Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo
03 May 2020: In Kamonyi village, Uvira territory, South Kivu province, a 35-year-old woman was raped by an FARDC soldier. He stole $66 and killed three of the survivors pigs. Source: Kivu Security

15 May 2020: In Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, a 43-year-old woman was abducted and raped by members of Raia Mutomboki Hamakombo, who accused her of witchcraft. Source: Kivu Security Tracker

Nigeria

Around 08 May 2020: Near Okpanan town, Oshimili North Local Government Area, Delta region, local militia attacked a Fulani settlement, raped women and destroyed property. Source: ACLED

South Sudan

29 May 2020: In the Jebel neighbourhood of Juba, Central Equatoria state, two young women were held at gunpoint and gang-raped by six men - three of whom were armed soldiers in military uniform. Their home was robbed and neighbouring properties were looted. Source: Eye Radio

Uganda

09 May 2020: In Kyeigombe village, Bushenyi district, Ankole sub-region, Western Uganda region, a woman was gang raped and a civilian killed by UPDF soldiers enforcing COVID-19 lockdown measures. Sources: ACLED and PML Daily

A new report from the International Rescue Committee (IRC) shows that a quarter of women and girls in refugee camps in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh experienced gender-based violence (GBV) prior to COVID-19.

Since COVID-19 lockdown measures were put into place, the IRC has seen a 50% decrease in reports, despite knowing that violence is increasing.

Read the full report with recommendations for states, donors and aid organisations here.
Further resources

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.

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.

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.

Notes

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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.
- If the survivor is an aid worker, or health worker or an educator working in a conflict-affected country or supporting IDPs or refugees.

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