

REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

By state bodies or conflict actors and affecting IDPs and refugees

December 2020

Africa

Cameroon

21 November 2020: In Logbessou village, Douala 5 commune, Wouri department, a girl was raped and beaten by six armed men on motorbikes who stopped her vehicle. The perpetrators were arrested two weeks later. **Source:** [Mimi Mefo Info](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

02 December 2020: In Kasongo Lunda city and territory, Kwango province, a police lieutenant was sentenced to 10 years in prison for raping a minor. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

04 December 2020: In Rusekera village, Rutshuru territory, North Kivu province, two women were kidnapped and raped by the Nyatura FDP under the Collective of Movements for Change (CMC) alliance. A \$1,000 ransom was demanded for the hostages' release. **Source:** [Kivu Security](#)

09 December 2020: In Bashimboko village, Misisi locality, South Kivu province, two women were raped by an armed group during an attack on the village. The perpetrators also looted goods from some homes. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

12 December 2020: In Ishola village, Rutshuru territory, North Kivu province, two women and three girls were kidnapped and raped by unidentified armed men. A \$5,000 ransom was demanded for the hostages' release. **Source:** [Kivu Security](#)

Eswatini

Around 7 December 2020: In Lushikishini village, Ngwempisi inkhundla, Manzini district, a suspect of sexual violence was stripped and whipped with a cane on his genitalia by the community police. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

Nigeria

29 December 2020: In Eggua community, Yewa North Local Government Area, Ogun state, a number of women were raped by Fulani herdsmen who attacked the village and burnt crops and houses. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#)

30 December 2020: In Obigbo town and local government area, Rivers state, 29 residents, who were abducted military soldiers, have been released. Two young women among the 29 residents were sexually assaulted and raped by soldiers at Obinze Army Barracks where they were held for three days. **Source:** [Nkiruka Nistoran](#)

South Sudan

28 November 2020: In Eastern Equatoria state, a 17-year-old girl was raped by a senior state government official at his residence. The government official and a 30-year-old woman accused of aiding the rape were arrested and charged. The man was sentenced to seven

This monthly document summarises publicly reported cases of sexual violence by law enforcement bodies, conflict related sexual violence, and sexual violence that targets IDPs / refugees or vulnerable beneficiaries.

These reports bear testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence. They are in no way representative of the extent or nature of sexual violence in general.

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years in prison and to pay seven herds of cattle and four goats to the girl's family. The woman was sentenced to three years and a fine of 120,000 SSP. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

28 November 2020: In Jonderu area, Juba, a 15-year-old girl was raped by three armed men who were part of a group of 10 men who broke into her house at night. The girl was taken to Juba Teaching Hospital for medical assistance. The men also stole electronic goods and money. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

03 December 2020: South Sudan officially inaugurated its first gender-based violence court to handle crimes related to women and children in the country where it will try and hold accountable perpetrators of gender-based crimes and juvenile cases. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#) and [Radio Tamazuji](#)

19 December 2020: In Jonduru area, Juba, four girls were raped by armed men wearing an army uniform. Residents of the area have called for increased security in the area due to the high number of rape incidents that have occurred. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

20 December 2020: In Loka-round Boma, Lainya county, Central Equatoria state, a 20-year-old woman was raped by soldiers who entered her house in the middle of the night. The woman has called for justice and is fearful for her safety. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

21 December 2020: In Loka and/or Loka West, Lainya county, Central Equatoria state, at least two women, one of whom was elderly, were raped by SSPDF soldiers. The soldiers were accused of engaging in a number of abuses, including beating and stealing from civilians. Three soldiers have been arrested. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

28 December 2020: In the Sherikat area, Juba, a 25-year-old woman and 23-year-old woman were attacked by unidentified armed men who entered their room at night. The women were threatened, physically assaulted and forced to undress. The perpetrators also attempted to rape the women. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

Sudan

Around 30 December 2020: In Umm Sawani, Western El Galabat locality, Gedaref state, an 8-year-old girl was raped by armed men who killed her younger brother. One person has been arrested. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

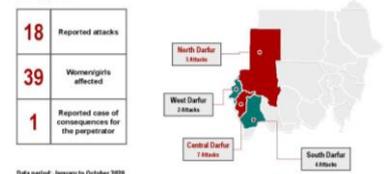
26 December 2020: In Sudan, the INGO My Body is My Body reported an increase in the number of reports being filed against children being abused and molested, particularly in rural areas. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

Reporting Sexual Violence in Sudan

Increasingly, violent sexual attacks in the Darfur region are being reported in the media by families and community leaders. We know that many more incidents of sexual violence are taking place and going undetected and are aware that these reported attacks only provide a small glimpse of the reality that women and girls face in Sudan, particularly in the Darfur region.

This [document](#) analyses 18 cases of sexual violence against 39 women and girls in the period from January to October 2020: 38 are survivors living with the resultant trauma; one woman was killed after being raped.

Reported incidents of sexual violence in Sudan perpetrated by conflict actors and personnel of state bodies, by state

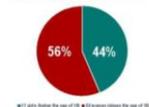


Age of survivors

Survivors are aged between eight and 50, with the majority being women above the age of 18. However, a high percentage of survivors are girls under the age of 18 (17 reported survivors, over 40%).

The publicly collected data did not identify cases of sexual violence perpetrated against boys or men.

Women and girls affected by sexual violence



Zimbabwe

13 December 2020: In Harare city, three Christian men were forced to remove all their clothing and assaulted by three uniformed soldiers who were armed with sjamboks (whips). **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Asia

Myanmar

19 December 2020: In Oo Gar village, Rathedaung Township, Rakhine state, a 36-year-old mother, who was raped by three soldiers last June, won a legal battle with the military and the three soldiers were jailed for 20 years with hard labour. This attack was reported in our [July Monthly News Brief](#). At the time the Myanmar military denied these allegations. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

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These reports bear testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence. Most events of sexual violence are never reported. This compilation is neither complete nor representative. It brings together dispersed accounts about survivors from around the world who broke the silence. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 13 January 2021

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Lessons from the 10th Ebola outbreak in the DRC, 2018-2020

Analysis report highlighting the [key learnings](#) about reporting sexual violence, exploitation, and abuse from the 10th Ebola Response in the DRC. This [document](#) includes recommendations to prevent violence through an acceptance-based security risk strategy.

Mobile Guide: Responding to Sexual Violence in the Aid Workplace

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