



Definitions of Sexual Violence and Abuse

Insecurity Insight monitors open sources for reported cases of sexual violence by law enforcement bodies, conflict related sexual violence, and sexual violence that targets IDPs / refugees or vulnerable beneficiaries.

Insecurity Insight distinguishes between:

- **Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA):** Occurs when an aid worker or field staff member or local officials working in the aid response attempts or performs acts of sexual exploitation, violence or abuse on children, families, and communities where they are working.
- **Sexual Violence in the Aid Workplace:** Occurs when a person attempts or performs acts of sexual violence on a colleague, peer, former employee or volunteer at work.

Definitions of Different Forms of Sexual Violence And Abuse

Sexual Abuse: Refers to any actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions.

Sexual Exploitation: Refers to any actual or attempted abuse of position of vulnerability, differential power or trust, for sexual purposes, including but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the sexual exploitation of another.

Unwanted Sexual Comments: Verbal advances that include whistling, shouting and/or saying sexually explicit or implicit phrases or propositions that are unwanted by the survivor.

Unwanted Sexual Touching: Touching of an unwanted sexual nature regardless of the intensity of touch. Can include massage, groping, grabbing, or grazing of any part of another person's body.

Sexual Harassment: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, and conduct of a sexual nature when they affect the employment of the targeted person when a) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, or b) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment decisions affecting such individual, or c) such conduct has the purpose or effect or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

Aggressive Sexual Behaviour: Potentially violent behaviour focused on gratifying sexual drives.

Attempted Sexual Assault: Attempted act of sexual contact on the body of another person without his or her consent.

Sexual Assault: Act of sexual contact on the body of another person without his or her consent.

Transactional Sex: Refers to the exchange of money, employment, goods or services for sex, including sexual favours, other forms of humiliating, degrading or exploitative behaviour. For example, being forced to engage in sexual activity in order to retain or gain employment



Solicitation of Transactional Sex: Refers to the request of transactional sex.

Rape: Sexual intercourse (vaginal or anal penetration) against the will and without the consent of the person.

Other: Acts of a sexual nature that do not fall into other categories, such as the taking or sharing of nude pictures or videos without permission.

Reporting Sexual Violence Monthly News Briefs

Insecurity Insight monitors local, national and international news outlets and online databases for threats facing people living and working in dangerous environments.

Each month we publish 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 incidents 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.

Perpetrators

Member of Security Forces: Perpetrators of sexual violence where the report alleges that the perpetrator was a member of a state security force (police or armed forces) or a private security company or militia force.

Conflict Actors: Perpetrators of a sexual violence in incidents that took place in regions affected by conflict and where the perpetrator was either armed or wore a uniform or displayed characteristics that suggestions a link to a group engaged in conflict such as use of a specific language or membership of a specific ethnic group.

Survivors

Survivors Among Conflict Affected Groups: Survivors who the report specified lived in an IDP or refugee setting or are otherwise identified as specific vulnerable people due to a situation broadly linked to widespread violence such as orphans or war widows.