Gender, Peace and Security: What’s Next?

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What is Conflict?

Rise in intra-state violent conflict over:

• Ethnic and religious identities
• Control of natural resources
• Economic and political power
What is Conflict?

Systematic acts of violence against civilian populations

- 90% of casualties of war are civilians
- 70% women and children
What is Conflict?

New tactics of war

• Sexual violence
• Abduction for fighting
• Abduction for sexual slavery
• Forced displacement
What is Security?

Human Security: Freedom from fear and freedom from want

- Job security
- Income security
- Food security
- Health security
- Personal security
- Environmental security
Security and Development

Effective security means establishing safe and secure environments conducive to:

• Economic development
• Education
• Healthcare
• Growth of vibrant civil society

THESE GOALS CAN ONLY BE MET IF WOMEN ARE EQUALLY INVOLVED AS MEN IN SHAPING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.
Inclusive Security
Why Including Women Matters

• Bringing to the table all voices that can help us find real pathways to security and sustainable peace.

• Women as agents of change, not just victims
Women Are a Powerful Force for Peace

• Conflict prevention
• Building bridges
• Understanding community needs
• Combating extremism
• Increase operational effectiveness of police and military forces
UN Security Council Resolution 1325

Calls on All Parties at All Times to Respect International Law

To increase the role of women in conflict prevention, conflict management and post-conflict reconstruction and promote inclusive development, peace and security

PARTICIPATION  PROTECTION  PREVENTION  GENDER MAINSTREAMING
U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security

- National Integration and Institutionalization of a Gender Responsive Approach
- Participation in Peace Processes and Decision-Making
- Protection from Violence
- Conflict Prevention
- Access to Relief and Recovery
Women, Peace, and Security Act

- **Ensure reporting** on government implementation efforts.

- Encourage the U.S. to **identify and support women mediators and negotiators**.

- Institute **comprehensive training modules for all relevant diplomatic, defense and development personnel** on the protection, rights, and specific needs of women in conflict; and on the prevention of violence against women and girls.

- Require U.S. government agencies to **monitor and evaluate the impact of U.S. foreign assistance** on women’s meaningful inclusion and participation and revise approaches to ensure improved outcomes.
What You Can Do

RAISE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT GROUPS ON THE GROUND
What You Can Do

• Promoting alternatives to militarism
• Advocating for an economy that is citizen-centered
• Advocating for the environment
• Preventing violence against women
• Increasing women’s political leadership
• Advocating for implementation of the US National Action Plan
• Advocating for US leadership at the UN
What You Can Do

• Hold Government Accountable and Influence Members of Congress
  – Participating in action alerts
  – Meetings
  – Media: Op-Ed, LTEs, etc.

  www.wand.org
  http://www.wandactioncenter.org/

• Work with local lawmakers
What You Can Do

Educate your communities and enlist more champions
Resources

• Women in International Security (WIIS)
• Institute for Inclusive Security
• PeaceWomen
• International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN)
• Women’s Action for New Directions (WAND)
• Women’s Regional Network (WRN)
• U.S. Civil Society Working Group on Women, Peace, and Security
• NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security
• Promundo
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