



PICTURE: A woman receives emergency rations from the UN World Food Programme (WFP) in Agok, Sudan, as storm clouds loom overhead. Photo posted by **UN**.

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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

GADN Members Meeting and Public Seminar: Thursday 23 September 2010 Peace, Security and Violence against Women – Is SCR 1325 delivering for women?

1pm: GADN Members Meeting (Member Organisations Only)*

2-5pm: Afternoon Seminar together with **GAPS (Gender Action for Peace and Security)** - Open to all

Venue: ActionAid UK, 33-39 Bowling Green Lane, Farringdon EC1R 0BJ

Come along and:

- Discuss VAW as a cause and a consequence of conflict and the work being done by the VAW Working Group
- Learn more about Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 on women, peace and security and the work of GAPS
- Speak to representatives from the Foreign Office about the revision of the National Action Plan on 1325
- Discuss the challenges facing women working to achieve justice in post-conflict countries with Cecilia Adeline Blake, Young Women Leaders Group in Sierra Leone
- Hear about how 1325 is having a direct impact on the lives of women in Nepal, Afghanistan and Uganda and how organisations in Honduras are working for peace

*To become a member, please email gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org for more information.

Space is limited. **Please RSVP by Thursday 16th September** to the UK Gender and Development Network (gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org) if you would like to attend.

EuroNGOs 2010 Conference, 'Gender at the Heart of the MDGs'

GADN is supporting Marie Stopes International in hosting the EuroNGOs 2010 Conference, 'Gender at the Heart of the MDGs' at The Grosvenor Hotel on the **8th and 9th of November**. This is the only international conference in Europe focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and the ICPD Programme of Action, and brings together a huge number of experts and stakeholders from Europe, North America, Australia, Japan and the Global South. The EuroNGOs Conference and AGM 2010 will enhance understanding of the interdependence of gender and SRHR to achieve the MDGs and to improve women's – and men's – SRHR worldwide. It will also bring together the SRHR and gender communities so we can work more closely together and make a real difference to women's lives.

The deadline for registration is **10th September** (please note this has been extended from the original deadline of 31 August). If you are living in London and will not need a hotel, the deadline for registration is later, **1st October**.

For more information and to register please contact Valeria Bonfiglio on valeria.bonfiglio@mariestopes.org.uk

MDG Film Screening and Panel Discussion on Monday 4 October

In 2000, world leaders agreed to the Millennium Development Goals – a pledge to halve extreme poverty by 2015. However with just five years to go, progress is drastically slow. To explore why, and to ask what can be done, the UK development NGO network Bond presents a season of award winning documentaries in association with Good Screenings.

GADN will be co-hosting the screening on the 4th October from 7-9pm at the **Frontline Club**. The film, **Sisters in Law**, directed by Kim Longinotto and Florence Ayisi, follows State Prosecutor Vera Ngassa and Court President Beatrice Ntuba as they help women fight often-difficult cases of abuse, despite pressures from family and their community to remain silent.

The film will be followed by a discussion with Kim Longinotto exploring the issues the film presents, gender equality and the MDGs. For more information please contact gadnetwork@oneworldaction.org

GADN welcomes Theresa May in her role as Minister for Women and Equality

In August GADN wrote to Theresa May MP to congratulate her on her appointment as Minister for Women and Equality, and to update her on our work to promote gender equality and women's empowerment internationally. Along with the letter GADN enclosed a one-page outline of our recommendations for empowering women across the world, focusing on five critical areas of concern, briefly:

- End violence against women and girls worldwide.
- Increase women's political participation and leadership.
- Empower women and girls to take full control of their sexual and reproductive lives.
- Make UK aid more effective, transparent and accountable to women and girls.
- Implement the UK's international commitments on gender equality.

2. GADN Members' Update

- **WIDE** has officially launched its "**Mobilising for Gender Justice Beyond the MDGs Campaign**". WIDE keeps a critical view on the MDGs framework as a narrow and minimalist focus for measuring development and the advancement of gender equality and women's rights. WIDE considers that the MDGs leave aside the structural nature of poverty as well as the structural nature of gender inequality. For more information on the campaign, visit **WIDE UN Watch**.
- **ActionAid** has released a booklet entitled '**Her Stories: Leurs Histoires**'. In the new report, African women tell remarkable accounts of how they have overcome violence and discrimination in appalling circumstances. Eliminating violence against women is inseparable from achieving equality for women, says ActionAid on International Women's Day. It is hoped the report will inform and influence further projects and ensure that the voices of the women ActionAid works with, will be heard loud and clear.

- The final output of Oxfam GB's learning project on gender and the economic crisis, **Gender & Development Journal Special Issue: Economic Crisis** is now available. The learning project on gender and the economic crisis is part of Oxfam's wider research programme on the impacts of the crisis. Articles include **Critical Times: Gendered Implications of the Economic Crisis for Migrant Workers from Burma/Myanmar in Thailand**.
- **Contestations Issue 2: Sexual Pleasure Empowers Women...or does it?** Images of women as victims are rampant in gender and development. This is particularly the case in discussions of sexuality, where the world is portrayed as so fraught with danger, it seems almost impossible to imagine women enjoying themselves. This focus on the negative can be paralysing - both in terms of ease with one's own body, and in terms of mobilising around women's wants and desires. And such narratives dovetail with religious right agendas to protect women's chastity. In this online magazine **Susie Jolly, Sexuality and Development Programme Convenor at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS)**, argues that promoting pleasure is one part of how to get beyond victimhood, and can even help in addressing sexual violence. Other leading thinkers in this area, Pinar Ilkkaracan, Shivananda Khan, Sonia Correa, Sylvia Tamale, Li Yinhe and Petra Boynton, debate these assertions, some lending support, and others completely disagreeing! Read all about it and post your own comment on <http://www.contestations.net/>
- **Central America Women's Network's** sisters in Honduras have prepared a **short video** to give some experience of their struggles to fight against repression and violations of their human rights since the coup last summer. The video is currently only available in Spanish, but CAWN hope to provide a subtitled version in due course.

CAWN is recruiting a **Communications and Events Intern**. They are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual prepared to gain experience in the work of a women's international organisation. The Communications and Events Intern will be expected to support the general communication and events side of CAWN's advocacy work, logistics of events and the regular updating of the website.

To apply for this position please send your CV along with the Equal Opportunities monitoring form by email to: info@cawn.org. When applying for this position please quote 'CAWN Internship' on your subject line. Closing date for applications: **27 September 2010, 10am**. Interviews will be held on: **30 September 2010, 2-6pm**

- **One World Action:** One World Action is seeking a new **Director**. One World Action works with partners internationally creating opportunities for some of the poorest women and men to transform their lives with women's rights central to our work. As Director you will build their profile, influence, funding and advocate their feminist approach to development. The Director of OWA will have overall organisational responsibility for building OWA's profile and influence including contact with partner organisations, be a personal advocate for OWA's feminist approach to development, lead and develop fundraising and ensure a secure funding base for OWA. You will also provide leadership and direction to the staff.

You will be an experienced, creative and dynamic professional with excellent

communication skills who wants to work in a challenging and rewarding environment. Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15 September 2010**. Interviews will be held **Tuesday 28 September, and Tuesday 12 October 2010**.

GEAR (UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform) Campaign News

- **A Role in Peace and Security For New UN Women's Agency** (4 August 2010)
- **GEAR Campaign Call To Action** (25 August 2010)

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **Coalition plans to link overseas aid to security**
The Independent, 30 August 2010
- **Andrew Mitchell Soothes Charities' Fears Over Planned DFID Cuts**
The Guardian, 25 August 2010
- **Gender Equality Goals Miss the Mark**
IPS, 24 August 2010
- **Funding Opportunity: New Call for Program Partnership Arrangements**
DFID, 10 August 2010
- **Response to Comments on International Development**
DFID, 30 July 2010
- **UNIFEM Partners with ECOWAS In Ending Violence Against Women in West Africa**
UNIFEM, 19 August 2010
- **Responding to The Humanitarian Emergency in Pakistan**
UNIFEM, 20 August 2010
- **Innovating Solutions for Advancing Young Women's Empowerment**
UNIFEM, 24 August 2010
- **Venezuela: UN Agency Provides Training to Combat Sexual Violence**
UN News Centre, 25 August 2010
- **Widening Women's Political Representation in Kyrgyzstan**
UNDP, 11 August 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

- **Global: Women Pulling Out of Technological Gap**
IPS News, August 25 2010
- **Thailand: Sweeping Support for Domestic Workers' Rights**
IPS News, August 25 2010
- **Pakistan: Gender Discrimination – Government Urged to Make Flood Relief Work Women Friendly**
Daily Times, August 24 2010
- **Global: Gender Equality Goals Miss the Mark Women's Groups Say**
IPS News, August 24 2010
- **Latin America: Gender Struggles and Achievements – for Men**
IPS News, August 24 2010
- **South Africa: Climate Change Policy Ignores Women Farmers**
IPS News, August 24 2010
- **Angola: Gender Equality Improves – UNDP**
AngolaPress, August 22 2010
- **West Africa: Ecowas Confab on Gender Toolkit Underway**
allAfrica.com, August 20 2010
- **Zimbabwe: Murehwa Women Decline 50% Voice in New Constitution**
NewsDay, August 20 2010
- **Ethiopia: Empowering Women to Fight FGM/C**
IRIN News, August 19 2010
- **Europe: The European Institute for Gender Equality Officially Opens**
Reality Check, August 16 2010
- **Should British soldiers be dying for the rights of Afghan women? No.**
The Observer, August 15 2010
- **UK: The Gender Pay Gap is Costing Us Dearly**
Guardian.co.uk, August 13 2010

5. Publications & Resources

- **IPS: Women Are The First to Cook and Last to Eat**
19 August 2010
- **Jubilee Debt Campaign: Fuelling Injustice: Debt and Muslim Countries**
July 2010
- **Centre For Humanitarian Dialogue: In and Above Conflict: A Study on Leadership in the United Nations**
August 2010
- **Fundraising Tool by Women Thrive Worldwide** for grassroots women's organisations in developing countries
- See also publications under 'GADN Members Updates'

6. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Campaign: Stand Up and Take Action - MAKE A NOISE IN WESTMINSTER**
Saturday 18 September, 1pm - Old Palace Yard, Westminster

On **18 September**, millions of people across the world will 'Make a Noise for the Millennium Development Goals', creating a global cacophony that can't be ignored. The mobilisation will take place just two days before world leaders meet at the UN Millennium Development Goals Review Summit. This is the last realistic chance to deliver the promise to half extreme poverty on time. We will record a message to be played to delegates at the UN: **Keep your promises - deliver a funded, timetabled breakthrough plan to meet the MDGs.**

At **1pm**, outside the Palace of Westminster, we will join the global mobilisation, and show our solidarity. Join us with drums, bells, whistles, pots and pans. The time for silence has passed. It is time to make ourselves heard.

Stand Up and Take Action is organised internationally by the Global Call to Action against Poverty (of which Make Poverty History was the UK platform in 2005) and the UN Millennium Campaign.

<http://www.standagainstopoverty.org/>

Join us on Facebook –

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=135844296460745#!/event.php?eid=135844296460745&ref=ts>

- **Stand Up Screenings**

To coincide with **Stand Up and Take Action** a grassroots film festival with a difference will launch in London. Any individual, community group or NGO can visit www.goodscreenings.com/mdg to find a film to show and be part of it. **Four screenings** are scheduled already (including the one co-hosted by GADN), at the **Frontline Club** near Paddington, London, beginning on 17 September. Click here to **organise or attend a screening**.

- **Call for participation: Conference "Gender and SRHR at the Heart of the MDGs" - Call for interest in parallel sessions**

Presentations and discussions at this conference will focus on how gender and SRHR are inextricably linked and contribute to achieving the MDGs and beyond. Panel discussions with representatives from bi- and multilateral donor institutions will look into current gender and SRHR policies, programs and budget allocations as well as needed improvements in this area. (Please see the 'GADN News' section for more information.)

In addition and complementary to the plenary sessions, **we are also opening a call for presentation outlines for the parallel sessions**, which are scheduled to take place on

Tuesday, 9th November 2010, from 10.30-12.30 a.m.

Themes and Format of the parallel sessions are as follows:

Session 1: Gender and SRHR Budget tracking

Session 2: Gender, SRHR and Emergency Settings

Session 3: Gender, SRHR and Violence against Women

Session 4: Advocating Gender and SRHR towards International Institutions

Session 5: SRHR, Gender and HIV/AIDs

However, we are also inviting concept outlines which do not directly fall under these themes as long as they have a clear relation to the conference theme and objectives.

Ideally, each session will allow for two speakers – from the SRHR and/or the gender community to present for 20- 30 min max, allowing for enough time for Q & A, discussions and exchange of best practices/lessons learned. The exact format of the sessions is yet to be determined, and will also depend on the suggestions received. Sessions will be organised to ensure as much interactive dialogue as possible.

EuroNGOs members, partners and representatives from the gender, women's rights, HIV/AIDs and humanitarian community are invited to submit proposals for the parallel sessions. Participants from the economic South are explicitly asked to submit suggestions.

To apply for a presentation at a parallel session, please submit an outline paper to Valeria Bonfiglio on **Valeria.Bonfiglio@mariestopes.org.uk**.

The outline paper should:

- not exceed 1 page
- clearly state what session you are applying for as well as the title, focus and format of your presentation
- explain how your application refers to the theme of the specific session as well as the overall theme and objectives of the conference

The application deadline for presenting during the parallel sessions is 30 September 2010.

For further information on the conference, please visit **<http://www.eurongos.org/Default.aspx?ID=23787>** or contact the conference organizers: **Anne.Quesney@mariestopes.org.uk** or **mirja.leibnitz@eurongos.org**.

- **Call for participation: Survey – Delivering maternal health services in relief settings**

The Women's Refugee Commission would like to understand how individual practitioners and their organizations are prioritizing and implementing maternal health services in humanitarian/relief settings.

They plan to use your feedback to inform a communications campaign. Your insights will be invaluable to their research. The survey requires approximately ten minutes to complete.

Access the survey here

This survey is for anyone who works in an organization engaged in humanitarian emergencies and response (that may or may not provide maternal health services). Please note that this information is for research purposes only and your individual answers will not be released.

- **Campaign: Put Human Rights at the Heart of the MDGs (Amnesty International)**

At the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Summit in September, world leaders will decide on a plan of action to step up their fight against poverty. Join Amnesty International to make sure that human rights are at the heart of the MDGs and the global fight against poverty.

In 2000, countries around the world agreed to 8 Millennium Development Goals as a global initiative to eradicate poverty by 2015. Ten years on - five years from the deadline - these goals are still not a reality.

Progress has been made, but it has been unequal. Goal 5 on improving maternal health, for instance, is the most off-track of all of the MDGs. Hundreds of thousands of women and girls continue to die in pregnancy and childbirth each year, and most of them live in the poorest countries and communities.

No solution to poverty will have any long-term impact without human rights at its core. At the United Nations MDG Summit in September, world leaders will decide on a plan of action to step up their fight against poverty. Visit **Amnesty International** to sign the petition.

- **Call for Submissions: A Carnival of Cultural Activism, Conference and Festival**

The Centre for Women's Studies at the University of York is hosting a part-festival, part-conference. They seek to bring together artists, activists and academics from many nations to learn from each other, celebrate our creativity, and advance feminist work. They ask, can feminist art save the world, and if so, how?

University of York warmly invites you to send in proposals and ideas for performances, academic papers, presentations, films, exhibitions & workshops. Informal enquiries welcome. The deadline for plans and proposals to reach us is **31st October 2010**. Feel free to distribute the CFS and this web site address freely. For more information, visit the University of York **website**.

- **Call for Submissions: Open Society Fellowship**

The Open Society Fellowship supports individuals seeking innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges. The fellowship's work will enrich public understanding of those challenges and stimulate far-reaching and probing conversations within the Open Society Institute and in the world.

A fellowship project might identify a problem that has not previously been recognized, develop new policy ideas to address familiar problems, or offer a new advocacy strategy. Fellows should take advantage of the considerable intellectual and logistical resources of the Open Society Institute and expect to contribute meaningfully to OSI's thinking in return.

In evaluating each proposal, the selection committee weighs three factors: the applicant, the topic of the project, and the work product.

Proposals are accepted year round, but those received by **September 7, 2010** will be evaluated by November 26, 2010. Applications received by **January 17, 2011** will be evaluated by April 29, 2011. Visit **Open Society** for more information.

7. Events and Conferences

- **The Network University: Online Course- Gender and Conflict Transformation:** From 11 October - 5 November 2010, this four-week online course brings together existing expertise on the relationship between gender and conflict transformation. The aim of the course is to empower women to become key agents in conflict transformation. The course will use a variety of interactive methods that illicit thinking and exchange. Specific aims of the course are the following: develop strategies to overcome gender specific barriers in conflict transformation, provide inspiring examples, share experiences and to connect the local and international level.

If you are interested in participating in this course or if you have additional questions regarding course content and fees, please contact: **Claske@modop.org**. There are a limited amount of partial scholarships available.

- **War on Want/WEED/WIDE: Beyond Free Trade: Alternatives for Decent Work:** Lack of decent work is one of the main challenges for the trade union movement today, in the face of economic crisis and a globalisation that is putting pressure on working conditions, wages and social protections worldwide. But is it really possible to achieve decent work for all when governments continue to pursue free trade policies that put the rights of corporations far ahead of the rights of people and the environment?

This conference will explore the links between trade deals and neoliberal policies inside Europe that are undermining basic labour rights and promoting profits for big business at any cost. The conference will take place from **12:00 5 October – 17:30 6 October 2010**. Venue: Espace Jacquemotte, Rue Haute 147, 1000 Brussels. To register and for more information, contact: Hélène Cabioc'h (**helene.aitec@reseau-ipam.org**) or Dave Tucker (**dtucker@waronwant.org**). Please ensure that you register by 27 September so that they can send you travel and accommodation information.

- **Care International UK 'Walk All Over Poverty Walkathon':** Care will be hosting a walkathon on 2 October 2010, at which funds will be raised for the vital Rapid Response Fund that enables Care to be amongst the first to respond when emergencies strike. The 25 km walk around Windsor will also be celebrating 25 years of Care International in the UK. Care asks for a minimum donation of £25 per person and encourages each participant to reach or exceed a fundraising target of £100. For more information, please visit **Care International UK**.

- **Women's Participation and Leadership in Conflict Situations and Peace Building: Challenges and the way forward**

This conference will put the spotlight on the importance to include women in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peace building; and will provide ample opportunity to share experiences among development practitioners and policy makers. The conference will take place on **October 20, in Vienna, Austria.**

Registration: VIDC (Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation), seewald@vidc.org

- **Conference: Post-war challenges facing women in Sri Lanka: War Widows, Broken Communities and the Displaced:** 23 October, 8.30am-6pm, Tolworth Girls School, Fullers Way North, Surrey, KT6 7LQ

The one-day conference, hosted by the **Tamil Women Development Forum**, is designed to provide a comprehensive review of current issues and emerging challenges in the context of post-conflict Sri Lanka, as women attempt to continue their lives and rediscover their place in a new and much-altered society. The conference will provide a space for learning and analysing the existing problems and a forum for discussion in exploring possible pathways for the future in terms of support, aid and advocacy programmes. The aim is also to establish a well-informed consensus on policy issues, both in Sri Lanka and in Europe, which will add to the development of proposals to actually influence policy. The role of women in the policy sphere is crucial in creating stable foundations for recovering communities.

Price: £10.00 (£5.00 for students) including lunch and refreshment.

For further information and registration please contact Sathiya, Conference Co-ordinator on twdf.ccd@sangu.org or **020 8546 1560.**

8. Job Openings

- **International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles Programme Delegate for Africa/IFRC (The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)/Johannesburg**
Closing date: September 2 2010
- **Director/One World Action/London**
Closing date: September 15 2010
- **Executive Coordinator/CAW (Committee for Asian Women)/Bangkok**
Closing date: September 30 2010
- **Fellowship/The Centre for Reproductive Rights and Columbia Law School/New York**
Closing date: November 1 2010
- **Africa Program Director/Family Care International/New York**
Closing date: Open until filled
- **Research Consultant/ICRW (International Centre for Research on Women)/Mumbai**
Closing date: Position is for 6 month engagement from September to March

- **Consultant – ICTs and Women’s Entrepreneurship in India/ICRW (International Centre for Research on Women)/Washington D.C.**
Closing date: Position is for 6 month engagement from September to March
- **Senior Technical Specialist/ICRW (International Centre for Research on Women)/ New Dehli**
Closing date: Open till filled

9. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **Podcast: UN mission in DR Congo reviews activities following mass rapes**
August 2010, approx. 90 minutes

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