summit Outcomes: UK Hails 'Unprecedented' Success**
DFID, 27 September 2010
- **UK Hails Plan to Save 16 million women and children**
DFID, 22 September 2010
- **UN Estimates Show Fall in Maternal Deaths**
DFID, 15 September 2010
- **Deputy PM's speech at Millennium Development Goals Summit**
Number10, 22 September 2010
- **Millennium Development Goals in an Age of Fear and Loathing**
The Guardian, 23 September 2010
- **MDG Summit: World leaders fail to uphold rights of the poorest**
Amnesty International UK, 22 September 2010
- **Investing in women and girls – the breakthrough strategy for achieving the MDGs**
OECD, 21 September 2010
- **MDG summit: EU should support calls for financial transaction tax**
CONCORD, 21 September 2010
- **New EU Strategy for gender equality has potential to deliver results**
European Women's Lobby, September 2010
- **Star Power at the UN**
Los Angeles Times, 17 September 2010
- **World's Women at the Centre of Achieving the MDGs**
UNIFEM, 20 September 2010
- **Responding to the Humanitarian Emergency in Pakistan**
UNIFEM, 22 September 2010

DFID Consultation: Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health

DFID is currently in the process of developing a new business plan for reproductive, maternal and newborn health. To inform their work, DFID is running a 12 week consultation to get input, views and opinions from partners across the world. This consultation runs until **Wednesday 20 October 2010**.

DFID would like you to take part in this process. To find out more and have your say, please visit <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/choiceforwomen> and either contribute to the discussion, or fill in the short survey. If you've got any questions or other feedback, then please contact choiceforwomen@dfid.gov.uk. Following the consultation, DFID will put together a report of the views gathered from the consultation process, and develop their business plan for how DFID is going to contribute to reproductive, maternal and newborn health issues.

If you are a GADN member and would like to contribute to GADN's submission, please contact gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org

4. Development News

- **Philippines: Aquino faces threat of excommunication**
Inquirer, October 1 2010
- **Gambia: VP Calls for More Support On Women's Act Implementation**
allAfrica.com, September 30 2010
- **Global: Gender-blindness and Conditionality Cast Shadow Over Record World Bank Lending**
Bretton Woods Update, September 30 2010
- **Nepal: Pushing Back Against Domestic Violence**
IRIN News, September 28 2010
- **India: Poor Women Stitch Together New Futures**
IPS News, September 28 2010
- **Botswana: Women Call for Botswana to Sign the SADC Gender Protocol**
Sunday Standard, September 28 2010
- **Africa: Put Nutrition at the Heart of Agriculture Say West African Leaders**
The Guardian, September 28 2010
- **Thailand: PM Pledges to Enhance Gender Equality and Water Resources Development at UN General Assembly**
Siam Daily News, September 28 2010
- **United Nations: Michelle Bachelet, New Head of UN Women: Where There is Poverty, 'The State Cannot be Neutral'**
The Nation, September 27 2010
- **Global: MDGs – Focus Switches to Inequality**
IRIN News, September 24 2010
- **Global: The Millennium Development Goals and the Gender Gap**
The Guardian, September 22 2010
- **Switzerland: Switzerland's government – a Fragile Female Majority**
The Guardian, September 24 2010
- **Haiti: Haitian Women at Increased Risk of Trafficking**
IPS News, September 24 2010
- **Global: Equality for Women Boosts Economic, Social Development - Denmark**

Global Times, September 23 2010

- **Yemen: Government Plans to Promote Involvement of Gender in Development**
Saba Net, September 20 2010

5. Publications & Resources

- **ODI: 'Aid effectiveness in Malawi: options appraisals and budget support'**
September 2010
- **Centre for Women's Global Leadership: 2010 16 days Take Action Kit**
September 2010
- **Chronic Poverty Research Centre: Stemming Girls' Chronic Poverty: Catalysing development change by building just social institutions**
September 2010
- **ODI: 'Reinvigorating the pursuit of more effective aid in Uganda'**
September 2010
- **Bretton Woods: 'Gender-blindness and conditionality cast shadow over record World Bank lending'**
September 2010
Key points:
 - Although 75% of operations across the social sectors were 'gender-informed', only 27% of economic policy work was. Energy and mining was the weakest sector, at just 9%.
 - The overall proportion of Bank lending judged gender-informed declined from 45 to 38% in FY2009.
 - In May, the Bank published its \$68 million gender plan for 2011-2013. It sets out a results framework to monitor gender integration in operations and policy dialogue, as well as beneficiaries by sex.
- **European Commission: Strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015**
September 2010
- **UNIFEM: 'Gender Justice: Key to Achieving the Millennium Development Goals'**
September 2010
- **Oxfam: Women's empowerment revisited: a case study from Bangladesh**
September 2010
- **AIDS 2010: Rights Here, Right Now – blog**
From 18th-23rd July 2010 Vienna, Austria, hosted the XVIII **International AIDS Conference, AIDS 2010: Rights Here, Right Now**, which brought together those working in the field of HIV, policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the global AIDS/HIV pandemic. Alice Welbourn and others blogged from the conference for openDemocracy.
- See also publications under 'GADN Members Updates'

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Campaign: Global Justice Centre: The Right to an Abortion for Girls and Women Raped in Armed Conflict: *states' positive obligations to provide non-discriminatory medical care***

The Global Justice Centre comprises a body of international law experts that advocate for the progressive implementation of international human rights and international humanitarian law. Currently, the GJC is campaigning on the right to abortion under international humanitarian law for girls and women impregnated by wartime rape under the Geneva Conventions, its Additional Protocols, and customary international law, including the law on state's responsibilities. Since rape is considered to be a war crime, the failure to provide women with access to safe abortions is therefore a breach of the aforementioned International law. As a result, more women are killed daily in the denial of abortion than rape as a weapon of war. The GJC believes there must be accountability for women in conflict – when the Geneva Conventions are valid, non-discrimination must be applied to both civilian and combatants and all states have a responsibility to ensure the effective delivery of humanitarian aid.

Accordingly, the GJC advocates for an end to US abortion restriction services on all foreign aid which fosters and perpetuates states' breaches of the Geneva Conventions. While President Obama has lifted the Global Gag Rule, the Helm's Amendment¹ remains in tact and affects over \$49 billion dollars of foreign aid, ultimately censoring the promotion of international legal rights to abortion. The GJC holds that US foreign policy has had a pernicious effect towards the promotion of human rights, particularly in the way agencies teach and practice human rights overseas. This policy has a far-reaching effect and ultimately hampers the UK's ability to effectively deliver its aid promises. While DFID's policy is to provide equal care and access to abortion for women raped during armed conflict, this gets squelched when mingled with US funds and a US mandate.

The GJC has filed a shadow report with the Human Rights Council urging the Council in its universal periodic review of the United States in November 2010 to include in its findings that US abortion restrictions placed on humanitarian aid violate international humanitarian law.

The GJC aims to:

1) Get the UK to make clear this censorship and prevention of access to abortion during wartime is a violation of the Geneva Conventions and in breach of delivering equal care to all civilians.

2) Although rape is considered a weapon of war in many Security Council resolutions, legally rape is considered a war crime but not actually as a weapon. The law of weaponry is a component of international humanitarian law and the UK has signed protocols that every weapon in the law of weaponry has to be reviewed and analysed and weapon-inflicted injuries have to be treated by local hospitals. The GJC wants to classify rape as a 'weapon' under international humanitarian law.

For more information about the GJC campaign visit <http://www.globaljusticecenter.net/> or contact the Centre directly at aradhakrishnan@globaljusticecenter.net or jbenshoof@globaljusticenter.net

¹ No foreign assistance funds may be used to pay for the performance of abortion as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions.

- **Campaign: SIGN THE PETITION CALLING ON THE UK GOVERNMENT TO OPT IN TO NEW EU TRAFFICKING LAW! (Anti Slavery International)**

The Government has recently announced that it will not be opting in to a new EU law to tackle human trafficking. Please **SIGN THE PETITION NOW** calling on David Cameron and Nick Clegg to guarantee that the UK government opts in to this new EU law and does not miss such a vital opportunity to combat this thriving and profitable criminal industry of human exploitation.

ADI have teamed up with 38 Degrees and ECPAT UK to ensure the Government sends out a tough message across the world to traffickers that this crime will not be tolerated and that concerns over sovereignty are not prioritised over the rights and protection of victims.

- **Call for Papers: Gender & Development - Social Protection**

The July 2011 issue of the international journal Gender & Development, (published for Oxfam GB by Routledge/Taylor and Francis) will focus on Social Protection.

For poor women, men, children, and elderly people in developing countries, fear of an unexpected crisis which will spell disaster is the norm, and particular groups of people face chronic poverty simply because they are unable to earn an income. In the wake of the global economic crisis, Social Protection measures which ensure a basic level of support to enable people to survive or stabilise their livelihoods have become still more critical. Social Protection is central to the development challenge of ending poverty.

This issue of Gender & Development looks at Social Protection from a gender perspective. How do different forms of social protection support gender equality and women's equal rights? How do women's organisations and gender-sensitive development organisations understand the role of Social Protection in alleviating poverty and challenging marginalisation? Gender & Development invites articles from development activists, advocates, policymakers, practitioners, and feminist activists who are able to share insights about Social Protection from a gender perspective. All our articles are drawn from primary research into the impact of policies on poor women and men in specific countries and communities. They envisage addressing questions including:

- What forms of Social Protection work well from a gender perspective (in particular, to support gender equality, and the care work which forms a part of all societies)?
- What potential have different schemes had for redistributing assets from men to women? Case studies of schemes involving different stakeholders: government, NGOs, research institutions
- What are the pitfalls of Social Protection schemes which fail to consider gender issues?
- What is the impact of Social Protection on gender relations and poverty?
- Women's role in providing informal Social Protection (e.g. women carers for people living with HIV)

If you would like to share your experience of working on any of the above, or have other ideas about articles we should commission, please send a paragraph outlining your proposed idea to csweetman@oxfam.org.uk, as soon as possible, and before the commissioning deadline: **10 October 2010**. If they are able to offer space for your

contribution, they will write to you by 15 October to say so.

Commissioned articles will need to be completed for a deadline of **31 December 2011**. For more information about the journal including full guidelines for contributors, please visit <http://www.genderanddevelopment.org>

- **Call for Applications: Women's Observers to the UNAIDS Board Meeting GENEVA, 6th-8th December 2010.** Deadline for Applications: **10th October, 2010**
 - Are you actively engaged in the response to HIV and AIDS?
 - Are you engaged in the women's movement and believe that the role of UNAIDS and the ten UN Cosponsors is an essential part of the action and solution to HIV and AIDS?
 - Do you believe that stronger linkages among HIV work at the global level, and the national and local levels are needed?
 - Do you have creative and innovative ideas on how to share information with your constituents?

If so, you should consider applying to come to the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board (PCB) meeting as a Women's Observer in December 2010. This rewarding opportunity requires an energetic, innovative, self motivated, committed, and resourceful woman who can work under pressure, both independently and as part of a team. You will have the opportunity to meet with regional delegates and support the work of the NGO Delegation. They would especially like to encourage candidates living with HIV and who come from the Global South. By supporting women from diverse backgrounds to attend the PCB, they aim to create opportunities for women working at the grass roots and national levels to share their issues and concerns at the international level, as well as take back information from the global level to their own communities. They are particularly keen to support women who are or would like to be involved in implementing the UNAIDS Operational Plan on Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV in their country.

You will be supported to attend the UNAIDS board meeting as a civil society Observer. Prior to the meeting, you will have the chance to work with the World AIDS Campaign and the NGO Delegation to familiarise yourself with the way the PCB operates, and engage in the preparation for the meeting. As an Observer, you will attend meetings organised by the NGO Delegation including a pre-meeting with other civil society representatives and daily briefings with the official civil society Delegates on the board. Your role will be to document the process and decision points from the meeting in a way that explains what they mean for your constituency. Rather than a once-off meeting, this is an opportunity to be part of and strengthen ongoing dialogue around the accountability of PCB decision points, creating communication and exchange well beyond the meeting itself.

The World AIDS Campaign will cover the costs for your travel, accommodation and stay from December 5th to the 9th. Visit the **PCB NGO Delegation's website** to learn more about the Board of UNAIDS and the civil society delegation who form a part of their decision-making board. For more information about the role and application details click [here](#).

- **Call for Application: UNIFEM Central Africa Sub-Regional Office Evaluation Team**

The UNIFEM Central Africa Sub-Regional Office would like to select an Evaluation Team to assess Cameroon and DRC Country Office's work in the thematic area of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

Candidates should submit their proposals to cyuma.mbayiha@unifem.org at UNIFEM (Part of UN Women) Central Africa Sub-Regional Office no later than **October 8th, 2010**. For further details on the assignment please visit this [site](#).

- **Project Launch and Call for Applications: Visualising Women's Rights in the Arab World**
Workshop: Jordan, 5 – 8 December 2010. Application deadline: **14th October 2010**

Tactical Tech's new project - Visualising Women's Rights in the Arab World - aims to strengthen the use of visual techniques for campaigning amongst women's rights activists in the Arab World. Tactical Tech invites applications for participation from activists and NGOs in the Arab region, working on women's rights, to join us in a three day hands-on workshop to explore how visual techniques can strengthen campaigning.

The workshop will give participants the skills to plan and strategise visual campaigns, think about how to use information effectively and gain hands-on skills to develop a campaign using information design, mapping and animation/imaging techniques. More information about the workshop agenda, venue and who should apply, as well as our project blog, highlighting inspiring and relevant examples of visualisations, can be found at <http://visualrights.tacticaltech.org>.

This initiative has been designed to help advocates develop their creative skills and learn how to use information more effectively. Maya Ganesh, who is leading this project at Tactical Tech, says: "The inventive and creative use of information has great potential to express women's particular experiences and realities in addition to exposing the systemic and structural barriers that prevent the full enjoyment of their human rights. This is an under-utilised technique, but has the potential to really engage audiences and present ways of addressing new and old debates".

Tactical Tech invite applications for those working on women's rights issues, in particular violence against women, the impact and role of women in political and violent conflict and women's participation and leadership in public life. They also welcome communications specialists, designers, artists, illustrators, or technologists working with mapping techniques or data who can support women's rights activists. 35 to 40 applicants will be selected to attend the launch workshop in Jordan in December. Participants will have to bring with them a campaign idea which will be developed over the course of three days. Of these, 10 campaigns will be provided with small-scale follow up support and mentoring to implement the visualisation element of their campaign in early 2011.

Scholarships to attend this event are available for those working on women's rights issues in Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, and Jordan. They sincerely welcome applications from other parts of the Arab world. They are unable to provide full scholarships to applicants from these regions at present but they do have 15 subsidised places for those who can cover their own travel costs and make a contribution to the event. They urge interested NGOs and applicants to also look for their own sources of funding to attend. Should further funding be available, information will be posted on the project blog.

This project is funded by the Open Society Institute's International Women's Program and local support for the workshop is provided by AED's Civil Society Program in Jordan.

For more information about this project and the applications for the workshop see <http://visualrights.tacticaltech.org>

7. Events and Conferences

- **BOND: Special Event with Stephen O'Brien (MP).** Stephen O'Brien, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development, will address a special event organised by the Bond European Policy Group (EPG). This high level event - entitled 'The EU in 2010 and beyond – delivering for development' - will create an important opportunity for Bond members to discuss and debate key EU development issues such as Institutional Reform, Financial Perspectives, MDGs post summit and Policy Coherence for Development (PCD). Panel discussions will provide inputs from members of the EPG, external experts, and officials from the European Commission (to be confirmed). An address from Stephen O'Brien will give an insight into the UK's perspective on these critical EU development issues. The event will take place on **Monday 18 October, 1.30-5.00pm**, followed by a drinks reception, at Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London, SW1P 3NZ. To confirm your attendance please RSVP to advocacy@bond.org.uk by **8 October 2010**.
- **Women Worldwide Advancing Freedom and Equality: Women's Financial Equality.** This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 16th November 2010**, 6.00 – 8.00pm in The House of Lords, Room G. It will be followed by Speakers including Faisal Rahman, Managing Director of Micro Finance, Micro Finance for women in the UK; Dr Jocelyne Scutt, Human Rights Lawyer, The rise and fall of financial equality in Australia; Catherine Howarth, Director of FairPensions, Towards financial equality in old age.

WWAFE has to submit the names of those attending meetings to the House of Lords in advance and there is a limit of 50 people. Previously, WWAFE has had to turn people away, only to find that several of those who asked to be put on the list were unable to attend. In addition, there is significant expense attached to running the meetings, and they are no longer allowed to collect donations on the night. For these reasons, they now ask for £5 (or £2.50 from students) in advance from non-members wishing to be put on the list of attendees. WWAFE members are not expected to pay. Please email es_mantra@onetel.com or phone 0207 6076592 to express your interest.

- **Rights of Women: What is the future of civil legal aid? Ensuring access to justice and equality for women.** This seminar and debate will take place at BSG House, 226-236 City Road, London, EC1V 2TT **Thursday 28 October 2010** from **2.45-4.30pm** and will bring together leading campaigners to discuss law and policy concerning the recent developments in civil legal aid provision and the impact on women. Changes to the administration of civil legal aid have had a devastating impact on the availability of specialised and high quality family and immigration law advice and representation. Join RoW, one week after the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review, to debate with a panel of leading practitioners and campaigners on the impact of cuts to the

civil legal aid budget and its administration on access to justice and gender equality. This event is free of charge and open to representatives from voluntary and statutory sector organisations interested in finding out about, and campaigning on, the law and policy related to access to justice and civil legal aid. To reserve your place, please RSVP to events@row.org.uk

- **Are we breaking our promises on poverty?: A MDG Review.** Join JCC London on **Wednesday 13 October, 8pm at The Hub Kings Cross, 34b York Way, Kings Cross, N1 9AB** just a few weeks after the MDG review summit in New York to find out more about progress on the MDGs- using Pecha Kucha. Pecha Kucha is a Japanese presentation style, during which eight expert presenters will show 20 slides and speak for 20 seconds about each slide, informing us of how close we are to reaching each of the eight targets – or how far we are from them. Introducing the evening will be Jo Confino, an executive editor of the Guardian, chairman and editorial director of Guardian Sustainable Business and sustainability consultant to parent company Guardian Media Group. Speakers include Gideon Rabinowitz (UKAN), Akanksha Marphatia (ActionAid), Seri Wendoh (IPPF), Lara Brearley (Save The Children), Leo Bryant (MSI and UK SRHR Network), Diarmaid McDonald (Stop AIDS Campaign), Tim Jones (World Development Movement) and Jonathan Stevenson (Jubilee Debt Campaign). Tickets cost £7 and can be bought from <http://jcclondon.org.uk/our-events/social-action/promises-on-poverty>.
- **Southall Black Sisters (SBS) and the End Violence against Women (EVAW) Coalition** are holding a series of free consultation seminars to develop a UK-wide strategy on violence against (BME) women and girls. The seminars will be hosted by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). These seminars will be crucial in informing the Westminster Government's forthcoming strategy on violence against women, which is expected to be published in November 2010, and other policies around the UK. Please come along and share your experiences and ideas on the needs of BME women and girls so that they are reflected in this work.
 - 10am-1.30pm 13 October 2010 Birmingham
 - 10am-1.30pm 25 October 2010 London
 - 10am-1.30pm 27 October 2010 Manchester
 - 10am-1.30pm 1 November 2010 Glasgow
 - 10am-1.30pm 3 November 2010 Cardiff

It is essential to pre-book as space is limited. One person per organisation. All community and women's organisations are welcome (priority will be given to BME women's organisations) working on violence against women and girls. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Venue and programme details will be provided nearer to the time. For further information contact SBS on Tel 020 8571 9595 or info@southallblacksisters.co.uk

8. Job Openings

- **Gender Based Violence Coordinator/UNFPA/Islamabad**
Closing date: October 4 2010
- **Technical Adviser/UNFPA/Johannesburg**
Closing date: October 5 2010
- **Director of Research/Chief Operating Officer/The North-South Institute/Ottawa**

Closing date: October 12 2010

- **Senior Programme Officer/UNIFEM/Peshawar**

Closing date: October 13 2010

- **Program Development Officer, Humanitarian Unit/Oxfam Canada/Ottawa**

Closing date: October 15 2010

- **Director/International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)/London**

Closing date: October 18 2010

- **Executive Director/MADRE/New York**

Closing date: November 7 2010

- **Senior Food Security and Nutrition Experts/CARE/Worldwide**

Closing date: Open until filled

- **Gender Specialist/Environmental Resources Management**

ERM are seeking a gender specialist with 8-10 years experience of working in West Africa for a confidential project starting in the next couple of months for 12 months. Conversational French is essential. Please send your CV to natasha.ezekiel@erm.com

9. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **Podcast:** In time for the UN Summit on the Millennium Development Goals 2010, **UNIFEM (part of UN Women)**, in collaboration with UNTV, produced a series of five videos highlighting select MDGs from a gender perspective. Introduced by internationally renowned TV journalist Daljit Dhaliwal, all videos are now available for download in English, French, Spanish and Russian.
- **MDG 1: Cambodia - Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger**
Eradicating extreme hunger and poverty is a key focus of the Millennium Development Goals set in 2000 by world leaders at the United Nations. Secure employment is critical to overcome poverty, yet worldwide 60 percent of people are working without a formal contract or social security protection. The majority of them are women and too often their labour rights are exploited. But one idea showing promise can be found in the homes of women in Cambodia. We travelled to Phnom Penh to see how the rights of home-based women workers are being protected, providing the women with a ladder out of severe poverty.
- **MDG 3: Liberia - Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women**
Liberia — it was a country engulfed in war, its women bearing the brunt of the conflict. While peace finally did come, the legacy of violence against women continues to haunt the country. But Liberia's women are now taking positions of power and filling roles usually dominated by men. We look now at how women in decision-making positions are helping to pave a new path to their country's future.
- **MDG 6: Botswana - Combat HIV/AIDS**
Botswana, in Southern Africa, reportedly has one of the highest HIV and AIDS prevalence rates in the world. Especially hard hit are the women in rural areas, who cannot access medical care. While there still is a very long way to go, new methods for delivering services and information to hard-to-reach women is starting to make a difference.
- **MDG 7: Colombia - Ensure Environmental Sustainability**

Climate change in parts of the world can lead to an increased struggle to grow food and the displacement of populations. This is the case in Northern Colombia among the indigenous Wayuu people, where desert conditions have been exacerbated in recent years. As in many parts of the world, it is the Wayuu women who feed their families and provide water — and they are struggling to ensure their community's very survival despite dwindling water resources.

- **The Missing MDG Target: Violence against Women**

Tragically, up to three-quarters of women and girls worldwide experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. And the effect on the millions of girls and women who are abused is devastating — not just on them personally, but also on their ability to fully participate in the development of their countries. Unless violence against women is curbed, meeting all of the eight Millennium Development Goals will be impossible.

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