CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES IN THE MEDIA
Here follows from UNICEF's media section a compilation of clips from major media outlets covering international child protection issues over the previous month. These stories do not necessarily represent UNICEF's views on the topic; rather they present a variety of perspectives (including those that are controversial, sensitive and highly debated) on current issues in child protection from across the globe.

Prague Monitor: Infant Homes to be Abolished by 2013
UNICEF, representing children's rights, has called on the Czech Republic to abolish these facilities.

Fiji Village: 275 Child Welfare Cases Recorded
The Ministry this year joined hands with UNICEF and Hibiscus Event Group to raise awareness on child protection and Sami said unless the message is taken and put into action then a violence-free society for children will be achieved.
http://www.fijivillage.com/?mod=story&id=2608115daac393d3c675f8eb6107ed

Love FM: UNICEF Host Conference on Children and Development
UNICEF in collaboration with the National Committee for Families and Children is hosting a two day conference entitled "Putting children at the center of the development agenda in Belize."

The Zimbabwean: The Registrar General's Office Urged to give Street Kids IDs
Tapuwa Mutseyekwa, of UNICEF, said during a recent media training workshop that swelling numbers of street children faced an impossible future without any form of identification.

All Africa: Zimbabwe: Child Laws Should Be Enforced
Studies by UNICEF have shown that mothers predominantly bear the burden of care for children with disabilities, with fathers having abandoned the children at birth.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201108240032.html

Radio New Zealand International: UNICEF Welcomes Fiji police Initiative to Combat Child Sex Abuse in country
UNICEF Pacific's Chief of Child Protection, Johanna Eriksson-Takyo, says her agency welcomes a recent police initiative to combat child sex abuse in Fiji.

Fiji Times: Adoption Act Faces Review
Dr Luveni said the review would be carried out with the assistance of UNICEF through its Multi-Year Work Plan.

UNICEF Yemen launched a monitoring system for social protection on June 29th, which aims to establish routine access to disaggregated household data for monitoring trends over time on how vulnerable populations are coping with the current crisis in Yemen.

EURASIANET: Georgia: Military Shuts Orphanage, Staining Childcare Reform
The reforms – which enjoy broad support from UNICEF, international charities like EveryChild and Save the Children, and local partners – include financial aid so parents can afford to raise their children, plus foster care and special group homes for children who cannot go back to their families.
http://www.eurasianet.org/node/64069

AlJazeera: Social Reconstruction is a family affair
This editorial calls for better ties for youth in the UK, in order to help prevent acts of violence.
http://english.aljazeera.net/indepth/opinion/2011/08/201181811264562972.html
Meridian Booster: A Mission to Mexico
According to UNICEF, there are 24.7 million children under the age of 17 living in poverty in Mexico, and an estimated 90 per cent of street children in Mexico City alone have been victims of sexual abuse at some stage in their lives.
http://www.meridianbooster.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3263788

Sydney Morning Herald: One in four NZ children living in poverty
One in four New Zealand children live in poverty and spending more on early childhood would reap huge social rewards, according to a new report which ranked New Zealand 28th out of 30 countries in the developed world. The report was compiled by Every Child Counts - a coalition of organisations including UNICEF.

IOL: Child Poverty High in South Africa
The UNICEF study indicated that the economic recession had disrupted the decline in child poverty in the past decade. It further indicated that the child support grant was useful in helping to reduce the depth and the severity of poverty.
http://www.iol.co.za/child-poverty-high-in-sa-1.1118044

The Zimbabwean: UNICEF Children Assaulted by Zanu agents
Children wearing UNICEF T-shirts have become the latest target of state agents in Harare. The shirts had been handed out to members of the Youth Parliament and also to school children, but many are afraid to wear the garments in public.

International Business Times: UN Report On Child Sexual Abuse in Tanzania Raises Alarms
A study by UNICEF has revealed that one-third of girls under 18 in Tanzania have been sexually abused while about one in six boys have suffered such violence.

NZ Herald: Soft-toy Campaign to Highlight Child Abuse
New Zealand's child abuse death rate was the third highest in the developed world in a 2003 UNICEF league table at 1.2 for every 100,000 children under 15, behind only Mexico and the US. Between five and 13 children aged between 28 days and 15 years have died from intentional injury every year since then, or between 0.6 and 1.5 deaths for every 100,000 children.

PR News Wire: Viva Wyndham Resorts® Partners With UNICEF to Launch "Huesped de Corazon" to Improve the Quality of Life of Children in the Dominican Republic
"UNICEF is an incredible organization with a powerful mission and we are honored to partner with this non-profit. This alliance further exemplifies our social responsibility platform focused on societal issues," said Rafael Blanco Canto, executive vice president for Viva Wyndham Resorts.

The China Post: Infanticide fills Mali female prison
Here in one of the poorest countries in the world, abortion is illegal and UNICEF estimates only 8 percent of Malian women use contraception.

Sunday Times: Jhoncy's Quest for her Brother
Since December, 2009, UNICEF has supported the Family Tracing Unit, based in Vavuniya, northern Sri Lanka, in order to try to help families such as Jhoncy’s, who were separated during the final phase of Sri Lanka’s conflict.
http://www.sundaytimes.lk/110724/Plus/plus_10.html

Solomon Star News: Human Trafficking Workshop gets Underway
Solomon Islands - Sister Doreen from the Christian Care Centre and Anika Kingmele, UNICEF's child rights officer, presented exclusive information about their experiences with human trafficking in the country.

All Africa: Nigeria: Grass Selling As Means of Survival for Kebbi Kids
According to UNICEF, an estimated 158 million children aged between five and 14 are engaged in child labour.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201108082098.html

Herald: The Child Bride who Said 'I won't' to Marriage -- and Started a Revolution
"They learn about their rights such as the legal age for marriage, or the right to education," said Sudha Murali, UNICEF's senior child protection officer.
Japan Times: Record number of child porn arrests through June
"Japan is a loophole for paedophiles from other countries with strict restrictions," an official with the Japan Committee for UNICEF said. "We must have a law to prohibit the possession of child pornographic data."
http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20110805a6.html

Two Circles: The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), UNICEF sensitise scribes on infant deaths
Tania Goldner, UNICEF chief of field office, Madhya Pradesh, said that around 5,000 children under the age of five die daily in India and a large number of these deaths are due to preventable causes.
http://twocircles.net/2011aug04/ignou_unicef_sensitise_scribes_infant_deaths.html

Fiji Times: Provincial heads assure support for children
The Ministry signed as partner to the Government of Fiji/UNICEF Child Protection Multiyear Work plan 2011-2012 in February this year, which resulted in the creation of a child protection policy in June.

Middle East Online: Growing number of Palestinian children with Anxiety Disorders
Violations against Palestinian children related to the armed conflict between Israelis and Palestinians have been documented by UNICEF in Jerusalem, including patterns of killing and injuries, arrest and detention, ill-treatment and torture, displacement and denial of access to health and education services.
http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=47451

Trust Law: Child Marriage Persists in Progressive Malaysia
SIS’s Osmantold TrustLaw recent studies such as the report by Cairo’s Al-Azhar University and UNICEF on Islam and children, clearly says child marriage is not allowed in Islam.

IRIN: Sri Lanka: Over 600 War Children still Missing
According to reports cited by UNICEF, 64 percent of the missing children were recruited by the LTTE while 30 percent were last seen behind government lines.

The Lancet: Risky Business: Children at Work
"It is difficult to get information on children working in households”, says Fordham, adding that the number of girls in hazardous work might be underestimated “in part due to the invisibility of domestic labour”.
http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2811%2961195-1/fulltext?rss=yes

Asian Correspondent: No More Shooting at India-Bangladesh Border
According to a recent UNICEF report, about 400 women and children in Bangladesh fall victim to both national and international traffickers each month.
http://asiancorrespondent.com/61454/no-more-shooting-at-india-bangladesh-border/