

REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

By state bodies or conflict actors and affecting IDPs and refugees

April 2020

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

20 April 2020: Near Kitswamba village, Beni territory, North Kivu province, two suspected FARDC soldiers raped a girl and shot and injured a woman in fields near the village. **Source:** [Fizi Media TV](#)

Kenya

02 April 2020: In Yatta town, Machakos county, a police officer raped a woman who had been arrested for theft inside his house on the Matuu police station base. The police officer was arrested. **Source:** [Kenya Standard](#)

24 April 2020: In Zone Two, Kakuma Refugee Camp Three, Kakuma town, Turkana county, a lesbian Ugandan refugee was dragged to her shelter, beaten and raped by eight men due to her sexual orientation. The incident follows a wave of other similar incidents reported by LGBT+ camp residents in recent months. **Source:** [Pink News](#)

Nigeria

03 April 2020: In Umulungbe town, Udi Local Government Area, Enugu state, suspected Fulani militia raped a woman. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Rwanda

03 April 2020: In Kigali, Nyarugenge district, Kigali province, three soldiers raped an unknown number of girls at the Bannyahwe School during COVID-19 lockdown. All three soldiers have been arrested and awaiting trial. **Source:** [Rwanda News Agency](#)

South Sudan

19 April 2020: In Mvolo county, Western Equatoria state, a young girl was raped by a group of pastoralists while she was collecting firewood near a riverbank. **Source:** [Radio Tamazu](#)

Between March and April 2020: In an unspecified location in Yei county, Central Equatoria state, 19 women were gang-raped by men in military uniform carrying firearms. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

24 April 2020: In Rejaf community, Central Equatoria state, an unspecified number of women at Rejaf Police Training Centre reported that they had been raped by colleagues from the training centre. Large numbers of police trainees from different armed groups and government forces are being trained at the centre as per the peace agreement. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

Sudan

30 April 2020: Near Um Dereisaya, North Darfur state, a 12-year-old girl was raped by unidentified gunmen who attacked her and two other female IDPs while they were gathering firewood. **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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Uganda

04 April 2020: In Bukoba and Bukompe villages, Nalutuntu parish, Mubende district, Central region, a militia believed to be financially backed by a local businessman attacked the villages as part of an effort to evict residents from land they had previously purchased. Reports indicate that at least one woman was gang-raped; numerous people beaten; and property destroyed and looted. The businessman and an accomplice were arrested, as have four police accused of abetting the businessman. **Source:** [PML Daily](#)

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

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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