



Since its founding in 1989, the Women's Refugee Commission, a research and advocacy organization based in New York, has worked to bring attention to gender-based violence (GBV) issues in humanitarian crises, with a particular focus on refugees and internally displaced persons in both camps and urban settings.

We collaborate with UN agencies, NGOs, donors and governments to help improve response to GBV and, critically, to prevent it. We consult closely with displaced persons at every phase of our research and advocacy to ensure that we are proposing solutions that best address their needs.

Our GBV Initiatives

- We were the first organization to call attention to the absence of basic **reproductive health services** in humanitarian settings, including prevention and response services for survivors of sexual violence. We lead advocacy on the priority reproductive health services known as the Minimum Initial Service Package for Reproductive Health in Crisis Settings (MISP). <http://wrc.ms/Sc0D9n>
- We are testing innovative approaches to **community-based care for survivors** of sexual violence where security and other barriers prevent access to health services. We have also developed and are distributing education and information materials to inform communities about the benefits of seeking such care. http://wrc.ms/SRH_CBC
- We led a global, inter-agency campaign to improve **safe access to fuel and energy (SAFE)**, which helps protect women and girls when they collect firewood. As a result, the UN refugee agency made safe access to cooking fuel a global priority. <http://wrc.ms/SxXd1n>
- We are at the forefront of efforts to mitigate the risks of GBV through **access to safe livelihoods**. Our work is guiding agencies in the field on how to design safe work opportunities for women. http://wrc.ms/GBV_LLH
- Through pioneering research and advocacy, we are one of the few agencies to draw attention to the **needs of displaced people with disabilities** and offer solutions that both protect and empower them. <http://wrc.ms/1pluOnI>
- We are working with the humanitarian community to better protect and empower **adolescent girls** as a means of reducing their vulnerability to sexual exploitation and abuse. <http://wrc.ms/1pU3ZKg>
- At the UN, we have advocated for landmark **Security Council resolutions** on the protection of women and children. <http://wrc.ms/YoFzsD>

For more information, see <http://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/programs/gender-based-violence>.

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