Sexual Violence in Tigray region, Ethiopia Data

This document provides the methodology, definitions and coding procedures for the data included in the Sexual Violence in Tigray region, Ethiopia data by Insecurity Insight.

Key Definitions

**Incident**: an incident where an act of sexual violence is committed by law enforcement bodies, conflict related sexual violence and sexual violence that targets IDPs, refugees or vulnerable beneficiaries.

**Survivor**: refers to an individual who has experienced sexual violence.

**Victim**: refers to an individual who has been killed during or after an act or acts of sexual violence.

**Perpetrator**: refers to the individual or group who has committed the act of sexual violence and abuse.

**Mass-rape**: refers to an incident where multiple survivors/victims experienced sexual violence in the same location at the same time.

**Gang-rape**: refers to an incident where a single survivor or victim was attacked by multiple perpetrators.

Methodology

This data resource contains information on incidents of sexual violence in Tigray region, Ethiopia perpetrated by conflict actors and personnel of state bodies, between November 2020 and March 2021.

It is compiled from open-source reported incidents identified by Insecurity Insight and published in the [Sexual Violence in Conflict Monthly News Brief](https://data.humdata.org/dataset/ethiopia-attacks-on-aid-operations-education-health-and-protection). The incidents reported are neither a complete nor a representative list of all attacks involving sexual violence in Ethiopia and have not been independently verified.

Incidents are categorised by date, country, region, and zone and includes any available information on the perpetrator(s) of the incident and on the survivors or victims. It also includes information on the location of where the attack of sexual violence occurred.

The dataset can be viewed [here](http://insecurityinsight.org/) and can be cited as: Insecurity Insight. 2021. ‘Reporting Sexual Violence in Ethiopia: November 2020 and March 2021.’ Geneva: Insecurity Insight.

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**Rape**: sexual intercourse (vaginal or anal penetration) against the will and without the consent of the survivor.

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

**Sexual assault**: any act of sexual contact with the body of another person without his or her consent.
**Perpetrator:** refers to the individual or group who has committed the act of sexual violence and abuse.

**Perpetrator affiliation:** refers to the organisation or group of which the perpetrator(s) is a member of. This can include non-state armed groups and members of security forces.

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**Codebook**

Each row represents an individual incident. Only the relevant columns are filled in. Where columns are left blank, the information is not available or does not apply to the incident.

A. **Event date:** The reported date the incident took place (YYYY-MM e.g. incidents in November would be 2020-11). For some incidents the exact date when the incident of sexual violence occurred was not available, therefore the date when the incident was reported was used.

B. **ISO Code:** The ISO country code in which the incident occurred (ETH).

C. **Country:** Country in which the incident occurred (Ethiopia).

D. **Region:** The region in which the incident occurred (Tigray).

E. **Zone:** The zone in which the incident occurred.

F. **Location:** The location where the incident of sexual violence took place.

G. **Gender of Survivor:** The gender of the survivor or victim.

H. **Age of Survivor:** The age of the survivor.

I. **Number of survivors/victims:** The number of survivors or victims involved in one single incident. This relates to whether there was a single survivor/victim or a mass-rape.

J. **Perpetrator:** The reported affiliation of the perpetrator(s).

K. **Perpetrator group size:** The number of perpetrators involved in one single incident.

L. **Weapon used:** The weapon used by the perpetrator(s) during the incident.

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**Sexual Violence in Ethiopia’s Tigray Region**

This document analysis a sample of 36 reported incidents of sexual violence that occurred in Tigray region between November 2020 and March 2021.

Among this sample, 106 women and girls were affected by sexual violence and at least 144 different perpetrators were involved.

This sample was selected because the descriptions of the incidents contained sufficient details to allow the nature and patterns of the violence that occurred to be described in this document. It is not known to what extent these examples are unique or similar to the hundreds of other incidents of sexual violence that have been reported by various hospitals around the region and by UN and other humanitarian organisations.