



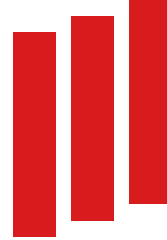
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# Women's Refugee Commission

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*Liv Ullmann*

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## Women's Refugee Commission

For 20 years, the Women's Refugee Commission has advocated vigorously for laws, policies and programs to improve the lives and protect the rights of refugee and displaced women, children and young people—bringing about lasting, measurable change.

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## What We Do

Since 1989, the Women's Refugee Commission\* has kept the world's attention on the particular needs of refugee and internally displaced women, children and young people, and those seeking asylum in the United States.

Our work changes the lives of the world's most vulnerable people.

### What sets us apart?

For 20 years, we've identified cutting-edge issues, conducting crucial on-the-ground research to solve the seemingly intractable problems of women, children and young people uprooted by war or other crises.

### How do we do it?

We listen to refugee women and young people and asylum seekers to find out what they need. We assess and identify best practices and solutions. On Capitol Hill, at the United Nations and with humanitarian organizations and governments, we vigorously advocate for improvements in refugee policy and practice until measurable long-term change is realized.

\* Formerly the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children



## Highlights from Two Decades of Change

**1989** Played an instrumental role in creating the Afghan Women's Social Service Center, which offers training and literacy programs for refugees in Pakistan.

**1991** Advocated for an international ban on landmines in testimony before Congress, the first U.S. organization to do so.

**1994** Released a landmark study on reproductive health care in refugee settings, which led to a dramatic growth in programs addressing sexual violence, family planning and HIV/AIDS.

**1997** Spotlighted the special concerns of refugee women held in detention centers and prisons in the U.S., successfully pushing for reforms.

**2000** Initiated, with other organizations, UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security to address the devastating impact of war on women.

**2002** Transformed the way the international community responds to violence against women in conflict settings with publication of a first-of-its-kind report on the issue.

**2004** Focused attention on the millions of displaced children who don't go to school by publishing a seminal global survey on education in emergencies.

**2006** Galvanized a worldwide effort to protect women and girls from rape and murder when they collect firewood to cook their meals.

**2007** Published a landmark report on the deplorable conditions for families held in U.S. immigration detention centers, leading to significant changes in the way these families are treated.

**2008** Pioneered a global study of the profound issues faced by refugees with disabilities, along with a companion resource kit to train humanitarian workers in the field.



### In 2009 we will:

- Release a groundbreaking manual on livelihoods to promote comprehensive approaches to help refugees earn a living.
- Report on the living conditions of unaccompanied immigrant children held in U.S. detention and propose changes in practice and policy.
- Launch an initiative to ensure that displaced and resettled young people have the skills and education they need to participate fully in their communities.