Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

January to October 2020

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

Reported incidents of sexual violence in the DRC by state bodies, conflict actors or affecting IDPs and refugees, by province

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<td>++Haut-Uélé++</td>
<td>22 January</td>
<td>In Ngoholo village, Rutshuru territory, three women were raped by Nduma Defense of Congo-Renovated (NDC-R) militia.</td>
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<td>++Kinshasa++</td>
<td>29 January</td>
<td>In Beni area, 36 people were killed in attacks by ADF. Rapes and mutilation of bodies were also reported in the attacks.</td>
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<td>++North Kivu++</td>
<td>20 April</td>
<td>Near Kitswamba village, Beni territory, two suspected FARDC soldiers raped a girl and shot and injured a woman in fields near the village.</td>
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<td>++South Kivu++</td>
<td>08 June</td>
<td>In Bushenge village, FDLR-FOCA rebels reportedly killed one of their members who was attempting to rape a woman.</td>
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<td>++Tanganyika++</td>
<td>23 June</td>
<td>In the villages of Kasiki and Mukeberwa, Lubero territory, a Mai-Mai FPP commander known as Kabido reportedly raped two women.</td>
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<td>++Haut-Katanga++</td>
<td>06 July</td>
<td>In Walikale territory, Nyatura Domi three women were raped, two men killed in an attack on Matenge village by Collective of Movements for Change (CMC) militants who also stole livestock and other goods.</td>
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11 September 2020: In Gbado village, Walikale territory, North Kivu province, during an attack on the village Mai-Mai Kifuafua Delphin Mbaenda raped 11 women, wounded five men, set fire to houses, and stole goods.

12 September 2020: In Isigi village, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, armed combatants from the National Lumumbist Resistance (RNL) raped two women during an incursion in the village. They then abducted a businessman who was attempting to resist the attack as well as stealing farm animals and other goods.

13 September 2020: In Kikarara village, Beni territory, North Kivu province, armed men raped and killed a 23-year-old woman.

15 September 2020: In Masisi town and territory, North Kivu province, unidentified men abducted, raped then killed a 13-year-old girl.

04 October 2020: In Rutshuru town and territory, North Kivu province, unidentified armed men raided the town, kidnapped, and raped a woman. They demanded a ransom of $10,000 for the hostage’s release.

South Kivu province
16 January 2020: In Mikanda village, Mwenga territory, South Kivu province, four women were raped by unknown armed persons. Two men were also abducted and three others were injured by the perpetrators. They also looted some goods.

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.

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.

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 survivor’s pigs.

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.

16 July 2020: In Gombaniro village, Uvira territory, South Kivu province, unidentified armed men kidnapped and raped two women in their field.

16 August 2020: In Mwaba village, Uvira territory, South Kivu province, FNL Nzabampema armed men raped a 16-year-old girl.

31 August 2020: In the villages of Bilalombili and Ngezi, Mwenga territory, South Kivu province, a girl was raped during an attack by Ngumino, Twiganeho, and Makanika fighters on FARDC positions in the area.

23 September 2020: In Cakira village, Fizi territory, South Kivu province, suspected Ngumino militiamen raped, shot, and injured three IDP women.

Ituri province
13 June 2020: Near Badengaido town, Mambasa territory, Ituri province, an FARDC soldier abducted and robbed 13 civilians, and raped two women. The soldier was arrested by his FARDC superiors two days later.

02 July 2020: In Karagba and Kakwa villages, Aru territory, Ituri province, five women were sexually assaulted by South Sudanese military forces. More than 50 houses were burned.
16 July 2020: In Biakato city, Mambasa territory, Ituri province, two FARDC soldiers raped a 15-year-old girl after breaking into her home. Both suspects were reportedly arrested.

18 July 2020: In Ukareba village, Djugu territory, Ituri province, Coalition of Congolese Democrats (CODECO) militiamen raped seven women during an attack on the village.

24 August 2020: In Mongbwalu town, Djugu territory, Ituri province, unidentified men armed with firearms and machetes raped three girls, aged 13, 15 and 20, all from the same family, before looting goods from their home.

Around 09 September 2020: In Walu village, Irumu territory, Ituri province, at least four IDP women over the age of 50 were raped by armed militiamen while working in the fields.

13 September 2020: In Walu village, Irumu territory, Ituri province, an IDP woman who was at least 50 years old was raped by five armed militiamen while she was working in the fields.

Haut-Katanga province
06 October 2020: In the Luwowoshi suburb of Lubumbashi city, Haut-Katanga province, a group of unidentified men dressed in blue uniforms broke into various homes and raped at least four girls. They also shot and killed a university student.

Haut-Uélé province
30 August 2020: In Rungu locality and territory, Haut-Uélé province, a group of armed men broke into a building where 30 students were undertaking final primary school tests and raped at least one girl during an attack on Isiro town. Students were robbed of phones and other goods.

Kasai-Central province
14 September 2020: In Kananga, Kananga territory, Kasai-Central province, armed men raped an 11-year-old girl after breaking into her home.

Kinshasa
11 September 2020: In Kisenso district, Kinshasa city, 14 men armed with blades raped at least two nurses and an unknown number of patients after breaking into Revolution Health and Maternity Centre. They stole money and blood stocks and robbed several patients.

Tanganyika province
25 March 2020: In Mabuki village, Nyunzu territory, Tanganyika province, two women were kidnapped and raped by Twa ethnic militiamen. The women were later released after a ransom was paid.

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