

**Filling Knowledge Gaps:
a Research Agenda on the Impact
of Armed Conflict on Children**

Florence 2-4 July 2001

Agenda

DAY ONE: 2 July 2001

8.30 – 9.00 – Registration at the secretariat of the workshop

9.00 – 10.00 – **Opening Session**

Chair:

Ms. **Alessandra Maggi**, Istituto degli Innocenti

Hon. **Grazia Sestini**, Under-Secretary of State Italian Ministry of labour and Social Policies

Mr. **Roberto Toscano**, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. **Olara A. Otunnu**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Ms. **Marta Santos Pais**, Director of Unicef International Research Centre

10.00 – 10.15 – **Children and Armed Conflict in Italian International Policy**

Presenters:

Mr. **Attilio Massimo Iannucci**, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Children and Armed Conflict in the Italian International Cooperation

Mr. **Emanuele Pignatelli**, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Activities of Human Rights Office Relating to Children and Armed Conflict

10.30 – 12.30 – **Towards a Common Research Agenda on Children and Armed Conflict**

Chair:

Mr. **Olara A. Otunnu**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Presenters:

Dr. **Alcinda Honwana**, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

An Overview of the Research Agenda on Children and Armed Conflict

Prof. **Craig Calhoun**, President of the Social Science Research Council

Bridging Academic Research, Policy Making and Practice

Dr. **Neil Boothby**, International Save the Children Alliance

Research and Interventions on Behalf of Children Affected by Armed Conflict

14.00 – 16.00 – Trends in Warfare & Data Collection on Children and Armed Conflict

Chair:

Ambassador **Marika Fahlen**, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Presenters:

Dr. **Jon Pedersen**, FAFO Institute for Applied Social Science
Data Collection on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children

Prof. **Michael Klare**, Hampshire College

(warfare trends affecting children)

Trends in Armed Conflict as they Affect the Vulnerability of Children

Discussants:

Mr. **Gareth Jones**, Unicef

Dr. **Suliman Baldo**, Human Rights Watch

16.15 – 18.15 – Programme Interventions & Local Knowledge on Prevention and Reintegration

Chair:

Dr. **Elizabeth Protacio-Marcelino**, University of Philippines

Presenters:

Dr. **Marie de la Soudière**, International Rescue Committee

Programme Interventions on Behalf of Children Affected by Armed Conflict

Prof. **Pamela Reynolds**, University of Cape Town

Local Knowledge in Prevention and Social Reintegration of War-affected Children

Discussants:

Ms. **Carlinda Monteiro**, Christian Children's Fund, Angola

Dr. **Alejandro Bendaña**, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, Nicaragua

DAY TWO: 3 July 2001

8.30 – 10.30 – Breakout into Discussion Groups

Group one: **Data Collection on Children and Armed Conflict**

Moderator: Dr. **Debarati Guha-Sapir**, Centre for Research on the Epicemiology of Disasters

Group two: **Warfare Trends Affecting Children**

Moderator: Prof. **Peter Wallensteen**, Uppsala University

Group three: **Cultural Norms and Values**

Moderator: Dr. **Alcinda Honwana**, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Group four: **Assessment of Programme Interventions**

Moderator: Dr. **Neil Boothby**, International Save the Children Alliance

10.45 – 12.15 – **Plenary: Reports from Group Discussions**

Chair:

Dr. **Ram Manikkalingam**, Rockefeller Foundation

Presenters:

Presentations by moderators of groups 1 & 2

13.15 – 14.45 – **Continuation of Plenary: Reports from Group Discussions**

Chair:

Mr. **Jean-Claude Legrand**, Unicef

Presenters:

Presentations by moderators of groups 3 & 4

14.45 – 16.30 – **The Research Network, Methods and Outcomes**

Chair:

Prof. **Peter Wallensteen**, Uppsala University

Presenters:

Dr. **Ron Kassimir**, Social Science Research Council

The Network: Structures, Activities and Outcomes

Discussant:

Mr. **Rory Mungoven**

Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers

DAY THREE: 4 July 2001

8.30 – 10.00 – Breakout into Discussion Groups

Group one: **The Organizational Structures and ‘modus operandi’ of the Network**

Moderator: Dr. **Beverly Bruce**, Social Science Research Council

Group two: **Methodological and Ethical Issues**

Moderator: Dr. **Marie Smyth**, Institute for Conflict Research

Group three: **Capacity-building and Links with Conflict-affected Groups**

Moderator: Dr. **Sheila Bunwaree**, Codesria

Group four: **Outcomes and Products**

Moderator: Prof. **Craig Calhoun**, President of the Social Science Research Council

10.15 – 12.00 – **Plenary: Reports from Group Discussions**

Chair:

Dr. **Larry Aber**, Columbia University

Presenters:

Presentations by the four group moderators

12.00 – 13.15 – **Next Steps and Closing Session**

Chair:

Ambassador **Marika Fahlen**, Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Presenters:

Mr. **Olara Otunnu**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Prof. **Craig Calhoun**, President of the Social Science Research Council