

Violence against Women in Democratic Republic of Congo:

Implications for national and local policy



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Scarcity of evidence on Sexual Violence in conflict settings

- Challenges are both methodological and ethical
- Mixed methods are needed (population based surveys, service based, participatory research, etc.)

Congolese women are completely unprotected

- Complete impunity
- Lack of services for medical, psycho social care
- Stigma against survivors of sexual violence creates further isolation, trauma

Rape as “normal” behavior

- Increasing civilian perpetrators
- May last for many generations (ex. Cambodia)



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The “production” of violent boys and men

- Need to address gender norms and violence with men and boys to “unlearn” violent behavior



Key issues for moving forward in addressing sexual violence against women in DRC

- End impunity
- Services for survivors –
- Prevention of violence, rehabilitation
 - Stigma reduction
 - Changing gender norms
 - Involve all members of the community

Need for additional research

- Monitor extent and forms of violence
- Access to justice
- Quality of services to survivors/ impact

Congolese women are not just victims

Petition

Without your support, our action will lose momentum. Without our partnership, your action will have little impact. Help us change the direction of the fight against sexual violence in the DRC. Thank you for reading and signing our petition by clicking here.

Campuni ya wanawake wa kongomani kwa kupiganisha ubakaji katika jamuhuri ya Congo

Congolese Women's Campaign Against Sexual Violence in the DRC

Every day, 40 women are raped in the Eastern Congo. It's a well-known reality that has been documented and reported by media, NGOs, international institutions and States. But nothing changes, sexual violence is still widespread. So what more can be done?

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Welcome to the website of the Congolese Women's Campaign Against Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

The Congolese Women's Campaign Against Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is an initiative launched by women's associations in Eastern Congo to fight against sexual violence.

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guide all interventions

Support women's leadership and
participation in peacemaking efforts, and
addressing sexual violence