

Newsletter March 2013



A medic of the Ugandan contingent of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) speaks with patients at a medical outreach centre in Mogadishu".

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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 is recruiting a Communications and Research Intern**

GADN is delighted to announce an exciting vacancy for a Research and Communications intern. This role is suitable for a dynamic individual with a passion for international development and women's rights with an interest in communications and research.

The internship role will support the GADN secretariat to expand its communications through the newsletter, website and social media, manage communications to the GADN membership, support GADN events and meetings and undertake research and writing for GADN publications.

Please download the **role description** and **application pack**. The deadline to apply is **9am Monday 11th March**.

- **'Putting girls and women at the heart of development' – keynote speech by the Rt. Hon. Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State for International Development, Monday 4th March 10.30am**

GADN is delighted to be co-hosting with Amnesty International UK and Christian Aid a keynote speech by the Secretary of State. Titled 'Putting girls and women at the heart of development', the speech will link to International Women's Day, the Commission on the Status of Women and the post-2015 framework.

The speech is going to live streamed, and you will be able to comment or direct questions via twitter using the #girlsandwomen.

To view the event, go to <https://www2.amnesty.org.uk/blogs/ether/whats-store-womens-rights>

- **The Commission of the Status of Women (CSW)**

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principle global policy-making body dedicated to gender equality and the advancement of women. CSW takes place each year in New York, in 2013 it will run from 4-15 March. The priority theme in 2013 is the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.

The GADN website has a page dedicated to resources and events for CSW this year - <http://www.gadnetwork.org.uk/commission-on-the-status-of-wo/>

We have prepared various resources around the key themes of this year's CSW, all available on our website:

GADN background note on CSW and post-2015

- **CSW and the post-2015 agenda**

Fact sheets- a series of factsheets on key issues which will be covered at CSW.

- **Violence Against Women and Girls**
 - **Violence Against Women and the post-2015 framework**
 - **Violence Against Women and Girls - gender equality**
 - **Violence Against Women and Girls - Sexual Rights**
 - **Young Women and Violence**
 - **Harmful Traditional Practices**
 - **International Human Rights Standards**
 - **Key language**
- **New members of the network!**

The GADN membership runs April – March, so we will be renewing memberships soon. In the past financial year, we have welcomed new members to the network, and we look forward to working closely with them in the coming year.

New members in 2012-13 include:

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| The GREAT Initiative | Tania Verdemato |
| 28 Too many | Manju Nair |
| Traidcraft Exchange | Thea Shahrokh |
| PADEAP | Ruth Jacobson |
| British Council | Sophie Stevens |
| Islamic Relief Worldwide | Lata Narayanaswamy |
| Mother's Union | Louise Slater |
| ADD | Katy Jenkins |
| Reproductive Health Matters | Natalie Hammond |
| Self Help Africa | Chantelle Cummings |
| | Sophie Preuss |

2. GADN Members' Update

- **CAFOD** is looking for names of trainers to help support groups in Egypt providing security in Tahrir Square and psychosocial support for survivors of sexual assault, among other things. The trainers would provide information about the ideal composition of a rescue group and how to ensure safety in this setting. Please direct suggestions of potential trainers to **Anne Street** at astreet@cafod.org.uk, and copy in **Tanja Haque** at thaque@cafod.co.uk.
- **Plan** is looking for a Technical Advisor on Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Equality for the Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES) in Lao PDR

The purpose of the post is to provide technical support to the IEC to facilitate the establishment of the Gender Education Technical Working Group. Approximately 20% of the TA time will be spent based in the IEC. The advisor will also lead gender analysis in the mid-term review of the ESDP, working within a larger external review team. This will include development of a methodology, guided by an established theoretical framework, for the analysis, implementation and reporting. For this component the TA will be based in the Department of Planning, MOES.

The position will commence in March 2013 for a period of up to 5 months and the advisor will work under the direction of the Director of the Inclusive Education Centre, MOES, in close collaboration with Country Director, Plan International. The position will be contracted by and managed by Plan International.

Applicants should submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae including references to the following email address: **PlanLaos.JobVacancies@plan-international.org** as soon as possible, for consideration. Due to the urgent nature of this recruitment, applicants will be assessed as they are received. For more information, please visit the job description **here**. Any enquiries should be directed to Mona Girgis, Country Director **Mona.Girgis@plan-international.org**

- **Plan** is looking for a team to carry out a Midterm Evaluation of the Plan Netherlands Girl Power Programme.

The Girl Power program is developed under the MFS-II subsidy facility of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and runs from 2011 to 2015. Its main goal is to build capacity in local civil society in 10 countries Bolivia and Nicaragua in Latin America, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia and Zambia in Africa and Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh in Asia, to support the empowerment of girls and young women for gender equality

For the Girl Power Program a midterm evaluation is planned for August to November 2013 and an endterm evaluation at the end of the Program in 2015. The **terms of reference** apply to the midterm evaluation. However, it is expected that the endterm evaluation will be developed along similar lines. In case of a high quality midterm evaluation delivery and a satisfactory collaboration process, the same parties will be considered to carry out the endterm evaluation in 2015. The terms of reference for the position can be found **here**.

For further information or questions, please send an email to **marije.nederveen@plannederland.nl** and **jan.til@plannederland.nl**.

3. DFID/EU/UN

- **International Women's Day 2013**

UN Women, March 2013

- **Governments, rights advocates and experts from across Asia and the Pacific gather to unify efforts to end violence against women ahead of CSW57**
UN Women, February 20th 2013
- **Opening remarks of Michelle Bachelet at the 8th Forum of the World Alliance of Cities against Poverty (WACAP), “Smart, Safe and Sustainable Cities”**
UN Women, February 20th 2013
- **Burns Violence Survivors rebuild their lives in Nepal**
UN Women, February 15th 2013
- **Girls & women: New education project to transform lives**
DFID, February 14th 2013
- **As UN staff rise to end violence against women, UN Secretary-General calls on governments to COMMIT**
UN Women, February 14th 2013
- **Girls & women: Drive to end Female Genital Cutting**
DFID, February 6th 2013
- **How ending violence against women and girls became my passion**
UN Women, February 5th 2013

4. Development News

- **No Us and Them in the Fight for Women’s Rights**
IPS, February 28th 2013
- **Afghanistan’s first female mayor proves critics wrong**
The Guardian, February 24th 2013
- **Poor urban services found to increase risk of violence against women**
The Guardian, February 21st 2013
- **Social media gives Indonesian women new voice**
Women News Network, February 20th 2013
- **Gender violence, India’s rice farmers and the breast milk substitute battle**
The Guardian, February 19th 2013
- **Girl soldiers face tougher battle on return to civilian life**
The Guardian, February 18th 2013
- **Female journalists walk on eggshells in Sri Lanka**
IPS, February 14th 2013
- **UN starts with gender equality focus preparing for its 2014 DCF and post 2015**
AWID, February 7th 2013
- **Kenyan men turning the tide against FGM**
IPS, February 6th 2013

5. Blogs

Please note that the views expressed in the following blogs are not necessarily endorsed by GADN or its member organisations.

- **Making cities safe for women and girls**
Michelle Bachelet, February 21st 2013
- **Entrepreneurship: One answer to poverty**
Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, February 19th 2013
- **Women and the web: why internet access matters**
OnlineClasses.org, February 18th 2013
- **Notes from the field: collecting gender disaggregated data in practice**
Markus Goldstein, February 11th 2013
- **Women's lives put at risk in India by private healthcare providers**
Sarah Boseley, February 7th 2013
- **Why we need to make customary laws work for women**
Mark Tran, February 6th 2013

6. Publications & Resources

- **Ending Violence Against Women: The case for a comprehensive international action plan**
Oxfam, February 22nd 2013
- **Inequalities Consultation February 2013 Newsletter**
World We Want, February 11th 2013
- **Synthesis Report on the Global Thematic Consultation Addressing Inequalities**
World We Want, February 7th 2013
- **Making Care Visible**
ActionAid, February 7th 2013
- **Putting Women at the Centre of the Post-2015 Economic Transformation Agenda**
ActionAid, January 2013
- **Women's Right to Literacy: Advocating women's right to access learning literacy through international development**
NIACE, September 2012

7. Campaigns/Calls for Papers

- **Call for Papers: Gender, Neoliberalism, and Financial Crisis.**

This conference aims to bring together postgraduates and early career researchers who study the relationship between gender, development, and political economy. It is an interdisciplinary conference, inviting researchers from women/ gender studies, development, politics, sociology, economics, philosophy, and other related disciplines.

For more information about the specifics of the requirements, visit the conference website [here](#). Please send a 200-250 word abstract (with the subject headline

'Conference Paper Abstract') to **Sydney Calkin, Sac525@york.ac.uk**. Deadline for abstracts: **1 May 2013**

The conference welcomes submissions from Masters and Doctoral students.

8. International Women's Day Events

- **Tearfund is organising a Women's Leadership Conference called "Talitha Koum: Becoming the Leader God Wants You to Be."**

The conference is open to Christian women who are aspiring to be or are already in leadership roles. The main speaker will be Rev Dr Kate Coleman, founder and co-director of Next Leadership, Chair of the Evangelical Alliance Council (formerly president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain 2006/7), and an associate pastor. Kate is the author of "7 Deadly Sins of Women in Leadership." Other contributors include Arianna Walker (Executive Director of Mercy Ministries UK), Elaine Storkey (Tearfund President and Director of Education for the Church of England Church Army) and Hilary Nichols (principle stylist from FrockChicks.)

The event will take place on **Saturday March 9th from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm** at **Tearfund, 100 Church Road, Teddington, TW11 8QE**. The cost is £20, which includes a brown-bag lunch.

- **Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists End Forced Marriages Event**

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) is hosting the End Forced Marriages Event, which will focus on the impact and effects of forced marriages in the UK and around the world. The event will take place on **March 8 2013**, from **2-5pm**, followed by a drinks reception. The venue for the event is the **RCOG, Regent's Park, 27 Sussex Place, London NW1 4RG**.

- The **Overseas Development Institute** is holding a book launch that encapsulates the theme of voice, empowerment and agency, to discuss what these concepts mean in practice and how they can be achieved through different pro-poor policy and programming measures and in different contexts.

Rebecca Holmes and Nicola Jones draw on the findings from their book **"Gender and Social Protection in the Developing World: Beyond Mothers and Safety Nets"** to illustrate the progress made in the social protection sector in incorporating objectives of voice and agency, and also highlight the significant challenges that remain in moving the social protection poverty agenda beyond a focus on income and "traditional" gender equality goals.

Their presentation is complemented by perspectives from ODI's Pilar Domingo on raising political voice in fragile and conflict affected states and Ana María Muñoz, World Bank

expert on gender and social norms. The event will be chaired by Jackie Ballard, Chief Executive, Womankind Worldwide.

The event will take place on **March 13th 2013** from **12:30-14:00** at **ODI, 203 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8NJ, UK**. You will have to **register** to attend this event. Further details and directions can be found on the **ODI website**.

- **UN Women Walk:** From Louisa Blake to Emmeline Pankhurst

Join **UN WOMEN UK** as they walk across London, touring the city's sculptures of remarkable women in celebration of International Women's Month 2013. The walk will take place on **Saturday 16th March** starting at **10:00 am**. The Meeting Point is the Louisa Blake statue in Tavistock Square, and the walk will finish at the Emmeline Pankhurst Memorial statue at approximately 12:00. To register or find out more information, please get in touch with Jessica Flynn at jessicacflynn@hotmail.com.

- **International Women's Day Charity Gala**

Funny Women International are hosting a charity event on the eve of the big day, **Thursday 7th March**, at the St James's Theatre in London. The evening starts with a discussion about the place of women in society and how our humour defines us, hosted by Viv Groskop, journalist, author and stand-up comedian. The second half of the evening is a truly international showcase of female comedy talent featuring acts from North America, Australia, Europe, Africa, Asia and the UK. The evening will be raising money and awareness for **Womankind Worldwide**.

Panellists include: editor of the Huffington Post UK Comedy section, Andrea Mann, sustainable fashion designer and ambassador for Womankind Worldwide Amisha Ghadiali, influential award-winning Nigerian broadcaster and African business and arts advocate Princess 'Duen Adedyoin-Solarin, American comic Lynn Ruth-Miller who took her first forays into stand-up in her 70's, and Vanessa Vallely, the founder of leading women's network, WeAreTheCity and charity campaigner.

The ticket price is £25. The panel will start at **6.30pm** and the show will start at **8pm**. For tickets, visit the website [here](#).

- **The Irish Forum for Global Health and Medsin QUB** are organising a health dialogue event on the topic of Reproductive Health which will be taking place on International Women's Day, **March 6th, 2013** in **Belfast**.

The event will take place at the **Great Hall** at **Queen's University Belfast** at **6:30 PM** and is expected to last two hours. The event is entitled **"Putting Equality on the Gender Agenda; A Global Perspective."** Speakers include Sadia Malick MRCOG PGCert MedEd, Honorary Lecturer Birmingham University, Locum Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust and Trustee of Ammalife, a charity working to reduce maternal mortality in lower income countries, and Ann Nolan,

a PhD candidate at Trinity College Dublin whose research explores the impact of HIV/AIDS on sexual health policy in Ireland.

Please email info@globalhealth.ie to RSVP for the event. The Facebook page can also be found at www.tinyurl.com/medsinqub.

- **The Vagina Monologues at the LSE.**

The **LSE SU Feminist Society** is putting on a production of **Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*** on **March 12th** at **8:30 pm**. The event is part of the One Billion Rising movement and will take place at **the Old Theatre** at the **LSE**. Tickets are £5 and all proceeds from the event will go to the Women and Girls Network.

For more information, please visit the event **Facebook page** or email LSEVM2013@gmail.com. Tickets will be available on the **LSE SU website**.

9. Job Openings

- **Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance Manager/Gender Links/Johannesburg, South Africa**
Closing Date: March 6th, 2013
- **Administrative Assistant (Advancing Gender Justice/EVAW Programme)/UN Women/Solomon Islands**
Closing Date: March 12th 2013
- **Right to Education Project Volunteer/ActionAid/London, UK**
Closing Date: March 14th 2013
- **Gender Specialist (Short Term)/IBI International/Monrovia, Liberia**
Closing Date: March 15th 2013
- **Policy & Programme Grant Coordinator/Women for Women International/London, UK**
Closing Date: March 18th 2013
- **Advocacy Officer/International Planned Parenthood Federation/London, UK**
Closing Date: March 24th 2013
- **Policy Officer/International Planned Parenthood Federation/London, UK**
Closing Date: March 24th 2013

10. Podcasts/Videocasts

- **It's Not OK to Be Silent on Gender-Based Violence**
The World Bank, February 26th 2013
- **Global development podcast: ending violence against women**
The Guardian, February 20th 2013
- **One Billion Rising Videos**
One Billion Rising, February 14th 2013

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