

REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

By state bodies or conflict actors and affecting IDPs and refugees

February 2020

Africa

Burkina Faso

11 February 2020: In Bourzanga town, Bam province, Centre-Nord region, suspected ISGS militants attacked the residence of a religious leader. As he was absent, the militants sexually assaulted his three wives and seized their mobile phones. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo

17 February 2020: In Ngendo village, Uvira territory South Kivu province, the Association of Peace for Vulnerable Orphans and Widows (APEVOV) reported an incident of sexual violence against an unspecified person. **Source:** [La Prunelle](#)

18 February 2020: In the Ruzizi plain, Uvira territory South Kivu province, a woman was raped by a group of four people who were armed and speaking a dialect from Burundi. **Source:** [La Prunelle](#)

South Sudan

Around 17 February 2020: In Amica village, Magwi county, Eastern Equatoria state, four men in military uniforms beat and raped a 38-year-old as she gathered firewood. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Sudan

05 February 2020: In the Reigel Mour area, Sirba locality, West Darfur state, a 13-year-old girl was raped by a herder while she was looking after her family's goats. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

07 February 2020: In the eastern area of Kass IDP camp, South Darfur state, four armed men on camels' gang-raped a primary school student as she was gathering firewood. Her three brothers were also bound and beaten. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

Around 09 February 2020: At Krinding IDP camp, Al-Geneina, West Darfur state, three girls aged between 14 and 17 were raped inside the camp by unidentified perpetrators(s). The girls were transferred to Al-Geneina teaching hospital for medical examination. **Source:** [Darfur24](#)

20 February 2020: Near Nierteti, Central Darfur state, a member of the paramilitary Border Guards raped and beat an 8-year old when she was grazing cows in the area of Khor Ramla. A local search group captured the offender and handed him to the Nierteti Police Department. The young girl was transferred to Nierteti Hospital. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

This monthly document summarises publicly reported cases of sexual violence by law enforcement bodies, conflict related sexual violence, and sexual violence that targets IDPs / refugees or vulnerable beneficiaries.

These reports bear testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence. They are in no way representative of the extent or nature of sexual violence in general.

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Asia

Sri Lanka

Around 20 February 2020: In Kandaketiya divisional secretariat, Badulla district, Uva province, a 15-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by an army soldier who was later arrested. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Mexico

04 February 2020: In Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, a girl was raped by a police officer who was later arrested. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

09 February 2020: In Santa Maria Texcalac, Tlaxcala, a woman was allegedly forced into a patrol car and sexually assaulted by three police officers who have been arrested. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

About our data

We monitor local, national and international news outlets and online databases for threats facing people living and working in dangerous environments. Each month we release the latest available information on sexual violence and abuse by state bodies or conflict actors as well as reports of abuse affecting IDPs and refugees. **These reports bear testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence.** Most events of sexual violence are never reported. This compilation is neither complete nor representative. It brings together dispersed accounts about survivors from around the world who broke the silence.

Inclusion criteria:

- If the perpetrator is a member of a state or private security force or is an actor in a conflict between groups. Such conflicts include state-based armed conflicts, non-state conflicts, ethnic or religious conflicts, and drug wars.
- If the survivor is a member of a social group affected by conflict recognizable by the fact that they sought protection in an IDP or refugee system. [MORE](#)

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Report Abuse is a safe and secure online reporting platform for survivors of sexual violence and abuse in the aid workplace to report their experience.

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In our **10-minute DisasterReady! mobile** guide, learn how to take action, report an incident, and get support when sexual violence and abuse happens to you or a colleague in the aid workplace

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Hear **Megan Nobert** – Founder and Former Director of Report the Abuse – share her advice on how NGOs should respond if a member of staff reports an incident of sexual violence.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 05 March 2020.