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## WHAT'S NEW

### MenCare Blog- Child Marriage: A 'Universal' Issue

By Giovanna Lauro & Margaret E. Greene

GLOBAL - Every year, over 14 million girls marry under the age of 18 –that's around one girl every two seconds. The number is growing: according to UNFPA estimates, by 2030 there will be over 15 million child brides each year.



While both boys and girls may experience child marriage, **girls are disproportionately affected by it**; furthermore, entering into a marriage as a child rather than later in life brings with it severe and long-lasting consequences.

Read the full blog to find out what men and boys can do to help eradicate child marriage ([here](#)).

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### Seminar on Parenting, Care and Responsibility in Chile

CHILE - The Seminar on Parenting, Care and Responsibility will be held on Tuesday November 5th, at 18:00 at the Hotel Neruda in Santiago, Chile.

For more information, visit:  
[www.eme.cl/seminariopaternalidad2013](http://www.eme.cl/seminariopaternalidad2013)

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Words from Gary Barker and Michael Kaufman\*:

### Appalling Words the World Is Saying About Our Daughters

OCTOBER 21 - An astonishing new UN Women ad campaign is showing what the world is saying about our daughters and the women in our lives.



-Women cannot be trusted. Women need to be put in their place. Women need to be disciplined. Women shouldn't have rights. Women shouldn't work. Women should stay at home-



To register write to: [seminarios@eme.cl](mailto:seminarios@eme.cl)

Learn more about MenCare Chile ([here](#)).

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## "From Violence to Peaceful Coexistence" in Hanoi



VIETNAM - On September 25, MenCare partner, the Center for Studies and Applied Sciences in Gender - Families - Women and Adolescents ([CSAGA](#)), organized a National Conference on the theme "From Violence to Peaceful Coexistence" in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The conference introduced tools and products specifically designed for male perpetrators of domestic violence, and shared lessons learned and recommendations for working with male perpetrators of domestic violence more effectively. In pursuit of its mission of peace and non-violence, the conference put on display positive imagery of men and fathers.

With the participation of the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Justice, the Vietnam Women's Union, the People's Supreme Court, Vietnam Television, there were over 200 representatives from seven provinces in Vietnam, hundreds men in general and fathers in particular.

Learn more about MenCare Vietnam ([here](#)).

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## 'Fatherhood and Care' Occupies the Streets in Brazil

BRAZIL - The staff Instituto PAPAÍ through the program Diálogos para o Desenvolvimento Social de Suaape (Dialogues for Social Development of Suaape), in coordination with the campaign Paternidade e Cuidado também se Constroem (Fatherhood and Care can also be Built) aims to invite men to think about how they can become more directly involved in caring for their children. In pursuit of this mission, they occupied the streets of Cabo de Santo Agostinho in a public act, distributing educational materials - brochures, pamphlets and posters.



Moreover dialogue circles are being held with men who are working on building the Abreu e Lima refinery, work of great social impact for the local community. Within the outreach work with these men, lectures are held in Dialogues Daily Safety (DDS); workshops with companies in construction sites or in lodgings. Besides the issue of care, these activities also address issues such as family planning, the experience of the process of pregnancy, right of paternity leave, among others.

Learn more about MenCare Brazil ([here](#)).

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## World Day of Prayer and Action

Generations of our sons have been brought up with attitudes like this. Generations of daughters have experienced the impact -- on self-esteem, safety in their homes and on the streets, opportunities in education and the workplace, and reproductive rights.

As fathers of daughters, we say it's high time that fathers and, indeed, all good men, say this has gone on way too long.

Read the full article on HuffPost Parents ([here](#)).

## Fathers Embrace International Day of the Girl Child

OCTOBER 11 - To the disappointment of many women's rights groups, today turned out not to be the Day of Malala.



That's because the Nobel Peace Prize didn't go to Malala Yousafzai, the 16-year-old Pakistani who risked her life to promote girls' education.

As two men who advocate for women -- and as fathers of girls -- we hoped Malala would become the youngest Nobel Laureate. But we'll take the consolation prize: Today is the UN day recognizes half of our children: The International Day of the Girl Child.

We need this day because in many parts of the world, our daughters face obstacles that our sons can barely imagine...

Read the full article on HuffPost Parents ([here](#)).

\*Gary Barker is the International Director of [Promundo-US](#), the Co-Coordinator of MenCare.

[Michael Kaufman](#) is the co-founder of the [White Ribbon Campaign](#), the largest effort in the world of men working to end violence.

GLOBAL - The World Day of Prayer and Action for Children is coming on November 20th.

What will you do to help end violence against children?

The World Day of Prayer and Action for Children, celebrated on Universal Children's Day, is an opportunity for all sectors of society – governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and religious communities -- to accelerate and magnify global efforts to end violence against children. Its particular focus is to engage Religious Leaders and their communities to change the social norms that lead to violence.

“Secular or inter-faith organisations can really play an important role,” said [Kul Chandra Gautam](#), President of the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children at an event in Nepal in 2012. “Only a diamond can cut a diamond,” he said to describe the importance of faith-based interventions to stop harmful traditional practices used in the name of religions. “Law enforcement alone is not sufficient to eliminate the traditional practices that cripple our society. It is essential to work with our religious leaders so that they can inform and influence our communities to change society.”

To date, over 300 World Day activities have been mobilized in 88 countries, focused primarily on (a) protecting children through universal birth registration, (b) promoting positive parenting and non-violent discipline, and (c) ending child marriage.

Check out resources on the World Day website under the [Take Action](#) section to find out how to engage all sectors of society – including men and boys – to end violence against women and girls.

Please join us in 2013 by organizing activities in your communities. Find more information [here](#) or contact Meg Gardinier ([Mgardinier@dayofprayerandaction.org](mailto:Mgardinier@dayofprayerandaction.org)).

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**MenCare is a global fatherhood campaign, coordinated by [Promundo](#) and [Sonke Gender Justice](#). Our mission is to promote men's involvement as equitable, non-violent fathers and caregivers in order to achieve family well-being and gender equality.**

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