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Peace Fellows to Tackle Agent Orange, Menstrual Banishment and Child Marriage

[Five Advocacy Project \(AP\) Peace Fellows](#) leave this week for Vietnam, Nepal, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Kenya to support innovative community-based campaigns for social justice.

All five campaigns seek to end discrimination and violence against women, girls and children.



[Boroka Godley](#), at the Graduate Institute in Geneva, will work in Nepal at the Centre for Agro Ecology and Development (CAED), which seeks to end the [menstrual banishment of women and girls](#) (*chhaupadi*). Women in western Nepal can spend up to 9 years in the cow shed while menstruating.



[Mia Coward](#) (University of Maryland) will help the Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Disability (AEPD) in Vietnam to design a revolving fund for families affected by Agent Orange. AP has raised over \$15,000 for 11 families and we hope to benefit more families through microfinance. Meet the families [here](#).



[McLane Harrington](#) (Fletcher School, Tufts University) will work in Zimbabwe on child marriage, which is on the rise as a result of poverty. McLane's host, the Women Advocacy Project (WAP), has designed an innovative campaign to train girl "ambassadors" who will identify girls at risk and work with families.



[Spencer Caldwell](#) (George Mason University) will help the Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU) in Uganda to install accessible toilets at the Abaka School, where existing latrines threaten the safety and health of students. The [Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin Ohio](#) is supporting the project. Read about the Abaka School [here](#).



[Ben Johnson](#) (Fletcher School, Tufts) will work at the Children Peace Initiative Kenya (CPIK), which organizes peace camps for children on both sides of ethnic conflict in northern Kenya. The program is funded this year by the German Foreign Ministry. Read more about CPIK's pioneering conflict resolution [here](#).

All five Fellows will post blogs and photos throughout the summer and launch appeals for their hosts on Global Giving early in July. They will be supported from Washington by [5 talented interns](#) - Abby (University of Texas, Austin); Rachel (Kentucky University); Emily (Wheaton College); Nathan (Pomona College); and Sam (University of Maryland).

* Follow the [blogs](#) and [photos](#) of our Fellows this summer!

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