

29.01. Together for Change - News and Actors

Add links on news regarding empowering children and youth to overcome poverty, unemployment and crime. Which particular actors can you find that are relevant in this regard? What is going on in the world?

ACTORS AND STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE JAN 09, 2018 12:03PM

MOLLIE Z ALAS FEB 05, 2018 05:06PM

A local program aimed at women aged 12-24 that gives skills for future employment after being involved with gangs.

Manchester Active Voices - Youth Empowerment Programme

Manchester Active Voices Youth Empowerment Programme hosted a 'Train the Trainer' session delivered by Action for Prisoners' Families (APF) in. "As the Regional Development Manager for APF I was delighted with the facilities offered and with the support shown by the MAVYEP team in preparations for the day and during the training session."

MANCHESTER ACTIVE VOICES



Paul Collier: The "bottom billion"

Around the world right now, one billion people are trapped in poor or failing countries. How can we help them? Economist Paul Collier lays out a bold, compassionate plan for closing the gap between rich and poor.

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EMILIO GONZALEZ JAN 29, 2018 05:03PM

Sustainable solutions with machines

Using machine learning to accelerate sustainable development solutions in Uganda | United Nations Global Pulse

A year and a half after it was prototyped, the Radio Content Analysis Tool developed by Pulse Lab Kampala and partners has become fully operational. The findings and lessons learned during the process were compiled in a report entitled: "Using Machine Learning to Analyse Radio Content in Uganda - Opportunities for Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Action."

UNGLOBALPULSE



OSKAR NORMANSSON MYLONAS JAN 29, 2018 03:38PM

UN: Conflict and climate change are major challenges behind Africa's poverty and hunger

While attending the 30th African Union summit, held in Ethiopia, UN Secretary-general Antonio Guterres stated that world hunger is on a rise. Guterres stated that Africa, with the highest rate of hunger in the world, needs to eradicate conflicts and mitigate climate change in order to deal with the current hunger and poverty situation. "Climate shocks, environmental degradation, crop and livestock price collapse, and conflict are all inter-linked."

In this article Guterres explains the reasoning behind conflicts' and climate changes' connection to poverty and hunger. He also mentions courses of action to help in fighting conflict and climate change.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/28/c_136929910.htm

江崎友亮 JAN 29, 2018 04:40PM

The "bottom billion"

K. O. JAN 29, 2018 03:19PM

Income gap

Income gap between the rich and the poor is one of the serious problems in the world and it becomes wider and wider.

This article showed that those who were born in rich family could earn much more money (almost twice as much) compared those who were born in poor family.

Moreover, people from richer families tend to be in work, have a partner and have a partner with higher salary than those from poor backgrounds.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/income-gap-uk-ifs-research-rich-poor-divide-widening-latest-figures-a7886756.html>

SONJA FÖLSTER JAN 29, 2018 03:17PM

Children in Nigeria

Nigerian prime minister stating that children out of school has dropped with almost two percentages over the last three years in Nigeria. More children are now going to school and getting a proper education.

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/256127-school-children-drops-8-6-three-years-minister.html>

JACOB SANDSTRÖM JAN 29, 2018 02:53PM

The invisible kids of the streets

"Some children can protect themselves, others cannot. Street children with disabilities. Ever thought of them?"

Article about street children with mental and physical disabilities.

<https://www.rappler.com/move-ph/issues/hunger/78399-street-children-mental-disabilities>

HARRISON CROSS JAN 29, 2018 02:45PM

Medicare Debate in the US

Last week Bernie Sanders hosted a 'Medicare for all debate' online for the first time outside corporate media. The US Senator has been campaigning for this since he first entered congress in 1991. The aim of the debate was to bring true light to the issue of Medicare in the US.

"What astounds me is we already have a pretty good majority of the American people who already believe in universal health care, believe that it is the government's responsibility to make sure that health care is a right," Sanders added. "And we have reached that stage with media not talking about the issue at all."

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/bernie-sanders-medicare-for-all-town-hall_us_5a680274e4b0dc592a0dbc6f6

MATTIAS NITSCHKE JAN 29, 2018 02:41PM

An organisation working with child trafficking writing about their view of orphanage volunteering.

<https://nextgenerationnepal.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/The-Paradox-of-Orphanage-Volunteering.pdf>

The article is critical to orphanage volunteering and emphasize the importance ethical voluntourism. At the same time does it seem like the organisation themselves are reproducing a lot of "western" values in their work and might be a part of the problem with power relations and post-colonialism of aid and NGOs.

It might not be the case with this organisation but it reminded me of "green washing", because almost all organisations or volunteer sites have texts like this but a lot of them are still a big part of the problem. Is there a similar concept to green washing but within this area?

NIKOS JORDAN JAN 29, 2018 01:12PM

Global growth will peak this year and then decline

<http://nordic.businessinsider.com/world-bank-global-growth-peak-2018-1?r=US&IR=T>

According to a new report by the World Bank, global growth will begin to slow down and drop past 2018, and over the long-term this "could jeopardize living standards and worsen global poverty levels." To avoid the worst outcomes in this situation, reforms that promote education as well as health and infrastructure are needed, yet many political powers will actively fight against this, which is why making "information about their development benefits transparent and publicly available is so important."

LUCY MCCREANOR JAN 29, 2018 12:50PM

Countries starting to make drug testing necessary rather than focusing on confiscation.... e.g. Portugal's new drug laws to decriminalise drugs

<http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/health/2017/12/anti-drug-campaigners-call-for-testing-at-concerts-and-festivals.html>

JOSE PHINE JAN 29, 2018 05:39PM

Children living in poverty in rich nations

Children growing up in poverty is a global phenomena and not only something we find in 3rd world countries.

https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/rc10_eng.pdf
(or <http://www.raisingofamerica.org/raising-children-out-poverty>)

From the Guardian, Wednesday 24th of January. Most Children in the UK's poorest areas are growing up in poverty.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/jan/24/most-children-in-uks-poorest-areas-now-growing-up-in-poverty>

SARA ONSTEN JAN 29, 2018 12:28PM

The Child Health Initiative combines research, advocacy and evidence-based interventions to promote this vital child rights agenda.

<https://www.childhealthinitiative.org>

<https://www.childhealthinitiative.org/about-us/the-issues>

"Hosted at, and coordinated by, the FIA Foundation, the Child Health Initiative focuses on three key rights of the child:

- Safe, accessible, low-carbon mobility to promote equity and combat poverty;
- Clean air and a healthy environment;
- The role of safe and healthy mobility in enabling the right to an education."

EVA ANDERSSON JAN 29, 2018 02:10AM

Inspiring story about a girl bringing about change in her village (circumcision, education)

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/13/world/africa/female-genital-mutilation-kenya.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fafrika&action=click&contentCollection=afrika®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=15&pgtype=sectionfront

"Finally, after nearly four years of dialogue, the elders in her village changed hundreds of years of culture and abandoned cutting. She had persuaded the men, and with them the village, that everyone would be healthier and wealthier if girls stayed in school, married later and gave birth without the complications cutting can create".

An inspiring story about a girl who refused circumcision, got

an education, and challenged the elder men in charge in her village. It is an inspiring story and shows how one individual can bring about change. It's a really good read.

JOSEFINE SJÖBERG JAN 28, 2018 10:48PM

Tourists/volunteers as change agents, or a source for continuous exploitation of vulnerable groups in poor countries/areas?

I would like to highlight a debate that is not given enough general attention in my opinion. I see many people eager to "help" as they go for travels abroad, especially to poorer countries. This is of course admirable in a sense, but the darker side of many of these types of short-term "aid-tourism/poverty tourism" etc. should be carefully considered.

I found a video explaining some issues of tourism/volunteering in orphanages (swedish, sorry) <http://urskola.se/Produkter/203898-Turisterna-och-barnen>

There are also many studies being done on the topic for those wanting to get deeper insight. E.g. "**The political economy of orphanage tourism in Cambodia**" by Guiney, Tess; Mostafanezhad, Mary (2015).

CHANELCONTOS JAN 28, 2018 09:07PM

A tragic event that happened yesterday

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-42843897>

Many world leaders expressed their sympathies. "UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said: "Indiscriminate attacks against civilians are a serious violation of human rights and humanitarian laws, and can never be justified.""

PRAEWA LUENGVARINKUL JAN 28, 2018 07:56PM

Strategy to end poverty in Nigeria within 6 years

ActionAid Nigeria has launched a £60 million strategy that aimed at ensuring social justice for all, gender equality and poverty eradication within 6 years

ActionAid launches £60m strategy to end poverty in 6 years | TODAY.NG

As part of its response to the deepening inequality of power and wealth in the country, ActionAid Nigeria has launched a £60 million Country Strategy Paper to end poverty within six years. The strategy tagged Social Justice to End Poverty (SJEP) 2018-2023 is aimed at ensuring social justice for all, gender equality and poverty eradication in Nigeria.

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Saving Kenya Street Kids Documentary HD

In Kenya's Rift Valley town of Gilgil, close to my home... Whenever I go to the bank or supermarket - street children will always cluster around me as I emerge from the car. Dirty, ragged, rheumy-eyed, they're often cheerful in a hard, Artful Dodger way, but they look cold and hungry and they're begging for food.

YOUTUBE

JOSEPHINE_KALDOR_4282 JAN 28, 2018 04:39PM

Using technology to help fight against human trafficking and child sex abuse

Ashton Kutcher is the co-founder of Thorn, a technology software that fights to end child sex trafficking and sexual abuse.

Here's a link to his speech before Congress:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUmfsvegMRo>

Read more about Thorn:

<https://www.wearthorn.org/our-work-to-stop-child-sexual-exploitation/>

Also another advocate against ending child poverty and preventable diseases with a focus in Africa is Bono, lead singer of band U2, organisation ONE

Youtube clip of what their plans for 2018 are:

<https://www.one.org/us/>

About ONE:

<https://www.one.org/us/>

Some further reading about poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa and the SDGs:

<https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/10794.pdf>

ESMÉE RAM AAKER JAN 28, 2018 02:54PM

This documentary shows the dangers of living on the streets in Kenya. It clearly identifies the importance of willing volunteers and organizations as well as the authorities to cooperate in these initiatives.

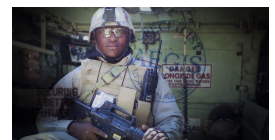
VITA JEX-BLAKE JAN 28, 2018 01:28PM

How private companies recruit former child soldiers for military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

An interesting perspective of what happens to a child soldier as they get older.

Child Soldiers

Filmmaker: Mads Ellesoe From opportunistic guns for hire on the fringe of domestic conflicts to a global force operating within a multibillion-dollar industry - the private military sector seems to be flourishing. When we think of war and the warrior who fights it, we have this image in our mind of a man in uniform.



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HOLLY MARRIOTT WEBB JAN 28, 2018 01:10PM

Teenage girls as actors for change

A 'young girls club' is taking the lead in running Thennamadevi, a village in Tamil Nadu, India, which is suffering from alcoholism. They probably won't be able to solve every problem alone, but their successes show that even the least politically powerful can make changes.

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2017/oct/21/india-villagers-child-abuse-trafficking-alcoholism>

MARIA WALLENTIN JAN 29, 2018 09:15AM

Laws not only on paper - Implementation of Zanzibar's Children's Act

"... - key priorities for progress on child rights law: "implementation, implementation and implementation!"

"To try to tackle these challenges head on, and bring Zanzibar in line with international child rights standards, work was started on a new comprehensive child rights act that same year. Zanzibar's Children's Act was born in 2011 addressing all aspects of children's rights with respect to family, parentage, custody, maintenance, adoption, and protection from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation." (https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/when-good-laws-change-lives-securing-child-rights_us_5a3ccd17e4b0d86c803c70c4)

This is just the start of a major change I also reading about National Plan of Action to End Violence Against Women and Children 2017-2022 [PDF], on 26 August 2017, the Government of Zanzibar declared that violence against women and children is not inevitable and can be stopped. (https://www.unicef.org/tanzania/media_21108.html)

When good laws change lives: Securing Child Rights in Zanzibar

Some of the loudest applause at our recent international gathering of child rights policy-makers in Zanzibar came after the representative from Indonesia took to the floor to list his key priorities for progress on child rights law: "implementation, implementation and implementation!" he boomed to a receptive audience.

HUFFPOST



EMMA VANDENBROECK JAN 28, 2018 09:10AM

Towards the end of poverty

"Nearly 1 billion people have been taken out of extreme poverty in 20 years. The world should aim to do the same again."

On a positive note: between 1990 and 2010 the number of people living in extreme poverty in the developing countries dropped from 43% to 21%.

<https://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21578665-nearly-1-billion-people-have-been-taken-out-extreme-poverty-20-years-world-should-aim>

VERA SCHUM ANN JAN 27, 2018 06:01PM

International adoption: Saving orphans or child trafficking?

Connected to the question about what we can do to help street children that came up in the other padlet, here an article from CNN discussing if adoption of children from developing country helps saving orphans or supports child trafficking.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2013/09/16/world/international-adoption-saving-orphans-child-trafficking/index.html>

JONAS BARTKE JAN 27, 2018 01:11PM

Kenyan president Uhure Kenyatta new global champion for youth

Uhuhure Kenyatta has accepted a UN agency's request to be the global champion for youth empowerment on 19 January 2018:

<http://www.president.go.ke/2018/01/19/president-kenyatta-accepts-role-of-global-champion-for-youth/>

However, his election has been perceived rather critically due to his dubious actions in the past. In 2010 he was a suspect of crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court for being a major supporter of organised crime against certain groups within Kenya. Due to missing evidence the case has been dropped:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/kenyan-president-uhuru-kenyatta-funded-and-orchestrated-violence-of-feared-mungiki-militia-after-9991224.html>

KATIE VONDEREMBSE JAN 26, 2018 04:27PM

Sex Trafficking in the U.S.

This article is an overview of how human trafficking of children under 18 has significantly grown in the United States. From my experience, human trafficking is not a widely-known issue. The first step to stopping this problem is to educate the public, especially vulnerable young women.

Sex trafficking: The new American slavery

Sacharay, which is how she wants to be known, was 14 years old and looking for a friend. "I used to get picked on a lot about being dark-skinned. I started wearing glasses and was called 'four-e yes.' And then they knew because I was so sensitive, they knew it was getting to me," she said.

CNN



SOFIA NORBERG JAN 26, 2018 01:17PM

Digital tools to combat poverty

Jay Naidoo writes about the need for digital Tools and digital literacy to adress social change. But in african countries (in his example) it needs to be distributed more evenly in order to be effective for citizens.

Excellent that the HOPE VTI supports digital literacy through education.

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.za/2017/11/28/towards-an-african-solidarity-economy-a-revolution-of-values-and-technology_a_23290104/

Towards An African Solidarity Economy: A Revolution Of Values And Technology

We live in the digital age. Information technology has reshaped our lives, the way we communicate, and our production systems. Now robotics, nanotechnology and artificial intelligence may allow us to leapfrog old infrastructure and technological choices - and fulfil the promise made by digital technology to future generations at the start of the millennium, that they could live in a world based on peace, justice and human dignity .

HUFFINGTON POST SOUTH AFRICA



AYESHA ALI JAN 26, 2018 12:50AM

The intersectionality of poverty and gender

"This is why poverty is sexist, as we say, and say loudly, at ONE to anyone listening, especially the world leaders who are supposed to guarantee universal access to education by 2030, the target they set in the Sustainable Development Goals."

—Bono, speaking about the organization, ONE

As Dr. Wanjiku said, girls on the street face very different circumstances than boys. It is necessary to understand these critical differences and make sure that policy-makers are addressing them, so that young girls don't continue to fall behind.

<https://www.one.org/africa/take-action/poverty-is-sexist/>

Poverty is Sexist

Nowhere on earth do women have as many opportunities as men. Nowhere. But for girls and women in the poorest countries, that inequality is amplified. We won't end extreme poverty until we break down the barriers holding girls and women back. Join the movement and use your voice to call for change.

ONE



IDA LUNDGREN JAN 25, 2018 10:21PM

"Stop giving money to street children and beggars"

The Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection in Ghana, Otiko Afisa Djaba, has asked the public to stop giving money to street children and beggars in the country. She says that would help the ministry to achieve the goals of its

"Operation Get Off The Street" project, which aim is to put an end to the street children phenomenon in Ghana.

"Stop giving street children and beggars money. If you do not give them it will discourage them and they will not come back"

I am not sure if I believe this is the right way to go.

<https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/stop-giving-money-to-street-children-beggars-otiko.html#>

FÉLIX-ANTOINE CARDINAL JAN 25, 2018 06:03PM

To end poverty

Here is a link to an interesting article by BBC about the evolution of poverty, giving a more "factual" look at the situation.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-32082968>

CLÉMENCE DURIEUX JAN 25, 2018 03:33PM

"One of the wealthiest [countries] in the world, can't ensure the well-being of a quarter of its children"

<http://www.northnorfolknews.co.uk/news/third-of-north-norfolk-children-living-in-poverty-1-5368465>

The North Norfolk News reports the data of End Child Poverty, showing that 27.4% of young people in the Norfolk district live in child poverty.

Different actors are engaged to fight against this issue such as international NGOs, local organisations or youth clubs that help children to empower themselves.

Nonetheless, it is said that the principle actor needed to improve the situation is the government, who has a big role to play in the creation of this poverty and so in the solution to it.

EMMA MUNTERS JAN 25, 2018 10:12AM

The Indian newspaper giving street children a voice

Shambhu is a teenage guy who lives in a slum in western New Delhi. He washes cars every morning to earn a living, but do also run the local newspaper Balaknama (which means "voice of the children"). The paper is done by street children and distributed in the surroundings, and many people also donate money, Shambhu says.

Many of the children that works for the newspaper have barely gone to school. "The stories are chosen based on how much awareness they raise over the issues the kids face," Shambhu says.

CHETNA, an NGO, funds the organisation and gave guidance in the beginning. The children do not get paid but are given food and travel allowances when out in field. The organisation says: "The aim of our work is to empower these children through education". Shambhu states: "If I hadn't come across Balaknama, my life would have gone to waste. Maybe I'd be working in a restaurant or still be selling cucumbers. Everything I am today is because of Balaknama. It changed my life".

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/05/01/asia/india-street-children-newspaper/index.html>

KAYLA VAN CLEAVE JAN 24, 2018 03:37PM

Sugar-daddies

Sorry this link is in Swedish! But this internet dating site "sugar daddy" is really a hot topic now and just goes to show how there are vulnerable youth (women) right here right now! Basically its a site that targets young girls (often poor students) to go on dates with older rich men. Its really controversial and SVT's uppdrag granskning has revealed numerous cases of this site being used as a prostitution site.

But it shows how "vulnerable women" and "poverty" are buzzwords that get us to think about people other than ourselves. I just wanted to punctuate that even though prostitution happens through different outlets and packaging it is still a very real social problem in our own backyard.

How do we work to combat such crimes on social media? Who's responsibility is this?

Detta är sugardejting: "Prostitution i lyxförpackning"

De utger sig för att vara mötesplatser där v älbärgade personer kan betala för sällskap från en yngre tjej eller kille. Men vad händer egentligen på sajterna, och hur skiljer det sig fr å prostitution? Simon Häggström, polis vid Nationella operativa avdelningens människohandelsgrupp, svarar på fyra frågor om Sugardejting.

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ELINA HEDMAN JAN 23, 2018 07:15PM

"When he picked up a camera for the first time in a refugee camp in Lebanon, it started a chain of events that ended with him opening a school in a camp when he was 12, and culminated with Malala Yousafzai presenting him with an award."

Mohamad Al Jounde started a school in a refugee camp at

only 12 years old and today the school has 200 students. Photography helped Mohamad get over his trauma and then he decided to do the same for other refugees. Very inspiring article!

The Syrian refugee child who started a school: 'The kids wanted an education' | Helen Nianias

For a 12-year-old boy in a Lebanese refugee camp, learning about photography ended his isolation, and inspired him to get funding for a school there o much of being a child can feel like sitting around, waiting around for your life to start.

THE GUARDIAN



LILLY ZDANSKY CO TTLE JAN 23, 2018 06:24PM

Dumpster diving to feed the poor

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/amp/news/dumpster-diving-for-the-poor---how-an-italian-woman-is-feeding-hungry-families-29004>

Food wastage, as was mentioned during the interview with Alan Atkisson, is a huge issue in today's society. Supermarkets throw away grotesque amounts of edible food in order to protect their image. After all, few people would ever choose a brown/bruised banana over a perfectly yellow one. In many countries, 'dumpster diving' is technically illegal, which exentuates the problem.

A 79 year old woman living in Casalborgone (Northern Italy) goes dumpster diving three times a week and loads up on food to feed families living in poverty in her region.

I believe efforts should be made around the world to organise systems where this wasted food can be utilised, both to severely reduce food waste and to reduce hunger.

JOE STADLER JAN 23, 2018 04:59PM

Rescuing Homeless Children From the Streets of India

"As one of the most populous countries on Earth, India is also home to a huge number of children who live on the streets. One organization, the **Salaam Baalak Trust**, is confronting the issue head-on by providing shelter, meals and education for some of the 51,000 homeless children in Delhi."

This short video (15min) gives a good insight into the lives of children living on the streets in Delhi.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpaR_pTVeBk
