BREAK THE BARRIERS: STAND WITH WOMEN AND GIRLS RAPE IN CONFLICT OR CRISIS

Rape is a weapon of war and torture and often results in unwanted pregnancy.

**48 women and girls** between the ages of 15 and 49 are raped every hour in eastern Congo. (American Journal of Public Health)

Save the Children reports that in some cases more than **80%** of war rape victims are children under 18.

Oxfam/ABAAD reports that: "the most extensive form of violence" women and girls face since the conflict in Syria began, is sexual violence – including rape. Across the world the number of women and girls raped in conflict or crisis is staggering.

**47,000 women and girls die from unsafe abortions every year** (Guttmacher Institute)

According to Plan International, disaster may cut off women and girls from services creating a greater risk of unwanted pregnancy and unsafe abortion.

**TAKE A STAND:**

Executive leadership from the White House that guarantees U.S. support of comprehensive health care for women and girls raped in conflict or crisis – post-rape care that includes access to voluntary abortions.

Strong Executive Leadership by the Obama Administration is Critical.

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