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**[Test] GBV AoR Monthly Update -November and December**

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# NOVEMBER-DECEMBER MONTHLY UPDATE

## Joint UN Statement on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

***Statement by the Heads of UN agencies, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF and UN WOMEN, calling for solidarity with survivors and survivor advocates and women's human rights defenders who are working to prevent and end violence against women and girls.***

To commemorate this year's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the [Secretary-General's UNiTE Campaign](#) is calling upon us to stand in solidarity with survivors and survivor advocates

and women's human rights defenders who are working to prevent and end violence against women and girls. Our duty is not only to stand in solidarity with them but also to intensify our efforts to find solutions and measures to stop this preventable global scourge with a detrimental impact on women's and girls' lives and health.

The last year has been extraordinary in terms of the awareness that has been raised on the extent and magnitude of the different forms of violence inflicted on women and girls. The #MeToo campaign—one of the most viral and powerful social movements of recent times—has brought this issue into the spotlight. This awareness has been further reinforced by the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 to two remarkable activists, Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege, who work on ending violence against women in conflict situations.

More than a third of women worldwide have experienced either physical or sexual violence at some point in their lives. Furthermore, research indicates that the cost of violence against women could amount annually to around 2 per cent of global gross domestic product (GDP). This is equivalent to 1.5 trillion dollars.

Beyond raising awareness, governments, the private sector, the artistic community, civil society organizations, academia and engaged citizens are again looking into new ways to urgently address this global scourge.

For more than 20 years, the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women has been investing in national and local initiatives that translate policy promises into concrete benefits for women and girls, and contribute to the prevention of violence in the long run.

As part of the Spotlight Initiative to end violence against women and girls, a global, multi-year partnership between the United Nations and the European Union, we are working with different partners to increase the scale and level of ambition of our interventions. We understand that reducing and preventing violence against women is transformational: it improves the health of women and children, reduces risks of acquiring HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), improves economic

productivity and educational attainment, and reduces the risks of mental illness and substance abuse, among other benefits.

Through the Spotlight Initiative, our agencies are mobilizing an array of stakeholders to address both the root causes of violence as well as its most immediate consequences. In line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the initiative fully integrates the principle of *Leaving no one Behind*. Spotlight will also build on existing good practices and evidence-based programming, as well as incorporate new solutions for accelerated results.

The UN family is working tirelessly with our partners to strengthen legal frameworks and institutions, to improve services for survivors, and to address the root causes of violence by challenging social norms and behaviours and tackling the wider gender inequalities.

Ending violence against women and girls is not a short-term endeavor. It requires coordinated and sustained efforts from all of us. Showing that these efforts yield results is the best tribute to survivors and the survivor advocates and women's human rights defenders that we are celebrating today.

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## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER MONTHLY CALL MINUTE

[Click here to read the full October Call minute](#)

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## EVENTS

## COFEM Knowledge Summit

COFEM had a fantastic round of discussion during 16 days of activism on different issues around GBV. We had already uploaded the information on each discussion on our website.

**Don't miss their last session on "Feminist Approaches to Building Knowledge and Evidence on GBV" on Monday.**



COFEM KNOWLEDGE SUMMIT

Session 6

FEMINIST APPROACHES TO BUILDING KNOWLEDGE  
AND EVIDENCE ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Join us as we interview feminist researchers about their practices and principles, and discuss how these can be applied in a variety of work to ensure it is grounded in women and girls' realities.

<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Discussion led by</i>
December 10, 2018	Ilaria Michelis and
at 3pm GMT	Alina Potts

**COFEM**

For more information on the Knowledge Summit and to register to attend, please visit [cofemsocialchange.org](http://cofemsocialchange.org)

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# RESEARCH and

# REPORTS

## WRC Report on Sexual Violence against Rohingya Men and Boys



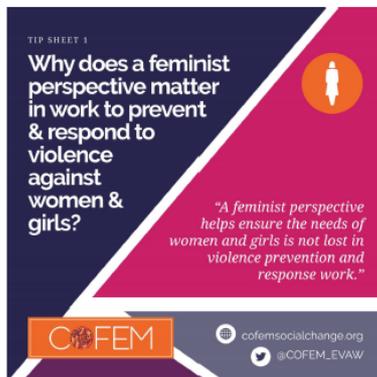
The Women's Refugee Commission is undertaking a three-country exploratory study on sexual violence against refugee men and boys, including those with diverse sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. In July 2018, two researchers traveled to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, to explore sexual violence perpetrated against Rohingya men and boys in Myanmar and Bangladesh. We conducted 21 focus groups with 109 Rohingya men, women, and adolescents in four sections of Kutupalong Camp and interviewed 45 humanitarian aid workers and human rights experts.

The findings and recommendations in this report aim to help international and national humanitarian agencies improve protection mechanisms and strengthen services for at-risk men and boys and male sexual violence survivors in Cox's Bazar.

[Read the full report here](#)

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## COFEM Feminist Pocket Book and Toolkit



The Feminist Pocketbook is a resource to support practitioners, researchers and others working in humanitarian and development settings to articulate and implement feminist-informed approaches to addressing VAWG, also referred to as gender-based violence (GBV). The Pocketbook consists of 10 'tip sheets' on key topics related to addressing GBV in humanitarian and development settings. The goal of the Pocketbook is to empower practitioners, researchers and activists to help their colleagues, organisations and other stakeholders improve advocacy, policy and programming efforts by promoting a common theoretical ground for shared understanding and action.

[Click here to access the Pocketbook](#)

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## WILPF: Can the Security Council work for women?



## **WILPF Launches a "Towards a Feminist Security Council" Guidance Note to Accelerate Action on Women, Peace and Security.**

This Guidance Note provides concrete recommendations for the Members of the Security Council on how to implement the Security Council's mandate consistent with the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. It builds on emerging good practice and civil society recommendations, and it provides a useful tool to guide experts working at diplomatic missions to the United Nations on how to advance a Security Council Agenda that works for all.

Three years after the 2015 Global Review on Women, Peace and Security, key gaps remain on realising the Security Council's UN Charter mandate in a way consistent with the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. These gaps include: women's meaningful participation, local engagement, disarmament, gender power analysis, and structural and democratic reform.

Using this Guidance Note, Security Council Members can leverage existing working methods to address these key gaps. In doing so, they can support a shift from crisis response towards upstream conflict prevention and sustaining peace based on women's participation, protection and rights.

[Click here to read the guidance note](#)

## The IRC's Girl Shine Resource Package is Live!

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is delighted to present Girl Shine— a program model and resource package that seeks to support, protect, and empower adolescent girls in humanitarian settings. Girl Shine has been designed to help contribute to the improved prevention of and response to violence against adolescent girls in humanitarian settings, by providing them with skills and knowledge to identify types of GBV and seek support services if they experience or are at risk of GBV. Additionally, Girl Shine aims to build the social assets of girls to ensure they have someone they can turn to if they experience or are threatened by GBV. Girl Shine supports adolescent girls as they navigate a safe and healthy transition into adulthood, protected from GBV, supported by their caregivers and peers and able to claim their full rights. Girl Shine also provides adolescent girls with life skills that strengthen their social and emotional learning skills and provides them with information related to adolescent sexual and reproductive health, critical to making healthy decisions.

[Click here to access the full package](#)

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## IRC Gender-Based Case Management Outcome Monitoring Toolkit

The GBV Case Management Outcome Monitoring Toolkit aims to measure the impact of GBV case management on women and older adolescent girls' psychosocial well-being and felt stigma. This toolkit was inspired by IRC's commitment to measure outcomes as part of its Outcomes and Evidence Framework, specifically the outcome "Women and girls are protected from and treated for the consequences of GBV".

This toolkit was developed using validated scales measuring changes related to psychosocial wellbeing and stigma experienced by women survivors of GBV in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The IRC has

adapted this toolkit for use with women and older adolescent girls receiving GBV case management support from Somali and Syrian populations.

***What does the GBV Case Management Outcome Monitoring Toolkit measure?***

- The **Psychosocial Functionality Scale** is a 10-item questionnaire that measures a women and older adolescent girls' ability to carry out important tasks in their daily lives.
- The **Felt Stigma Scale** is a 10-item that measures women and older adolescent girls' both perceived and internalized experiences of stigma.

[Click here to access the Toolkit](#)

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# VACANCIES

## IMC

**GBV Sub-Sector Co-lead**  
**Location: Tripoli, Libya**

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## COFEM

**Senior Advocacy Consultant**  
**Deadline: December 12, 2018**

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