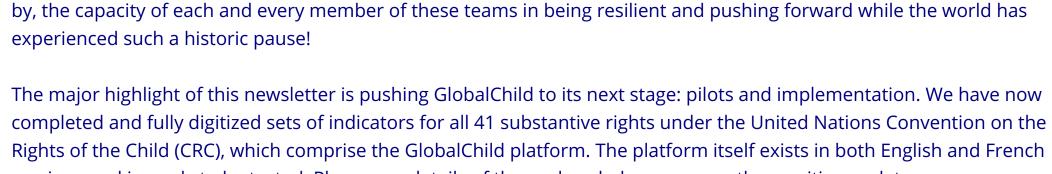
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register <u>here</u>.

the SC meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Argentina to Russia, Greece to Sierra Leone, and more.

the webpage of the SC.

found here.

versions and is ready to be tested. Please see details of these plans below, among other exciting updates.

As always, significant credit for this productivity goes to our vast network of collaborators and partner institutions, as

well as our GlobalChild team comprised of a stellar <u>Steering Committee</u>; an impressive <u>Reference Group</u>; a small team

of experts called the <u>Indicators Development Team</u> (IDT); the entire initial team of <u>researchers</u>; and our small team at

the secretariat of the project: both my past team at UVic, and my new team here at UNB. I am grateful for, and amazed

Thank you all for your interest in our work and happy reading! Kind regards, Ziba Dr. Ziba Vaghri

UNB GlobalChild The Canadian Launch of the GlobalChild Platform:

Based on the initial workplan, the GlobalChild platform was planned to launch in the summer of 2020 through an event held in Geneva. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the accompanying travel restrictions, this was not feasible. Therefore, the official GlobalChild launch is postponed until the summer of 2022, when/if the travel restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, the GlobalChild team is working towards the Canadian launch of the platform.

The Launch Event for the GlobalChild Platform in Canada will take place on December 13th, the 30th Anniversary of

Canada's ratification of the CRC. This event will be held via webinar and opened by a few members of the GlobalChild

Steering Committee (SC), including Dr. Yanghee Lee, the current chair of the SC. International and national child rights

We would sincerely appreciate our partners' support in creating publicity for this significant event by posting about the

event on social media and sharing our launch-related posts. If you are interested in using pre-written messaging, please

stakeholders will be participating virtually. Registration for the event will open Wednesday, September 1st. You can

## The Edmonton Journal, Thursday, December 12, 1991 Mulroney thwarts opposition

contact globalchild@unb.ca for our comprehensive social media engagement package.

Canada

**Change in the Steering Committee of the GlobalChild Project:** 

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National Thunder, December 12 North Seekaston, Saskastonern The Sta PM ratifies convention on rights of children

project. The Honourable Jean Zermatten, a prominent Swiss judge, a passionate child rights advocate, and a former vicechair (2007-2011) and chair of the UNCRC committee (2011-2013), has chaired the international SC of the GlobalChild project for 5 years (2016-2021). Upon completion of Jean's term, Professor Yanghee Lee, who has been a member of the GlobalChild team since its inception, was invited to chair the SC. Dr. Lee, also a former chair of the Committee (2007-2011), joins the SC with an impressive international leadership resume. Her most recent experience involves being the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar. Dr. Lee's chairpersonship was formalized during

We are also fortunate to have been able to add Dr. Hynd Ayoubi-Idrissi (UNCRC member from Morocco) and Mr. Benoit

Van Keirsbilck, (UNCRC member from Belgium) to the SC. You can read about these distinguished members on

There have been a few changes in the composition of the international committee that is steering the GlobalChild



international offices of <u>Save the Children</u>, focused on fulfilling Article 12 by consulting and seeking out children's

their input. Over 2,000 children between the ages of 11-17 years participated from 52 sites in 35 countries: from

The project was completed in 2019, and the outcomes were incorporated into the attributes and indicators of the

GlobalChild project. A full methodology report can be found <u>here</u>, and a report especially for younger readers can be

opinions on their rights. This project enabled children from all regions of the globe to participate in a series of

The GCRD, a huge global undertaking in collaboration with Dr. Laura Lundy and her team at Belfast University, and the

workshops and share their thoughts and opinions with us on their rights under the UNCRC. The overarching goal was

for children to discuss the child-friendly versions of the attributes (the central themes) for each CRC right and to share

THE GLOBAL Involving Children in the Discussion on DISCUSSIONS Their Rights: An Educational Tool to ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS THE GLOBAL CHILD RIGHTS DIALOGUE (GCRD) **Final Report** 

The GlobalChild Indicators Development Team (IDT) is publishing a book: Monitoring State Compliance with the UN

This book is edited and authored by Ziba Vaghri, Jean Zermatten, Gerison Lansdown, and Roberta Ruggiero, with

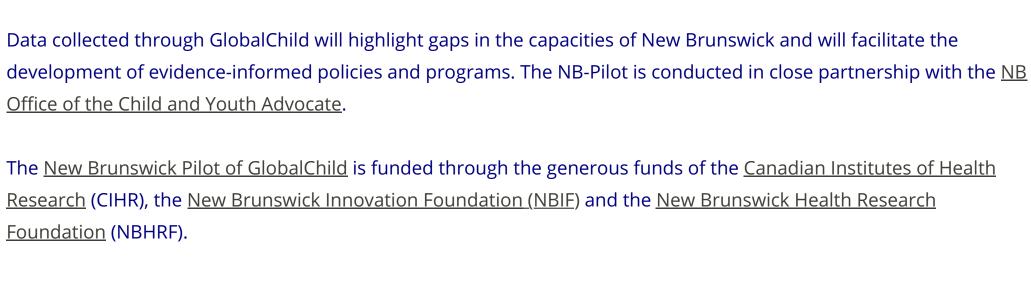
Convention on the Rights of the Child - An Analysis of Attributes. The book documents the outcome of the first phase of our

methodology in developing the indicator sets of the GlobalChild platform: identifying the key attributes of all substantive



## authorship by Adem Arkadas-Thibert, Christian Whalen, Katherine Covell, Damon Barrett, and Gavin Kotze. <u>Tim Covell</u> is the structural- and copy-editor of the manuscript. The book is currently undergoing review and is scheduled to be published by the end of the year.

**Publishing a Book with Springer:** 



The <u>InspiRights project</u> is a newly launched project of the GlobalChild program of research and an offshoot of the

globe, will take an inventory of good practices that inspire children's rights. The compilation of such practices (i.e.

GlobalChild project. InspiRights is a 5-year project that, in collaboration with a wide range of experts from around the

legislation, policies, and programs) that promote the implementation of CRC will be fed into the GlobalChild Platform,

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Canada

The GlobalChild Platform is now ready to be piloted! The first pilot will take place in the province of New Brunswick,

on these structures and processes will be examined vis-à-vis the outcome data at the level of children.

Canada. This pilot, using the 41 indicator sets of the GlobalChild platform, will take an inventory of the structures and

processes in place in the province to support the 41 substantive rights of the children under the CRC. The collected data

## **InspiRights: Good Practices to Inspire and Facilitate Children's Rights:**

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du Nouveau-

Brunswick

recherche en santé

**New Brunswick Pilot of the GlobalChild Platform:** 

Region), FLASCO University (Latin America and Caribbean countries region), The University of Geneva (Western European Region), University of Oslo (Scandinavian Region), Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University (Eastern European Region), Mohamed V University of Rabat (African Region), Üsküdar University (Asian Region), and <u>University of New South Wales</u> (Pacific Region).

partnership of 8 universities from 8 regions of the globe, including <u>The University of New Brunswick</u> (North American

The project will proceed in close collaboration with the African Child Policy Forum and UNICEF Canada and is a

**Important Presentations since our last Newsletter:** Health, development, and rights of refugee & asylum-seeking children under the CRC and through the eyes of children," International Society of Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP). September 26, 2019. Beirut, Lebanon. Available at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDnzH63exGo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDnzH63exGo</a>

"GlobalChild; A data-centric approach to tracking the development of children and compliance of the 196 UN Member

States with the Convention on the Rights of the Child," United Nations, Switzerland - 30 Years of the Convention on the

Vaghri, Z., Tessier, Z., & Whalen, C. (2019). Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Children: Interrupted Child Development and Unfulfilled Child Rights. Children (Special issue on Children on the Move), 6(11),120, 1-16. DOI: 10.3390/children6110120. **New Staff and** GlobalChild is pleased to introduce the

celebration of the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child).

Europaediatrics Congress. November 10-12, 2021. Zagreb, Croatia.

**New Publications:** 

Public Administration. September, 2021.

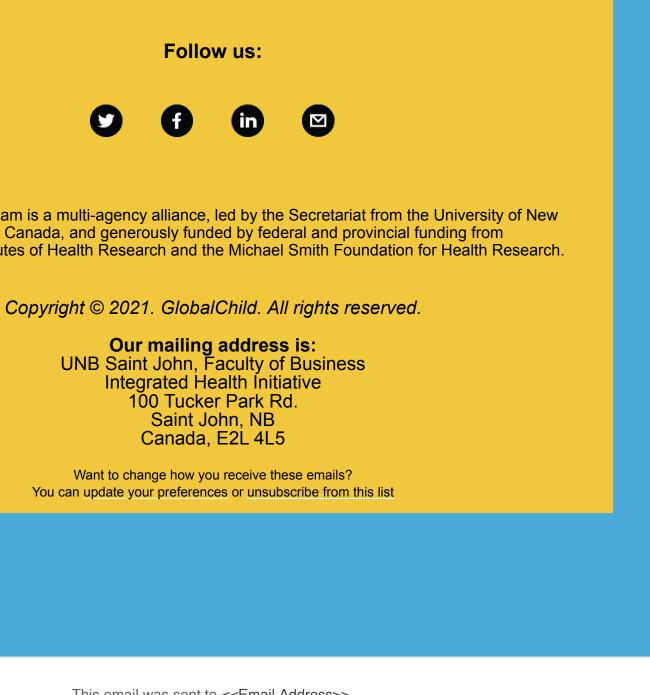
manager. She holds a Master of Science in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies from the London School of Economics (LSE) and has conducted research in collaboration with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) on the impact of displacement on gender relations in refugee

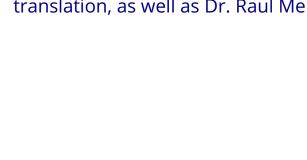
populations.

Psychology at the University of New Brunswick, Saint John. Sam has joined the GlobalChild team as a research trainee relying upon NBHRF funds for summer students. He is also a part of the Centre for

kindly ask that you follow along and support us through these mediums.

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rights of children under the CRC.

**Building the Platform:** 

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New Brunswick

**Health Research** 

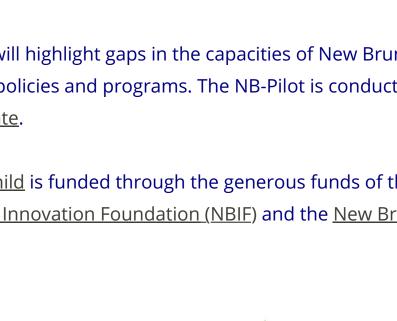
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parties interested in viewing may contact the secretariat of the project (globalchild@unb.ca) to request viewing credentials.

Upon completion of the work of the IDT, Freshworks Studio, a Vancouver-based software development company, was

contracted to digitize the indicators and build the GlobalChild Platform system. The platform was completed in late 2020

and will be available in both French and English. The indicator sets on the platform will not be available to the public, but



## while also being published as a stand-alone resource (a compendium or database). InspiRights is funded through the generous funds of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

**Recent and Upcoming Meetings and Events:** March 3, 2021: GlobalChild was featured in an article in the National Post!

July 2021: First meeting of the GlobalChild team, the NB office of Child and Youth Advocate, and the Government of

New Brunswick took place to discuss the participation of the government in the NB pilot of the GlobalChild platform.

**December 13, 2021:** The Canadian Launch of the GlobalChild platform (webinar).

Rights of the Child. November 19, 2019. Geneva, Switzerland.



Z. Vaghri and L. De Souza. (2020). Child Protection in British Columbia: Moving Toward Primary Prevention. Canadian

Z. Vaghri and M. Samms-Vaughan. (2020). Accountability in protection against violence: Monitoring and

measurement. Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal, Online ahead of print. (Invited submission in

**Trainees:** new members of our team: The GlobalChild program is currently in the process of identifying and hiring a post-doctoral fellow to join the

UNB's campus, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

team and participate in the scientific coordination of

apply <u>here</u>. The position is to be filled immediately

and the candidate is expected to start in-person on

Katrina Ostapchuk is the new GlobalChild program

Angela Garbadeen holds an undergraduate degree in

Child & Youth Care from the University of Victoria and

joins our team with five years experience coordinating

and assisting with child & maternal health and policy

research. Angela is currently working in the capacity

of Research Assistant and is supporting the grant

Sam Freeze is completing a Bachelor of Arts in

from the University of Alberta. She has recently joined

the GlobalChild team in a volunteer capacity.

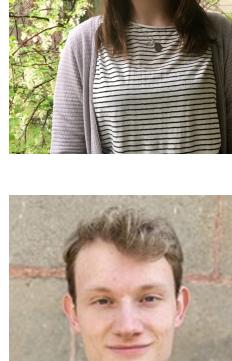
We are excited to share that we have recently developed both a Facebook and LinkedIn page for GlobalChild. Many of

you have already supported us on these platforms, and for that we are grateful. This initiative is part of a social media

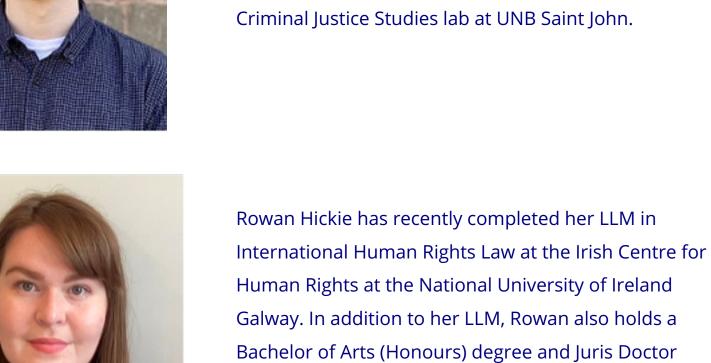
campaign led by the University of New Brunswick in preparation for GlobalChild's pilot & implementation phase. We

writing activities of the program.

the InspiRights project. Interested parties can



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